

REDDING REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

November 14, 2011

Attendance

A quorum was present:

Amy Alcott	Parker Coates
Tom Derderian	Richard Emerson
Allyson Florkowski	Rand Guffey
Burdin Hickock	Chris Hocker
Mike Hoffman	Randi Hutton
Natalie Ketcham	David Lewson
Ward Mazzucco	John Shaban
Donald Takacs	Frank Taylor
Michael Thompson	Lori Walker

Guests: Nicholas Lepanto

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

Minutes of October Meeting

Approval of October Minutes passed until January meeting.

Treasurer’s Report

WM presented the Treasurer’s Report and noted a balance of \$3,641.15, as of October 31, 2011. WM also noted that 21 members had made an annual contribution. WM reminded members that they are encouraged to contribute \$100 annually to the RTC. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer’s Report, which was seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

General Matters

Nicholas Lepanto

WM introduced Nick Lepanto. Nick ran a write-in campaign for 1st Selectman in this year’s election. He is thinking of joining the RTC and wanted to observe a meeting. WM and the rest of the RTC welcomed Nick.

Events Committee

Amy Alcott led the discussion about a possible RTC Holiday party for Dec. 5th in lieu of a regular meeting. The suggestion was met with great enthusiasm.

Discussion of Municipal Election

WM then led a discussion of regarding the recent municipal elections. The discussion focused on the Board of Education race and ways to improve voter turnout.

Linda McMahon Campaign

WM announced that the McMahon for Senate campaign was having a fundraiser in Danbury the night of November 17 from 6pm – 7:30pm at Tarrywile Mansion in Danbury and invited all members to attend.

Vacancy Committee

Vacancy Committee Chair, David Lewson, then noted that a motion was made last month to make Allyson Florkowski a full member of the RTC and that a vote is now necessary to approve Allyson as a member. A motion was made to do so and was seconded. The motion passed unanimously. WM and David welcomed Allyson to the group.

David also noted that there is a vacancy on the Planning Commission and discussed Don Stroetzel as a possible replacement.

4th District Congressional Race

WM announced that Chris Meeks from the SoldierSox organization has announced he is running for the 4th District seat.

New RTC Slate

WM then noted that a caucus will be held on January 10th at 8:00pm to nominate a new slate of RTC candidates. Secretary Michael Thompson agreed to compile an attendance list at RTC meetings for the past two years to confirm which members attended 50% of the those meetings as required by RTC by-laws.

Vice Chairman

WM announced that two RTC members, Frank Taylor and Michael Thompson, have expressed an interest in becoming the next RTC Vice-Chairman. Both then gave short presentations to the group and were excused. A general discussion of the candidates then occurred and the possibility of having two co-chairmen was raised. It was agreed that Judge Emerson and Rep. Shaban would review the by-laws to address this issue and report back to the group.

Natalie Ketcham Update

First Selectman Natalie Ketcham then spoke, addressing in particular the recent storms, CL&P's poor response, the town's reaction and plans to minimize disruptions when similar storms happen in the future. Chris Hocker, Rep. Shaban and Natalie then led a discussion of the state's utility industry and important regulatory considerations.

Next Meeting

WM announced that the next meeting will be held on January 10 , 2012 at 7:30pm with caucus taking place at 8:00pm that night as well.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The motion unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned at 9:29pm.