

Wellfleet Democratic Town Committee  
16 Nov 2019  
Wellfleet Preservation Hall

Present: Dick Guernsey, Lynn Southey, Liberty Schilpp, Shirl Weber, Josh Stiles, Pat Stiles, Michele Olem, Maddy Entel, Judith Cumbler, Candace Perry, Carolyn Rogers, Mary Deshon, Suzanne Lawlor, Fred Nass, Catharie Nass, Olga Kahn, Evelyn Jackson, Esther Elkin, Dick Elkin, Lydia Vivante, Philip Keohan, Kathleen Bacon, Michael Rodriguez

Meeting called to order at 9 am by Chair Lydia Vivante

Will Moyer Lauren, chair of the Nauset Regional High School Democrats brought information about their activities, which include fund-raising for Planned Parenthood and other organizations, Democratic candidates, and volunteering for candidates. Students are active online, but not very active. Core of 5, membership of 10-12. All but one are graduating in June, will need help to keep going. Wellfleet Dems can support them by providing incentives like food at events and opportunities to earn Community Service Volunteer Hours. We could invite them to join us for letter-writing campaigns, bus trips to protests and other events. The Committee voted to offer financial support (ie food, bus fare to events) up to \$100.

Liberty reports that the Youth Forum she was exploring has been deferred, as there are active Civics classes being provided for the 8th graders, and a Forum would be duplicative. Instead, she is working on Vote Forward, a letter-writing campaign encouraging... imploring... Democrats in crucial states who haven't voted recently to be sure to vote. Research by this group has shown that the letters are an effective "get out the vote" measure. 400 cards were sent from Wellfleet. This would be a good project to join with the high school Dems. For committee members as well as students, CIDC is holding weekly canvassing sessions and would welcome more participants. If you would like to join their mailing list, let Lydia know.

Super Tuesday is March 3, 2020, and political activity will increase on all fronts after Jan 1.

Minutes were reviewed by Secretary and approved.

Lydia announced Dick Guernsey's retirement as Treasurer, and thanked him profusely for his many years of service to the Committee. She presented him with a gift certificate from the Dems for PB Boulangerie. Thank you Dick!  
Patricia Stiles was nominated for Treasurer and elected by acclamation! Thank you Pat!

Kathleen Bacon announced that the Selectboard voted against required video taping of Town Committee meetings. A brief discussion was held with contributions from committee members about why there are objections. Kathleen also announced that Building Wellfleet, the committee managing the 95 Lawrence Road Project, has put out an RFP for a developer of this 46 unit affordable and mixed income housing venture. It will be discussed at the 12/10 Selectboard meeting, beginning at 6 pm.

Lydia will arrange for a speaker on the subject of census-taking. 2020 Complete Count is recruiting census takers at \$19 per hour, with trainings already under way in Hyannis.

#### 2020 Issues

VA is the last state needed to ratify the ERA, and newly Democratic legislature makes it look possible.

Rank Choice Voting requires citizens petition to get on the ballot, as MA legislature has refused to pass a bill.

Pilgrim decommissioning is not settled, Maura Healey has sued NRC to remove the company they awarded the contract to. Lydia will ask The Provincetown Independent to cover this story. Free birth control is being given to students in several high schools around the state. Status of Wellfleet?

The WDTC voted to expand to 30 members, and 24 positions have been spoken for. If members know of others who would like to be appointed, let Lydia know.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE COMMITTEE are collected between Jan and April. \$20 is the suggested contribution, and more is welcome! Checks can be sent to WDTC PO Box 27, Wellfleet 02667. Contributions can be made online to [ActBlue.com](https://actblue.com), enter Wellfleet in the search bar and WDTC will pop up.

Members expressed interest in Saturday meetings.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Mary Wright  
Secretary