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Woodbury Republican Town Committee Minutes – May 8, 2025

P.O. Box 255, Woodbury, CT 06798

Emergency Services Building – 7:00 PM

Present: Bob DeLuca, Tim Drakeley, John Lewis, Paul Luchetti, Dennis Roberts, Burt Stevens, John Hughes, and Paul Zulpa. Alternates: Drew Gwiazdoski and Alan Diamond.

Absent: Michael Cunningham, Nancy Mackey, Tom Gormley, Donna Kohanowski, Peter Perkinson, Rob Scott, Don Trella, and Mike Novak.

1) Call to Order by Chairman: Vice Chairman Luchetti will chair the meeting tonight as Chairman Cunningham was not able to be here as he is at the Nonnewaug High School Scholarship Awards Ceremony.

2) Seating of Alternates:

Chairman Luchetti seated Drew Gwiazdoski and Alan Diamond.

3) Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

4) Recognition of Guests:

Reverend Jake Dell of the First Congregational Church of Woodbury introduced himself and said that he is revitalizing the First Congregational Church. Reverend Dell is a registered Republican and a newcomer to Woodbury and hopes to see conservative values permeate throughout Connecticut.

5) Approval of Minutes:

Chairman Luchetti entertained a motion to approve the minutes of April 10, 2025. John Lewis made the motion to approve the minutes. All were in favor. **Approved**

6) Officer's Reports:

a) Chairman: No report at this time.

b) Vice Chairman: No report at this time

c) Treasurer: Treasurer Chairman Burt Stevens said that the beginning account balance for this month was \$2,207.57. Expenses were \$80.00 for Raffle expenses leaving a balance at the end of April of \$2,127.57.

d) Secretary: Secretary Mackey was absent from the meeting so no report was given.

7) Committee Reports:

a) Candidate Recruitment:

*Chairman Roberts said that the Candidate Committee voted to run Alan Diamond for the position of Zoning Board Alternate. This was discussed by the Town Committee and all were in favor.

Motion: The motion to accept Alan Diamond as a candidate for Zoning Board Alternate was made by John Hughes and seconded by John Lewis. All were in favor. **Unanimously Approved.**

*Chairman Roberts reported that First Selectman Perkinson asked him to check with the Town Committee to see if there was anyone on the Town Committee that would like to volunteer for the Library Expansion Committee. Burt Stevens accepted the position.

b) Scholarship

The Nonnewaug High School Scholarship Awards Night will be tonight. Chairman Cunningham will be presenting the Republican Town Committee \$600 scholarship to a recipient.

c) Fund Raising/Events

Chairman Lewis reported the following Fund Raising and Events information:

* The 2025 3F Raffle tickets are in.

* The WRTC is registered to participate in the Memorial Day parade.

* The WRTC/Region 14 Symposium was a success. Hard questions were asked regarding the Budget and the Board of Education and the Administration were caught off guard by the depth of the questions.

*The date of June 19th. is set for the North Green reading of the Emancipation Proclamation. Refreshments will be served.

*The WRTC picnic will be held on September 20th. at 1 PM at Hollow Park.

*On Election Day the WRTC will set up a tent at the polls.

* Please see more information on the Fund Raising/Events included with these minutes.

d) Media – Public Information – Technology:

* Please see Facebook Statistics that are part of these minutes.

8) New Business:

*Burt Stevens discussed the April 30th. Commission for Seniors Round Table Discussion where 45 stakeholders from Woodbury, Bethlehem, Roxbury, and local service organizations as well as local insurance and real estate business and two of the three Woodbury selectmen met to discuss the fact that Woodbury is a Transportation Desert for those people that do not have their own transportation. Two directives were considered they are initiating a Dial-A-Ride bus sharing component funded by town dollars and a not-for-profit enterprise that would be fashioned somewhat like the now defunct Fish Organization. The Commission for Seniors is following up with further research.

* Paul Zulpa made a motion to set the RTC caucus for Monday, July 21st. at 7:00 PM in the Woodbury Senior Community Center. The motion was seconded by John Hughes.

Discussion: Paul felt that since the caucus is two months away it should be scheduled now and said it needs to be between July 15th. and July 22nd. Due to the fact that not too many choices are available the date of July 21 at the Senior Community Cener was picked. The Committee members voted unanimously to have the caucus on Monday, July 21, 2025 at the Senior Community Center starting at 6:30 PM. He will confirm the date with Loryn Ray.

9) Old Business:

* No old business to go over at this time.

10) Privilege of the Floor:

* No Privilege of the Floor tonight.

11) Adjournment:

Vice Chairman Luchetti adjourned the meeting at 7:48 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Mackey, Secretary