

Woburn DCC Meeting Minutes, Saturday, October 23, 2021
9:30AM – American Legion and via Zoom (Hybrid Meeting Format)

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Meeting called to order at 9:32 AM by WDCC Chairperson Jennifer Baker Jones

Jennifer welcomed everyone attending in person and by Zoom and asked Ward Chairs to sign in their tables. June Mackenzie was attending by Zoom so Rai-An Parrish acted as chair at the table for the meeting.

Jennifer thanked the leadership of the ward committees and city committee for their help in planning the fall meeting. Jennifer welcomed Kerstin Lochrie as the new chairperson for Ward 6 as she was voted in at a Ward 6 meeting preceding the City Committee meeting.

Jennifer introduced Carol Youngclaus to lead a moment of silence in tribute to Gen. and Secretary Colin Powell.

Jennifer shared a review of the various activities our committee has taken part in over the last several months – and engaging many members and the greater Woburn community in our efforts:

- In May, the Issues and Campaigns Sub-Committee hosted an online forum on Common Start for early childhood education. We hope to host more of these types of in depth discussions in the future on topics like climate, healthcare and other issues of interest to you, our membership..
- In June we joined with SCI, St. John's Baptist Church, the City of Woburn, the Woburn Public Library, Woburn Welcomes and many others in a Woburn Unites event to celebrate Juneteenth - it was the first time Juneteenth was an official Massachusetts holiday, and it became the newest Federal holiday just days before. We were thrilled with the turnout for the community event, to have our elected state house leaders join us, and to have our Congresswoman and Assistant House Speaker Katherine Clark join us as well. My sincere thanks to many on our committee to helped organize to make the day a success - we look forward to marking the day again next spring.
- We gathered in support of Woburn Pride at the Pride Flag Raising in Woburn Center - great to see friends whenever we mark an important event to celebrate the diversity of our community.
- In July we held our virtual caucuses and then gathered for a social to see each other in person and to meet some of those running in 2022 - we're glad to welcome a few of those candidates again today.

Actions Ahead:

- As we move forward we will be looking toward the 2022 election - there are many opportunities being organized through the Massachusetts Democratic Party to keep up the organizing momentum, but also supporting important special elections in other states (most recently the recall vote in CA) - if you are working on any actions or you're interested in getting involved, please reach out!
- Woburn Dems Give Back is an initiative that came out of our February meeting. I'd like to thank Margaret Valentine for leading an opportunity for us to give back and help our neighbors in Woburn. If you brought items or gift cards to contribute to our Thanksgiving Basket Drive, please see Margaret with your contribution.

- We submitted an application for a table at the Festival on the Common which takes place on the Saturday of Thanksgiving Weekend - if you're interested in helping us host our table please let us know.
- Lastly - today is a busy day in Woburn. Early voting opens today 9-1 and also tomorrow 9-1 at City Hall. We invited our two mayoral candidates, members of our Ward 3 Democratic Committee but Mayor Galvin has his shredding event at City Hall and unfortunately School Committee Chairwoman Ellen Crowley has a funeral to attend on the Cape - both send their regrets but with thanks for the invitation. Jennifer read a letter provided by Mayor Galvin. Ellen Crowley has literature on tables.

Business Meeting:

Reading and Acceptance of the Minutes of the February 6, 2021 meeting via Zoom – Motion made by John Nee, 2nd by Sue Coakley. Vote taken – minutes accepted.

Treasurer's Report by Phyllis Norwood, WDCC Treasurer. Expenses: Juneteenth event sponsorship, WDCC Banner, Biden/Harris signs: \$811.44. Deposits from membership donations: \$1,808.26. Balance: \$1,602.34. On your table there are deposit slips to make your donation or you can use the QR code to give by ActBlue.

Report on the 2021 Democratic State Convention – Carol Donovan

The actual convention was virtual and it was a good format to hear from all of the state-wide candidates. It was nice to have our WDCC delegates get together the morning of the convention so we could see each other before the day started. The platform and amendments all passed. It was a challenge dealing with all of the emails which were long and had several response dates. MassDems will be looking at that for their planning going forward.

Sue Coakley spoke to give her response to the convention – a really progressive platform with significant change and something she can be proud of as a Democrat. Visit the website to see the changes for yourself. It really expressed what we care about as Democrats in Massachusetts.

Jennifer shared that at our WDCC Delegate Convention Morning Zoom that many Woburn Delegates shared that it was great to see how much social and cultural change was reflected in this year's platform.

Proposal to create an ad hoc committee to review and update WDCC by-laws: Jennifer

- If approved, this committee will be tasked with reviewing the current by-laws for consistency with current State Committee Charter (2021); updating procedural outlines including number of members, meeting frequency, etc.; updating language used in the document; and creating a digital file for the by-laws document. Sub-committee to present their report at the next WDCC business meeting (winter 2022).
- Jennifer asked for a motion, Andrew Lipsett made a motion, several seconded. Vote taken – motion passed.
- Jennifer shared that the goal is to bring forward updated by-laws at the spring 2022 meeting.

Additional Business: None

Jennifer shared to reach out if you have questions, email woburndems@gmail.com, and make sure you are receiving our monthly newsletter (check your email settings if it is going into your spam folders).

Jennifer introduced our Guest Speaker, Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin

The following elected leaders addressed the membership:

State Senator Cindy Friedman

State Rep Richard Haggerty

State Rep Michelle Ciccolo

State-wide candidates addressed the membership:

Danielle Allen (Gov.)

State Rep. Dr. Tami Gouveia (Lt. Gov.)

Chris Dempsey (Auditor)

State Senator Diana DiZoglio (Auditor)

Following the speaking program, Jennifer asked for a motion to adjourn (several), 2nd by (several). Vote to adjourn at 11:06AM.

Minutes prepared by Jennifer Baker Jones.

WDC Meeting Attendance, Saturday, October 23, 2021

Combined attendance, in person and Zoom:

First Name:	Last Name:	Ward
Areve	Alexander	1
Gina	Curreri	1
Gary	Glennon	1
Joanna	Gonsalves	1
David	Koffman	1
Emily	Lipsett	1
Andrew	Lipsett	1
Maria	Tancredi	1
Angela	Thomas	1
Margaret	Valentine	1
Mary	Freely	2
Bill "Lefty"	Johnson	2
June	Makenzie	2
Rai An	Perrish	2
Tom	Arsenault	3
Heather	Byrns	3
Patricia	Deal	3
Carol	Donovan	3
Rich	Haggerty	3
Haley	Haggerty	3

Carolyn	Pershouse	3
Carol	Youngclaus	3
Elizabeth	Cavicchi	4
Jennifer	Jones	4
Anthony	Langone	4
John	Nee	4
Katie	Nee	4
Phyllis	Norwood	4
Diane	Scinto	4
Mary Kathleen	Adgate	5
Brad	Amidon	5
Colleen	Cormier	5
Tim	Garvey	5
John	Heslin	5
Mario	Bertoni	6
Maureen	Curran	6
Kerstin	Lochrie	6
Geraldine	O'Connell	6
Susan	Coakley	7
Steve	Hurley	7