

Norton Republican Town Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 21st, 2011

NORTON VFW, 38 Summer Street, Norton, MA

6:30pm-7:50pm

Those attending this meeting are as follows, Chairman “Spider” Michael Smith, Vice Chairman Bill Lippincott, Treasurer Horace Mello, and members Charlie Campbell, Timothy O’Connell, Richard Leitch, Wendy Bewley, Frances Gallagher, Pam Kulibaba, Ray Issler, Michael Mayer, and our Republican State Committee Woman Angela Davis of Foxborough.

Chairman Smith brought the meeting to order promptly at 6:30 with the leading of the group in the Pledge of Allegiance. It was then followed by a vote on securing 35 members to the Presidential Primary on March 6, 2012. The vote was a unanimous “yes”. The Chair then asked everybody if they were happy with the current leadership of the Committee and asked if anyone would like to run against any member for a particular position. Everybody agreed to keep the current leadership as it is. Chairman Smith said that he is volunteering for the Michele Bachmann campaign, so if anyone needs any Bachmann campaign items to let him know.

Then at 6:50 The Chair recognized State Committee Woman Angela Davis. Angela started her comments talking about recently being ratified as the new State Committee woman, and then she talked about a recent meeting with Chairwoman Nassour where they had a discussion of the future of the Republican Party. She then talked about the debt ceiling. She also praised the Norton Committee members for their leadership. She also said more seats can be picked up in the State Senate and the U.S. Senate in 2012. She then took questions from the members...

Member Janine Izzo asked if the people in Boston are listening to us because they seem like they are not listening at all.

Angela's response was The People in Boston are getting feedback from all points of Massachusetts, they cannot make everybody happy but they do listen to everybody.

Ray Issler and Dick Leitch asked Angela what are the best ways to hold their feet to the fire and make sure that their voice is being heard. Angela responded by saying she was the one to address any grievances with the State Party. She meets with all of the other State Committee Representatives and the Chair on a regular basis.

Angela then yielded the floor back to Chairman Smith at 7:20

At 7:21 Chairman Smith asked for a vote on approving the minutes from the last meeting. The vote was a unanimous "yes"

At 7:25 Chairman Smith brought up the fact that C.J. McMahon was supposed to become a member of the committee tonight but because he is not present there will be no vote tonight and that will be put on hold until will hear from Mr. McMahon

At 7:30 Chairman Smith brought up the NRTC Cookout scheduled for August 18th at 6pm might have to be moved to the home of Member Janine Izzo because of budget issues. Chairman Smith then went on to bring up the new NRTC Banner will make a debut at the Cookout on the 18th

At 7:36 Chairman Smith recognized Vice Chair Bill Lippincott who spoke at length about a buy American, when possible, and a buy local, when possible program where the members of the NRTC would start promoting to their friends and neighbors to keep as much money inside Norton whenever they can. He also encouraged members to attend Finance Committee meetings and School Committee meetings. Janine Izzo, Wendy Bewley, and Frances Gallagher said they could start attending the different committee meetings on a revolving basis

At 7:40 Chairman Smith asked for a vote to adjourn the meeting. The vote was a unanimous "yes"

At 7:41 Chairman Smith adjourned the meeting