

## **Woburn DCC City and Ward Committee Minutes – April 9, 2022**

### **American Legion, 194 Lexington Street, Woburn**

9:53 AM – Call to Order, Jennifer Baker Jones, Chair, WDCC

#### **Reading and Acceptance of Minutes from October 23, 2021 Meeting:**

Andrew Lipsett motioned to pass the Minutes of the 12/23/2021 meeting as presented; Mary Grenham seconded. No further discussion. Jennifer called for a vote on the minutes. Accepted unanimously.

#### **Treasurer's Report – Phyllis Norwood**

Phyllis reported that the WDCC currently has \$1,761.22 on hand. Recent expenses included the annual website renewal. We can take donations today, see Phyllis, or use the ActBlue QR code on each table.

#### **WDCC By Laws Ad Hoc Committee, update – Jennifer**

At the fall meeting we voted to form an ad hoc committee to update the by laws of the WDCC, especially timely given the changes in the party platform passed in September. Jennifer explained that she has some interested committee members but hasn't pulled the group together yet because the virtual caucus planning for 2022 took an extraordinarily long time. Jennifer will call the committee together soon and we will look toward presenting updated by laws at the fall meeting.

#### **Nominations and Election of a Vice Chair of the Woburn Democratic City Committee – Jennifer**

Jennifer shared that Steve Hurley is stepping down as Vice Chair of the City Committee and she thanked Steve for his leadership. The Vice Chair must be a male or non-binary candidate given that the Chair is female. Jennifer opened the floor to nominations. Steve Hurley nominated Anthony Langone. Carol Youngclaus seconded the nomination of Anthony Langone. Jennifer asked for any additional nominations and there were none. Nominations were closed. Jennifer asked if there was a motion to vote on a new Vice Chair of the City Committee. Sue Coakley moved that Anthony Langone should be made Vice Chair of the City Committee. Andrew Lipsett seconded the motion. Jennifer asked for a vote. All voted to accept unanimously. Jennifer welcomed Anthony Langone as the new Vice Chair of the WDCC.

#### **Juneteenth Woburn, Committee Participation and Sponsorship – Jennifer**

Juneteenth Woburn will be held on the grounds of and inside the Woburn Public Library on Saturday, June 18, 2022. Last year the WDCC was interested in a spring event to engage the community and Juneteenth being on a Saturday looked like the perfect opportunity to celebrate the diversity of Woburn. Jennifer reached out to Social Capital Inc (SCI) where she is on the board and asked if they wanted to collaborate. Several other groups joined including the City of Woburn, Woburn Public Schools, Woburn Public Library, St. John's Baptist Church, NAACP Mystic Valley Branch, Woburn Welcomes and WMHS embRACE Club. Planning is underway for the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual event. Jennifer said that last year the executive board of the WDCC authorized a donation of \$250 to SCI to help fund Juneteenth. Jennifer said we may choose to do this again, but she will abstain from any vote on the topic because of her board relationship with SCI. Andrew Lipsett motioned that the WDCC make a donation to support Juneteenth Woburn in 2022. Margaret Valentine seconded the motion but requested we increase the amount of the donation to \$400. Discussion. Marcia Andrews asked if we could sponsor one of the summer concerts at Horn Pond. Jennifer said she didn't know those sponsorship levels, but maybe we could look into that for the future. Andrew seconded Margaret's motion to make a donation of \$400 to SCI. No further discussion. Jennifer asked for a vote on the motion.

All those attending agreed with one abstaining (Jennifer Jones). Phyllis will send a check for \$400 to SCI as a donation toward Juneteenth Woburn.

The business of the WDCC City Committee Meeting was finished, Jennifer adjourned to Ward meetings to be hosted by each Ward Chairperson.

*New Members/Officers elected in Ward Meetings by vote of the membership:*

Ward 1, Alex Rutfield and Angela Thomas, new members

Ward 2, Doug Cannon, new member

Ward 3, Carolyn Pershouse, new member

Ward 4, Stanley Slepoy, new member

Ward 5, Sarah Bergman-McCool, new member

Ward 7, Chris DiMeo, Daniel O'Brien and Mary O'Brien, new members; Officers: Chris DiMeo voted new Chairperson; Daniel O'Brien voted new Treasurer. Susan Coakley is stepping down in advance of a move to VT. Lilya Dreik is stepping down as Treasurer.

