



Woodbury Republican Town Committee Minutes – August 14, 2025

P.O. Box 255, Woodbury, CT 06798

Emergency Services Building – 7:00 PM

Present: Chairman Mike Cunningham, John Hughes, John Lewis, Nancy Mackey, Peter Perkinson, Dennis Roberts, Rob Scott, Burt Stevens, and Paul Zulpa

Absent: Bob DeLuca, Tim Drakeley, Tom Gormley, Donna Kohanowski, Vice Chairman, Paul Luchetti, and Don Trella,
Alternates: Tom Benedetto, Alan Diamond, Drew Gwiazdoski, and Mike Novak.

1) Call to Order by Chairman:

Chairman Mike Cunningham called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

2) Seating of Alternates:

There were no Alternates present to be seated.

3) Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

4) Recognition of Guests:

First Selectman Barbara Perkinson, Karen Remington Hughes, Registrar of Voters, Lisa Armatruda, Treasurer of candidate Paul Zulpa's campaign, Stan Love, Charmaine Samoska and Gary Richardson a long time resident in town

- * First Selectman Perkinson reported that South Pomperaug Road is now a road but the guard rails are not up yet and it will not be opened for two weeks. There will be a ribbon cutting when it opens after 4 years of being closed.
- * They are still working on the intersection of Routes 317 and 6 and it is still not straightened out. Parking at the Russ Building where the Realtor and the Antiques are is not legal so there will be some changes made there.
- * Several roads are to be done which include Lighthouse to be done by November, Quassuk Road, Sage Road, Timberly Lane and several others will also be done.
- * Striping will be done on Judson Ave, by Hollow Park also there are several Roads that need to be done and First Selectman Perkinson gave a list to the State which includes West Side Road.
- * The town has six OCEA building violations which amount to approximately \$2,200 worth of fines and checks have been cut to take care of this which will eventually come out of each department.
- * Karen Reddington Hughes said there was a letter to the Editor which said that she was getting free registration and this is not true.
- * This is the first year with no slate committees. There are only going to be five names on the new palm cards. Karen said she thought that the three questions on the Charter that are going to be on the ballot should also be put on the back of palm cards. People are encouraged to read the revised Charter. Copies of the Charter are in the Town buildings.

5) Approval of the Minutes:

Dennis Roberts made a motion to approve the minutes and it was seconded by Paul Zulpa. One correction from Dennis Roberts to the minutes: Page #2 last sentence – under #7- a- He also mentioned he hoped to get a Republican on the Retirement Pension Board as the Board is overwhelmed at this time by Democrats. There were no other changes.

Motion: Chairman Cunningham entertained a motion to approve the minutes with one amendment. John Hughes made a motion to approve the minutes of July 21, 2025 with one amendment and Paul Zulpa seconded the motion. All were in favor. **Approved.**

6) Officer's Reports:

a) Chairman:

No Chairman's Report at this time.

b) Vice Chairman:

No Vice Chairman's Report.

c) Treasurer

Burt Stevens reported that there is currently \$3,280.61 in the bank and this does not include what John Lewis has collected since August 4th when Treasurer Steven's report was done.

*** Please see the full Treasurer's Report which is included with these minutes.**

d) Secretary:

As of 8/13/2025 there were 7,178 voters able to vote in town which included, Democrats – 1909, Republican – 2417, Unaffiliated – 2,695, and Other – 157. Also, from 1/30/2024 to 8/13/2025 the Democrats have lost 20 voters, Republicans 10 voters, Unaffiliated have gained 42 voters and Other have lost 2 voters.

*** Please see the Secretary's two report that are included with these minutes.**

7) Committee Reports:

a) Candidate Recruitment:

Chairman Roberts thanked Lisa Armatruda, Karen Reddington Hughes, and Town Clerk Maria Mancini for their help in getting all volunteer SEEC Forms time stamped and submitted. Dennis Roberts also said that on 2021-22 the Board of Appeals had an unaffiliated filling for the Republican seat and then decided to switch to the Democratic party without letting Chairman Roberts know. A Republican is now needed to fill this position.

Chairman Roberts discussed the SEEC forms and the various ways of filling out the forms with the Committee. At the end of the discussion, it was decided to go to the nine candidates whose forms were incorrectly filled out to see if they want to change how they checked their form. If they do not amend the form they will not be allowed on the Palm Card or any type of campaign event that the WRTC spends money on. Burt Stevens and Paul Zulpa offered to help Chairman Roberts in talking to and correctly filling out the forms with the nine candidates by this weekend.

*** Please see the list of Committees/Commissions that have vacancies that are part of Chairman Roberts complete Report which is included with these minutes.**

b) Scholarship:

No report at this time.

c) Fund Raising/Events –

*** Chairman Lewis is tracking 600 tickets and there should be \$4,750.00 left after prizes are paid for.**

*** The dates left to sell tickets at LaBonnes are 8/23, 9/13, 9/27 and 11/1. On 11/1, which is election Day it is planned to sell Raffle Tickets and do a Food Drive at Labonnes.**

* The WRTC picnic is scheduled for 9/20/25 from 1:30 to 4:30. This will be advertised on Face Book.

d) Media – Public Information – Technology:

***Website:**

*Paul Zulpa reported that the website is all updated. Any updates that were not included Paul Zulpa will take care of. The web master has been working hard to get all the information that is sent to her into the website.

