

Sudbury Democratic Town Committee (SDTC)
Minutes of the Meeting of January 8, 2014

Chairperson Beverly Guild convened the meeting at 7:15 p.m. at the Sudbury Grange Hall. Sixteen members were in attendance. Guests in attendance were Tania Vitvitsky of Sudbury and State Committeewoman Sue Kennedy of Acton. The attendance list is attached to these minutes in the permanent record.

Minutes: Approval of the minutes of the November 21, 2013 meeting was held in abeyance until the Secretary can find his notes somewhere in the trunk of his car.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Moeller provided the Treasurer's report indicating that the bank account of the committee currently held \$411.55, which consisted of \$248.13 of general, unobligated funds and \$163.42 which represented remaining monies raised in the committee's Fall 2012 fundraising event. Ms. Moeller reminded the members that 2014 membership fees were now due.

Rep. Hank Naughton, Candidate for Attorney General: Rep. Naughton from Clinton briefed the Committee on his background, military service, prosecutorial experience and legislative tenure. He stressed his work on mental health, cybersecurity and gun control issues. He strongly advocates an increase in the minimum wage and thinks even the existing wage laws need vigorous enforcement. He expressed disappointment that the ACA pushed by the President did not include a public option like single payer.

Carmine Gentile, Candidate for State Representative: Our colleague and friend Carmine Gentile informed the Committee that he would be announcing his candidacy for the 13th Middlesex seat in the House of Representatives. Mr. Gentile noted his opposition to casino gaming, his support for single payer now, and for transportation infrastructure investment. He also stated that he would continue Rep. Conroy's strong advocacy for increased local funding in the state budget.

Caucus of Sudbury Democrats: Upon motion by Mr. Chauls and second by Rev. Deutsch the town's Democratic Party caucus which was set for February 8, 2014 at the November 2013 meeting was proposed to be rescheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2014 at the Grange Hall. The original date was inconvenient for Rev. Deutsch and Mr. Sorrett, and Mr. Chauls felt that a later caucus date would allow individuals considering running for delegate to learn more about the five Democratic candidates for governor. Mr. Hollocher agreed to meet with the Town Clerk to get the data disk with registered voters as of Jan. 31, 2014. Mr. Riordan will extract the Democratic voter list and assemble the check-in books. Ms. Guild will place the public notices in the local media within the appropriate time frames under the state party rules and organize various supplies needed for the caucus.

Future Meetings: Ms. Deutsch moved that the March meeting be held a week earlier than usual due to a conflict with her schedule, and likewise that the April meeting be held early in April due to other schedule conflicts she had that month. Thus the committee voted to approve a schedule with meetings for March on Wednesday the 12th and for April on Monday the 7th. Future meeting dates will be set at a later date when Grange Hall availability can be ascertained.

Donation In Memory of Dean Yarbrough: Rev. Deutsch made a motion that the Committee approve a \$300 charitable contribution in memory of our late, good friend and long-time Committee member Dean Yarbrough. After a second and discussion the motion was approved unanimously.

Membership: Ms. Guild nominated for associate membership in the Committee Ms. Tania Vitvitsky. Mr. Offner seconded. Ms. Vitvitsky told the committee about her interesting background and broad, international experience. Mr. Riordan noted her active support and volunteer work for Elizabeth Warren in 2013. Ms. Vitvitsky was voted in as associate member by acclamation.

Old Business: None

New Business: None.

The next regular meeting was announced for Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at the Grange Hall.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 9:08p.m.

Respectfully submitted, John Riordan, Secretary, March 11, 2014