

**PDTC Minutes**  
**Monday, February 28, 2022**  
**Via Zoom**

**1. Call to order @ 7:03 by chair Nick Vegliante.**

Attending members: Nick Vegliante, Annie Sabrowski, Susan Hotchkiss, Karen Stockton, Melissa Lennon, Deborah Grabarek, Jerry Grabarek, Sean Nugent, alternates: Kayla Thompson, Linda Christiansen

Excused: Joanne Eisenhard

Absent: Pauline Andruskiewicz, Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, Leigh Pappas, alternate Teresa Eickel

Guests: Megan Gallant, Farouk Rajab, Sean Scanlon

Motion made to seat Linda Christensen by Jerry Grabarek,; seconded by Sean Nugent; vote unanimous

**2. January minutes:** correction noted for spelling of Jerry Grabarek's name. Motion to accept minutes as amended by Karen Stockton; second Melissa Lennon; vote unanimous

**3. Treasurer's Report:** treasurer Karen Stockton reports no change in balance: \$934.64

**4. New Business**

**a. State Comptroller Race:** Sean Scanlon is currently the only announced candidate. He joined the Zoom meeting @7:58 to discuss his candidacy. He is current state rep. for Guilford with experience as Chris Murphy's aide. Some of his foci: health care costs and budget, and facilitating for middle class tax cuts. He has experience as chair of insurance committee and finance committee. He explained the major roles of comptroller.

**b. 18<sup>th</sup> Senatorial District Race:** Guest Farouk Rajab was present to give his work background and history of community service as he intends to run for this office. He will need 300 signatures and financial donations to qualify to run. The committee offered some suggestions to assist Farouk in his efforts.

**c. 45<sup>th</sup> House District Race:** This is a newly defined district: Preston, Griswold, part of Lisbon. Nick is unaware that anyone has announced candidacy for Dems.

**d. 2022 Conventions:** several upcoming conventions due to election year. Preston's representation has increased from two to three delegates. As a superdelegate, Nick will be a fourth delegate at the state convention. At our March meeting, delegates will be appointed for the conventions.

March 6-7: state convention @ Hartford Xfinity Center. The most contested race will be for Secretary of State (currently 7 candidates).

May 9: congressional delegation to endorse Joe Courtney.

May 10: state senate

May 11: state representative

May 12: probate judge

**e. New DTC/Officers:** New slate of officers will be elected at our March meeting. The new membership slate, as set at the January caucus, will commence. Alternative members will be discussed.

**f. Other:** tonight's meeting is the last of the current DTC membership.

## 5. Old Business

- a. Other: none

## 6. Updates from Town Officials

- a. **BoS:** (Jerry) Selectmen have started budget discussion. They are proposing a 4% raise for town employees. They voted to lift the mask mandate for the town (for: Sandra and Ken Zachem, against: Jerry). New fire chief and business manager.
- b. **BoE:** (Sean) Masks in the school will be optional starting Mar. 1. Budget discussion has begun. BOE will be interviewing 2 candidates to fill the one vacated by Tom Turner, who recently passed away.
- c. **BoF:** (Kayla) Committee awaits submitted budgets from town entities. Kayla questioned Nick to clarify majority/minority representation on the board in relation to seating alternates. Minority representation must be followed.
- d. **PRA:** (Sean) Equipment now visible and active at the site; demolition and abatement; Eversource is leasing space.
- e. **P&Z:** Karen voiced concern about lack of democratic representation on this commission.
- f. **Youth Services:** (Melissa) Their budget has been submitted; importance of mental health for children and youth with NAMI input; age-appropriate Internet safety.
- g. **Other: none**

## 7. State Central Update: convention plans

## 8. Public Comment: none

9. **Motion to Adjourn** at 8:13 by Melissa Lennon; seconded Linda Christensen; unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,  
Susan Hotchkiss, secretary

**Upcoming Meetings: Mar. 28, Apr. 25**