

Danvers Democratic Town Committee

October Meeting

Meeting Minutes

MINUTES OF DANVERS DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 – In person and via Zoom

Present: Phil Bolduc, Liz Brennan, Beatrice Clark, Julie Curtis, Karen Desmond, Jillian Durand, Marilyn Hazel, Elaine Hegan, Jan Hegan, Charlotte Jordan, Beth Kontos,, Carol McLaughlin, Carla Meagher, Tom Meagher

Guests: Christopher Holmes, Elina Kutrubes, Jeff Lathrop, Lucy Vartani

Candidate Guests: Tom Driscoll, Clerk of Courts and Joan Lovely, State Senator

Before the meeting was called to order, Clerk of Courts Tom Driscoll stopped by to thank the Danvers Democratic Town Committee for their support of his successful candidacy. State Senator Joan Lovely gave an update on senate business over the last legislative session. And Beth Kontos spoke on Ballot Question 2 – Elimination of MCAS as high school requirement and why the voters should vote in favor of it. Beatrice Clark pointed out that in the Massachusetts Information for Voters guide 2024 Ballot Questions, the majority of the Special Joint Committee on Initiative Petitions recommended that this petition ought not to be enacted by the legislature at this time.

Call to Order: The September 17, 2024 meeting of the Danvers Democratic Committee was called to order by Vice Chair Tom Meagher at 7:45 pm.

Secretary Minutes: A motion was made by Phil Bolduc and seconded by Liz Brennan to accept the secretary minutes of the August 15, 2024 as printed. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer Report: Treasurer Karen Desmond reported the following: The Committee had \$3,283.17 in our checking account including \$400 from Act Blue. A motion was made by Beatrice Clark and seconded by Beth Kontos to accept the treasurer report as presented.

Desmond then spoke about what the Executive Board was recommending as candidate donations. The vote on amounts donations was done electronically. There was a short discussion on whether or not it was good to vote electronically. The following was reported: Full amount not to exceed \$500.00

Kamala Harris/Tim Walz Presidential	\$100.00
Elizabeth Warren United States Senate	50.00
*Seth Moulton Campaign (Campaign asked that donations be made to Serve America)	50.00
Joan Lovely, State Senate	75.00
*Sally Kerans, State Representative	75.00
Eunice Zeigler, Governors Council	50.00
*signifies candidate unopposed	

Elected Candidates after the Primary election	
Eileen Duff/Joseph Gentleman, Register of Deeds	50,00
Thomas Driscoll/James Doherty, Clerk of Courts	50.00

A discussion was held regarding accepting the donation amounts as proposed by the Executive Board. A motion was made by Beatrice Clark and seconded by Beth Kontos to accept the proposed donation recommendations of the Executive Board. A friendly amendment was offered by Elaine Hegan to not donate to Serve America and to take the \$50.00 and add to amount donated to Eunice Zeigler. Beatrice Clark agreed to this friendly amendment. Then Jillian Durand made a second friendly amendment to donate the \$50.00 originally recommended to Serve America as follows add \$25.00 to Joan Lovely and

\$25.00 to Eunice Zeigler instead of the \$50.00 to Zeigler. This made the two donation totals as follows. \$100.00 to Joan Lovely and \$75.00 to Eunice Zeigler, This would make the total of all donations to the \$500.00 as agreed upon. Beatrice Clark agreed to this second friendly amendment and this motion passed unanimously.

State Committee Report: State Committee Members Marilyn Hazel and Julie Curtis reported that the State Committee was recruiting Massachusetts Democrats to travel to New Hampshire and Maine to canvass for Harris/Walz and the rest of Democratic candidates on the ballot. Curtis said the next State Committee meeting would be held on November 14th at a destination tba and Hazel added at this meeting the committee would be voting for a Chairperson.

Old Business:

Vice Chair Marilyn Hazel reminded us that our Freedom Fest date was September 28th at the Polish Club. She said we could enter for set up at 5:00 pm. Hazel was asking committee to notify her what food they would be bringing. She also said that Louis George and Ellen Dempsey had agreed to cover the kitchen. Hazel reminded us to wear our favorite political t-shirts and we would be holding a diaper/wipes drive as part of our event.

