

**Minutes of Wayland Democratic Town Committee  
Wednesday, October 26, 2011  
at J J McKay's in Cochituate**

**Members attending the meeting were:** Cathy Ashton, Russ Ashton, Michael Bate, Irene Chang, Ann Cook-Frantz, Sylvia Dickens, Michael Gilbreath, Karen Krowne, Hope Podell. Ramuel Raagas visitor

**I. Sylvia Dickens was elected as the new secretary.** The current secretary,, Ann Cook-Frantz, will be moving out of Wayland soon and thus will no longer be eligible to be secretary.

**II. The minutes were accepted as amended.** They are posted on the WayDems List Serve. It was suggested they be posted on other WayDems sites.

**III. The Democratic Caucus will be held on February 25, 2012.** It is hoped that we can attract many Democrats in town to come to the caucus. Attracting younger members is a priority. (It was noted that the February school vacation starts on Sat., Feb. 18 and ends on Sun., Feb 26)

**IV. The state Democrat Organization is targeting outreach and vote-building.** We will use the caucus as one way to reach out, and we will look for other ways to do so as well.

**V. There was unanimous approval of Jamie Eldridge's resolution to Massachusetts House and Senate** asking the "Commonwealth of Massachusetts to call upon the US Congress to pass and send to the states for ratification a constitutional amendment to restore the first amendment and fair elections to the people." (This is in response to the Supreme Court ruling in Citizen's United vs. FEC which grants corporations the same status as citizens, and thus allows them to make unlimited contributions to campaigns without public record.)

**VI. The Wayland Democratic Town Committee website** was discussed.

It was agreed that the site has many good features, but that we would like to consider ways to expand it. It was suggested that we form a small committee to consider:

- a. What functionality do we want?
- b. What do we want on the site? basic information? current information? voter information? promote deadlines? links?
- c. How do we go about updating it regularly?
- d. How do we increase the attractiveness of it? (ie. attract people to it?)
- e. What can we learn from other Democratic Town Committee websites?
- f. Who can we call on to lend added expertise in this area?

**VII. The treasurer's report: We currently have \$1051.59**

**VIII. Next meeting is Wed., December 1st at J.J. McKay's at 6:30**

Tom Conroy will be there.

Submitted by Ann Cook-Frantz, secretary  
October 30, 2011

PS: Michael: I have 2 figures in my minutes from our treasurer: \$1,159, and \$1051.59. Which is right? Didn't we add \$20 after collection?

Mention was made of Sen. Richard Ross, but I didn't record the context.

I didn't write anything about the most interesting part of the meeting which was your experiences with Occupy Boston. Should we add a word about that?

I will draw up a form to submit to the Commonwealth of MA recording the change of secretary and the addition of a new member and bring it to you to sign.

Ann