

# **Danvers Democratic Town Committee**

## **June Meeting**

**Lou June 24, 2024**

# Guest Speaker

Justin Glenzer

Out of State Director,

New Hampshire Democratic Coordinated Campaign



# Meeting Minutes

## MINUTES OF DANVERS DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, May 6, 2024

**Present:** Lou Bernazzani, Maria Bernazzani, Phil Bolduc Liz Brennan, Julie Curtis, Marilyn Hazel, Elaine Hegan, Jan Hegan, Vincent Malgeri, Tom Meagher

**Guests:** Dutrochet Djoko, Jillian Earp Durand, Charlotte Jordan, Brian Rockett

**Secretary Minutes:** There were two corrections broad forth.. Name is Liz Brennan not Conrad, and under new business, should be co-chair not vice chair. After the changes were made, a motion was made by Phil Bolduc and seconded by Vincent Malgeri to approve the secretary minutes of the April 8, 2024 with corrections made. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:** In treasurer Karen Desmond's absence, the following report was forwarded to recording secretary Julie Curtis:

As of the end of April 2024, our checking account had \$3,170.82 deposited in it.

### **Reports of Officers and Committees:**

Danvers Democratic Town Committee clean-up day event on April 20, 2024 – day was very wet but small group was able to clean up senior center and school property.

Scholarship Committee Update – Chair Julie Curtis reported a selection had been made. Winner will be announced at Scholarship Awards Night at the high school Thursday, June 6, 2024. We will be inviting recipient to attend our cook-out later in the summer.

Results of National 6<sup>th</sup> District Delegate Caucus at Peabody Veterans High School on April 27, 2024 – The following people were elected to attend the Democratic National Convention in Chicago August, 19-22, 2024: Joe Caiazzo, Danvers, Michael Lis, North Andover, David Seaton, West Newbury, Eileen Duff, Gloucester, Rani Jacobson, Gloucester, Diann Slavit Baylis, Marblehead, and Tram Nguyen, Andover, Alternate.

### **Old or Unfinished Business:**

After a discussion about appointing members as full members or associate members when there are vacancies for full members, and being informed associate members could not vote, a motion was made by Julie Curtis and seconded by Marilyn Hazel to vote Maria Bernazzani and Phil Bolduc in as full members of the Danvers Democratic Town Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Lou Bernazzani, Marilyn Hazel and Julie Curtis recently attended the Peabody Democratic City Committee GOTV event at the Peabody AOH and Lou and Maria Bernazzani and Julie Curtis attended yesterday's Gloucester Democratic City brunch. Lou is planning on attending other City Democratic meetings in Peabody, Beverly and Gloucester to see what they are doing to attract new members.

Discussion on Town Election - A discussion was held regarding the Danvers Town Election tomorrow and our Committee being involved with candidates. After review of our Bylaws it was decided that as long as a candidate is a registered Democrat we could be involved with the race. Dutrochet Djoko, a candidate for select board thanked our committee for those members who have volunteered in his campaign. Julie Curtis added it was so nice to see so many of our committee involved with this positive campaign.

Promote Member Engagement/Improve Effectiveness Discussion - Chair Bernazzani presented the Danvers Democratic Town Committee member survey results and a discussion followed. We also discussed what went well with Djoko campaign. Things that people active with Djoko campaign responded with were: door knocking with Dutrochet in their neighborhoods, texting people, standouts, dear friend postcards. We also addressed working with the Coodinated Biden campaign. We also spoke about successful things that our committee has done for the community. We talked about hosting diaper and food drives in conjunction with the MLK, Jr Day of Action and participating in the Town-Wide cleanup. In the past we have held voter registrations. It was suggested we contact Matt Chilliak from Congressman Seth Moulton's office. We also need to update our committee pamphlet.

**State Committee Reports:** Our two State Committee members Julie Curtis and Marilyn Hazel reported the next State Committee meeting would be held in Bourne on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup>. They also addressed us on the Democratic State Convention in Worcester on June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Adjournment:** Where there was no other business to discuss, a motion was made by Vincent Malgeri and seconded by Liz Brennan to adjourn the May 6, 2024 meeting of the Danvers Democratic Town Committee at 8:46 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie E. Curtis  
Recording Secretary

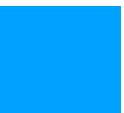
# Treasurers Report



The Bank balance: \$ 3,030.06.

Recent Transactions:

- Wellness Gift (Vinny & Tom)
- Polish Club (Octoberfest)



# DHS Scholarship

Gabrielle Griffin-Fetsch



## Scholarship Committee

Scholarship Awarded at DHS Senior Award Night on June 6

- Julie Curtis - Chair
- Bea Clark
- Carol McLaughlin
- Paul Pawlak
- Lou Bernazzani

Thank you!

