

## REDDING REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

January 3, 2011

### Attendance

A quorum was present:

Richard Emerson	Rand Guffey
Michael Thompson	Mike Hoffman
Tom Derderian	David Lewson
Lewis Brey	Gary Miyashiro
Joan DeSalvo	Urs Furrer
Donald Takacs	Natalie Ketcham
Randi Hutton	Chris Hocker
Parker Coates	Frank DeSalvo
Eric Witt	Ward Mazzucco

### **Senior Members:**

John Downey

Guests: Alex Karsinidi

Ward Mazzucco ("WM") called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

### **Minutes of December 6, 2010 Meeting**

Motion was made to approve the Minutes of the December 6, 2010 meeting, which was seconded. Motion unanimously passed.

### **Treasurer's Report**

Gary Miyashiro presented the Treasurer's Report and noted a balance of \$2,504.68, as of December 31, 2010. WM reminded members that they are encouraged to contribute annually to the RTC. The suggested contribution is \$150.00. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report, which was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

### **General Matters**

WM noted that RTC member, David Box, has resigned due to professional commitments. WM wished David well and thanked him for his contributions to the RTC.

### *Vacancy Committee*

David Lewson noted that a vacancy on the Zoning Board of Appeals exists as a result of Michael Thompson agreeing to take John Shaban's place on the Zoning Commission. He said that the Vacancy Committee was recommending that Bruce Given, a former member of the Zoning Commission and current ZBA alternate, be nominated to take Michael's place. After discussion, a motion was made to recommend Bruce Given to the Board of Selectman to fill the ZBA position being vacated by Michael Thompson, which was seconded. The Motion unanimously passed. WM asked members to provide recommendations for Bruce's replacement as a ZBA alternate.

### *2010/2011 Elections*

WM led a discussion of various post-election issues and the upcoming 2011 municipal elections. A general review of possible candidates was conducted. To much enthusiasm, both Natalie Ketcham and Donald Takacs announced that they would be running for the Board of Selectman again. WM noted that one or more seats might be open on the Redding Board of Education but said it was still uncertain at this stage.

A discussion then occurred regarding ways to encourage more participation in the town's political process (both at the RTC and general levels). Several possibilities were discussed included a possible joint presentation with members of the Democratic Town Committee. Chris Hocker promised to include something in his next newsletter to encourage participation.

### *Republican State Central*

Alex Karsinidi from State Central then provided a general update on various issues including when caucuses might be held in 2011.

### *Fundraising*

An extended discussion took place regarding fundraising and how to improve the process. The conversation ranged from possible new events – quarterly drinks at the Roadhouse, St. Patrick's Day party – to improving existing events like the Pig Roast. Randi Hutton and the Events Committee plan on meeting before the February meeting to compile a list of possibilities for the RTC's consideration.

### **Next Meeting**

WM announced that the next meeting will be held on February 7 at 7:30 pm.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:24 pm.