New Business:

Phil Bolduc gave an update on local issues. He reviewed that there were several volunteer opportunities for current Committees and Councils. He asked who on our committee was presently serving on a Town Committee or Council and what individual member interests were. He also had a list of Board and Committee Volunteer opportunities and offered the list could be found on the town website mygovernment/vacancies. Bolduc offered there was a potential of two Selectboard vacancies next May. By recruiting our members to run for town office, we could be a possible lead to plans to steer local policy in the future. Bolduc also spoke about the Danvers Open Space and Recreation Plan and finished with we should discuss the departure of Town Manager Steve Bartha.

Marilyn Hazel will be holding a post card party at her home on September 30th starting at 7:00 pm.

Adjournment: Where there was no other business to attend to, a motion was made by Phil Bolduc and seconded by Beth Kontos to adjourn the September 7, 2024 Danvers Democratic Town Committee meeting at 8:25 pm. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie E. Curtis
Recording Secretary

Motion to Approve

Treasurers Report



The Bank Balance: \$4,047.77

Activity Since Last Meeting

- Donations to Candidates
- FreedomFest (Income and Expenses)

Motion to Approve

Guest Speakers

Ballot Question 4:

Legalization and Regulation of Psychedelic
Substances Initiative

Tomas O'Brien, Yes on Four - Hope and Healing

Ballot Question 5:

Minimum Wage for Tipped Workers

Mitchell Gaynor & Frank Mozell, Yes on Five

DanversDems

DanversDem Gerald Clark is at the Woburn Rehabilitation Center.

Bea and Gerald are longtime DanversDems. We will send our best wishes for a speedy recovery. If you would like to reach out to Gerald and Bea:

Woburn Rehabilitation Hospital
18 Frances Street
Woburn, MA 01801

Home Address:
Bea and Gerald Clark
64 Lindall Street
Danvers, MA 01923

[Email: k1dfd@aol.com](mailto:k1dfd@aol.com)

FreedomFest Recap - September 28



13 Speakers were informative, inspiring and crisp

- Congressman Seth Moulton
- Secretary of State Bill Galvin
- State Auditor Diana DiZoglio
- State Senator Lovely (missed due to COVID)
- State Representative Sally Kerans
- District Attorney Paul Tucker
- Sheriff Kevin Coppinger
- Alex Bausch - MA Director Harris/Walz Campaign
- Eileen Duff - candidate for Register of Deeds
- Tom Driscoll - candidate for Essex County Clerk of Courts
- Eunice Zeigler - Candidate for Governor's Council
- Alix Smullin - Swing Left
- Marsha Finklestein - swing state canvassing
- Beth Kontos - Question 2: Eliminate MCAS Graduation Requirement