# Old - Unfinished Business

## Danvers Town Election Results

MODERATOR		LIBRARY TRUSTEES	
For 1 Year	Vote for not more than 1	For 3 Years	Vote for not more than 3
<b>PATRICIA CAROL FRAIZER</b> 18 Hyde Street Candidate For Re-Election	<input type="radio"/>	<b>MICHAEL J. SHANNON</b> 29 Mass Avenue	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>	<b>JESSICA M. CARGILE</b> 15 Bayberry Road Candidate For Re-Election	<input type="radio"/>
SELECT BOARD		<b>DANA M. HAGAN</b> 21 Roman Avenue Candidate For Re-Election	<input type="radio"/>
For 3 Years	Vote for not more than 2	<b>CAROLINE POMAKIS</b> 57 Sylvan Street 2B	<input type="radio"/>
<b>MICHAEL D. BEAN</b> 10 Wenham Street	<input type="radio"/>	<b>DONNA LYNN HOPKINS</b> 33 Chestnut Street Candidate For Re-Election	<input type="radio"/>
<b>DUTROCHET DEE DJOKO</b> 4 Old Stonewall Avenue	<input type="radio"/>	<b>DAVID L. ELZEY</b> 42 River Street	<input type="radio"/>
<b>GARDNER S. TRASK III</b> 31 Fellows Street Candidate For Re-Election	<input type="radio"/>	(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>
<b>MATTHEW E. DUGGAN</b> 41 Chase Street Candidate For Re-Election	<input type="radio"/>	(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>	(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>	HOUSING AUTHORITY	
SCHOOL COMMITTEE		For 5 Years	Vote for not more than 1
For 3 Years	Vote for not more than 2	<b>CARLA E. KING</b> 9 Buxton Road Candidate For Re-Election	<input type="radio"/>
<b>MICHAEL J. SHANNON</b> 29 Mass Avenue	<input type="radio"/>	(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>
<b>SEAN J. DOHERTY</b> 7 Salvatore Circle	<input type="radio"/>		
(Write-in)	<input type="radio"/>		

### Dee Djoko elected to Select Board

- Michael Bean: 2,202
- Dee Djoko: 2,171
- Gardner Trask: 1,799
- Matt Duggan: 1,090

### Michael Shannon elected to School Committee

### Town Meeting Members:

- Marilyn Hazel re-elected - Prec. 6
- Phil Bolduc narrow loss - Prec. 2

Thanks to everyone who worked for and voted for these candidates.

# MassDems Convention

June 1, 2024

DCU Center, Worcester

Purpose:

1. Bring together Democrats from across the state to rally for Democratic candidates
2. Endorse Senator Elizabeth Warren for re-election.

The convention message was clear.

All progress achieved by the current administration is at risk of being reversed and undone by a Trump presidency.

We've accomplished a lot, there is more to do.

We MUST win in November.

Let's all get to work to elect Dems!

## DanversDems Delegates

- Phil Bolduc
- Julie Curtis
- Marilyn Hazel
- State Rep Sally Kerans
- Tom Meagher
- Ted Speliotis
- Lou Bernazzani

Thank you!

# Old - Unfinished Business

## Education of the new co-chair

- Attended meetings with:
  - Gloucester Committee (May 9)- Chair Matt Murray 
    - Liz Brennan & Maria Bernazzani
  - Beverly Committee (May 21) - Chair Keith Sonia
  - Woburn Committee - Chair Jennifer Jones
    - Liz Brennan led this outreach
    - Attended Juneteenth Celebration - June 15
    - Liz Brennan & Maria Bernazzani
- Upcoming Meeting
  - Salem Committee (July 8) - Chair Liz Bradt
  - Peabody Committee (TBD) - Chair Beverly Griffin Dunn

Will be attending a meeting with each of the 4 committees.



