

**Rutland County Democrats Executive Committee Meeting**  
**April 9, 2025, 6:03 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.**  
**Zoom**

Present - Barbara Noyes-Pulling, Mary Droege, Eugenia Cooke, Carol Wright, Pat Schroeder, Cheryl Hooker (guest), Tom Fagan

Welcome - 6:03 p.m. Barbara called the meeting to order. Quorum present.

Approval of the Agenda - The Agenda was sent out in advance with the meeting notice. Eugenia made a motion to approve the agenda. Mary seconded the motion. Agenda approved.

Pat Schroeder Appointment - Barbara discussed our 3 openings: Recording Secretary, Alt. Delegate to the VDP, and Delegate to the VDP. Pat was asked whether she prefers Delegate or Alt. Delegate. Pat asked if Tom wants to be a Delegate and she would be an Alt. Tom agreed.

Eugenia made a motion for Pat to be an Alt. Delegate. Carol seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed. Mary made a motion for Tom to be Delegate. Eugenia seconded the motion. All in favor; motion passed.

Secretary's Report/Approval of the Minutes (March 26, 2025) - Minutes were sent out with the meeting notice. Barbara made a motion to approve the minutes. Eugenia seconded the motion. Minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report - Eugenia was briefed by Scott, who is travelling. Current balance is \$4,516.99. The monthly listserve fee was the only expense. This is a healthy balance for fundraising season. The appeal letter has been written and will be printed soon. The quote from Quickprint is higher than before. 250 letters were ordered last year. Eugenia will recheck with Quickprint and may check with Staples if the price can't be lowered. The price would be \$174.60 without labels. Labels are \$47 for 500. We also need No. 10 envelopes. We may have enough No. 6 envelopes. We can do a Saturday morning work session to get the letters out.

Reenergizing the Rutland City Committee - Cheryl Hooker - Barbara invited Cheryl Hooker to discuss some ideas to get the Rutland City Committee going again. Cheryl stressed that this is an important juncture for us and her thoughts on going forward. We had too many open seats last season. We need young people and to partner with more groups, such as Rutland Young Professionals, Rutland Forward, Castleton Indivisible, etc. Working in conjunction with the County Committee would be helpful.

Discussion of the Rutland City Committee officers. Right now, nothing is being done. We need to start from the ground up. George Hooker is the Treasurer. The function of the committee is to support city candidates and to recruit candidates for city positions.

Discussion of how to recruit people for the committee. Do they understand the role of the city committee?

The county committee oversees finding candidates for the senate races. The town committees need to find house candidates. We are fortunate to have Rutland Forward in Rutland City. Cheryl is already working with the State Democratic House Committee. They meet once a month.

We have work to do. Discussion of how we can help our candidates. They need to know what to expect, how much we can support them, what the time commitment will be, etc. Candidates usually need to raise their own money, but most importantly, they need to get out there and make contact with the voters. The committee can help with the time and effort required.

Discussion of Emerge. Mary Howard is working with Emerge. They are proposing a boot camp this summer. It needs to be not just limited to women. Candidates could get a lot of information if they attend. It should be a one day event and ideally include men and women.

Announcements -

5/14/25 - RCD Executive Committee Meeting

Adjournment - 6:30, Tom made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Pat seconded the motion. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carol Wright  
Interim Recording Secretary