At the adjournment of each ward committee meeting, Jennifer asked Chairs to introduce their new members. Applause.

Jennifer Adjourned the meeting of the Woburn Democratic City Committee at 10:50AM.

The following candidates and speakers spoke in front of the committee at various times during the meeting. Following is the order of speakers:

- State Rep Dr. Tami Gouveia for Lt. Governor
- Quentin Palfrey for Attorney General
- Bret Bero for Lt. Governor
- Shannon Liss-Riordan for Attorney General
- State Senator Diana DiZoglio for Auditor
- Chris Dempsey for Auditor
- Governor's Councilor Marilyn Devaney for re-election
- State Senator Cindy Friedman for re-election
- State Rep Michelle Ciccolo for re-election
- State Rep Richard Haggerty for re-election
- Former State Rep Carol Donovan spoke on behalf of Mayor Kim Driscoll for Lt. Governor and Andrea Campbell for Attorney General
- Carol Youngclaus spoke on behalf of Attorney General Maura Healey for Governor and Congresswoman Katherine Clark for re-election
- Andrew Lipsett spoke on behalf of State Senator Sonia Chang-Díaz for Governor

Minutes of the April 9, 2022 meeting prepared by Jennifer Jones.

| <b>ATTENDANCE, SATURDAY 4/9/2022</b> |             |                          |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Name</b>                          | <b>Ward</b> | <b>In Person/Virtual</b> |
| Margaret Valentine                   | 1           | In Person                |
| Jen Hess                             | 1           | In Person                |
| Alex Rutfield                        | 1           | In Person                |
| Anthony Sclafri                      | 1           | In Person                |
| Emily Bloch                          | 1           | In Person                |
| Andrew Lipsett                       | 1           | In Person                |
| Gary Glennon                         | 1           | In Person                |
| Angela Thomas                        | 1           | In Person                |
| June Mackenzie                       | 2           | In Person                |
| Rai-An Perrish                       | 2           | In Person                |
| Doug Cannon                          | 2           | In Person                |
| Mary Freeley                         | 2           | In Person                |
| Kim Leonard                          | 2           | In Person                |
| Carol Youngclaus                     | 3           | In Person                |
| Pat Deal                             | 3           | In Person                |
| Carol Donovan                        | 3           | In Person                |
| Julie Cotton                         | 3           | In Person                |
| Carolyn Pershouse                    | 3           | In Person                |
| Marcia Andrews                       | 3           | In Person                |
| John Cordero                         | 3           | In Person                |
| Richard Haggerty                     | 3           | In Person                |
| Laurel Collins                       | 3           | Virtual                  |
| Andrew Collins                       | 3           | Virtual                  |
| Anthony Langone Jr.                  | 4           | In Person                |
| Phyllis Norwood                      | 4           | In Person                |
| Diane Scinto                         | 4           | In Person                |
| Phil McGovern                        | 4           | In Person                |
| Ellen-Marie Winson                   | 4           | In Person                |
| Mary Grenham                         | 4           | In Person                |
| Katie Nee                            | 4           | In Person                |
| John Nee                             | 4           | In Person                |
| Jesse "Chip" Jones                   | 4           | In Person                |
| Elissa Milto                         | 4           | In Person                |
| Jennifer Baker Jones                 | 4           | In Person                |
| Stanley Slepoy                       | 4           | In Person                |
| Timothy Garvey                       | 5           | In Person                |
| Mary Kathleen Adgate                 | 5           | In Person                |
| Sarah Bergman-McCool                 | 5           | In Person                |
| Brad Amidon                          | 5           | In Person                |
| Mario Bertoni                        | 6           | In Person                |
| Geraldine O'Connell                  | 6           | In Person                |
| Daniel O'Brien                       | 7           | In Person                |
| Mary O'Brien                         | 7           | In Person                |
| Charles Viola                        | 7           | In Person                |
| Stephen Hurley                       | 7           | In Person                |
| Kelley Hurley                        | 7           | In Person                |
| Chris DiMeo                          | 7           | In Person                |
| Susan Coakley                        | 7           | In Person                |