



Woodbury Republican Town Committee Minutes – October 9, 2025

P.O. Box 255, Woodbury, CT 06798

Emergency Services Building – 7:00 PM

Present: Chairman Mike Cunningham, Bob Deluca, John Hughes, Peter Perkinson, Paul Luchetti, Peter Perkinson, Burt Stevens, Paul Zulpa and Nancy Mackey, Alternate: Tom Bennedetto

Absent: Tim Drakeley, Tom Gormley, Donna Kohanowski, John Lewis, Dennis Roberts, Rob Scott, Don Trella and Alternates: Alan Diamond, Drew Gwiazdoski, and Mike Novak.

1) Call to Order by Chairman:

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

2) Seating of Alternates:

Chairman Cunningham seated alternate Tom Bennedetto

3) Pledge of Allegiance:

Everyone stood to say the Pledge of Allegiance.

4) Recognition of Guests:

*First Selectman Barbara Perkinson reported that Public Works has been working very hard on Light House Road. The drainage should be in in the next couple of days, and the next steps are paving, potholes, and tree trimming. They are still short people there and all crews are up on Lighthouse Road right now. There are other issues in Town and when Light House Road is taken care of those will be taken care of also.

*State Representative Karen Reddington-Hughes said that they had a very productive meeting yesterday with Region #14 and then the Board of Education had a meeting, and they discussed the inequity of funding as far as the Mirai Program in comparison to Technical, Charter and Magna Schools. At the next session they will begin to try to get the numbers changed in our favor so the program which is very successful will not be so hard on taxpayers. Burt Stevens asked if there was anything a citizen could do to help move in the right direction. Karen Reddington-Hughes said that once something is crafted the Committee could support the program which would be a big help.

* Also, the House Republicans have been coming out on all the waste and graft, etc. that is going on in Hartford which is an old subject and one that needs to be solved.

5) Approval of the Minutes:

Chairman Cunningham asked if everyone had had time to review the minutes and they had.

Motion: Chairman Cunningham entertained a motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2025. Paul Zulpa made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Burt Stevens. Chairman Cunningham asked if there were any additions or corrections and there were none. All were in favor. **Unanimously Approved.**

6) Officer's Reports:

a) Chairman:

Chairman Cunningham had no report at this time.

B: Vice Chairman:

Vice Chairman Luchetti had no report.

Vice Chairman Luchetti mentioned that he had attended his first meeting of the Commission for Seniors and it was enlightening and he looks forward to participating in the Commission.

First Selectman Perkinson mentioned that there is a meeting on the Transportation Desert which starts at 6:00 PM. tonight. She also said that there will be two more of those meetings in the future and they will be held during the day. Karen Reddington Hughes mentioned that she had pushed for Micro Transit but the funds for that were migrated to higher up. More discussion was had on the fact that Woodbury does not have transportation availability at this point but the towns around us do.

c) Treasurer:

Treasurer Burt Stevens reported the following:

The beginning checking account balance on 9/12/2025 was \$3,349.51 with \$66.75 to Prime Publishers for the legal notice dated 9/12, various receipts from contributions of \$1,600, disbursements of \$2,290.44 for a check to Accurate Mailing for advertising and Palm Cards, \$248.56 to Chairman Cunningham for food for the 9/20 picnic with payment dated 10/10 and \$1,689.00 to Liberty Mutual Insurance for Liability Insurance for the WRTC dated 10/10. The balance in the checking account before the Insurance payment was \$2,343.76 The balance in the checking account as of this evening is now \$654.76.

* Treasurer Stevens discussed with the Committee the payment to Liberty Mutual. He said that the premium has gone up about \$700.00 from last year and was due September 22nd. with an expiration date of 10/13.

Motion: After a discussion on the insurance and the raffle tickets left to sell Burt Stevens made a motion to approve the payment of the insurance bill for \$1,689.00 and Paul Zulpa seconded the motion. Chairman Cunningham asked if there was any more discussion and there was none. All were in favor. **Unanimously Approved.**

d) Secretary:

Secretary Mackey reported that as of 10/8/2025 there were 7,201 registered voters in Woodbury. which includes 1917 Democrats, 2,421 Republicans, 2,705 Unaffiliated and 158 Other parties.

Please see the two Secretary Reports that are included with these minutes.

7) Committee Reports:

a) Candidate Recruitment - No report at this time as Chairman Roberts was not at this meeting.

b) Scholarship – Scholarship Chairman Perkinson had no report at this time.

c) Fund Raising/Events – No report at this time as Chairman Lewis could not be at the meeting.

d) Media – Public Information – Technology.

Chairman Zulpa reported that the Web Page has been updated as follows:

Website:

A. Following updates were made

1) Restored the Endorsed slate to the Elections Page.

2) Update the Upcoming events with the most current information through November 4th; update WRTC meeting with next meeting info.

3) Picture roll cleaned up

B. Website Statistics for last 30 days.

93 sessions (down 20% from last month). 162 Pageviews (down 32% from last month), 90% new viewers, 10% returning. Peak day had 8 unique sessions, avg day is approximately 3.

Facebook

2, 512 views (up 57%. 73 interactions (up 66%). 14 posts made in last 28 days (up 75%).

Of the views 64% were non followers of the WRTC, 36% were followers.

Top content was Charlie Kirk post with 1,081 views. We are doing well on Facebook but not so well on the Website.

8) New Business:

John Hughes update on State Central:

No report at this time.

9) Old Business:

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

The committee is working on the invitations for Barbara Perkinson's Event.

10) Privilege of the Floor:

Peter Perkinson read a letter to the Committee mentioning the things that he has been involved in and what the Town Committee has been involved in over the years. He then said it was time to move on and that he is resigning from the Town Committee because it is time and so he can join First Selectman Perkinson in their retirement. Peter was applauded and thanked for all his many years of service to the Town Committee. Peter Perkinson asked Nancy Mackey if she would take over as Chairman of the Scholarship Committee and she said yes.

11) Adjournment:

There was no other discussion and Chairman Cunningham entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Burt Stevens made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 PM all were in favor. **Adjourned.**

Respectfully Submitted

Nancy Mackey, Secretary