

Carlisle Democratic Town Committee

Meeting Minutes – February 21, 2019

Gleason Public Library, Carlisle Massachusetts

Attendees: Bob Wallhagen, Nancy Kronenberg, Launa Zimmaro, Rebecca Morris, David Erickson, Bonnie Miskokzy, Anne Gibbs, Frank Rigg,, John Ballantine and Maureen Deery.

Guests: Stephen Bader, Anne Chase Ballantine, Christian Kruger, State Representative Tami Gouveia

Nancy Kronenberg called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM

Vote for DTC Secretary: approved Maureen Cosgrove-Deery

Christian Kruger, Founder and Chair at Massachusetts Coalition Against Gerrymandering
Christian discussed issues of drawing districts with similar issues and interest. Christian suggested we support an amendment to the State constitution which requires 90 thousand signatures and takes 4 years. Christian stated that districts must share economic, rural, and other demographics. Christian used Chelmsford as an example of a predominantly republican community that is split into four districts.

Visibility: Bonnie Miskokzy's suggested we use the friends and neighbor's free ad in the mosquito regarding fun facts. Bob Luoma has offered to get involved. Anyone with ideas should send them to Bonnie.

Tami Gouveia our State Representative for the 14th Middlesex: Tami joined us to updated us on legislation she has filed and/ or supported. Tami said new legislators receive no guidance on writing legislation but that she had some past experience which was helpful. Tami sponsored the Bill for fentanyl test strips to check to see if fentanyl is in a drug under the good Samaritan Law. She also sponsored a Bill to fund helping communities buy Narcan and to treat addiction as a health issue. Tami supports a patient centered care way to save lives. Tami on climate change 10% of bills filed were for green communities. She defined net zero and suggested we go to her website to see bills she has taken the lead on and/or cosponsored. One of her most important personal accomplishment was the filing of the ACES childhood trauma, stress, heart bill commission to study trauma informed care. Tami also was involved in victim legislation for DA. She was involved in 19 pieces of legislation. In addition, Tami supported e-cigs move to adult shops, 17-year-old vote change, home rule in municipal elections, signed on to Rank Choice Voting and same day registration, college

investment and mental health. Tami has been appointed to the revenue committee and she has Office Hours at Ferns at 7:30 every other Friday. For a full report please go to Tami's website.

Minutes from the January 17 meeting: approved, second and passed.

Speaker program update: Naomi Oreskes will be speaking on a weekend in May 2018. To learn more about her read *Collapse of Western Civilization Merchants of Death*.

Climate change-group met and decide to focus on: The House legislation. Rebecca discussed Carbon Pricing Legislation regarding the Benson and Barrett legislation hearings anticipated for June and July. We need to get a Bill out of committee and get a vote. There are currently 95 co-sponsors. We need to go to the hearings on HD 2370

Environmental voter project: Canvassing next opportunity is in Lexington.

Bob Wallhagen updates:

- Bob Masse will speak in Concord on Climate Change
- 3rd Middlesex annual breakfast in Waltham May 4 breakfast
- We need to stop Democrats in name only from being appointed to committee chair positions next time around.

Winter DTC get-together: 5-8 at Kate Reid's

Adjourn 8:56

Next meeting February 21

Respectfully submitted,
Maureen Cosgrove-Deery