

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Monthly Meeting for October 13, 2018
9am – 10am**

**New Horizons
400 Hemenway Street
Wayside Conference Room
Marlborough, MA
(Please park in the 370 Hemenway entrance)**

AGENDA

Call to Order

Additional Agenda Items ?

Meeting Minutes Approval—September 6, 2018

Guests:

- Democratic Regional Campaign Coordinator
- Rep Andy Vargas; 3rd Essex District
Introduce the Democracy Modernization Act

Treasurer's Report - George LaVenture

Committee Reports

Chairman's Notes: Kirk Hurley
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
Programs Committee: Jayne Wilson

Old Business –

Status of the following:

- Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser--October

New Business

Adjourn

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 October 13, 2018
Minutes - **DRAFT****

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

Guest Speakers:

Jonathan Paz; Field Director for Jamie Eldgridge, current State Senator

Andy Vargas, State Rep for Essex County. 3rd District.
Democracy Modernization Act/Rank Choice Voting

Attending

Members: Barbara Allen, Dan Caruso, Debbie Doucette, Babs Fenby, Donna Scalcione, Barbara Shapiro, Diane L Stevens, Keith St. John, David Doucette-City Councilor, Samantha Perlman, Joan Gregoire, Rosalind Baker, Teria Ellis, Elizabeth Gebhard, Carol Olsen, Herb Raphael, Mary Elizabeth York, Ed Pastor, Dhruba Sen, Barberie H. vanValey, Alberta Fullem, Frances Denzel, Carmine Gentile-State Rep, Danielle Gregoire-State Rep, Alec Huxsaw, Kathleen O'Connor

Chair-Kirk Hurley was not in attendance. Barbara Allen, Vice Chair stepped in to run this meeting. Thank you Barbara.

Meeting Brought to Order at 9:00 am

New Horizon's Insurance Liability forms were passed out for each member to sign and hand in. This is a policy that will be part of each of our meetings before we begin.

Approval of Sept 6th Minutes: Approved

Treasurer's Report – Treasurer not present. Discussion was warranted without treasurer due to low funds in our bank. Currently the bank balance is est \$150.

Danielle Gregoire proposed that we temporarily put in place a policy stating that all executive committee members must be authorized for any expense over \$100. (who does the authorization?) Members voted to pass this policy—2 opposed. Further discussion will be on the November Agenda.

Committee Reports

Membership – Barbara Allen: Barbara and Roz Baker have put together a much needed New Member Packet. The handout flyer was designed by Roz. Copies of both were passed around for comments. Included in the New Member packet are list of committees, email member list, mission statement, meeting dates. Other info to be included as well.

Education/Youth Vote – Dan Caruso: Our H.S. student rep has continued to work with his H.S. to promote voting, We have not heard from him. Dan would prefer to have a more consistent communication

Communications – No Reports

Old Business: Pancake Breakfast (Dan Caruso) will be deferred till next year. Began too late to put it together. Did not have the money for deposit or venues were not available. Work it into our schedule next year.

New Business:

Added to Agenda:

Dave Doucette, Ward 2 City Council; Update on Marlborough Airport—it is now closed. Owner is selling to developer to build “over fifty” condos. Needs to have 2 entrances/exits.

Doug Pizzi; Inviting members to attend the MASS Fiscal Alliance T-Party dark money talk on Wednesday, October 24th at the Portuguese Club in Hudson to learn what they are doing.

Danielle Gregoire and Carmine Gentile are both looking for support in their re-elections this November 6th.

Guest Speakers:

Speaker State Rep. Andy Vargas handed out his list of the “Democracy Modernization Act” draft, which he intends to bring to the next session of the Legislation. Some of his items included are:

1. Same day registration
2. Allow active duty veterans to use mobile phone voting for electronic absentee balloting
3. Rank choice voting
4. Expand Absentee voter mechanism to a no-excuse system
5. Create commission to study the primary date in MA
6. Early voting in primaries
7. Use HAVA funds to modernize our voting equipment
8. Allow 17 yr olds to vote in primaries
9. Allowing childcare to be a valid expense for campaign

Ward 5: Still looking for a chair for Ward 5.

Meeting Adjourned 10:15AM