

Medway Democratic Town Committee
Minutes of December 4, 2008

1. Bob Ferrari reported on his telephone conversation with Kate Donohue regarding the issue of how we might build our membership base and how we might support the new Democratic state and national agenda from a “grass roots” point of view. Her response and suggestions included the following:
 - a. Consider conducting a reach-out phone-banking program to the 3700 Medway voters who cast a Democratic ballot in the recent Presidential Election. Prepare “talking points.” Consider inviting them to a planned speaker event in early spring as State and National Initiatives get underway. Consider co-sponsoring an event with other DTCs.
2. Marilyn and Marvin Dainoff presented the prototype of an Interest Survey that would be placed on our new website. Interested persons could be directed to the website via Letter to the Editor [Milford Daily News and Gazette], Cable TV Message/Announcement, notification to Senior Citizen Center attendees, etc. There was also discussion about using the proposed Interest Survey as the “recording instrument” for the phone-banking project described above; a “conversation script” would be developed for such a purpose. There was also some discussion of using a more formalized survey instrument called “survey monkey” which records and categorizes responses.
3. John Robinson suggested reaching out to Medway High School recent graduates at college as well as present high school seniors turning eighteen who would be eligible to vote for the first time in future local, state, and national elections.
4. The Medway Democratic Caucus has been set for Saturday, January 31st from 10:00AM. to 11:30AM. Delegates will be selected to attend the MA Democratic Convention in June.
5. Members interested in attending local Inauguration Activities and Celebrations are directed to Kate Donohue’s Newsletter and the Massachusetts Democratic Party Newsletter which is accessible at their website.
6. There was discussion about purchasing canvass grocery shopping bags as a saleable item at sponsored events as a fundraising item.
7. Barbie Horovitz, John Robinson, and Bob Ferrari attended a Holiday Fundraiser for Senator Karen Spilka at the Aegean Restaurant in Framingham on December 15th. We asked if Karen would be interested in participating in a Forum with Jim Valley and Carolyn Dykema that we could sponsor on behalf of town residents in terms of the State of the State.

8. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 8th at 7:00 PM in the Kenny Drive Senior Citizen Complex Meeting Room. Hope to see you there. Bring a friend.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Ferrari
Vice-Chair