

DEC Meeting Minutes

Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7pm via Zoom

Meeting was called to order by Debbie Kent, Secretary, DEC. Opened nominations for election of Chair Pro Tempore. Dave Cross was elected. The pledge of allegiance was recited. Quorum verified. Minutes to the December meeting are approved as written.

Introduction of guests; Laurie Prim and Michele Reilly.

Mary Higgins gave a special presentation and plaque to our wonderful Laurie Prim for her dedicated activism and positive outlook for the past four years and more! Laurie is moving to Massachusetts and we are going to miss her tremendously!

Election of new DEC members:

- Glen Kellis Precinct 7
- Erin Fogerty Precinct 7 At Large
- Michele Reilly Precinct 10 At Large
- Paula Albright Precinct 26 At Large

All new members were unanimously accepted.

Dave Dew, State Committeeman-Reported that the FDP has a new chair, Manny Diaz and with that a new start from the bottom up. There will be bylaw changes, including changing the name of the DEC.

Mary Higgins, State Committeewoman-Reported that a diverse group has been elected and hoping for change. FDP laid off 23 of 29 people as the party if \$350,000 in the red. Elections of Chair and Vice Chair at the next meeting, February 15 and nominations at the next meeting.

New Business:

- Margaret Cox stepped forward to be nominated for Vice Chair.
- Carol Ann Leonard spoke of changes coming to the State Environmental Caucus, news from the meeting attended last night, 1/17/21.
- Roseann Ryba expressed interest in being the Volunteer Committee chair
- The new Chair for DEC will develop new committees

Municipal victory in the state created the most recent cycle; to help with legislation issues and candidate training.

Motion to adjourn from Dave Dew and Roseann Ryba seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.