

## Rutland County Democrats Meeting

Monday, December 13, 2021, 7:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m.

### Zoom/Phone

The Rutland County Democrats meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Noah French.

Meeting was held on Zoom and also by phone.

**Report from the Treasurer:** Eugenia read Scott's report from 6/15-12/13/21. Income received from contributions was \$1430.97. Two expenses (\$585.44); one for web hosting/tech support (\$585.44) and one for Castleton Senior Golf Tournament (\$115.14). Current balance is 3,892.17.

**Report from the Secretary:** RCDC meeting minutes from August and October 2021 were sent out in advance of the meeting for review. Noah posted meeting minutes in chat for review. Motion to approve minutes from August 2021 made and seconded. All in favor; none opposed. Motion to approve the minutes from October 2021 made and seconded. All in favor; none opposed.

### New Business:

Moment of silence for Michael Stimpfel, for his work in support of Rutland County Democrats.

### Legislative Reports:

Representative Will Notte: The lead up to the legislative session will begin January 4<sup>th</sup>. Busy with lots of emails about upcoming bills and planning. They will start in-person at the State House. This involves some safety planning, but it's faster and more effective to meet in-person. The Rules Committee is looking at guidelines for what would necessitate Zoom meetings. All committees are now filmed. People can watch live or on YouTube. It will be a challenging start, with bills to guarantee reproductive choice and to reduce gun violence. Misinformation and scare tactics have started. There will be extra security measures at the State House. It will be an extremely busy session; hopefully in person. You can find a link for livestreaming on the state legislative website: <https://legislature.vermont.gov/>

Representative Mary Howard: The governor called them back about the mask mandate. Unfortunately, no testing was required and someone with COVID attended. There are important bills coming up in the Worker's Caucus Committee. Also anticipating a busy session.

**Newsletter, etc.:** Heather asked people to email her with items (issues, work being done, etc.) to go in the newsletter.

**Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wright

Recording Secretary