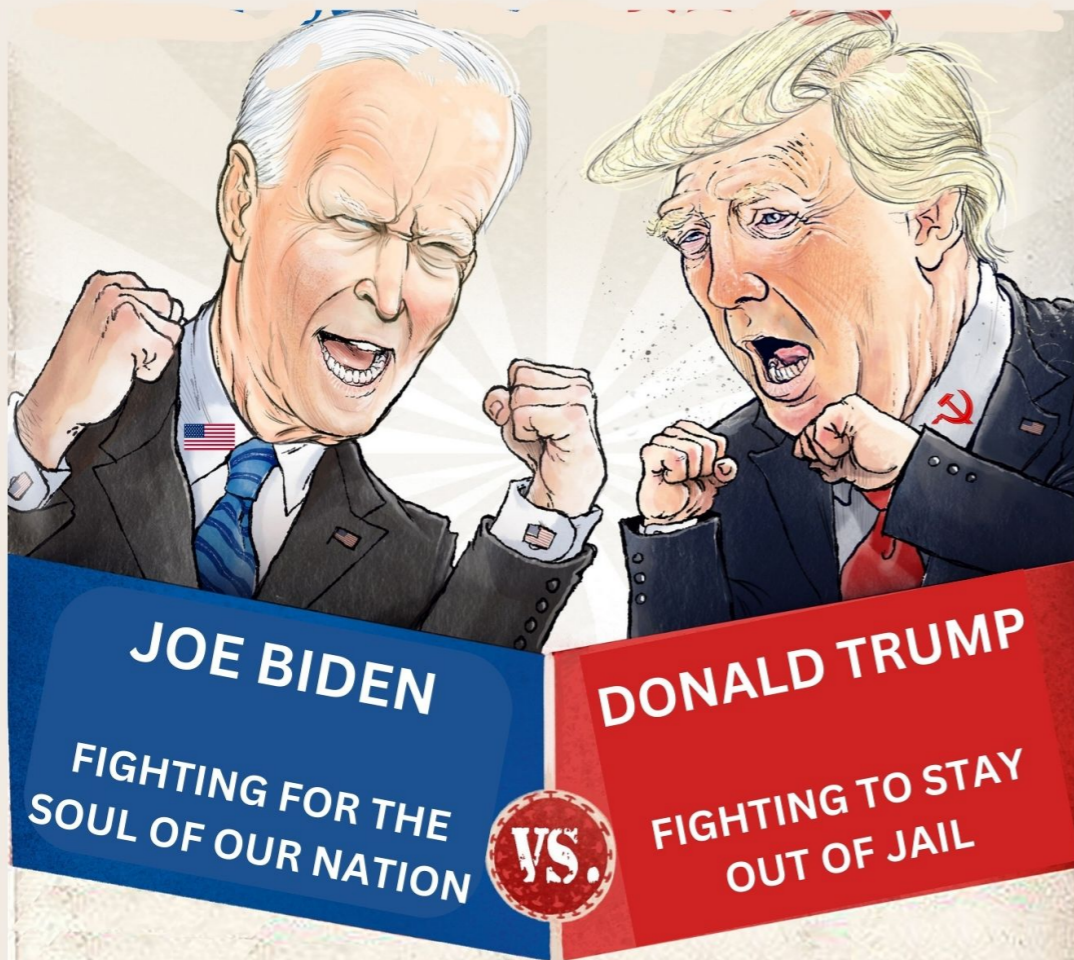
# Debate Watch Party

June 27 - Polish Club

Danvers Democratic Town Committee

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## DEBATE NIGHT DEMOCRACY VS. AUTOCRACY



Don't Want To Watch The Debate Alone! - Need Some Alcohol!

Please Come Watch With Us

Family, Friends, non members are welcome!

Thurs. June 27	Direct from Ringside at: Polish Club - 10 Cheever Street, Danvers		
	Doors Open @ 8:00 PM	Free Event	Cash Bar

Get more info @ [info@danversdemocrats.org](mailto:info@danversdemocrats.org) or 781-607-4602  
[www.danversdemocrats.org](http://www.danversdemocrats.org) or Facebook

