



Woodbury Republican Town Committee Minutes – October 3, 2024

P.O. Box 255, Woodbury, CT 06798

Emergency Services Building – 7:00 PM

Present: Committee members: Bob DeLuca, John Lewis, Paul Luchetti, Nancy Mackey, Peter Perkinson, Rob Ratzemberger, Dennis Roberts, Rob Scott, Burt Stevens

Present: Alternate: Don Trella

Absent: Committee Members: Mike Cunningham, Tim Drakeley, Tom Gormley, John Hughes, Donna Kohanowski, Paul Zulpa and alternate Mike Novak

- 1) **Call to Order by Chairman:** Vice Chairman Luchetti called the meeting to order in Chairman Cunningham's absence at 7:00 PM.
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3) Pledge of Allegiance: Vice Chairman Luchetti asked that everyone stand to say the Pledge of Allegiance. Before the pledge was said Vice Chairman Luchetti offered up a pray for officer Tim Wright who was stabbed by an assailant and is now in the hospital recovering. The Pledge of Allegiance was then recited.

2) Seating of Alternates: Vice Chairman Luchetti seated Alternate Don Trella

4) Recognition of Guests:

***Thea Alfes**

*Vice Chairman Luchetti recognized Thea Alfes who thanked First Selectman Perkinson and Karen Reddington-Hughes for their participation in the Constitution Poster Contest in Region 14 for children K thru 5. She said that everyone was very helpful and that several businesses were very generous. A total of 30 children participated in the contest. Thea Alfes made up posters for First Selectman Perkinson and State Representative Hughes and gave them to them. First Selectman Perkinson and State Representative Hughes acted as judges for the poster contest. The night that they had the get together at the Woodbury Library both First Selectman Perkinson and State Representative Hughes had questions for the kids to see if they would know them. First Selectman Perkinson and Judy from the daughters of the American Revolution made up a proclamation on the best way to invest in your future is to education the children about their American history. The children were thrilled to get their proclamations. State Representative Hughes came to Woodbury and Bethlehem asked questions and brought palm cards that were geared toward children. State Representative Hughes talked to the kids and told them about the process of making a bill and about her job.

*State Senator Eric Berthel talked about campaign efforts that are underway. He had Girl Scouts grades 6 to 9 from Middlebury, Southbury and Oxford at the Capital. They took a tour and Senator Berthel addressed them in the Senate Chambers. He also had a 5th. grade class from Bethlehem Elementary School and he spoke

about the three branches of government. They are actually teaching the constitution in region 14 which is very exciting.

*Senator Berthel also spoke about several of the things he had been doing in his re-election campaign including information on the campaign and getting information out by mail, online, digital ads, radio, display ads and letters to the Editor. State Senator Berthel's campaign will be sending out 75,000 pieces of mail for his election the Wednesday or Thursday before the election on November 5th. He felt that both he and State Representative Hughes should do well in the Election and that George Logan has a chance to win also. He also had signs for his campaign with him.

* State Representative Hughes said she will have a Meet and Greet on October 7th. from 12:30 to 2:30 PM at the Woodbury Country Eatery.

5) Approval of Minutes:

Motion: Vice Chairman Luchetti entertained a motion to approve the WRTC minutes of 9/5/2024. The motion to approve the minutes was made by Bob Ratzenberger and seconded by John Lewis. All were in favor of approving the minutes with no nays and no abstentions. **Unanimously Approved**

6) Officer's Reports:

a) Chairman – No report at this time.

b) Vice Chairman – Vice Chairman Luchetti thanked John Kelly for the fabulous job he did on three different events which include the WRTC raffle, the Cookout and the event on last Saturday night at the Senior Community Center.

c) Treasurer: Treasurer Stevens said that the WRTC took in almost \$6,000 with expenses of \$3,200. There will be additional expenses that will be coming in soon that amount to about \$1,200 after these expenses are paid, we will be down to about \$1,500 in the Treasury.

d) Secretary: Secretary Mackey reported that during the period from 8/31/2024 to 10/1/2024 the Democrats had 1939 voters, Republicans 2,420 voters, Unaffiliated 2,699 voters with Other 163 voters. Between the last meeting and this the Democrats had 21 new voters, Republicans 12 new voters, Unaffiliated 32 new voters and Other no change. The total number of voters in the Town of Woodbury on 10/1/2024 is now 7,221.

7) Committee Reports:

a) Candidate Recruitment: Chairman Dennis Roberts reported that he had one candidate for alternate on the WRTC. The candidate is Drew Gwiazdoski of 178 Quanapaug Trail and he filled out an application and Chairman Roberts read some information on him to the WRTC members. The CRC unanimously approved Mr. Witkowski at their meeting.

Motion: Chairman Roberts made a motion to accept Mr. Gwiazdoski as an alternate member of the WRTC. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Ratzenberger. There was no discussion. All were in favor. **Approved.**

b) Scholarship: No report at this time.

c) Fund Raising/Events:

*Chairman Lewis said that the raffle brought in approximately \$5,170. With expenses of \$1,200 costs leaving a profit of \$3,970. Remember that John Lewis needs help selling tickets at LaBonnes when the time comes for another raffle.

There will also be a George Logan pre-debate rally on October 9th. at 5:30 PM at Naugatuck Valley Community College in Waterbury.

*** Please see the Campaign Rallies and Events October/November 2024 that are included with these minutes.**

d) Media – Public Information – Technology: No report at this time.

8) New Business:

*** Candidates support rally dates and locations:** * Please see the Fundraising and Event Programs information provided by Chairman John Lewis that is included with these minutes.

9) Old Business:

*** Discussion of the Republican Town Committee's By-Laws:** Vice Chairman Luchetti asked John Lewis where he and Rob Scott stood on the By-Laws. Vice Chairman Luchetti asked John Lewis if he and Rob Scott would put something together on the Rules and By-Laws and bring it to the next meeting on November 7th.

Also discussed was the misspelling of the heading on the current rules. Paul Zulpa will be asked to make the change to the spelling of Committee on the top heading of the rules.

10) Privilege of the Floor:

*John Lewis asked if the WRTC were going to do Trick or Trunk on Halloween night. A suggestion was to have one car for WRTC and that is to be decided.

*A picture will be taken of the winners of the raffle the WRTC had on September 28th. The winner of one of the prizes is giving his prize of \$600.00 to the Food Bank.

11) Adjournment: Vice Chairman Luchetti adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Mackey, Secretary