

**Watertown Democratic Town Committee Meeting
Minutes**

Date: May 28,2009

Place: Lower Hearing Room, Watertown Town Hall

Meeting called to order at 7:35 p.m.

Present: Steve Owens, Dot Bowler, David Downes, James Scafidi, Marian Ferro, Irene Beach, Bonnie Baranowski, Mari Ryan, Katie Langan, Andrew Warner, Daniel Seidman, Theresa Breazeale, Mary McCarthy, and Steve Herron.

Treasurer's Report:

The previous balance was \$610.43. Income was \$35.00, expenses were \$8.40, and the new balance is \$637.03. It was moved, seconded and passed to accept the treasurer's report.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes of the April 30, 2009 meeting were accepted as read.

State Convention:

There was discussion of the upcoming state convention, and a Draft of the Massachusetts Democratic Party Platform was passed around. It was a very comprehensive statement of values which strongly supported many popular issues. One committee member was disappointed that there was nothing in the healthcare and human services section to encourage a healthy lifestyle.

Speaker:

Steve Herron filled in for State Representative Jonathan Hecht who had to cancel his appearance. He talked about the progress on the state budget and said they were trying to cut local aid as little as possible. There is money available for projects on Nonantum Road, Riverfront Park at the Perkins School, and the Bike Path. Jonathan will try to attend the June meeting.

Opening for New Member:

Ann Bloom has moved to Connecticut; so there is an opening for a full member of the committee. Associate members who are interested may contact Steve Owens.

New Member: Mari Ryan was voted in as a new associate member of the committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

**Respectfully Submitted
Dorothy Bowler**