

NORTH HAVEN DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
DECEMBER 12, 2017 - 7:00 p.m.  
MILDRED WAKELEY RECREATION CENTER

Call to Order: 7:10 p.m.  
Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to waive roll call - Alan Sturtz, seconded by Kathy Grant - All in favor

Chair's Report:

- Dita Bhargava - Guest speaker exploring a run for governor. Her vision for CT is very pro business. She took her mother's advice to heart. 1) Educate yourself - it brings economic liberty 2) strive to meet full potential 3) never forget your roots. She studied electrical and computer engineering, then ran a fund, she co-founded nonprofits advocating for equal pay. She served on boards for nonprofits. While she was campaigning for state rep, she became very aware of the challenges CT is facing. She would like to work with businesses to expand tax base. Businesses say that the biggest challenge is the lack of pipeline to young talent. If a CT grad will commit to work in state for 5 years, their loan is forgiven. She would accomplish this through private/public partnership. People also told her that our roads are the 3rd most traveled in the country. She is pro-toll in order to improve infrastructure. Also, young folks want to live in urban areas. She would like to invest in our urban cores. Tax free zones in cities to incentivize innovative industry expansion.
- Reminder to RSVP to Patty Jackson-Marshall about the holiday party.
- NHTV Donation - Kathy Spinato-Grant suggested giving a donation to NHTV for allowing so much DTC programming over the election cycle. John Parese moved to donate \$100 to NHTV. Gerry Feinberg wanted to note that NHTV is provided \$40k annually from the taxpayers. He also noted that he has a serious concern with a political party donating to NHTV. Motion was withdrawn. Sally Buemi brought up that they have an annual fruit sale to raise money for NHTV we could purchase fruit, then donate to the seniors or a foodbank. Sally Buemi made the motion for the North Haven Democratic Town Committee to spend \$200 on the next NHTV charitable fundraiser. Seconded by Jim Redman. All in favor. Motion passes.
- January caucus - Update on Executive Committee meeting - Report out of the pre-caucus meeting. Meeting took place at 6:00 p.m. 12/12 and covered materials and the process for the caucus. Ballots and certification slips were handed out to the district chairs. We haven't received official notice from the State yet, but we are going to have the caucus on January 9th. Legal notice cannot be given prior to 12/26 of this year. Alden is taking on the job of sending out the official legal notice to the local paper. John Parese made a motion to spend no more than \$50 on a facebook ad as a pilot program. Seconded by Kathy Spinato-Grant. Gerry Feinberg wanted to be sure that we are only going to target democrats living in North Haven. Amanda Gabriele clarified that Facebook has a robust targeting program. Alden will write a letter and we will release it as a press release. All in favor. Motion passes.

- Jennie Caldwell brought up that we should do a robocall to make sure we hit folks via other channels. Jennie Caldwell moved that we have a pilot program robocall with a budget not to exceed \$50 that will be targeted to North Haven Democrats to make them aware of the caucus. Seconded by Jim Redman. In favor - 16 All Opposed - 1. Motion passes.

Secretary's Report:

- Approval of the Minutes with the amendment of the prior Treasurer's report that should have stated \$3980.54 but reflected \$2966.42. - Moved by Jennie Caldwell. Seconded by Sally Buemi - All in favor. Motion passes.

Treasurer's Report:

We have \$2900 currently.

For the Holiday party, please bring either instant mashed potatoes or gravy. We will be bringing it to the food back after the fact. It is a cash bar, \$35 for each adult, \$17 for each child.

For the good of the order:

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn - moved by John Parese, seconded by Sally Buemi. All in favor.