

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Monthly Meeting for June 8, 2019
9am – 10am**

**New Horizons
370 Hemenway Street
Main Dining Room
Marlborough, MA
(Please park in the 370 Hemenway entrance)**

AGENDA

Call to Order

Additional Agenda Items?

Approval of April and May Minutes

Speaker: Jamie Eldridge

Treasurer's Report - George LaVenture

**Chairman's Notes: Kirk Hurley
U.S Constitutional Amendments**

Committee Reports

**Educ. Comm.: Dan Caruso & Michelle Bodin-Hettinger
Outreach Committee: Barbara Allen
Membership Committee: Barbara Allen/Rosalind Baker
Press & Public Relations Committee: Doug Pizzi,
Dave Doucette
Programs Committee: Jayne Wilson**

New Business

Planning our Barbecue; August 3rd

**Dave Doucette wants to discuss a proposal for City of
Marlborough to address climate change.**

Adjourn
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We are self funding. Our annual dues helps us to put on events. Please pay \$25 by check only. Make check out to "MDCC". We do NOT take cash anymore for anything. Cash makes it difficult to record & report our finances to the state party. Thank you. You may mail it to our Treasurer: George LaVenture, 346 Brigham St, Marlborough—GlaVenture@Trinity-Inc.net

Marlborough Democratic City Committee

**New Horizons
370 Hemenway Street
Dining Area
Marlborough, MA**

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**Regular Monthly Meeting for June 8, 2019
Minutes – **DRAFT****

Officers: Kirk Hurley, Chair; Barbara Allen, Vice Chair; Dan Caruso, Vice Chair; Debbie Doucette, Secretary, George LaVenture, Treasurer

Attending

Members: Alexander Williamson, Keith St. John, Kathleen O'Connor, Barbara Shapiro, Joan Gregoire, Teria Ellis, Rosaland Baker, Christine Edmunds, Diane Stevens, Michelle Bodin-Hettinger, Christopher Slammer, Doug Pizzi, David Doucette, Babs Fenby, Carmine Gentile, Debbie Doucette, Dan Caruso, Barbara Allen, Kirk Hurley

Guest Speaker: Jamie Eldridge, State Senator
Carmine Gentile, State Congress Rep

Meeting Brought to Order at 9:20 am.

Approval of Minutes: Both April and May Minutes were approved

Treasurer Reports: George LaVenture; deferred to next meeting

Committee Reports:

Chairman's Reports: Kirk Hurley, Chair
Education Committee: Michelle Bodin-Hettinger & Dan Caruso
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Jamie Eldridge is introduced to speak:

- Update on State Senate's recent activity**
- Banned conversion therapy for children
 - Passed hands free when driving
 - Racial Profiling – Police need to identify ethnicity of persons involved when filling out their police report.
 - Affordable Housing Protection Bill- Housing Vouchers

Jamie supports and working toward the following;

- **Debt-Free Educational Bill for MA State Colleges & Universities, Community Colleges and Vocational Schools**
- **100% Renewable Energy by 2045. Move away from fossil fuels. Government not doing enough.**
- **Safe Community Act. This bill would establish basic due process rights for people detained in state and local facilities for civil immigration violations, prevent law enforcement from asking people about their immigration status, and bar official collaboration agreements that deputize local law enforcement as federal deportation agents.**
- **Transportation Revenue Pkg. MBTA major upgrades as well as parking. Parking areas have not increased to accompany the increase in ridership. Add local shuttle bus to transport people to the Southborough train station.**

Tolls on routes 93 and/or 95? Federal Gov't is blocking Massachusetts from doing this because the roads are federally built. Jamie supports the tolls.

Does not support Luxury Gas Tax—Does not bring in enough revenue

Support more North and South trains.

Carmine Gentile, State Congress Representative

- **Legislation created first-in-the-nation, 15-member non-partisan Citizen Commission to advance the state's policy in favor of an amendment to the United States Constitution to address concerns about corruption, undue influence, and unequal citizenship as a result of unlimited political spending and growing power of global corporations in American politics. The Governor, State Atty General and the Speaker of the House each appointed five people to be on this commission. They will soon hold hearings.**
- **The Roe Act – The "ROE Act" filed by Massachusetts Senate President Emerita Harriette Chandler and Speaker Pro Tempore Pat Haddad would expand access to abortion services, including allowing for abortions after 24 weeks in certain cases.**

The Haddad-Chandler bill would eliminate the requirement of parental consent for anyone under 18 to access abortion and would allow for abortions after 24 weeks if a physician determines that terminating the pregnancy is "necessary to protect the patient's life or physical or mental health, or in cases of lethal fatal anomalies, or where the fetus is incompatible with sustained life outside the uterus."

The Roe Act will include language to allow reproductive healthcare for Women as part of this Act. Nearly 80,000 people in Massachusetts access health care through reproductive health clinics in Massachusetts each year, including men seeking screenings for sexually transmitted diseases and other

- The House passed a work around bill for the Janus Decision so unions cannot force people to join the unions.
- Paid Employee Leave – 26 weeks. Paid employees will be eligible for 26 weeks paid leave with benefits beginning 1/1/21. This will be accomplished by having ½% of employee salary being deducted beginning 10/1/19 to be held as contributions.
- Promoting Free Education & Training from community colleges and local businesses.

Keith St. John announced his candidacy for Mayor of Marlborough and is asking for our support

Annual MDCC Barbecue- Date has been changed from August 3rd to August 10th. Diane Stevens will chair the committee. Committee will meet at her house—time and date TBD. There will be a \$5.00 donation and a Silent Auction for a fundraiser.

Looking for a new area for our Labor Day presence giving out free ice cream. The Rowe Funeral Home has been sold and their front lawn will no longer be available. Diane Stevens recommended the Union Common. Will need to check with Dept of Public Works—John Ghiloni.

Barbara Allen suggested that when we have our next meeting in the Dining Area we should notify the New Horizon's residents of our meeting in case they would like to join us. Also if there are residents who have not quite completed their breakfast perhaps they can sit on the far side of the Dining Area away from our meeting so we do not disturb them.

Adjourned -- 10:40AM