

Wellfleet Democratic Town Committee
Business Meeting Minutes 3/8/2018
PB Boulangerie

Present: Susan Anthony, Kathleen Bacon, Justina Carlson, Richard Guernsey, Evelyn Jackson, Olga Kahn, Sheila Lyons, Michele Olem, Brian Quigley, May Ruth Seidel, Norma Simon, Lydia Vivante, Mary Wright,

Guest speaker: Sandy Milano, President, Cape & Islands Democratic Council

Lydia Vivante called the meeting to order at 8:40

Minutes:

1/13/2018 Meeting minutes approved unanimously (Quigley 1, Kahn 2)

2/10/2018 Meeting minutes approved unanimously (Quigley 1, Kahn 2)

Treasurer's Report: \$1,115.05

Brian Quigley announced Ben Niggel coordinating a bus to the Washington DC 'March for Our Lives (for gun reform) Members unanimously approved \$140 tickets to GoFundMe for two local high school students to make the trip. (Olem 1, Simon 2)

Lydia mentioned the open Member position on the Committee, the Associate Member category, Emerita member (20 years plus) Norma Simon celebrated her 90th birthday recently. Best wishes.

SANDY MILANO

CIDC's focus is on a regional approach, supporting candidates from the fifteen very unique towns that make up the Cape & Islands. Sandy is encouraged by youth activism in municipal elections. All three Republicans in the Barnstable district are being challenged by Democrats. The County Commissioner's seat

County Commissioner candidate to challenge Leo Cakounes will be announced shortly;

Assembly will likely pick up two seats;

80 candidates in training with help of Mass Alliance

174 elections in the Cape & Islands from School Committee to Senator

45 activists attended the CIDC's first Fellows meeting

June or July 2018, regional campaign Headquarters will open

Michele Olem praised Sandy Milano for her grassroots activism. Evelyn Jackson asked about security in the schools

Selectman Kathleen Bacon introduced Justina Carlson, candidate for Select Board and noted that Walter Rowell, son of candidate David Rowell, has also joined the race. Incumbent Helen Miranda Wilson is running for reelection. Kathleen gave an overview of five Town Meeting warrant articles on Affordable Housing including a petitioned article on the 9.25 acres at Lawrence Road. Kathleen urged Dems to read the Banner article about why the Town balked at bringing another medical marijuana dispensary to Wellfleet. On a positive note, Rep. Peake and Sen. Cyr have a bill to offer microloans to Wellfleet and Truro cannabis farmers, keeping benefits local.

Adjourned at 10 AM

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