

## August 9, 2021 Minutes

### Rutland County Democrats Committee

#### Zoom Meeting, 7:05 – 7:23 p.m.

The Rutland County Democratic Committee Meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Heather Juliussen-Stevenson. Meeting was held on Zoom video/phone.

**Report from the Secretary:** The minutes from the June 2021 meeting were sent with the meeting notice. Motion to approve June minutes made and seconded. Minutes approved unanimously.

**Report from the Treasurer:** No report from Scott. Eugenia noted that the balance in July was \$3,563.19. There have been a couple of other small donations since then. This is a pretty good place to be. Eugenia will send Heather a list of donors to thank.

#### Legislative Report

Representative William Notte reported that meetings will be in person at the statehouse when the Governor and Legislature meet again. Meeting in person facilitates getting bills passed. The session will begin on January 4. They will possibly be back for a week or two in October, to determine spending for federal funds. The statehouse is currently being reconfigured to provide more space for distancing and to improve ventilation infrastructure. There are ongoing discussions about how to provide access to the press and public. Committees have been meeting over the summer. The student weighing formula bill regarding funding which would benefit Rutland City Schools is high priority for William. Various other bills that didn't get over the line also need to be discussed.

#### New Business

**Request from David Searles** – Heather reported that David has asked to defer the conversation about his proposal regarding guardianship in Vermont. The Executive Board had previously decided that it didn't have the required expertise in this area to endorse the proposal. William said that he has spoken with David about this subject and that the wheels are turning at the legislative level. Herb gave a brief explanation of the guardianship process. Heather will encourage David to attend our next meeting.

**Reorganization** – Heather reported that towns will be reorganizing in September and counties will be reorganizing in October. All the offices are up for re-election, but there are at least two seats on the county committee, including County Chair and County Vice Chair, for which the current officer is not running for reelection.

**Meeting Adjourned:** 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wright,

Recording Secretary