

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee  
Monthly Meeting for January 6, 2018 – 9am**

**Kennedy's Restaurant  
247 Maple Street-Rte 85  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
Marlborough, MA**

**AGENDA**

**Call to Order**

**Additional Agenda Items**

**Meeting Minutes Approval—December 2, 2017**

**Guests/Speakers:** Steve Kerrigan-candidate for the 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Congressional District  
Rufus Gifford-candidate for 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Congressional District  
Quentin Palfrey-candidate for Lt.  
Governor

**Treasurer's Report - George LaVenture**

**Committee Reports If Any –**

**Chairman's Notes: Kirk Hurley**

**Marlborough & Hudson Democratic committees are co-sponsoring the Candidate's Forum Event for the 12 Democratic candidates running for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District currently held by Niki Tsongas**

**Date: Tuesday-Feb 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: Doors open at 6pm; event begins at 7pm**

**Loc: Auditorium at Hudson High School, 69 Brigham Street (seating for 1000 people)**

**Admission: Free, Open to the Public**

**Summary- 2 hr 15 min event. Index cards will be handed out to audience members as they arrive to write down their own question for the panel of candidates to be used during the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour. During the first hour a series of questions will be asked by the moderator. There will be a 15 min break in which the index cards with the audience questions will be collected. During the 2<sup>nd</sup> hour the audience questions will be chosen randomly. Each question chosen will be asked to all 12 candidate.**

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

**Old Business –**

Distribution of corrected calendar of meetings & events.  
Change of 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month to 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the  
month

**New Business –**

Caucus – March 4th

**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

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**Regular Monthly Meeting for January 6, 2018  
Minutes - **DRAFT****

**Attendees:**

**Officers:** Kirk Hurley, Chair; Dan Caruso, Vice Chair

**Members:** David Doucette, Doug Pizzi, Babs Fenby, Joan Gregoire

**Others:** Danielle Gregoire- State Rep.

**Guest Speakers:** Candidate for Governor:

Seti Warren;

Candidates for 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District:

Rufus Gifford,

Terry Ryan

Steve Kerrigan & Assistant

Candidate for Governor's Council

Nick Carter

Maura Healey's Regional Co-ordinator from the  
Atty General's Office

**Meeting Brought to Order at 9:13 am**

**Approval of December Minutes:** Approved

**Treasurer's Report** – Not Available

**Committee Reports**

**Chair's Notes**

Officers Debbie Doucette and Barbara Allen are absent from current meeting

**Announcement:** The Candidates' Forum for the candidates of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Congressional District will be on schedule for Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at the Hudson High School. Doors open at 6pm event begins at 7pm. We are asking for a 150-200 word bio from each of the 13 candidates to put into booklets for the event. Any questions about this event call Kirk.  
(an update -- location of the event was later changed to The Portuguese Club in Hudson.)

## **Summary of Speeches from our Guest Speakers**

**Seti Warren:** He is an Iraq war veteran with one year deployment. Came back to run for Mayor of Newton and won (8 years). Spoke about budgets—Seti wants budgets based on outcome for people. (Environmental sustainability & solar) Thru his efforts in Newton the city saved forty million over a 20yr savings. Can't be afraid to raise revenue. Defining opportunity with economic inequality. His dad received GI bill benefits that helped him and his family.

Two Proposals: Single Pay Healthcare  
Free College Tuition

S&P downgraded MA ratings based on Charlie Baker's actions. Donald Trump received more votes than Charlie Baker in some communities in the state.

**Steve Kerrigan:** His parents had a worker's union background. He was Chief of Staff to Atty General Tom Reilly, member of the Fincom in Lancaster and worked for Ted Kennedy in the Healthcare fight across the aisle. He understands the struggle of families and wants to give back to his community that has given him so much.

**Terry Ryan:** Lowell Native. His dad taught in the Lowell schools and was an engineer. Terry worked at Raytheon in the several of the northeast locations in MA. Terry spent two terms in the Westford School Committee (currently is chair). He stands for good education at a low cost. Main Issues: Education, Affordable Healthcare and Foreign Affairs.

**Rufus Gifford:** Showing up at events like this is important. The Candidates quality along with a large diverse field is good. Spent 10 years with Obama policies and vision as US Ambassador to Denmark. He is the walking embodiment of an American Dream. Healthcare and energy are some of his major concerns. We are stepping up social issues like same sex marriage. He married his partner in Copenhagen City. Decided to run after Trump won the election. Biggest challenge is now lack of trust. Trump is unraveling Obama's legacy. But we will persevere.

**Nick Carter:** Grandfather was in State government and father is in small business. His wife is from Ecuador. Twenty-five years as a trial lawyer. What makes a good judge/bad judge?

- Protect the Constitutional rights
- Separation of Judiciary from Government
- Few women judges of color
- M.Devaney votes against minorities??????
- Advance criminal justice reform

When same crime is committed the rate is 4 x incarcerations; 8 x for blacks, 4 x for Hispanics vs whites.

Babs acknowledged effective campaign for ward 2 & 3.  
Kirk acknowledged himself for keeping time of meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15