*There have been 128 hits on the Web page since last reported with 189-page reviews 88 % are new 12% are returning.

***Face Book** - 255 followers, 544 Views in the last 28 days, 57% were followers, 43% not followers. Concerning is that there have only been 5 posts in the last 28 days. Need to work to pick this up so do not loose people looking at the pages.

8) New Business:

***Slate Palm Card**

* Discussion was had on what should be on the Palm cards and how to present it.

* Karen Reddington Hughes has the information on who to contact to design the Palm cards. Chairman Cunningham and Karen Reddington Hughes will get together on the setup of the Palm Cards and the three questions on the Charter. Barbara Perkinson asked that before the Palm Card goes out with the three questions that the attorney be consulted as she has already had some questions on those three questions especially #3. A QR code can be put on the Palm card so people can go to the Town website for an explanation.

*John Lewis suggested that the Liberty placard be put up on the website to get more people visiting the web site. He also suggested that it would be good to hand out WRTC business cards with the website etc. so people could put them in their wallets to refer to. He also suggested that a Newsletter be started with information on the WRTC. Stan Love suggested a QR code on it also.

9) Old Business:

*** Event honoring Barbara Perkinson's service to the Town**

Chairman Cunningham reserved the carriage house at the 1754 House on Saturday, January 24th. for the Event honoring First Selectman Barbara Perkinson for the thirty-five years that she has served the Town. Nancy Mackey explained that she had contacted Southbury Printing and gotten a price of approximately \$150.00 for 75 invitations to the Event and also some examples of different kinds of invitations. Barbara Perkinson said it was an honor to serve the town but it was time to step down and enjoy her family. She thanked the Town Committee for doing this for her and her family for allowing her to serve the Town for those 35 years.

10) Privilege of the Floor:

* On this Sunday from 5 to 7 PM there will be a wake for Nick Bozzuto in Watertown. The funeral will be Monday.

* John Hughes said The State Central GOP dinner will be held on September 4th. at the Stamford Hilton at 5:30 PM and Virginia Governor Glen Youngkin will be the key note speaker.

*Training for the Voter Engagement Impact Program Zoom calls will be held on Monday August 18. and Wednesday August 27th.

*Gary Richardson introduced himself and said he had come to the meeting to listen and he gave some of his work background as a Tool and Die Maker and as it is said a great story teller.

11) Adjournment:

Chairman Cunningham made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 PM.

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Mackey, Secretary

Full Treasurer Report

WRTC checking

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WRTC checking
8/11/2025

Date	Num	Payee	Category	Memo	Amount	C	Balance
6/16/2025	DEP	Rob Scott	Contribution:...	ck 4309	100.00	R	2,227.57
6/16/2025	5756	Jerry Pia	Event Expense	Juneteenth ...	-150.00	R	2,077.57
6/23/2025		Burt Stevens	SPLIT		9.30	R	2,086.87
6/28/2025		Todd Stephenson	Contribution:...		100.00	R	2,186.87
6/28/2025		Don Murphy	Contribution:...		50.00	R	2,236.87
6/28/2025		Robert Tata	Contribution:...		50.00	R	2,286.87
6/28/2025		Various Contributors	Contribution:...		1,570.00	R	3,856.87
6/30/2025	5757	Reify Creative, LLC	Website Main...	06/15/2025 t...	-750.00	R	3,106.87
7/1/2025	5758	Paul Zulpa	Website Main...	2024 - 2025	-394.76	R	2,712.11
7/22/2025	5759	Mike Cunningham	Event Expense	Rep Caucus...	-30.00	R	2,682.11
7/23/2025		Tom Benedetto	SPLIT		28.50	R	2,710.61
8/4/2025		Various Contributors	Contribution:...		570.00	R	3,280.61

8/12 - John Lewis is correct that we have \$1200 of contingent liabilities but we operate and report on a cash basis with the State and currently we have \$3,280.61 in the bank. This does not reflect what John may have collected since he submitted \$570 in cash on 8/4 nor any other expenses which may have accrued. \$3,280.61 DOES REFLECT WHAT the CT State Election Enforcement Commission states that we have.

Secretary Report

VOTER REGISTRATION SUMMARY		August 13 2025			
DATE	DEMOCRATIC	REPUBLICAN	UNAFFILIATED	OTHER	Total New Voters
1/30/2024	1929	2427	2653	159	
7/30/2024	1897	2390	2642	160	
8/31/2024	1918	2408	2667	163	
9/3/2024	1918	2408	2667	163	7156
10/1/2024	1939	2420	2699	163	
1/7/2025	1984	2506	2849	164	7503
3/12/2025	1916	2425	2694	155	7190
7/1/2025	1908	2415	2684	157	7164
8/13/2025	1909	2417	2695	157	7178
1/30/2024	-20	-10	Gained 42	-2	

Candidate Recruitment Report

The following Committees / Commissions have vacancies:

Board of Assessment Appeals (Alt), term ending 12/01/2025
Inland Wetlands Agency (Alt), term ending 12/01/2025
Planning Commission (Alt), term ending 12/01/2025
Retirement & Pension Board, (2) 01/04/2027
Shade Tree & Sidewalk Committee, (2) term ending 12/31/2025
Waste Advisory ad hoc Committee - Mark II

Please notify me if you know of anyone interested in volunteering to aid the community.