

RUTLAND COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

MINUTES September 17, 2018

The Rutland County Democratic Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Scott Garren, in Rutland Free Library, Rutland.

A moment of silence was held in memory of Susan Lloyd and Barbara Hoffman.

The July 10, 2018 Rutland County Democratic Meeting Minutes were approved.

REPORT FROM THE TREASURER: After contributing to Rutland County candidates for the State House, the Rutland County Democrats have funds to continue supporting election efforts. However, given that we do not rely on funds from Political Action Committees (PACs), we know that the Republicans have a larger budget to support these efforts. Democrats are encouraged to contribute.

CAMPAIGN PLAN: We would like to hire an intern for the election season. The Vermont Democratic Party is seeking office space and a field organizer for Rutland County.

Canvassing for Senatorial candidates began yesterday in Rutland 5-1. Canvassing is the most effective way to communicate with voters. The committee discussed avoiding To be connected with a candidate to canvass, contact Heather Juliussen-Stevenson at hastevenson9@gmail.com or message the Rutland County Facebook page.

Individuals interested in participating in writing postcards for federal elections can sign up with <https://postcardsforvoters.org>.

Bob Carroll, the chair of the Brandon Democrats, asked for volunteers to canvass for Stephanie Jerome. Asha Carroll asked for volunteers for William Notte (contact acarroll@vtdemocrats.org).

SOCIAL MEDIA/WEBSITE UPDATE: We are boosting candidates on the Rutland County Facebook and Rutland City Facebook pages. The Rutland County Website has been updated with election news, important action items, events and candidate profiles. We are seeking photos, events, and news to post about candidates and Democratic supporters. We are also seeking volunteers to submit letters to the editor. Anyone interested in submitting items or seeking assistance with a letter to the editor can contact Heather Juliussen-Stevenson at hastevenson9@gmail.com or message the Rutland County Democrats Facebook page.

INTRODUCTION TO THE CANDIDATES

Dave Potter, a House candidate for one of the two seats in Rutland-2, discussed his work on legislation to require seat belts and to provide saliva testing.

Ken Fredette, a House candidate for one of the two seats in Rutland-2, discussed his commitment to education and the environment.

Greg Cox, Senatorial Candidate, discussed the need to uplift farmers, to reconfigure our economy to work for all of us, and to work across party lines.

Rose Kennedy, candidate for State's Attorney, discussed the need to work on improving the economy and fighting the opiate crisis.

Gina Ottoboni, candidate for the House for Rutland-Windsor 1, discussed the need to fight wage inequality and to push for affordable childcare, affordable post-secondary education and other progressive measures.

Andrew Costello, candidate for Probate Judge, discussed his experience handling cases involving children and the importance of this in overseeing cases involving guardianship.

A representative spoke on behalf of Stephanie Jerome, a candidate for one of the two House seats in Brandon, discussing her experience in project management and education.

Scott Garren, Senatorial candidate, discussed his commitment to work for debt-relief, affordable college, and getting the money out of politics.

Other Democratic candidates include Cheryl Hooker, Senatorial candidate; Mary Howard, House candidate for Rutland 5-3; William Notte, House candidate for Rutland 5-4; Logan Nicholl, House candidate for Rutland-Windsor-2.

Tim Guiles, the second candidate for the two House seats in Brandon, discussed his commitment to universal healthcare and a livable wage.

Robin Chesnut-Tangerman, House candidate for Rutland-Bennington, was represented by his wife, who discussed Robin's commitment to supporting sensible gun laws and sensible development.

Robert Richards, running as an Independent House candidate in Rutland-3, discussed the importance of working on infrastructure.

Heather Juliussen-Stevenson, House candidate for Rutland 5-1, discussed the need to fight for criminal justice reform.

The Committee discussed connecting candidates to potential constituents.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Juliussen-Stevenson, Recording Secretary