

Minutes
Special Carlisle Democratic Town Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 6, 2025, 7:00 PM via Zoom

Attendance: Kenneth Deitch, David Erickson, Bridget Ferrari, Rebecca Morris, Francis Tacardon, Bob Wallhagen, Bev Young, Launa Zimmaro

1. Preliminary

Bridget was in London and people kept asking her what was going on in the US. Dan Cook has been writing to our senators, they are articulate but they are in their eighties, we need to bring up the younger generation. Frank Rigg noted that we are the only country that has not elected a women president.

2. Discussion

Morris is forwarding a draft proposal from Launa to Ken, who will forward it on—see below for text. Launa has suggested reaching out to Concord and Acton to start to form a regional coalition of Democratic Committees to deal with the current crises in government. Ken suggested that is exactly what 3rd mass is. Morris said that Concord and Acton are open to a regional Democratic Committee. With this coalition, and others like it, we should sponsor an event (possibly in May). Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid are hot button issues, exploring these issues would be a way of bringing people together. The idea is to create some local momentum and to let people know that they are not alone. We might have at least one representative (Katherine Clark or Jim McGovern) and possibly an academic.

Ken suggested that it should be virtual as well as in person as there are many people who do not drive at night.

Kronenberg said that people are itching to do something, just providing information does not move us forward.

Morris said that the reason we want political leadership is to provide guidance as to the actions we can take. The main thing we want to do is reach out to other Democratic Town Committees.

Frank Rigg said it would be very helpful if we could incorporate planning for the election in 2 years, this would help identify key issues.

Morris said we have 4 DNC representatives, Francis talked to the Concord DTC chair who said we should hold joint meetings. Bridget will contact Matt Boger (Concord DTC chair)

Morris said that there will be at least 3 special elections this year.

Dan said that Democrats we need to become organized, they did not run any candidates in 19 districts in 2024. There are elections coming up in Florida and NY, we have the potential to take over the house and that is our primary focus.

Nancy looked into vacancies for Trump's nominees--they are being very careful to get them from safe districts.

Rigg said that the most important thing is the story we are trying to get across.

Morris said that heavy lifting must be done at the national level.

Morris said we cannot develop a communications infrastructure overnight; we need to target our message.

Nancy said we could get a message through to the DNC and our representatives in congress, ask them to please try to get a colleague on the Republican side.

Morris they are trying but so far with little success.

Nancy said that not all Republicans think that Trump is great. although Morris said that they are getting death threats or fear primary challenges.

Nancy noted that project 2025 is being implemented.

Dan Cook says we have days to fight this before it is too late.

Morris: there were at last count 22 lawsuits against Trump.

Focus on gubernatorial elections, ensure that Abigail Spanberger wins the Virginia governorship. We need to get more people involved.

Dan said we need more demonstrations like the ones that were happening yesterday.

There was more discussion about creating an event like the Carlisle Black Lives Matter event that brought out 500 people. Possibly having an event during the day would be better than at night.

Morris will call Acton or get Bridget to call Acton.

3. Adjourn

The meeting adjourned at 8:21pm, the next regular meeting will be February 27.

Draft Proposal for CDTC

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The Trump strategy, based on Steve Bannon's plan, is to "flood the zone," i.e., throw out so much material that we are disoriented and can't focus. All of us want to know what we can do. We are starting to see signs of Democrats and the general public punching back (50501 effort yesterday) and Dems gathered outside Treasury to grab some air time/media coverage to shine a light on what Musk and his acolytes are doing with regard to highly sensitive data that relates to all of us! How can we do the same at the local level?

Based on the speed and bombardment of news from the Trump Administration on a daily basis, it is difficult to know where to focus. The overarching issue is the coup, and that is exactly what we are experiencing: a coup.

Given how things have played out in this early stage, what can we do to maximize our impact? It also appears that the constant news announcements throughout the day are not the most critical actions by the administration; the EO's signed in the middle of night (to limit the amount of media attention) are particularly damaging to us and the rule of law. Let's not be distracted by every announcement; we need to stay focused on the lawlessness and the coup at this point.

Suggested next steps

- Establish relationships with local DTCs, starting with two of the most active: Acton and Concord.
 - o Contact head of Acton and Concord DTC's and propose collaboration. POINT PERSON: ?
 - o Suggest joint meeting to discuss strategies we are using/can use as local DTCs.
- Share information on a regular basis: website and emails. We need push out (emails and social media) and push in (current website).
- Establish some common sources of information that we can all rely upon for up to date information.

Below are some excellent resources we can trust.

[Robert Hubbell: Today's Edition Newsletter](#)

https://open.substack.com/pub/roberthubbell/p/a-good-start-3a3?r=3d3q7&utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=email

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"Everyone is entitled to his [her] own opinion, but not his [her] own facts." Daniel Patrick Moynihan, 1983.

"If you cannot or will not imagine the results of your actions, there's no way you can act morally or responsibly." Ursula K. Le Guin, 2005

"Don't it always seem to go, that you don't know what you've got till it's gone." Joni Mitchell, Big Yellow Taxi, 1970