

**Marlborough Democratic City Committee
Monthly Meeting for March 9, 2019
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?

Announcement: Chris Slammer, MASSDEMS Disability Outreach Committee Member

We will defer Minutes Approval (February) and Treasurer's Report till after our speaker's presentation.

A move to make a motion needs to be made to postpone our Committee Reports post speaker

Guest Speaker: City Clerk, Lisa Thomas

February Meeting Minutes Approval

Treasurer's Report - George LaVenture

Chairman's Notes: Kirk Hurley
U.S Constitutional Amendment

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

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 March 9, 2019
Minutes – **DRAFT****

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

Attending

Members: Dave Doucette, Lee Hettinger, Michelle Bodin-Hettinger, Kathleen O'Connor, Rosalind Baker, Teria Ellis, Barbara Allen, Kate Donaghue, Keith St. John, Debbie Doucette, Dan Caruso, Christopher Slammer. Newcomer-Mel Higgins

Meeting Brought to Order at 9:10 am. Kirk Hurley, Chair presiding.

Guest Speaker: Lisa Thomas, Marlborough City Clerk

Lisa Thomas passed out “The State Office of Campaign and Political Finance” (OCPF) guide handout as well as City voting stats through the past 10 years.

Early Voting and Absentee Voting have a very similar process to arrive at the same end. This can be confusing for many people. Lisa feels that these two can be melded into one process to serve a single purpose of accessing voting to all who cannot be there the day of.

Campaign Signage

There is a city ordinance to have the campaign signs removed from all private property shortly after the election. However, there is a problem removing signs in a timely matter due to having only 1 part time employee working for the Code Enforcement Dept. Dept. receives complaints.

Campaign signs cannot be left by itself on public property near voting locations. Local constables will enforce the removal of the signs. Best to leave it in the car.

We thanked Lisa for being the City Clerk of Marlborough as her last day is at the end of March.

We continued with our meeting and business at hand.

Approved February Minutes

Treasurer: No Report

Committee Reports:

Membership -- Barbara Allen

Working on new member handout.

Samantha Pearlman will be moving forward with creating a google calendar for all of us to use.

Education -- Dan Caruso

Ran for School Committee member. Did not win the position.

Chair's Notes: Proposed Amendment Draft to the U.S. Constitution; Article II; Section 2. (Handout)

Summary of Proposed Amendment: The President of U.S. cannot pardon himself, family members, Vice President, direct appointees, or indicted co-conspirators. These Pardon Powers may only be applied by the succeeding president elected after the current President term has concluded. Pardons given to other individuals may only be given after the individual's case has reached its highest appellate level.

Other Business:

Dave Doucette announced a 350 Meeting scheduled for 3/13/2019 at the Portuguese Club in Hudson.

Kara Treize from Westborough announced she is a candidate for the Democratic State Committee Member from the M&W District.

Letter of Intent to run Date Due--3/23/19

If there is a 2nd Candidate

Elect Delegates to vote 4/13/19

Conference Voting 4/27/29 -- Sat -- Littleton

State Rep -- Danielle Gregoire -- Updates

Has been assigned to the State Oversight Committee -- top leadership role

Issues: Sports Betting

Ban on Conversion Therapy

Cap on Welfare for kids—working to allow welfare benefits to increase for kids

State Rep -- Carmine Gentile -- Updates

Working with Danielle to increase Welfare Benefits for Children

Sitting on the Committee of Elder Affairs

Adjourned at 10:30 am