

## **MINUTES OF DANVERS DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE MEETING**

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

**Present:** Lou Bernazzani, Maria Bernazzani, Phil Bolduc, Mary Condon, Julie Curtis, Jillian Durand, Marilyn Hazel, Jan Hegan, Sally Kerans, Carla Meagher, Tom Meagher, Michael Shannon

**Guests:** Joe Buttner, Barbara Devereux, Lisa Gallant, Mitch Gaynor, Joan Lovely, Frank Mozzell, Tomas O'Brien

**Approval of September 17, 2024 meeting minutes:** After reading the secretary minutes, a motion was made by Phil Bolduc and seconded by Sally Kerans to approve the meeting minutes of September 17, 2024 as presented. Motion passed unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:** In Treasurer Karen Desmond's absence Chair Lou Bernazzani reported the following: Our checking account has \$4,047.77 in it. Donations from Phil Bolduc and Tom Meagher since last month.

**Speakers:** Chair Lou Limited Bernazzani introduced the following speakers.

Tomas O'Brien speaking on behalf of Ballot Question 4 – Limited Legislation and Regulation of Certain Natural Psychedelic Substances, Frank Mozell and Mitch Gaynor speaking on behalf of Ballot Question 5 – Minimum Wage for Tipped Workers, Senator Joan Lovely thanked our committee for our continuous support and Representative Sally Kerans updated committee on some legislation.

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

Freedom Fest Recap – Chairperson Bernazzani reported 14 speakers addressed us, and approximately 65 people attended. Any food left over was transported to River House, a homeless shelter for men location in Beverly. Bernazzani thanked everyone who either donated or assisted with this success. 14 people attending the Freedom Fest asked to be placed on our email list.

September Volunteer Events Recap – Marilyn Hazel and Julie Curtis have been traveling to New Hampshire every weekend knocking on doors for the Harris/Walz and other New Hampshire candidates. They welcomed others to join them.

**State Committee Reports:** State Committee members Marilyn Hazel and Julie Curtis reported the next State Committee meeting would be held on Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. At this meeting a Chair of the Massachusetts Democratic Party would be elected.

**Old or Unfinished Business:** There was nothing discussed..

**New Business:**

Salem News Article participation - The Salem News has reached out to Chair Bernazzani to see if any committee members would be interested in being interviewed on what was important to them regarding the upcoming election specifically what is driving you to vote. If interested, please contact Bernazzani.

Discussion on Committee actions leading up to election day as well as election day - The committee discussed having standouts at the flag pole in the square starting with the first day of early voting. A motion was made by Marilyn Hazel and seconded by Phil Bolduc to hold a standout every Saturday until the Saturday before election day. The motion was passed unanimously.

We also discussed standing out at the high school during the final election.

**Adjournment:** Where there was no other business to attend to, a motion was made by Phil Bolduc and seconded by Sally Kerans to adjourn the October 2024 Danvers Democratic Town Committee at 8:50 pm. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie E. Curtis  
Recording Secretary