

Wellfleet Democratic Town Committee
1/13/18, 9:30 AM
At the home of Aylette Jenness

Present: Dick Guernsey, Lydia Vivante, Michele Olem, Andrea Pluhar, Jane Sharp, May Ruth Seidel, Shirl Weber, Carol Magenau, Bonnie Shepard, Judith Cumbler, Liberty Schilpp, Mike Rodriguez, Olga Kahn, Candace Perry, Rachel Brown, Sue Anthony, Irene Daitch, Elaine Baskin, Catherine Nass, Fred Nass, Lynn South, Sheila Lyons

Guests: Senator Julian Cyr, Dr. Brian O'Malley

Announcements: re Women's March in Hyannis, MLK Day local celebrations

Mary Wright was nominated and elected to the role of Secretary

Minutes of last meeting by Mary Wright: Approved

Treasurer's Report by Dick Guernsey: 12 January 2018:

WDTC account balance as of 11 Oct 17	\$1203.29	
Receipts, contributions	68.02	
Disbursements, Jones campaign	(100.00)	
Annual pot luck expenses	(64.26)	
PO Box rental	(52.00)	
Current balance		\$1055.05
OCDC account balance 11 Oct 17	\$2006.91	
Receipts, Net from Gray Dinner tix	1011.86	
Disbursements	(00)	
Current balance		<u>3018.77</u>
Current Bank Balance		\$4073.82

Annual contribution to WDTC of \$20 (or more!) can be sent to Dick Guernsey at PO Box 27 Wellfleet 02667
Julian Cyr noted that these funds can be used to support elections, to coordinate state-wide efforts as well as to support candidates.

Outreach: Michele Olem -

OCDC will sponsor a straw poll meeting, likely 5/5/18

Letterman interviewed Obama on a Netflix show, worth seeing

Interview with John Lewis on Youtube

Recovery 349 - A stakeholders meeting for recovery and prevention of drug use was held, about 20 people attended. Next mtg has been scheduled.

SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE

Dr. O'Malley talked about the history of the Single Payer movement nationally, going back at least to President Truman; and his own efforts since 2000 to develop a Cape-Wide Single Payer system, which generated a lot of interest. Unfortunately, our proximity to Boston and peoples' preferences to go there as indicated, made it financially impractical. Dr. O'Malley is hopeful that the outrageous and growing cost of health care will inevitably drive us toward a national Single Payer Health Initiative.

Vermont's legislature passed a Single Payer bill a few years ago, but as they moved to implement it, the legislature found that it was too expensive.

Sen. Cyr reported on his successful leadership in passing a healthcare reform bill in the Senate, which includes a 3 year formal study on the cost effectiveness of Single Payer across the state.

Sen. Cyr encourages all Dems to enlist family and friends to reach across the state to lobby the House as this bill makes its way through committees.

While the UK and France are struggling with their Single Payer systems, Singapore has successfully instituted such a system.

A lengthy discussion about details of Single Payer Health Insurance was led by Sen. Cyr and Dr. O'Malley. Much information was offered, and many questions asked and answered.

The meeting was adjourned at 11 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Mary Wright, Secretary