About 65 people attended

Collected Diapers for the Danvers Food Pantry

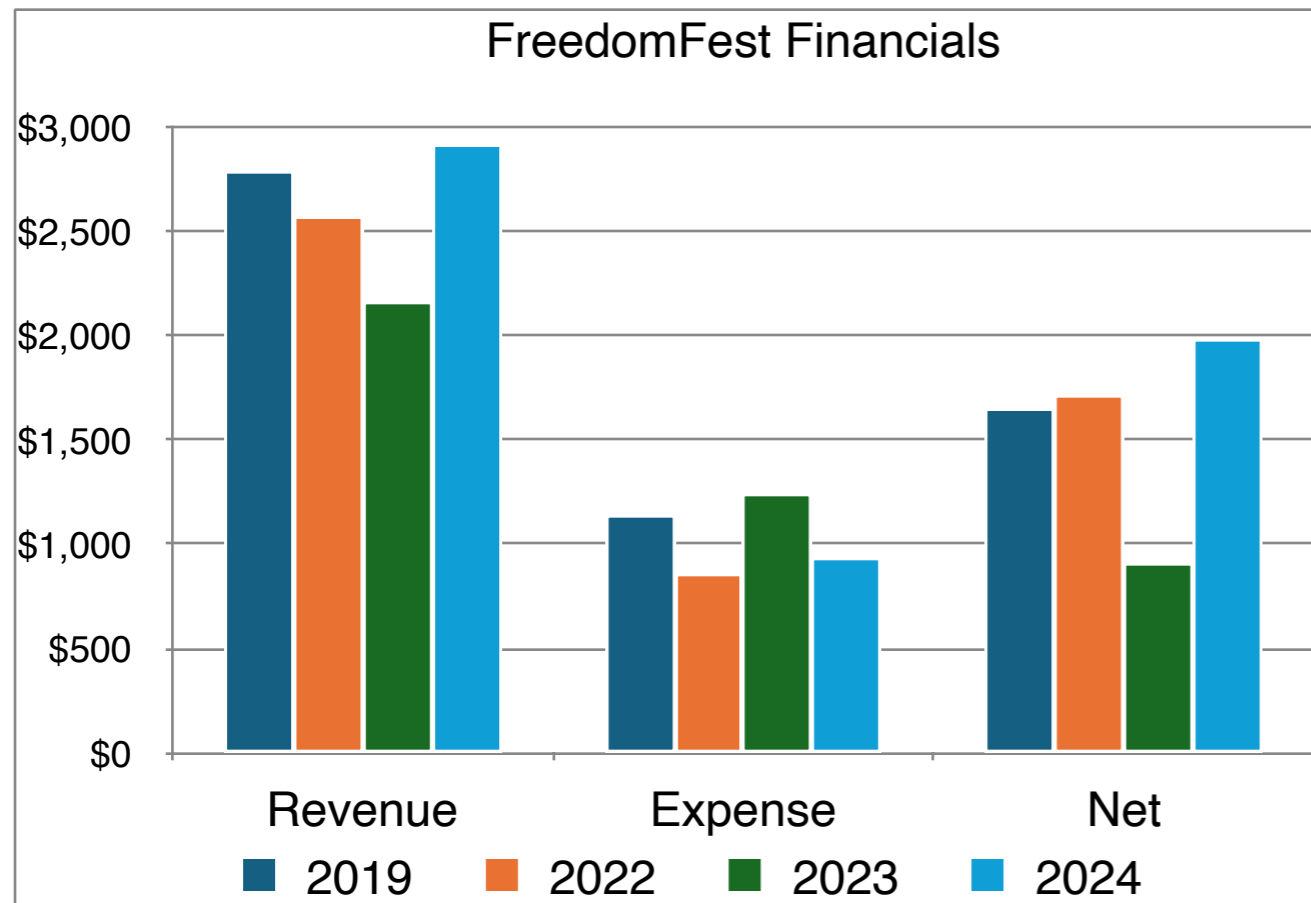
Abundance of Great Food

- Donated a large amount of food to the River House Women's Homeless Shelter in Beverly



A Very Successful Event!

FreedomFest Financials



Total Income \$2,910

- Ticket Sales \$1,910
- Sponsors \$1,000
 - Phil Bolduc
 - Julie Curtis
 - Kacey Desmond
 - Tom Driscoll
 - Marilyn Hazel
 - Sally Kerans
 - Tom Meagher
 - Arthur Powell
 - Lou & Maria Bernazzani

Net Income \$1,978.69

- Highest in recent years

THANK YOU!

- Everyone who donated food.
- Everyone who helped set up and clean up
- Lou George, Ellen Dempsey, Jim Brennan & Dave Rodriguez - kitchen
- Liz Brennan - Diapers
- Julie Curtis - Front Table
- Tom and Carla Meagher - Coffee & Donate to River House
- Marilyn Hazel - coordinating everything
- Everyone who passed notes to the rookie host

A Financially Successful Event!

Hosted Events

Hosted 3 Post Card Swing Left Events

- Liz Brennan
- Marilyn Hazel (two)

New Hampshire Canvass

- Participated with North Shore Women
- Coordinated by State Rep. Sally Kerans
- Kicked off by Gov. Maura Healey



Volunteering to Elect Kamala Harris and Tim Walz

Lawn Signs



Acted as distributor to committees in 6th CD

- Opportunity to meet many town chairs

Distributed 43 signs (\$9.25) so far

- Ordered 25 signs from MassDems
- Got 10 signs from WenhamDems
- Got 20 signs from BillericaDems

Added 14 people to our email list

(2 additional people from FreedomFest)

Referred 10 -12 people to their home town Democratic Committee

Donated \$67.50 to Harris/Walz Campaign



Opportunity to Help Harris/Walz and Find New People

Salem News Article



Basically we're just looking to talk to average Democratic voters (I've reached out to some of my Republican sources for the other side of the aisle) ahead of the November elections to find out what they want to see in the next president and what issues are driving them to the polls.

