

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Monthly Meeting for June 10th, 2017 – 9am**

**Fort Meadow Condo Association
Clubhouse
48 First Street
Marlborough, MA**

AGENDA

Bring Meeting to Order

Additional Agenda Items

Approval of Previous Mtg Minutes—May 6, 2017

Treasurer's Report - George LaVenture

Chairman's Notes: Kirk Hurley

Meeting Dates Survey
Convention Summary
Programming Process

Committee Reports –

Education Committee: 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; update on Niki
Tsongas' Marlborough Town Hall.

Request for calendar review by Diane Stevens

Old Business –

Review of Niki Tsongas Town Meeting

New Business –

Adjourn

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Fort Meadow Condo Clubhouse
48 1st Street
Marlborough, MA 01752
Regular Monthly Meeting for June 10th, 2017
Minutes - **DRAFT****

Attendees:

Officers: Kirk Hurley, Chair; Barbara Allen, Vice Chair;
Dan Caruso, Vice Chair; & Debbie Doucette,
Secretary

Members: Donna Scalcione, Michelle Bodin-Hettinger,
David Doucette, Barbara Shapiro, Diane
Stevens, Carmine Gentile (State
Representative)

Speakers: Robert Cassidy, State Committee Disabilities
Dhruba Sen, Framingham Mayoral Candidate

Meeting Brought to Order at 9:10 am

Approval of May Minutes: Approved

Caucus Minutes-Dan Caruso requested to have them revised

Treasurer's Report – Report was distributed to members—
Treasurer was not in attendance. Treasurer had requested
prior to meeting if there were any questions to email him
directly

Committee Reports

Chair's Notes – There was a review of meeting times and
dates. The overall consensus was to meet first Saturday of the
month at 9 am.

Kirk is working on scheduling James Roosevelt , grandson to
FDR, as a speaker near Heritage Days for the public to attend.

Kirk and Doug Pizzi are working on a 3-fold brochure to
advertise the MDCC Committee.

Education Report: Dan Caruso & Michelle Bodin-Hettinger

Dan met with the Head of the Marlborough HS History Dept., Pat Kiley. There are 2 students interested in joining a democratic club if there was one established at the HS. The requirement is to have 3 students to make the club viable. It was discovered that to have a Democratic Club for students it would need to have an advisor who belongs to the teacher's union.

Robert Cassidy, our 2nd speaker, interjected that the word "democratic" needs to be approved by the State Democratic Committee according to its charter.

Barbara Allen would like to include any new students as part of her membership role for future MDCC members.

Contacts for other Marlborough Schools:

AMSA: Jane Cherkoff
Assabet Valley Reg: Peggy Ayers

Membership/Outreach: Barbara Allen

Investigating different network grps on the media, Swing Left, Huddle Groups. These groups include resistance training and use proactive measures as well as to support local politicians to run for democratic positions around the country to get the House back. These groups are made up of mostly independent voters. Could be an opportunity to invite them to our meetings. Would like to cross pollenate between groups to build our membership.

Programming: Kirk requested to have a Legislative Forum to be held locally with Jamie Eldridge, Danielle Gregoire and Carmine Gentile attending. This would be an open forum. To be scheduled in September.

Old Business: Kirk is working on a letter from our Ward Leaders to be sent out to the new registered voters in their ward introducing themselves and our committee.

Overview of Niki Tsongas Town Hall Meeting. There were 50-70 people attending with 1 heckler. Thoughts were that the start time, 6pm, was too early. Didn't allow people to get home from work. Also Tsongas's handlers may have had some part in controlling the number of the crowd.

Dave Doucette-City Councilor; reported on a 350 meeting held at the Marlborough First Baptist Church. The proposed TransitX green transportation project, based on electricity, was introduced by its creator, Mike Stanley, to the

organization. It received high marks and will be brought to the Public Service City Council this Wednesday at 7pm. Would appreciate members support by attending meeting.

Speakers;

Dhruba Sen is running for the mayor of Framingham. Framingham has changed its governance from town to city. This is the first mayoral election.

Robert Cassidy, Representative for the Disability Council at the Mass State Democratic Committee. Been part of this council for 17 years. His agenda was the choice of convention hall chosen this year at the DCU Convention Center in Worcester. It was a nightmare for disabled delegates. No elevators, no railings. There was a decrease of delegates this year from 9100 the previous year to 5700 this year. They are beginning to have subcommittee and ad hoc meetings about this issue. On June 19 there will be a meeting with state and party chairs being held at the Disability Law Center, 11 Beacon Street, 4th Floor to share your concerns. Or on a conference call. Email GDC0912@gmail.com for more information. Robert is attending as many local Democratic Committee meetings as possible to pass on this info and to get support for this issue.

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Reminder to everyone from the Treasurer: The annual membership dues are \$20. We receive our largest funding from our dues. Please pay 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

Meeting Adjourned at 10:15 am