

**February 21, 2023, Charlton Democratic Town Committee Meeting Minutes  
Charlton Grange, 6:30 P.M.**

Attendees: (G=Grange, Z=Zoom)

Henry Weiland (G), Pat Stockwell (G), Kathleen Walker (G), Mike Lally (G), Peg O'Connor(G), JoEllen Burlingame (G), Anya Grondalski (Z), Suzanne Hall (Z)  
Aisling Keane (Z) – guest speaker from the State party invited by Henry  
Steve Koronis (G) – guest invited by Kathleen  
Jeanne Costello (G) – arrived after adjourned

**Meeting Objective: Discuss May Town Election and the upcoming Earth Day Event.**

- I. Roll call of officers, and members, sign-in sheets, and announcement of quorum
  - Henry called the meeting to order. A sign-in sheet was used in lieu of roll call.
  - Quorum met with 6
- II. Guest speaker Aisling Keane, Blueprint Manager from the State Party, led a discussion about a State Blueprint Program, “Earth Day of Action,” to be held by DTCs across the state for Earth Day. The goal is to engage more Democrats and make them aware of environmental issues and actions important to Democrats. Potential ideas were discussed. Kathleen mentioned running a booth on the common at Charlton Earth Day. Anya mentioned advertising Democrat environment legislation and potential ideas to engage children at the booth, including a seed kit to take home. Henry affirmed that it was not the goal to “disseminate” Democrat values but to promote the environment and engage with the community, which is an important part of the committee. Henry motioned to form an Earth Day sub-committee with himself as chair, JoEllen and Pat as members, and Kathleen as a go-between with the town Earth Day Committee. Pat seconded. Motion passed. Henry and JoEllen will work on logistics. Henry and Pat will man a table on Apr 29<sup>th</sup> town Earth Day.
- III. Accepting the minutes of the previous meeting
  - Henry asked if everyone had read January 2023 meeting minutes, and all replied yes.
  - Kathleen made a motion to accept. Peg seconded. Motion passed.
- IV. Treasurer’s Report
  - Treasurer Kathleen forgot the bank statement to be filed and will mail it to Pat
- V. Reports of officers and committees
  - A. Henry
    - Received a letter from Town Admin Andrew Golas regarding Lisa’s 3 yr term as a Democratic registrar being up. She has agreed to serve another term.
    - Mike made a motion to reappoint her. Pat seconded. Motion passed. Henry will send in town paperwork.
  - B. Pat
    - Food Drive update. Pat and Peg have met to discuss plans. April 22<sup>nd</sup> was chosen as the date to do pick-ups and deliver to Chip-In. Pat talked with Darlene about plans and Chip-In will allow messaging on their Soc Media.
    - Some discussion about types of outreach.

- Henry made a motion to vote on continuing plans and a commitment from members to assist with the Food Drive. Motion passed.
- Pat attended the Replace Fattman sub-committee of the DTC Collaborative and took minutes. The discussion focused on sharing names of Democrats we can contact about running for State Senator, the issues we want a candidate to focus on, and what a candidate might need from us.
- There are 19 towns in the new district. Four do not have DTCs. Nine are presently participating and we are continuing outreach for additional town representatives.
- Pat has been asked to co-chair the committee, to which she agreed. The co-chairs are meeting Feb 24<sup>th</sup> to discuss action items.

C. Kathleen

- Kathleen will talk to Geraldo about running against Fattman.

D. Lisa

- Not present.
- JoEllen graciously agreed to take the minutes for this meeting.

E. Anya

- Anya has the Linktree and a new FB Charlton Dems profile page up and running for outreach purposes, allowing Friending and Direct Messaging.
- Has reached out to 50 or so people, but only a couple have clicked through the form and no one has responded. About 50% have accepted the Friend request.
- She has color-coded communications in the shared list on google drive.

VI. Reading of communication addressed to committee.

- No new communications to read.

VII. Unfinished Business

- T-Shirts: Peg brought up possible changes to the design, particularly if we intend to sell them. A brief discussion followed regarding using the town logo, multiple colors, the donkey, and the flag, along with a few suggestions. Jeanne has been working on a design and costs but was not in attendance. She provided some paperwork and info when she arrived and it will be put on next month's agenda to finalize. A formal vote will be held on the motto and design next meeting.

VIII. New Business

- None
- The meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.