

Minutes of the September 24, 2022 Woburn Democratic City Committee Meeting American Legion Hall, 194 Lexington Street, Woburn

Call to order: 9:35AM by Jennifer Baker Jones, WDCC City Chairperson.

Jennifer opened by welcoming everyone and noting the materials that had been distributed online in advance and were available on the tables. She also asked ward chairpersons or those appointed by the ward chairperson to take attendance and to record the membership status of those present because there will be a roll call vote on the by-laws coming up.

Jennifer reviewed a few recent events since our last meeting including the WDCC sponsorship and participation in Juneteenth 2022 – the event was larger than last year and included more events. Michael Curry Esq. was the keynote speaker and was heard on WGBH radio in the days after the event remarking that he enjoyed his visit to Woburn to celebrate Juneteenth. Jennifer thanked all those from the committee who were involved. June also was the State Convention when we had delegates participating in person and virtually. Jennifer thanked all the delegates for their participation and their patience in learning the new voting system used for this year's convention. Jennifer lastly mentioned the work of the By-Laws sub committee in their work to prepare a significant update to our organization's by-laws. Members of the committee were Anthony Langone, Jr. Chairperson, Pat Deal, Carol Donovan, John Heslin and Jennifer Hess. Jennifer noted the studiousness with which the committee worked and their diligence to finish a task in 3 meetings when 6 had been put on the calendar. The update of the by-laws was something, Jennifer noted, was a top priority for her when she took over the chair of the WDCC. Our by-laws help engage our community by letting them know how we work so they know just how they can get involved.

Jennifer reminded chairs to complete their attendance. At 9:41AM, Ward Chairpersons called their meetings to order. The following ward committees met for the purposes of electing new members or officers:

Ward 2 – elect new members transferring from Ward 5: M. Kathleen Adgate, Deshea Harris, George Harris

Ward 3 – elect new members: Meghna Raj and Sheila Newman

Ward 4 – elect new chairperson: Mary Grenham

Ward 5 – elect new treasurer: Tim Garvey

Attendance: 37 present: 35 members; 2 non-members. 38% of the membership present.

The WDCC meeting was called back to order for the reading and acceptance of the April 9, 2022 meeting minutes. Carol Donovan made a motion to forego a reading of the minutes and accept as presented. Jeff Dillon seconded the motion. Jennifer asked for a vote on the motion and it passed unanimously.

Phyllis Norwood presented the WDCC Treasurer's report. Phyllis reported on a current balance of \$1,743.27. The balance at our April meeting was \$1,761.22 and we had receipts totalling \$787.99 and including sponsoring Juneteenth, a memorial gift in memory of Shawn Dillon, and rental of the Legion Hall for today's meeting, along with miscellaneous expenses for copying/supplies. Deposits to the account including donations totaled \$770.04. Phyllis noted that the WDCC executive committee voted to allocate \$500 toward the October 19 event. Jennifer Jones made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report as presented. Carol Donovan seconded. Jennifer asked for a vote on the motion and it passed unanimously.

Presentation of the By-Laws Committee – Anthony Langone, Jr. shared notes from his letter to the committee regarding the presentation of new by-laws that are consistent with the Massachusetts Democratic Party Charter of September 2021 and have been reviewed by MassDems and their Counsel. Anthony pointed out particular ways that the by-laws were specific to our WDCC such as treasury and executive committee and that we meet

quarterly. He thanked the by-laws committee for their work and recognized them all by name. Anthony asked for a motion to read and accept the new by-laws. In many multiples a motion was made to accept without reading. In many multiples the motion was seconded. Anthony noted that it was seconded and called for a vote and it was passed with no objections. Chairs were asked to record the vote at their tables as a roll call vote. 33 members approved; none against; 2 members not present for vote roll call. Our new by-laws are in effect with a passage date of 9/24/2022 by the membership of the WDCC.

New Business: Carol Donovan and Margaret Valentine spoke about the October 19 social/unity event at the Woburn Country Club. Cheese and desserts and cash bar. Tickets are \$15 each and are available on ActBlue and will be sold by cash/check at today’s meeting. All Democratic primary candidates were invited to the event and they encouraged everyone to attend for a lovely evening.

State Committee Reports: Carol Donovan spoke on the recent meeting of the DSC in Springfield. Many of the State-wide candidate spoke to the membership with thanks for their support through the primary. The DSC Chinatown fundraiser will take place soon after several years of not being held. Carol also noted that new interns are starting and this is part of a program the DSC runs for scholarships and internships and she encouraged everyone to be aware of the program if they have young people interested.

Presentation on the Fair Share Amendment/Ballot Question #1 – Ed Dube spoke to the WDCC about the upcoming vote on the Fair Share Amendment outlining that this is a win for the Commonwealth and many of the opposition ads on the topic just aren’t accurate. Fair Share is doing a lot of canvassing and phone calling and Ed let everyone know how to sign up to get involved.

Other Business – Carol Youngclaus spoke that she has Andrea Campbell signs available and she has information on volunteering for canvasses or standouts for the Healey campaign.

Jennifer shared that Chris DiMeo, chair of Ward 7 who was not able to be with us today, sent in a letter voicing his support for a motion to endorse the Fair Share Amendment/YES on Question 1. John Cordero made a motion to endorse the Fair Share Amendment/YES on Question 1 as a City Committee. Kim Leonard seconded the motion. Jennifer asked for a vote on the motion and it passed unanimously.

Carol Donovan asked to speak regarding YES on Question 4 which would be a vote to keep in place the legislation to allow undocumented residents of Massachusetts obtain drivers licenses. She noted that police chiefs across Massachusetts support this because it means drivers on the road are insured. Jennifer asked if the committee was interested in endorsing this ballot measure. Jen Hess made a motion to have the WDCC endorse YES on Question 4. Carol Youngclaus seconded the motion. Jennifer asked for a vote on the motion and it passed unanimously.

With no other business brought by the membership, Jennifer called the meeting adjourned at 10:29AM.

Attendance and Roll Call Vote on By-Laws:

Elected Member	Name	Ward	Roll Call: by-laws
Y	Margaret Valentine	1	y
Y	Jen Hess	1	y
Y	Angela Thomas	1	y
Y	Gary Glennon	1	y
N	Stephen Rice	2	

Y	Doug Cannon	2	y
Y	Elise Mayers	2	y
Y	June Mackenzie	2	y
Y	M. Kathy Adgate	2	y
Y	Kim Leonard	2	y
Y	George Harris	2	y
Y	Deshea Harris	2	y
Y	Carol Donovan	3	y
Y	Meghna Raj	3	y
Y	Sheila Newman	3	y
Y	Jeff Dillon	3	y
Y	Pat Deal	3	y
Y	John Cordero	3	y
Y	Carolyn Pershouse	3	y
Y	Carol Youngclaus	3	y
Y	Anthony Langone Jr.	4	y
Y	Mary Grenham	4	y
Y	Phyllis H Norwood	4	y
Y	Diane Scinto	4	y
Y	Elissa Milto	4	y
Y	Jesse Jones	4	y
Y	Jennifer Baker Jones	4	y
Y	Ramla Hagi	4	
Y	Vanessa Keating	5	y
Y	John Heslin	5	y
Y	Sarah Bergman-McCool	5	y
Y	Brad Amidon	5	y
Y	Geraldine O'Connell	6	y
Y	Mario Bertoni	6	y
N	Hassan Shafiq Ssemwogerere	6	
Y	Charles Viola	7	y
Y	Lilya Dreik	7	

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