

Rutland County Democrats Committee Meeting

Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 7:05 – 8:30 p.m.

Zoom/Phone

The Rutland County Democrats Committee meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Acting Chair Cheryl Hooker. Heather Stevenson reported that a quorum was present.

Report from the Secretary: Deferred. Minutes of the Rutland County Democrats Committee April 22, 2022 meeting were sent out for review with the meeting notice.

Report from the Treasurer: Deferred.

New Business:

Election of Chair: Since Noah French has not been available, the Executive Committee voted by email on May 17 for Cheryl Hooker as Acting Chair. Cheryl asked those present if there were any nominations for Chair. Cheryl introduced Mary Mellow and described her expertise and history with Rutland County Democrats. There were no other nominations. Mary expressed her interest and the need to move forward together. Motion made to elect Mary Mellow as Chair. Motion seconded. All in favor, none opposed.

Candidates:

Charity Clark, Candidate for VT Attorney General – Charity described her Londonderry roots, education, and work in the VT Attorney General's office. Her focus would be reproductive liberty, privacy for children, and family violence. There was an opportunity for questions and answers.

<https://www.charityforvermont.com/>

Ian Sullivan, Candidate for VT Attorney General – Ian described his work in the State's Attorney General office as ostensibly Rutland County criminal law. He has worked in Criminal Court and wants to focus on crimes of violence and the criminal justice system's response. There was an opportunity for questions and answers. Discussion of Gov. Scott's decision of appoint someone to do the job until the election. Heather offered to help with local collaboration with the BROCC community Justice Center.

Anna Tadio, Candidate for State Senate – Anna discussed her Rutland roots, education and work history. She has been recently elected to the Rutland Board of Aldermen. She hopes to build solutions for Rutland County at the state level, including affordable housing, better access to child care, and affordable higher ed and public transportation. Small solutions to make life easier for everyday people. There was an opportunity for questions and answers. Stephanie Jerome, Dianne Alberts, and Mary Droege offered to help.

Discussion of available seats and other candidates. Cheryl discussed the slate of candidates and her appreciation to all the candidates for stepping up. We need someone who will fight for justice in our seats.

Dave Potter, Candidate for VT House of Representatives – Dave discussed his work and history in VT. He has 16 years' experience as a VT legislator. Most of that time on the House Transportation

Committee. He stands up for the rural character of VT. He has started his door-to-door campaign. Diane Alberts offered her help.

Mary thanked all for attending. Motion made and seconded to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Wright

Recording Secretary