

Windham County Democratic Committee Meeting Minutes

Brattleboro Savings and Loan

January 10, 2005

Officers Present: Lynn Bedell, Chair; Lisa Hecht, Vice Chair; Elizabeth Szczesniak-Johnson, Secretary

Welcome: Lynn Bedell called meeting to order at 7:10 pm.

Legislative Update: Senator Jeannette White and Representatives Richard Marek and Steve Darrow spoke on their committee involvement, hot issues in Montpelier and what WCDC members can do to help: Write individualized letters, testify, lobby.

State Committee Report: Bari Shamas, Delegate to State Committee, reported Scutter Parker stepped down and Peter Mallery now chairs. S. Parker made the following recommendations: 1. Re-write the bylaws; 2. Focus on Veterans and those serving; 3. Assert faith as strength; 4. Honor Dean Phenomenon of the Meet ups. B. Shamas added that we should "show leadership in positive ways starting now."

Anti-Iraq War Resolution: Dora Bouboulis, Peace and Justice, presented an Anti-Iraq War Resolution to the committee. B. Shamas made a motion to adopt the Anti-Iraq War Resolution with the amendment to change to reflect the name, "Windham County Democratic Committee." Lisa Hecht seconded, motion passed, with one opposed and one abstention. Press release on this matter will be done.

Minutes: Janet Wheeler made a motion to approve the minutes of October 4, 2004. Lisa Hecht seconded, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Lynn Bedell announced that Allie Evens had to step down as Treasurer and thanked her for her service. Deb Luskin, the new Treasurer, submitted a report for the meeting: All state reports have been filed, we now have an ATM Card, the current balance is reported at \$1,285.45. \$45 was collected at the meeting this evening.

Website - www.windhamdem.org: Reed Webster and Elizabeth Szczesniak-Johnson continue to maintain the website and are looking for post election direction from the members of the committee. Would like to encourage democratic legislators to take advantage of space available to keep members informed. Please let either of us know if there is information to be posted.

Voter Lists: Lisa Hecht, Vice Chair, announced that she will not drop the ball on the lists. Recommends that everyone is using the same software.

Planning: Need to reach out to moderate democrats, monthly meet-up on issues, have Andy Burrows as a speaker at a future meeting.

Call for Candidates: Lynn Bedell announced to all present that we need good democratic candidates to come forward. County Chairs will be contacted on this matter.

Adjourn: Elizabeth Szczesniak-Johnson motioned to adjourn at 9:06, seconded by Bob Treat, passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Windham County Democratic Committee will be Monday, March 7, 2005, 7-9 pm, Brattleboro Savings and Loan Community Room, 221 Main

Street, Brattleboro.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Szczesniak-Johnson
WCDC Secretary