

**Lexington Democratic Town Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 12, 2017; 7:00 pm
Lexington Community Center**

**Present: M. Amar, R. Avallone, M. Coppe, P. Enrich, J. Federici, R. Goldberg, M. Gentleman, S. Griffith, B. Hatfield, M. Heitz, R. Kearney, E. Kloss, J. Pappo, J. Pato, M. Saint Louis, M. Victor, L. West, R. Zalisk, R. Peters, M. Thompson, E. Zalisk, J. Kaufman.
Guests: (20)**

The meeting was called to order by Margaret Coppe, Co-chair, at 7:05 pm.

Those present introduced themselves.

In the absence of the Treasurer, no financial report was presented.

Co-chair Margaret Coppe reported that, as evidenced among other things by the increased attendance at this meeting, there is a lot more interest with folks interested in getting involved with the Democratic Town Committee. Last year, there was a big increase in newcomers seeking and winning seats as delegates to the State Convention. Since the committee is entitled to elect associate members and currently have none, it was suggested that those new activists who desire to join the committee be elected as Associate Members.

Co-chair Coppe suggested the following names:

**Bijan Afshartous
Lois Angelo
Todd Burger
Sreeni Chippada
Ira Goldman
Mary Hutton
Scott Hutton
Elizabeth Jas
Sandra Koerber
Valerie Overton
Sean Osborne
Janet Walker**

From the floor:

Nina Hackel

Motion to nominate as Associate Members

Moved: R. Peters

Second: M Saint Louis

Voted: Approved unanimously

Co-chair Coppe discussed some of the many upcoming events. With discussion, it was suggested that the DTC web site be updated to include a calendar section to serve as a resource for discovery of the many events coming up.

Eileen Zalisk was recognized to provide an update on the DTC's tabling at the Farmer's Market. She also spoke about the upcoming voter registration drive that was being coordinating the other groups.

Peter Enrich was recognized to provide an update on the work of the Progressive Democrats of Massachusetts. PDM will soon be ramping up a vetting and endorsement process for 2018 candidates.

Representative Jay Kaufman provided an update on the Fair Share Amendment that will be on the ballot next year, and some of the other ballot initiatives that are currently circulating for signatures. He encouraged people to assist with the signature effort through Raise Up Massachusetts.

Co-chair Marc Saint Louis introduced newly elected 4th Middlesex Senator Cindy Friedman. Senator Friedman spoke about her priorities for the rest of the year, and what's coming up on Beacon Hill. She took questions from the audience and discussion ensued.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert D. Peters
Recording Clerk