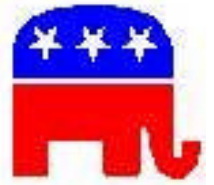


## Brookfield Republican Town Committee



**Minutes of REGULAR MEETING:**  
**January 20, 2009 7:30 PM**  
**Brookfield Town Hall Curriculum Room**

**Members in Attendance:** Bob Belden, Dick Blessey, Martha Burr, Jim Clayton, Pat Donohue, Ken Dunaj, Marty Flynn, Jerry Friedrich, Craig Froehlich, George Hope, Kevin McCaffrey, Larry Miller, Stanley Parker, Belinda Samuel, Larry Samuel, Jim Sullivan, Bill Tinsley, George Walker and Greg Woods.

**Absent:** Alex DeLucia, Matt Grimes, Rich Miller, Steve O'Reilly, Steve Villodas, Jim Vulcano.

**Guests from the Public:** Two guests

**Correspondence:** Two items: a thank you note from Terri Baker and family and a thank you note from David Capiello Election Campaign

**Approval of minutes of Previous meeting:**

**Moved** by Stanley Parker      **Seconded** by George Walker      **Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Chairman's Comments:** *Marty Flynn:* I attended the appreciation party at Terrywile Park that David Capiello held for his campaign contributors. The swearing in ceremony for Jeff Dunkerton, Registrar of Voters went well. Thank you to Bill and Mary Tinsley for opening up their home for our annual Christmas party.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Our fund raising efforts were short by approx. \$4000 this past budget year.  
Acceptance of the Treasurers Report:

**Moved** by Larry Miller      **Seconded** by Dick Blessey      **Vote:** Unanimous approval

**Committee Reports:**

**Vacancy:** *Larry Miller* – Larry to get names from Marty Flynn of people who signed up to volunteer for a town vacancy at Election Headquarters.

Larry asked Greg Dembrowski, IWC Regular Member, to serve as the alternate due to work and volunteer conflicts with the IWC meetings. He then asked Belinda Samuel to move from IWC alternate to regular member due to consistent attendance and contribution to the commission.  
Motion to accept Belinda Samuel, IWC Regular member.

**Moved** by Larry Miller      **Seconded** by George Hope      **Vote** by Unanimous approval

**Finance:** *Bob Belden:* handed out a BRTC proposed budget for our next fiscal year. After much discussion on fund raising and spending needs during an election year, motion was made to table the budget after the advertising, communication and fund raising committees have given Bob their input on what they need for this coming budget season.

**Moved** by Larry Samuel      **Seconded** by Larry Miller      **Vote** by Unanimous approval

**Old Business:**

**Joe Baker Memorial-** *Kevin McCaffrey*

Site work and bench is completed. Landscaping to be installed in the spring. Total cost will be \$4000. Next month we will discuss possible contribution from the BRTC. And it was discussed that maybe Kevin should revisit the other organizations that might want to contribute toward the cost. One individual contribution toward the memorial was received totaling \$150 but the rest was paid with a personal check from Linda McCaffrey.

So individual contributions are most welcome. Please make check payable to Linda McCaffrey, McCaffrey Realty Professionals, 246 Federal Rd, Suite B-23, Brookfield, CT 06804.

**Thank you Letter to Raymour and Flanigan-** it was asked if we had remembered to thank Raymour and Flanigan for the use of our Election Headquarters space. Marty said that he had sent a thank you note.

**New Business:**

Kevin McCaffrey brought up several questions from the public concerning board/commission members conduct during their meetings.

First- Do we review conduct of Republican board/commission members before they are recommended for re-election? Larry Miller stated that before the members could run again, they would have to re-apply to vacancy for a recommendation for that position (vacancy recommends a person to serve in a position which then goes to the Board of Selectman for final approval). People with concerns can send letters to the BRTC addressed BRTC c/o Marty Flynn Chairman, **PO Box 5154**, Brookfield, CT 06804. The letters should be read openly before the town committee members before submitting to the vacancy committee. Or any member of the public can attend our BRTC meetings. We talked about putting "How Are We Doing?" question on our website as solicitation for people to let us know what they think.

Second- When people serve on boards/commissions, do they have a good idea of their responsibilities before they start to serve? Because of the thoroughness of the vacancy process and the extent of the interview process, the applicants who are recommended for boards and commissions have a very good idea of what is expected for the position they are interviewing for.

Larry Miller to get Jerry Friedrich an updated list of vacancies to post on the website. All boards/commissions are listed with descriptions on the website. Not all positions are up for reelection this coming summer. The interview process for those positions up for reelection starts in May. Also it was discussed to put the charters for each board/commission on the website also. Just get those to Jerry Friedrich and he will put on the website.

**Motion to adjourn:** Pat Donahue

**Second:** Bob Belden

**Vote:** Unanimous

Respectfully Submitted,  
Belinda Samuel  
Recording Secretary