



Brookfield Republican Town Committee



Minutes of REGULAR MEETING:

**Sept 16, 2008
7:30 PM – Room 135
Brookfield Town Hall**

Minutes

Members in Attendance:

Bob Belden, Dick Blessey, Martha Burr, Jim Clayton, Alex DeLucia, Pat Donohue, Marty Flynn, Jerry Friedrich, Craig Froehlich, Kevin McCaffrey, Larry Miller, Steve O'Reilly, Stanley Parker, Belinda Samuel, Larry Samuel, Jim Sullivan, Steve Villodas, George Walker and Greg Woods.

Absent: Matt Grimes, George Hope, Rich Miller, Bill Tinsley, and Jim Vulcano.

Guests from the Public: Jim Cooper, Doreen and Richard Rafferty

Approval of minutes of Previous meeting:

Moved by Alex DeLucia **Seconded** by Bob Belden **Vote:** Unanimous approval

Chairman's Comments: the debate between David Scribner and his opponent. David did very well and his opponent was ill-prepared and passed on the questions several times.

Acceptance of Treasurer's Report:

Motion by Bob Belden **Seconded** by Jim Sullivan **Vote:** Unanimous approval
Craig discussed not accepting business checks for the Golf Tournament.

Campaign Information: *Matt Grimes*

Scribner Campaign Contributions- David qualified for funding with the number of donations.

McCain Campaign: Signs at Headquarters. 9/26 was the first Presidential Debate. The polls at this point show McCain ahead of Obama.

Cappiello Campaign- Thank you to Marty, Sean, and Dennis Flynn, Greg Woods and daughter, Jerry Friedrich, Bob Belden and Matt Grimes who participated at the Newtown Parade to march for David. Thanks to Bob B And Pat D for being in David's Commercial! **Cappiello office is looking for 6 volunteers next Wed (10/15) to help with a phone-calls. Please let Marty Flynn know as soon as possible.** We would like one fundraiser in Brookfield in Oct.

Joe Baker Memorial Update- *Kevin McCaffrey and Jim Clayton-* want to spend money on an appropriate memorial but nothing ongoing. So the project presented is a disability “platform” area adjacent to the parking lot to watch the Concerts in the Park which Linda McCaffrey worked on with Joe’s family, Dennis DiPinto and the First Selectman. On the platform will be a bench, an area for wheelchairs, a tree from Joe’s yard and possibility a plaque mounted on a rock. Steve O. made a motion to appropriate specific funds for the project. Jerry F seconded. Jim Sullivan offered to get the word to other organizations to also donate. Bob B. amended the motion not specifying a certain amount, Larry S. seconded. Kevin McCaffrey to put together a pledge sheet and the Joe Baker Memorial committee will handle this. **Vote: passed / one opposed.**

Committee Reports:

Vacancy: no report. Interviewing 5 candidates next month.

Fund Raising Report: *Craig Froehlich*

First time every 100% participation from everyone on the BRTC! Estimate- \$9500 came in, \$6000 in expenses. Made approximately 3-4 thousand. Always make \$400 on raffles.

Publicity and Public Affairs: Thank you to Stanley Parker for writing an article for the paper. Open house to be announced in the papers also.

Headquarters: *Marty Flynn*

Have a place. Need to arrange for electricity and a letter of insurance for Raymore/Flanigan. Steve V to check with Jim Egan who the policy who issued us the policy.

New Business:

Comments: Jim Cooper commented on the memorial for Joe Baker. He stated that public service is important and a great thing to memorialize especially for the children. It is something that is not partisan and shows the kids that public service is important and valued.

Also discussed, Howard Lasser would like to work together with the BDTC and the BRTC to provide recognition. Marty F volunteered to contact Howard and discuss this. Bob Belden said that working together, we could make a significant contribution that would be beneficial. We’ll discuss this at the next meeting after Marty talks to Howard.

Motion to adjourn: Steve O’Reilly ***Second:*** Bob Belden **Vote:** Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,
Belinda Samuel
Recording Secretary