

Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)
Minutes of the Meeting of 16 October, 2013

Chairperson Beverly Guild convened the meeting promptly at 7:15 p.m. at the Sudbury Grange Hall. Ten members were in attendance. State Committeewoman Sue Kennedy from Action was a guest in attendance. The attendance sign-in sheet is included with the permanent records of the Committee.

Minutes: The minutes of the Tuesday, September 17, 2013 meeting were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Guild gave the Treasurer's report provided by Ms. Moeller. The committee has total funds on hand of \$957.95, of which \$413.42 represents amounts raised for candidate support from committee fundraising, and \$544.53 represents unrestricted operating funds.

Unity Event: Ms. Guild provided information on a suggested unity event following the special primary election victory of Katherine Clark in the 5th Congressional District special election. The idea has been floated by State Committeeman Parwez Wahid of Framingham. After a lengthy discussion it was unanimously decided that such an event planned for weeks after the primary was not a good idea either for the candidate or her supporters. A better idea would be to support a fundraiser in the MetroWest are for Senator Clark.

Campaign, Election Results from Special Congressional Primary: Mr. Riordan led a discussion of the vote break outs and turnout percentages for the special primary to fill the seat formerly held by Congressman (now U.S. Senator) Ed Markey. Ms Espinola inquired whether anyone thought that the odd Boston Globe endorsement of Senator Clark had any meaningful effect on the outcome of the election.

Special General Election on December 10, 2013: After discussion generally, the Committee decided in favor of a motion by Mr. Noer, seconded by Mr. Riordan, to but an advertisement in the Sudbury Town Crier, spending up to \$250, for the purpose of endorsing Senator Katherine Clark for election to the U.S. House of Representatives. Dates for submission were discussed and Mr. Noer was going to take the lead in placing the ad. In addition it was agreed that the committee would also make a direct contribution to the Clark campaign in the amount of \$250.

Government Shutdown and Tea Party Zealotry: There was a full discussion of the bizarre and increasing intransigence of the Tea Party Republicans in Congress, who hold the balance of power in the House Republican Caucus, and as a result of the Hastert Rule control the floor agenda of the U.S. House of Representatives. Although some felt that much of the blame for the dislocations caused by the government shutdown might "flash back" on the Republican party, there was also expressed some trepidation that the expert Republican spin doctors would find ways to introduce into the political conversation the idea that the Democratic had as much to blame as the Republicans.

December 7th Holiday Party: Ms. Guild will send around a sign-up sheet for volunteers and contributors to the Annual Holiday Party which will be held at the lovely home of Ms. Betty Thorner on Plympton Road. All thanked Ms. Thorner for her generosity.

Old Business: There was a discussion about the need for the ad hoc by laws subcommittee to get together before yesar end to prepare any amendments or edits to the Committee's by-laws. It was not believed that any significant or substantive amendments would be needed, but updates to reference such things as e-mail notices, etc. would be desirable.

New Business: There was none. The next meeting was announced for Thursday, November 21, 2013 at the Grange Hall.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Riordan, Secretary, November 21, 2013