Draft Meeting Minutes March 6, 2018

Present: Roland Graves (ED1), Thomas Coffey, Christine Kenefick [ED2], Heather Spitzberg, Cara Brousseau [ED4], William Reinhardt, Reed Ference [ED5], Jay Hurewitz [ED6], Jeffrey Baker, Mark Becker [ED7], Matthew Meyer [ED8],George Harder [ED9], Maureen Cunningham [ED10],Emily Saunders, Steven Grasso [ED11], Joanne Cunningham [ED12], Amy Conway [ED13], Timothy Beebe, Matthew Barron [ED14], Chanson Noether [ED15], Michelle Sanders [ED19], Frank Zeoli [ED20], Matthew Clyne, Amy Joyce [ED21], Tom Goodfellow [ED22], James Schwab [ED24], Daniel Coffey, Wendy Jordan [ED25], Sean Raleigh [ED26], Barbara Hogan, David McGann [ED27], Matthew Miller, Louis Picarazzi [ED28], Gina Cocchiara, Mara Elliott [ED29], John Sherman [ED30], Jeremy Snyder {ED31]

By Proxy: Pam Skripak [ED9], Peter Hackman[ED6], Leo Dorsey Jr. [ED17],Lorraine Silverman [ED31], Rose Ann Garry [ED15], Pam Robbins [ED3], Shari Piper [ED19],Janet Messing[ED22], Bruce Bushart[ED20], Giles Wagoner[ED18],

Guests: Daniel Morin, Jacob Morin, David Van Luven, Abbey Barker

Absent: Jacquelyn Greene [ED1], Margaret Bulgaro[ED3], Jennifer Birn[ED8], Linda Miller [ED10], Peter Bannigan[ED12], Jeffrey Kuhn[ED13], Rudy Arias, Fern Whyland [ED16], Deborah Stevens [ED17], Richard Piccarazzi[ED18], Anne Furman, Joann Dawson [ED23], Judith Fetterly[ED24], Gary Hallock[ED26],

Welcome and Meeting Goals:
Joanne Cunningham welcomed everyone, noted elected officials present, David Van Luven, Maureen Cunningham and introduced Abbey Barker, Field Director to Congressman Paul Tonko. Michelle Sanders called a quorum and a motion was passed to accept minutes from November and September 14, 2017. Someone noticed that Jeff Kuhn's name was misspelled in September's minutes. That will be changed. Motion passed.

Meeting 's agenda: Updates on Events Scheduled

Taste of Bethlehem: Encourage BDC members to sell tickets, post on social media to get the word out about event. Fundraising committee met on Sunday to discuss logistics and details. Created Town of Bethlehem events page- April "Our Town " ad Spotlight ad and Facebook pages.

Petitions for Paul Tonko: Abbey Barker brought petitions for BDC members to get signatures. Petition rally for Tonko at County Headquarters, Colvin Ave from 12 – 12:45 on March 11,Joan   We discourage mailing in petitions and please don't sign your own petition.
Can get signatures from any ED.

Upcoming Races:

Town Board- filling David Van Luven's vacant seat temporarily filled by Giles Wagoner.

Town Justice- Judge Ryan Donovan seeking reelection

ED- all committee seats

Congressional/senate races- Tonko and Gillibrand, State Legislature and Governor

Two State Supreme Court Seats

Jeremy Snyder was recognized as a representative of NY19Votes. He described the process of going through voter database through phone banking and weeding out non-viable voters. Asked for Committee involvement.

Dan Coffey was recognized as representing Albany County committee looking at applicants for State Supreme Court. Amy Joyce is one such applicant.

Two spots open on School Board-Petitions for School Board are due in April- candidates do not run through party affiliation. Election is on May 15.

BDC Endorsement Process: Town Board /Town Justice
Resumes due by April 13 to BDC/Interviews by BDC officers and District Leaders in April, vote is at May meeting.

Committee Updates: Fundraising Committee-Need full participation,
Communication Committee: Need Chairperson, skills include writing skills, social media savy, organized and proactive
Community Service Committee: April 14 or 28(rain date), BDC community clean up on Elsmere and Rt 32.

Committee Leadership Posts- up for election at BDC September meeting (Chair, Two Vice Chairs, Secretary , Treasurer)

May 17 next meeting- Library not available –possibly Town Hall

Operations Committee: March 6 –April 9- Congressional Petitions
                                      June 5-30 Local ED Petitions
                                      July 9-12 BDC Filing Petitions
                                      September 13 Democratic Primary
Meeting was adjourned at 7:40 pm