

**Boston Ward 5 Democrats**  
**Meeting Date: September 18, 2018**

The regular and duly noticed September meeting of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee Meeting was called to order by Kenzie Bok (the Chair).

**Approval of the Minutes**

No corrections were proposed. A motion to approve the minutes was made by Alexander Bok, seconded by Kathy Judge, and passed with unanimous consent.

**Membership Matters**

Helene Vincent was nominated for membership by Helen Cox and seconded by Jim Berkman. Adrienne Zak was nominated for membership by Helen Cox and seconded by Coleman Lynds. Both Helene and Adrienne will be eligible for election to Associate Membership at the next meeting they attend.

The recent resignations of Aaron Dy, Reynolds Graves, Tim Havel, Ross Levanto, and Marty Walz (all due to moving out of the Ward) were noted, with particular attention to the long and important tenures of Levanto and Walz.

**Vacancy on the Executive Committee**

Due to the resignation of Ross Levanto, there is now an open spot on the Executive Committee. This fact was noted and an election will be held at the next Ward 5 meeting (in October).

**HillFest Volunteer Opportunity**

The Chair noted that the Ward 5 Democrats would have a table at HillFest on September 23rd and solicited further volunteers. Anthony Lombardi offered to volunteer, joining Kathy Judge, Hilary Gabrieli, Coleman Lynds, and Michael Pizziferri.

**Endorsement -- Democratic Ticket**

Kathy Judge read a statement from Rachael Rollins, the Democratic nominee for Suffolk County District Attorney, to the committee. Sharon Durkan made a motion to endorse the whole local

Democratic ticket for the November 6, 2018 election. This motion was seconded by Kathy Judge and passed with unanimous consent.

### **Look Back at Primary**

The committee discussed the recently completed primary, and reported praise from voters for the committee's clear and cost-effective palm-cards.

### **General Election Campaign Discussion**

The committee discussed voter registration, engaging College Democrats groups, the need for ballot question education, somewhat competitive New England congressional races (including NH-1 and MA-3), and upcoming dates for early voting.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer reported on the Committee's finances -- filing shows committee has \$2588.43 on hand. Money was largely spent on newspaper ads and palm-cards for the primary.

### **Bylaws**

Chair previewed that, in coming meetings (post-election), the committee will discuss a possible 'Suzanne Comtois' amendment to the bylaws, to allow a member to take a leave of absence in very specific circumstances (i.e. prolonged illness) and retain voting rights upon their return. Anthony Lombardi, Jim Berkman, and Kathy Judge volunteered to be on drafting subcommittee.

### **Adjournment**

Jim Berkman made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Alexander Bok and carried unanimously.

### **Attendance**

(Note: Attendance is incomplete, as attendance sheets were discarded; amendments to correct encouraged.)

Jim Berkman  
Robert Binney  
Alexander Bok  
Kenzie Bok  
Suzanne Comtois  
Helen Cox  
Sharon Durkan  
Hilary Bacon Gabrieli  
Kate Gallivan  
Kathy Judge  
Anthony Lombardi  
Coleman Lynds  
Kristen Mobilia  
Michael Pizziferri  
Winthrop Roosevelt  
Sandra Singer  
Helene Vincent  
Adrienne Zak