This would be something where we might look to touch base with these voters a few times before the Nov. 5 general election.

I cover the state and federal government for our regional newspaper group so any stories would run across all of our platforms.

Christian Wade

Capitol Bureau Chief
North of Boston Media Group/CNHI, LLC
Press Office, Room 456
Massachusetts State House

Writing article on voters issues in election.

Joe Caiazzo referred Christian to us.

Looking to talk to average Democrat voters.

Particularly interested in voters who decided to get involved this year.

Anyone interested, see me or contact via email.

Opportunity to Have Your Voice Heard

Run Up to November 5 Actions Discussion

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

STATE ELECTION **DANVERS**

**OFFICIAL
EARLY / ABSENTEE
BALLOT**

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 229

William Francis Bellini
SECRETARY OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

To vote for a candidate, fill in the oval to the right of the candidate's name. To vote for a person not on the ballot, write the person's name and residence in the blank space provided and fill in the oval.

ELECTORS OF PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT
Vote for ONE

- AYYADURAI and ELLIS Independent
- DE LA CRUZ and GARCIA Socialism and Liberation
- HARRIS and WALZ Democratic
- OLIVER and TER MAAT Libertarian
- STEIN and CABALLERO-ROCA Green-Rainbow Party
- TRUMP and VANCE Republican

DO NOT VOTE IN THIS SPACE.
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WRITE-IN SPACE ONLY

SENATOR IN CONGRESS
Vote for ONE

- ELIZABETH ANN WARREN Democratic
24 Lawrence St., Cambridge
- JOHN DEATON Republican
8 Merrill Ave., Saugus

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REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS
SIXTH DISTRICT
Vote for ONE

- SETH MOULTON Democratic
97 Chestnut St., Salem

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COUNCILLOR
FIFTH DISTRICT
Vote for ONE

- ANNE M. MANNING-MARTIN Independent
37 Dexter St., Peabody
- EUNICE DELICE ZEIGLER Democratic
25 North St., Methuen
- JODY A. ELLIOTT Independent
163 North St., Salem

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SENATOR IN GENERAL COURT
SECOND ESSEX DISTRICT
Vote for ONE

- JOAN B. LOVELY Democratic
14 Stone St., Salem
- DAMIAN MITCHELL ANKETELL Republican
4 Dean Cir., Peabody

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REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
THIRTIETH ESSEX DISTRICT
Vote for ONE

- SALLY P. KERANS Democratic
208 Centre St., Danvers

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CLERK OF COURTS
ESSEX COUNTY
Vote for ONE

- THOMAS H. DRISCOLL, JR. Democratic
35 Crown Ave., Swampscott
- TODD R. ANGILLY Unaffiliated
55 Albany St., Lynnfield
- DORIS V. RODRIGUEZ Independent
121 Shattuck Ave., Lawrence

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REGISTER OF DEEDS
ESSEX SOUTHERN DISTRICT
Vote for ONE

- EILEEN R. DUFF Democratic
6 Battery Heights Rd., Gloucester
- JONATHAN EDWARD RING Republican
8 Paines Ln., Rockport

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**QUESTION 1
LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE
PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 2024?

SUMMARY
This proposed law would specify that the State Auditor has the authority to audit the Legislature.

A YES VOTE would specify that the State Auditor has the authority to audit the Legislature.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to the State Auditor's authority.

YES

NO

**QUESTION 2
LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE
PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 2024?

SUMMARY
This proposed law would eliminate the requirement that a student pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) tests (or other statewide or district-wide assessments) in mathematics, science and technology, and English in order to receive a high school diploma. Instead, in order for a student to receive a high school diploma, the proposed law would require the student to complete coursework certified by the student's district as demonstrating mastery of the competencies contained in the state academic standards in mathematics, science and technology, and English, as well as any additional areas determined by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education.

A YES VOTE would eliminate the requirement that students pass the Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS) in order to graduate high school but still require students to complete coursework that meets state standards.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the law relative to the requirement that a student pass the MCAS in order to graduate high school.

YES

NO

**QUESTION 3
LAW PROPOSED BY
INITIATIVE PETITION**

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 1, 2024?

