

Minutes  
**Carlisle Democratic Town Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, October 21, 2021, 7:30 PM via Zoom**

*Attendance: Dan Cook, Kenneth Deitch, Maureen Deery, Dave Erickson, Robert Kearney, Nancy Kronenberg, Rebecca Morris, Kate Reid, Dan Scholten, Francis Tacardon*

1. Secretary

Maureen Deery resigned as secretary, effective tonight. Ken Deitch expressed the views of many when he said that the CDTC has been enormously lucky to have Maureen. He said that she reconstructed the CDTC about 5 years ago when Trump was elected. We all rely on her work, and she has done a fantastic job. She now has family obligations that make it difficult to continue so she is resigning but we hope she will continue as a member of the community.

Ken Deitch then nominated Dave Erickson to attempt to fill Maureen's shoes, Rebecca Morris seconded the motion. The motion was then approved so David Erickson becomes the new secretary until the next election in April. There was then a discussion of whether we need a subscription for Acrobat for preparing state documents--we will investigate that and decide, but we won't need to file more documents until April.

2. CDTC Picnic

A number of members attended the Town Picnic, Kate Reid thought the picnic was very successful and that we have good candidates to choose from. Ken said that Bob and Marsha have done this beautifully for years; it was great to have so many officials and candidates. The attendance wasn't quite as good as it has been in non-covid years, but it was a successful event. Robert Kearney also thought it went off well and appreciated having Cathy Clark, Mike Barrett, Marian Ryan, William Galvin, and others. Ken and Robert are both fans of Marian Ryan who according to Kearney has done wonderful things and has done much to help all kinds of people.

3. Redistricting

Kate Reid testified for the redistricting. She gave them written testimony and had the Select Board write a letter. By the time she was notified of the meeting it was too late (past 48 hours) to put it on the Select Board agenda. We went from a Super Majority to nothing. Brownsberger said protecting Brad Hill's district was part of the concern during redistricting. Kate Reid thought he was talking as if the districts are owned by the representatives, although one of the precincts taken from Concord was restored. They did give us more of Concord than we had, and they gave us back our candidate. Nancy said we have made a little progress on legislative transparency but this type of legislative action with little input is typical. While there was general dissatisfaction with the redistricting Robert Kearney did say they increased the majority minority districts from 20 to 33 and increased the senate minority majority representation by 3. The increase in majority minority representation mirrored the demographics of the Massachusetts population growth since the last redistricting.

4. Other business

Nancy sent a plea for assistance putting together a candidate forum in early February of next year in Littleton. It will be open to anyone who wants to go, and Nancy hoped that Dan Cook might help with the Climate Change Q&A, Dan seems willing to do this.

There was discussion of the gubernatorial race and frustration that Maura Healy hasn't announced and uncertainty about whether Baker will run again. If Maura does run Nancy thinks it could be useful to have someone working for her.

Rebecca warned that the far-right wing has been long been trying (in stealth) to get 38 right wing governors to start a constitutional convention, she warned that we should be working on state elections to block this. She said they currently have 34 states--Dan Cook said that the June 3 Atlantic has a map of states. Dan said it is frustrating that Republicans are so proactive while Democrats are not doing enough. It is also frustrating that Manchin and Sinema are largely blocking the Democratic initiatives. There was a discussion about whether Manchin would change parties, Nancy thinks it's unlikely because he would have little power as a Republican. Nancy also thinks Sinema is following orders from big corporate donors. The only thing we can do is find some other way to pay for the bill such as to start removing subsidies. It was noted that the Build Back Better bill is only \$350 Billion this year whereas the \$768 billion Defense Reauthorization act was approved 316-113 in the house with little controversy, it should be noted that the Biden administration was only requesting \$715 billion. Erickson expressed his opinion that Biden should have held the reauthorization

bill hostage for the approval of the Build Back Better bill, especially since the \$53billion added to the defense bill would cover 15% of Build Back Better. Nancy suggested writing a letter to Lori Trahan, especially since it was thought (possibly incorrectly?) that she is on the Armed Services Committee. We will try to collaborate on a letter over the next week.

5. Adjourned at 20:35, next meeting will be Thursday, November 18, 2021, at 7:00PM.