

FDTC Newsletter, August, 2014

The monthly August meeting was a picnic held at the home of Elaine Hickey. Excellent food and good



company was enjoyed by all. Lloyd Becket was our master chef, Tom Lebach provided the ribs, and Ruth Beckett and Elaine Hickey organized the affair with many helping hands.

There were several speakers. Our first was Megan English Braga, chair of the Democratic Town Committee. She noted that the Primary is on Sept. 9 which is less than two weeks away. That is when the real work begins, she said. She has sent in the following important message:

Message from Megan English Braga: Join your fellow Falmouth Democrats for a Unity Celebration on Sept. 13th, 2014 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at our new FDTC headquarters, 704 D Main Street, Falmouth (our headquarters from the last campaign season). This is our opportunity to transition from the hard fought primary season to the general election. We need every FDTC member to support our Democratic candidates in their bid to win in November. Coffee and light refreshments will be served.

Megan then introduced **Representative Tim Madden**. Tim made several points. He mentioned the efforts, by many in the audience, to get signatures for the ballot question raising the minimum wage,



which prompted legislators to “do the right thing” by passing a minimum wage bill. He brought signed copies of the bill to the event for people to take if they wished. He then gave an overview of the recently passed gun legislation, which was largely a compromise between the legislature, advocates for gun safety/control as well as GOAL, the Gun Owners Action League. He emphasized that it is, of course important to support whoever wins the Democratic primary for Governor in the general election and said that Falmouth continues to be one of the most active towns on the Cape in getting out the vote. He ended with a few

words to introduce Matt Patrick, former five term State Representative from Falmouth, who is running in the general election for the Plymouth and Barnstable Senate seat being vacated by Senate President Terry Murray.

Matt Patrick made the following remarks: “I’m excited to be here with you all because Falmouth is a big



part of what I need to be successful. The response in Plymouth has been very positive when I tell people the differences between me and my opponent. Yeah, he is a nice guy and I like him, but I have a record of getting things done at the State House and he doesn’t. I have a plan to create good jobs and he doesn’t. Look at our websites and compare- there is no comparison; I talk about issues and he doesn’t. The campaign is going great and momentum is building. We’re on the doors and the

phones and raising money. We could use a lot of volunteer help, though, so please get in touch with us if you can help out even a little. There’s plenty to do and I can’t do it without Falmouth.”

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Matt mentioned that to contact the campaign, please call or email Zeld MacGregor at 774-269-8867 or Zelda@votemattpatrick.org. You can also visit the campaign's Facebook page or website: <http://www.electmattpatrick.org>.

The picnic continued with ribs, sausages, hamburgers and many delicious salads and desserts. Everyone had a good time and we were all grateful to Elaine Hickey for the use of her lovely backyard and house, and to Ruth Beckett and others for organizing the picnic.

Calendar:

Sept. 9: Primary at your usual polling site.

Sept. 13: Unity Breakfast for Democrats from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at our headquarters, 704 D Main Street, Falmouth. See above message from Megan English Braga.

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