



P.O. Box 255, Woodbury CT. 06798

Emergency Services Building 7pm

Woodbury Republican Town Committee Meeting and Meet and Greet 4/4/2024

Those Present: Mary Connolly, Mike Cunningham, Tim Drakeley, John Hughes, Donna Kohanowski, John Lewis, Paul Luchetti, Nancy Mackey, Peter Perkinson, Bob Ratzenberger, Dennis Roberts, Burt Stevens, and Bob DeLuca. Members of the public were also in attendance.

1) Call to Order: Chairman Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

2) Pledge of Allegiance: Everyone standing for the pledge to the flag.

3) Recognition of Guest: Chairman Cunningham called recognition of the following guests: State Senator Eric Berthel, David Labriola, who is running for Probate Judge, Karen Reddington-Hughes, House Delegate for the 66th district and is running a little bit late, and First Selectman Barbara Perkinson. Also, George Wilkins' Campaign Manager Ann Marie and ED Green who is on his way also. All will speak at the Meet and Greet when the meeting is over.

4) Approval of the Minutes: Chairman Cunningham asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the March 27, 2024 Woodbury Republican Town Committee Caucus. Burt Stevens made the motion and it was seconded by Dennis Roberts. Chairman Cunningham asked if there were any discussion or corrections and Burt Steven had one correction to the spelling of Bob Ratzenberger's name on page one from Ratzenburger to Ratzenberger. There were no other corrections and all were in favor. **Approved.**

5) Officer's Reports:

c) Treasurer: Treasurer Stevens said the treasury was depleted but it is filling back up nicely and he will be able to report on the actual amount next month.

6) Committee Reports:

a) Candidate Recruitment: Dennis Roberts, Chairman of the Candidate Recruitment Committee (CRC) said that Peter Perkinson has departed from the CRC due to personal reasons. Chairman Roberts thanked Peter Perkinson for his service and dedication to the CRC. Bob Ratzenberger was asked to fill this vacancy and he accepted. Chairman Roberts thanked him. The first initial meeting of the CRC was held on March 25, 2024 at the Senior Community Center. No interviews were held and the topics were procedures, attendance and best procedures for all meeting scheduling. Attendance for this meeting was 100%. The next meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2024 at 7:00 PM at the Woodbury Fire House where they will be interviewing two candidates for Zoning Alternate. Chairman Roberts asked if anyone knows of a person who would be interested in the following positions, please notify him or any CRC member – Building Court of Appeals, Shade Tree, Sidewalk Commission, Board of Assessment Appeals, Zoning Commission Alternate, and Planning Commission.

b) Fund Raising/Events: John Lewis said that everything is all ready for the Set Back Tournament on May 4th. it is being advertised and there will be yard signs, poster, and mailers which will be sent out to people who were at past Set Back Tournaments. The Memorial Day Parade is all set with a trailer and signs. John Lewis said that a raffle is coming up soon and an email will be sent out with choices for the raffle. A dinner and a movie will be held on September 28th. when the raffle winners will be announced. John Lewis said that John Hughes mentioned the movie Killing Lincoln will be at the Woodbury Library on April 13th. at 10:00 AM. Coffee and donuts will be served.

John Lewis thanked Mike Cunningham, Bob Ratzenberger, Burt Stevens and Paul Zulpa for their ideas for fund raisers.

c) Media – Public Information – Technology: Paul Zulpa was not at the meeting so Donna Kohanowski said the Face Book page continues to be up dated. She is still waiting on the final decision from the actual Carrier for the Website service. DNF has been reserved and paid for. Donna said that she and Mike Cunningham will need to sit down and make that decision and move that sometime this week.

7) Endorsement of Candidates: START

a) Gerry Smith US Senate, 1st, Selectman of Beacon Falls: - Chairman Cunningham asked for a motion to endorse Gerry Smith who is the 1st. Selectman of Beacon Falls and is running against Chris Murphy for the US Senate. John Hughes made the motion to endorse Gerry Smith for US Senate and it was seconded by Paul Luchetti. There were no other endorsements. All were in favor. **Approved**

b) George Logan 5th. Congressional Representative: Chairman Cunningham asked for a motion to endorse George Logan as the 5th. Congressional Representative. Burt Stevens made the motion to endorsed George Logan for 5th. District Congressional Representative and it was seconded by Bob Ratzenberger. There were no other endorsements. All were in favor. **Approved.**

c) State Senator Eric Berthel – 32nd. District: Chairman Cunningham asked for a motion to nominate State Senator Eric Berthel for State Senator of the 32nd. District. John Hughes made the nomination to endorse State Senator Eric Berthel for Senator of the 32nd. District and it was seconded by Donna Kohanowski. There were no other endorsements. All were in favor. **Approved.**

d) 66th District State Representative Karen Reddington-Hughes: Chairman Cunningham asked for a motion to nominate Karen Reddington-Hughes for State Representative of the 66th. District. Paul Lucetti endorsed Karen Reddington-Hughes for State Representative to the 66th. District and Dennis Roberts seconded the endorsement. All were in favor. **Approved.**

e) State Representative David Labriola for Probate Judge: Chairman Cunningham asked for a motion to endorse David Labriola for Probate Judge. Dennis Roberts made the motion to endorsed David Labriola for Probate Judge and John Lewis seconded the endorsement. There were no other endorsements and all in were favor. **Approved.**

Chairman Cunningham said all the above Candidates are officially endorsed by the Woodbury Republican Town Committee.

Meet and Greet – Ann Marie Rienzi, George Wilkins' Campaign Manager, spoke about her candidate and Eric Berthel, Karen Reddington-Hughes and George Labriola spoke on their candidacy for the positions they have been nominated for.

Refreshments were served,

Adjournment: Chairman Cunningham adjourned the Woodbury Republican Town Committee at 7:50 PM

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Mackey, Secretary