SUMMARY
The proposed law would provide Transportation Network Drivers ("Drivers") with the right to form unions ("Driver Organizations") to collectively bargain with Transportation Network Companies ("Companies") which are companies that use a digital network to connect riders to drivers for pre-arranged transportation to create negotiated recommendations concerning wages, benefits and terms and conditions of work. Drivers would not be required to engage in any union activities. Companies would be allowed to form multi-Company associations to represent them when negotiating with Driver Organizations. The state would supervise the labor activities permitted by the proposed law and would have responsibility for approving or disapproving the negotiated recommendations.

The proposed law would define certain activities by a Company or a Driver Organization to be unfair work practices. The proposed law would establish a hearing process for the state Employment Relations Board ("Board") to follow when a Company or Driver Organization is charged with an unfair work practice. The proposed law would permit the Board to take action, including awarding compensation to adversely affected Drivers, if it found that an unfair work practice had been committed. The proposed law would provide for an appeal of a Board decision to the state Appeals Court.

This proposed law also would establish a procedure for determining which Drivers are Active Drivers, meaning that they completed more than the median number of rides in the previous six months. The proposed law would establish procedures for the Board to determine that a Driver Organization has signed authorizations from at least five percent of Active Drivers, to designate a Driver Organization as the exclusive bargaining representative for all Drivers based on signed authorizations from at least twenty-five percent of Active Drivers; to resolve disputes over exclusive bargaining status, including through elections; and to decertify a Driver Organization from exclusive bargaining status. A Driver Organization that has been designated the exclusive bargaining representative would have the exclusive right to represent the Drivers and to receive voluntary membership dues deductions.

Once the Board determined that a Driver Organization was the exclusive bargaining representative for all Drivers, the Companies would be required to bargain with that Driver Organization concerning wages, benefits and terms and conditions of work. Once the Driver Organization and Companies reached agreement on wages, benefits, and the terms and conditions of work, that agreement would be voted upon by all Drivers who has completed at least 100 trips the previous quarter. If approved by a majority of votes cast, the recommendations would be submitted to the state Secretary of Labor for approval and if approved, would be effective for three years. The proposed law would establish procedures for the mediation and arbitration if the Driver Organization and Companies failed to reach agreement within a certain period of time. An arbitrator would consider factors set forth in the proposed law, including whether the wages of Drivers would be enough so that Drivers would not need to rely upon any public benefits. The proposed law also sets out procedures for the Secretary of Labor's review and approval of recommendations negotiated by a Driver Organization and the Companies and for judicial review of the Secretary's decision.

The proposed law states that neither its provisions, an agreement nor a determination by the Secretary would be able to lessen labor standards established by other laws. If there were any conflict between the proposed law and existing Massachusetts labor relations law, the proposed law would prevail.

The Board would make rules and regulations as appropriate to effectuate the proposed law.

The proposed law states that, if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would remain in effect.

Actions We Should Take?

Support Local Candidates?

- Sen. Elizabeth Warren
- Sen. Joan Lovely
- Eileen Duff - Register of Deeds
- Tom Driscoll - Clerk of Courts
- Eunice Zeigler - Gov. Council

Election Day Plan?

- Hold signs for candidates
- Assign Shifts?

Early Voting Starts October 19

Candidate/Committees Reached Out

Candidates who've reached out

Eunice Zeigler:

- Sign-holders as well as a poll counter on election day.

Tom Driscoll:

- Take a Lawn Sign
- Sign holder on Election Day

Dem Committees

Gloucester:

- Standout - October 14 @ 4:00 PM
- Grant Circle

Peabody:

- Standout - October 17 @ 4:00 - 6:00 PM
- Peabody Square
- Contact: Diane Reynolds, 978-210-9697

Middleton:

- Standout - October 17 @ 4:00 - 7:00 PM
- Middleton Green - corner 114 and 62
- Contact: Jessica Ide, 617-653-0191

Thanks Everyone

WE ARE NOT GOING BACK!

Early Voting

Danvers Town Hall, 1 Sylvan Street, Danvers, MA

Please see the following dates and times for early voting in Danvers:

Day	Date	Hours
Saturday	October 19, 2024	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday	October 21, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 22, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 23, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Thursday	October 24, 2024	11:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.
Saturday	October 26, 2024	10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Monday	October 28, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tuesday	October 29, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Wednesday	October 30, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Thursday	October 31, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.
Friday	November 1, 2024	8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.



Election Day: Tuesday, November 5

