

Minutes
Preston Democratic Town Committee
Caucus for Registrar of Voters & Regular Monthly Meeting
Tuesday, May 22,2018 at 6:45 pm
Preston Town Hall – Lower Level

1. Temporary Chair Nick Vegliante called the Caucus for Registrar of Voters to order at 6:47 p.m.
Attending: Nick Vegliante, Sandra Allyn-Gauthier, Sean Nugent, Lydia LaVoie, Cheryl Roberts, and Melissa Lennon
 2. Temporary Chair Nick Vegliante appointed Melissa Lennon as Temporary Secretary.
 3. Temporary Secretary Melissa Lennon read the caucus notice.
 4. Election of Permanent Chair
Motion made by Sean Nugent and seconded by Cheryl Roberts to nominate Nick Vegliante as Permanent Chair.
All in favor. Motion passes.
 5. Election of Permanent Secretary
Motion made by Sean Nugent and seconded by Lydia LaVoie to nominate Melissa Lennon as Permanent Chair.
All in favor. Motion passes.
 6. Nominations
Prior to nominations, Candidate Cheryl Roberts was asked how many classes she had taken thus far in her role within the Registrar of Voters. She has completed five of the required eight; many courses have been cancelled. She was asked whether she enjoys the roll and whether it continues to be a good/rewarding roll for her. Cheryl shared some of the difficulties she has faced in the position. Despite those challenges, Cheryl expressed a love of the role her first five years and an interest in continuing in this role.
After much discussion, the members would have liked to nominate Cheryl Roberts for the position, but ethically the group could not place her in an unhealthy work environment. With Cheryl's permission, Sean Nugent and Nick Vegliante will speak to Sean Bates about the ROV situation.
 7. Election – There was no election.
 8. Announcements of Results – There was no announcement.

Motion by Sean Nugent and seconded by Sandra Allyn-Gauthier to adjourn the Caucus portion of the meeting at 7:15 p.m.
All in favor. Motion passes.
- Cheryl Roberts left the meeting at 7:15 p.m.
9. Minutes from April 30, 2018

Motion by Sean Nugent and seconded by Lydia LaVoie accept the April 30, 2018 minutes as presented.

All in favor. Motion passes.

10. Treasurer's Report

No report given

11. Correspondence

All correspondence has been shared via e-mail

12. Updates from Elected Officials

Important upcoming events/dates:

- May 31st – Preston Palooza at PVMS Playground from 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- May 31st – Town Meeting regarding FY19 Budget at PVMS Gym at 7:30 p.m.
- June 12th - Referendum

13. Old Business

None

14. New Business

a. Convention updates

- Joe Courtney – Sean Nugent, Nick Vegliant, Jerry Grabarek attended
 - Fun evening and a photo op for Nick & Jerry with Joe
- Liz Schwebel – Nick Vegliant attended
 - Fast and quick evening
- State Convention – Ann Stockton and Nick Vegliant attended
 - Great bonding time
 - U.S. Senator
 - Chris Murphy was endorsed
 - Secretary of State
 - Denise Merrill was endorsed
 - Karen Talamelli Cusick – did not have enough votes for a primary
 - State Comptroller
 - Kevin Lembo was endorsed
 - Governor
 - Ned Lamont was endorsed
 - Joe Ganim has 12% of the votes
 - Lieutenant Governor
 - Susan Bysiewicz was endorsed
 - Charlie Stallworth
 - Eva Bermudez Zimmerman had a vocal following and 40% of the vote
 - Attorney General
 - William Tong was endorsed
 - Chris Mattei is a star in the making
 - Paul Doyle withdrew in the second round
 - Clare Kindall had only 5% of the votes
 - Treasurer:

- Arunan Arulampalam
- Dita Bhargava – will primary
- John Blankley
- Shawn Wooden – endorsed
- State Representative – vote 25 to 21
 - Bob Statchen – endorsed
 - Dan Kelly – will primary

15. Public Comment and guest speakers

None

16. Adjourn

***Motion by Sean Nugent and seconded by Lydia LaVoie to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m.
All in favor. Motion passes.***