

Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee

January 17, 2023, Meeting

Due to the declared Public Health Emergency in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and upon the advice of the State Democratic Party, this monthly meeting of the Boston Ward 5 Democratic Committee was held online via Zoom.

Sharon Durkan (The Chair) called the January meeting to order.

Update from the State House- Rep. Jay Livingstone

The Chair introduced Representative Livingstone to share with the Ward an update from the State House, upcoming focus, and what Ward 5 could do to support

Representative Livingstone's update:

Bill filing deadline: Friday 1/20/2023

-Rep. Livingstone will be submitting 35-40 bills

Any bills filed by deadline will be reviewed by committee(s)

Any bill filed after this needs to go through extra steps

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-5-6,000 bills expected to be filed

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Next step with legislation: Speaker will assign committees for the next term

Response to question on how Rep. Livingstone gets input for bills to file

-Typically get input from constituents for ideas on legislation needs, meetings with groups and individuals

-Examples of bills being filed:

-MA forfeiture law revision needs- putting forward

-Domestic violence – protect someone from being terminated in the workplace

-Discussion on same day voter registration- pros, unlikely to go through this session. Noted that All COVID voting changes now permanent

Next check in- this summer

Update from Councilor Ruthzee Louijeune

-Wednesday City Council meetings weekly- no meeting week took place during holiday week

-Filed Lending & appraisal discrimination legislation

-New Housing advocate

-Bee Keeping is forbidden- filed legislation to enable bee keeping

-Pest control (working with counselor Bok) to hold property owners accountable for pest

- control and enclosed containers, more aggressive steps
- Addressing issues with access to an ID for people formerly incarcerated residents –make it easier to get ID
- Where support is needed: New arrivals have support they need from the city and personal level to allocate resources to help
- Boston Public Schools improvement needs

Treasurer’s Report

- Second page of Agenda has report
- Almost \$8000 in bank-ended year positively
 - One bill to be paid will still end 2022 over \$7,000
 - Good membership fee input and donations from holiday party
 - *Membership dues in March meeting \$60 members, \$25 first year members & college student

Ward 5 Membership

- Chris Westfall voted to associated member
- Shari Franzetta voted to elected member
- Filling the Vacancy of Secretary
- Shari Franzetta voted Secretary

2023 Planning

- Municipal Year - City Council Elections
- 2 councilors at district level- Ward 5 has held forums
- Feedback welcome on ideas to get involved
- Meeting Format
- With COVID cases increasing, continue with virtual meetings through March then organize meet-ups for in-person options
- Forums
- Working with Ward 4 to possibly doing joint forums this year

Motion to Adjourn

Motion to adjourn the meeting adjourned.

Attendance

Members	Guests
Sharon Durkan Jay Livingstone Bob Binney Rob Whitney Kathleen Gallivan	Angus Abercrombie

Kristin Mobilia Susan Smith Hillary Bacon Alex Bok Ken Scott David Crossman Molly Hitt Armen Youssouflan Sandra Singer Abigail Gabrieli Chris Westfall Sharon (Shari) Franzetta Patrick McDonough	
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