### Everyone is invited

- Family, friends, non members welcome

### Invited members from surrounding city/town committees.

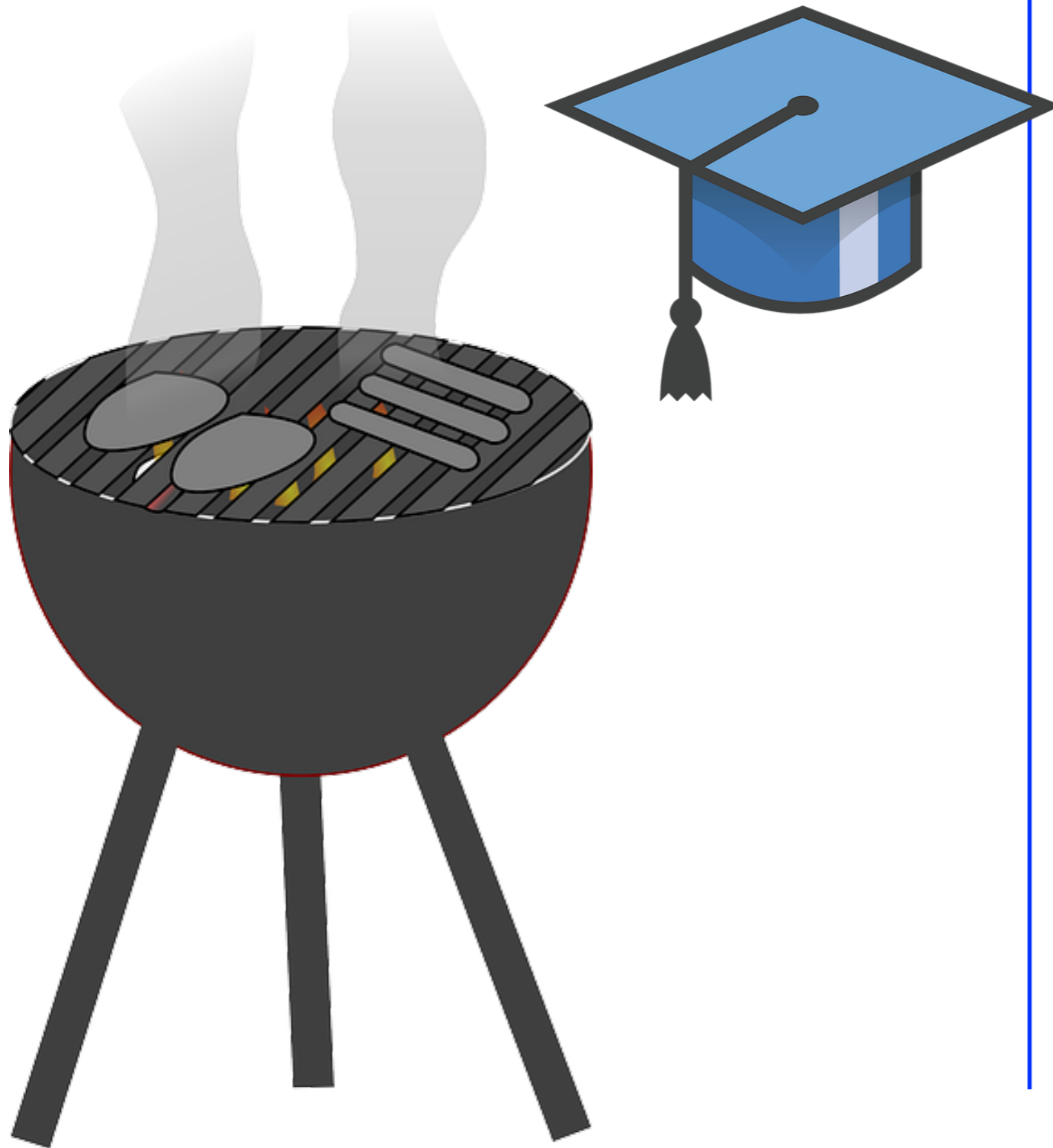
- Opportunity to discuss how we can share ideas and work together.

### Debate from 9:00 to 10:30

- Doors open @ 8:00

# Scholarship Presentation Annual Cookout

**Saturday, June 29**



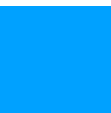
**Date dependent on recipients availability**

**@ Marilyn Hazel's house**

- 13 Donegal Circle

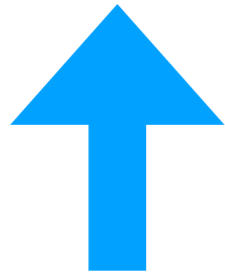
**From 4:00 to 6:00**

Your speciality dessert, appetizer, side dish or beverage is welcomed.

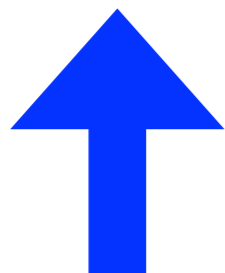


# Increase Membership Workshop

Strategy for Supporting  
Dems in November



Plan to Increase  
Membership



Understand Where We Are



At April meeting, Julie Curtis raised the concern that the committee needed infusion of more people and younger people.

- Many ideas on how to proceed.
- Committee decided to have a workshop to develop a plan.

At May meeting, we reviewed survey results to understand where we are.

- Meetings
- Community Events
- Issues
- Social Media
- General Comments

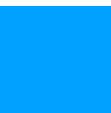
This meeting to discuss members ideas to use to develop a plan.

# Thanks Everyone



**CONGRATULATIONS  
CELTICS**

**Next Meeting is Thursday, August 15**



# Old - Unfinished Business

## Education of the new co-chair

### Gloucester

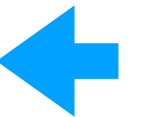
- 12 - 14 people @ meeting
- Engaged team
- Attendance down
- Movie night
- Block parties
- Debate/election watch party
- Food pantry
  - Accept money
  - Venmo?
- Local candidates

### Beverly

- 14 people @ meeting
- Engaged team
- Attendance down
- LobsterFest table
- Block parties
- Hand out Biden signs
- Social Pub Event

### Woburn

- 90 members
- Juneteenth Celebration
- Hand out signs, buttons, flags
- LobsterFest table
- 4 meetings per year
- Events other months



From my notes ...