

**Minutes PDTC**  
**Monday, August 23, 2021**  
**7p.m.**  
**Via Zoom**

1. **Call to order: Meeting called to order by Chairman Nick Vegliante at 7:01 PM.**  
**Attending: Chair Nick Vegliante, Vice Chair Annie Stockton, Secretary Joanne Eisenhard, Treasurer Karen Stockton, Deputy treasurer Melissa Lennon, Susan Hotchkiss, Deborah Grabarek, Jerry Grabarek, Sandra Allyn-Gauthier; Alternates: Kayla Thompson, Linda Christensen, and Teresa Eickel**  
**Absent: Sean Nugent (excused), Pauline Andruskiewicz, Leigh Pappas**  
**Guests: Megan Gallant, Cindy Luty, Laurie Castronova**  
**Motion by Joanne Eisenhard to seat alternates Kayla Thompson and Linda Christensen.**  
**Second: Karen Stockton; Motion passed unanimously**
  
2. **Minutes: Motion by Linda Christensen to approve the May, June and July minutes as amended; Second by Melissa Lennon; passed unanimously**
  
3. **Treasurer's Report: Unchanged from last report @ \$808.61**
  
4. **New Business**
  - a. **Democratic ROV: Nick stated that current DemROV, Andrew Stockton, had submitted his resignation; however, the RepROV has just resigned. Andrew will continue working for time being. Karen S. answered questions about what this job entailed. Candidates for both positions, Dem and Rep, are needed, if anyone has any suggestions.**
  
  - b. **PDTC Secretary resignation/election: Joanne Eisenhard's letter of resignation has been submitted. Joanne nominated Susan Hotchkiss to serve as secretary; second by Karen Stockton; Vote unanimous**
  
  - c. **2021 Municipal Election Campaigning and Fundraising: Nick stated 2 ways to fund campaigns for upcoming municipal elections: 1. Run an independent campaign with own fundraising and campaign treasurer. 2. Have PDTC funded campaigns. Ideas for fundraising include: Offer by J. Grabarek to donate proceeds from Corn Maze, date to be determined. Candidates can ask individuals to donate. Personal donations can be made to DTC to pay for campaign expenses: ex. Lawn signs**

**The Committee discussed campaign strategies for the upcoming municipal election.**

**Annie wondered about "guaranteed wins" for Dem. candidates. Nick said he will analyze the slates to see who will need the most help campaigning.**

**Nick explained the value of CT-VAN, which we have paid for to access, as a data base for use during campaigning.**

**5. Old Business**

- a. **BoF Alt vacancy: Kayla Thompson was nominated by Melissa Lennon to fill this position; Second by Sandra Allyn-Gauthier; vote unanimous.**
- b. **P&Z Alt vacancy: Terry Eickel was nominated by Annie Stockton to fill vacancy; Second by Melissa Lennon; Vote unanimous. Annie will communicate to the P&Z board that Terry has been endorsed by the DTC.**
- c. **Other vacancies: Jerry Grabarek stated there were 2 vacancies for alternates on Wetlands Commission. There is also vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals.**

**6. Updates from Town Officials**

- a. **BoS: Sandra Allyn-Gauthier's report included mention of slow vaccine rate in the town; storm Henri not as bad as anticipated for power outages; process by which new Fire Chief is being selected.**
  - b. **BoE: Cindy Luty, current board member and candidate (guest) reported about the controversy of mask mandate for students. Currently, Gov. Lamont has mandated use through September. Because of increased enrollments in PreK and K, with possibly more anticipated, teachers and paraprofessionals have been hired for an additional class in each. Preston Plains School parking lot has been redone.**
  - c. **PRA: Sandra Allyn-Gauthier reported on progress being made on resolving some current issues.**
  - d. **P&Z: Annie Stockton reported that there will be a public hearing re short term rental regulations. Commission will be starting discussion on affordable housing plans for town. The town will be able to have one cannabis selling establishment, but moratorium on this until plan in place.**
  - e. **Youth Services: no current activity**
- 7. State Central Update: Nick will be involved in an outdoor reception held in Stonington on Sunday, the 28<sup>th</sup>. All are invited to this fundraiser being attended by some notable Dems.**
- 8. Public Comment: none**
- 9. Adjourn: Motion by Melissa Lennon to adjourn; second by Annie Stockton; Vote unanimous, meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Susan Hotchkiss, secretary**

**Upcoming meetings – September 27 and October 25**