

Rockport Democratic Town Committee

Minutes 10/06/07 Meeting: Attendees: 22

Members – Sally Chapdelaine, Carolyn Cronin, , Nancy Delaney, Tom Delaney, Maureen Dwinell, Vernice Gaietto, Bernard Koechlin, Pat Koechin, Dan Lauzon, Harold Rush-Lloyd, Helen Rush-Lloyd, Lois Lundell, June Michaels, Martha Norton, Roberta Paine, Ruth Perrault, Ann Sheinwald, Mary Sibbalds, David Wise

Visitors: Paul Putney, Beverly Quint, Saul Schor

The meeting at the Rockport Town Library was called to order at 1:10PM by chair, Ann Shienwald. Pat Koechlin, Treasurer, reported that our current balance is \$2705.

People were encouraged to sign nomination papers for membership on the Town Democratic Committee, the election of which will be during the 2008 presidential primary. Ruth Perrault raised the issue of attracting younger members to the committee. Dan Lauzon is investigating working with high school teachers to start Democratic (or other) Clubs at the high school level.

After some discussion, Mary Sibbalds volunteered to become the Corresponding Secretary and Nancy Delaney volunteered to take on the duties of the Recording Secretary.

The main item on the Agenda was the Bylaw Revision (Article XII - Nomination of Committee Members): Remove requirement that a “legal” notice must be placed in the local newspaper stating time and place where nomination papers may be signed. The legal notice costs over \$100 and the Committee has no control over where the ad is placed in the newspaper. At no charge, the newspaper puts information about our meetings on the Rockport page, where most people would look for such information. The change was passed by a clear majority.

Dan Lauzon pointed out that there will be a three day (Nov 16-18) Eastern Regional Democratic National Committee meeting in Manchester, NH. He commented that the future of campaigning will be neighbor to neighbor, door to door which Dan will be implementing in Rockport. He also noted that the Newbury Democratic Town Committee will be showing a Mike Dukakis film on Walmart on October 13th.

Helen Rush-Lloyd reported on Representative Tierney’s Congressional Committee assignments. The local staff is working with Governor Patrick on local issues. Volunteer callers are needed for the Autumn Brunch fund raiser on November 4th. She mentioned key Senate races to keep an eye on: Tom Allen (Maine), Jean Shaheen (New Hampshire), and Mark Warner (Virginia).

David Wise brought up the Town Clerk’s resistance to giving complete information on write-in ballots in the town May 8, 2007 selectmen election. The Town Clerk did not respond to a request for a list of all write-ins. A motion was passed to authorize Dan Lauzon to contact the Secretary of State and inquire about impropriety of the Town Clerk’s actions.

The meeting was adjourned at 2 PM.