

Danvers Democratic Town Committee

August Meeting

Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF DANVERS DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING

Monday, June 24, 2024 – 7:00 pm Hybrid

Present: Lou Bernazzani, Maria Bernazzani, Phil Bolduc, Liz Brennan, Mary Condon, Julie Curtis, Jillian Earp Durand, Louis George, Marilyn Hazel, Carla Meagher, Tom Meagher

Guest: Justin Glenzer, Deputy Organizing Director, New Hampshire Democratic Coordinated Campaign

Before the meeting began, Justin Glenzer spoke about the many ways we could assist with the New Hampshire Democratic elections.

Call to Order: The June 24, 2024 meeting of the Danvers Democratic Town Committee was called to order at 7:20 pm.

Recording Secretary Report: Due to confusion, the May 6, 2024 secretary minutes were not available. Recording Secretary Julie Curtis will email them to Lou Bernazzani.

Treasurer's Report: Co-Chairperson Bernazzani reported there was \$3,030.06 in our checking account. A motion was made by Phil Bolduc and seconded by Tom Meagher to accept the treasurer's report. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports of Officers and Committees:

Scholarship Committee Update – Committee Chair Julie Curtis reported that Gabrielle Griffin-fetsch had been selected as the 2024 Danvers Democratic Town Committee Scholarship recipient. Gabby will be attending our upcoming cook-out. Co-Chair Marilyn Hazel will be contacting either Mike Shannon or Dutrochet Djoko to ask them to hand out the scholarship.

MassDems Convention Recap – a discussion was held. Theme was we needed to work together to get things done. There was not a lot said about Trump's guilty verdict instead a positive message. There were not enough seats in our district section. Some delegates had to sit in nearby sections.

:New Business

Upcoming Events – Presidential Debate Watch Party at Polish Club on June 27
Scholarship Presentation Cook-Out on June 29
There are Congressman Seth Moulton lawn signs available
Install Instagram account for Danvers Democratic Committee

New Member – A motion was made by Marilyn Hazel and seconded by Julie Curtis to nominate Jillian Earp Durand as a member of the Danvers Democratic Town Committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Next committee meeting is August 15 at a location to be determined.

Adjournment: A motion was made by Louis George and seconded by Marilyn Hazel to adjourn the June 24, 2024 meeting of the Danvers Democratic Town Committee at 8:45 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie E. Curtis
Recording Secretary

Motion to Approve

Treasurers Report



The Bank balance: \$ 3,030.06

No activity since June Report

Motion to Approve

So, did anything happen since our June meeting?



Guest Speaker

Alex Bausch

MassDems,

Assisting the Harris/Walz Campaign



Open Form

Sally Kerans

State Representative



Open Forum

Mary Henry

Speaking on behalf of

Eileen Duff

Candidate for Register of Deeds



Discussion

Actions we could take to elect Democrats

Kamala Harris/Tim Walz - President

Elizabeth Warren - US Senator

Seth Moulton - US Congress (unopposed)

Joan Lovely - State Senator

Sally Kerans - State Representative (unopposed)

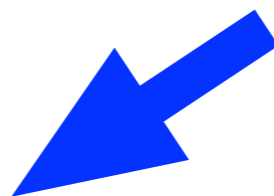
Eunice Ziegler - Governors Council

Primary Election

Eileen Duff/Joseph Gentleman - Register of Deeds

Tom Driscoll/James Doherty - Clerk of Courts

Who do we want to support?



How do we want to support them?

Door knock ?

Hold Signs ?

Post Cards ?

Phone Bank ?

Donations ?

Text ?



Harris/Walz Lawn Signs

MassDems has contracted the services of Connolly Printing in Woburn to provide some low-cost Harris/Walz yard signs & rally signs.

Signs will be available for less than \$10 apiece (exact price will be determined by how many are ordered).

The signs will be the regular Harris-Walz logo.

Orders must be submitted by **August 22**.

If you want a sign, contact me @ lou@danversdemocrats.org or by using the Contact Us page on DDTC website; www.danversdemocrats.org

No payment required when requesting a sign, we'll figure it out once they are received .

Let's blanket the state with our support for Harris/Walz!

Endorsements

DanversDems Leadership Team on behalf of the DDTC will endorse all Dem candidates not involved in a primary election

Kamala Harris/Tim Walz - President ✓

Elizabeth Warren - US Senator ✓

Seth Moulton - US Congress (unopposed) ✓

Joan Lovely - State Senator ✓

Sally Kerans - State Representative (unopposed) ✓

Eunice Zeigler - Governors Council ✓

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Didn't get to inform members during the meeting but we will be issuing these endorsements.

DDTC By-Laws Does Not Allow Endorsement in Democrat Primary

Toiletries Drive - August 10 & 11



First event held at a business location

- CVS Downtown

Donations for Danvers Food Pantry

- Large amount of products donated
- \$150+ in cash and gift cards

Combined charitable event with a DanversDems information table.

- Charitable Event: very successful
- Information table: limited success

Thanks to everyone who donated

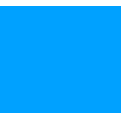
Thanks to volunteers: Marilyn, Julie & Maria



Thanks to Liz Brennan for hosting this event.

Recent Actions Status

1. Information Table @ Summer Library Concerts - Phil Bolduc
 - Town responded affirmatively to our request on August 12
 - Too late for this year but a template for next year and future events
2. Invitation to Presidential Primary Write-in names
 - Sent to 26 people inviting to attend a meeting or join our email list
3. Designing DanversDems logo - Jillian & Joe Durand with Liz Brennan
5. Eileen Duff request for endorsement not acted on
 - DanversDems By-Laws does not allow endorsing when primary challenge
6. New DanversDems Instagram account - danversdems1 - please follow
8. OctoberFest scheduled for September 28



OctoberFest

Saturday September 28 @ Polish Club

Event Information

- Largest DanversDems fundraiser
- Theme: We Choose Freedom!
- Request all guests wear their favorite patriotic or political shirt (“joy”)
- Have sent out speaker invitations (state and local officials)
- Have sent out guest invitations (210)
- Collecting diapers for local families in need

Volunteer Information

Cochair-in-training’s first time doing this

- not in his skill set
- Forming an OctoberFest Committee - volunteer if you can
 - Food Coordinator - Marilyn
 - Food and/or dessert donations
 - Coffee
 - Diaper Drive Coordinator
 - Decorations/Centerpieces
 - Check in at front table
 - Set up tables
 - Set out food
 - Clean up

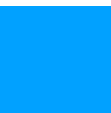
Everyone should have received invitation today

Thanks Everyone

**CONGRATULATIONS
USA ATHLETES**



Next Meeting is Tuesday, September 17



State Primary Election

Election Day

Tuesday, September 3, 2024

Danvers High School Field House

7:00 AM - 8:00 PM

Early Voting

Saturday, August 24 thru August 30

Town Hall - Toomey Room

During Town Hall Business Hours

Mail In Ballot

Request by Monday, August 26

5:00 PM