

Falmouth, Cape Cod, MA



FDTC Newsletter, September, 2014

Monthly Meeting Minutes:

Megan English Braga, Chair, noted that the main goals for this meeting were to sign up volunteers to staff the new Democratic Party Headquarters. A sign up sheet for volunteers was sent around. Megan mentioned that the office at 704D Main Street has great space for phone banking, storage of signs, meetings, and general organizing tasks. **Scott Simenas** and **Mary Ann Williams** will manage the office which will be open through the November election.



Lloyd Beckett, Treasurer, gave a short report. We have \$3385 in our account. The office will cost us more than \$2000 so we will be at bare bones at the end of the election season. The Cape and Islands Democratic Council (CIDC) donated \$500 to our account and we are grateful.

Judy Ziss, who had organized the campaign for **Don Berwick** in Falmouth, thanked those who had worked on the Berwick Team. She noted that Berwick had won in Precinct 1 and obtained 30% of the Falmouth vote. She read Berwick's statement in support of **Martha Coakley** and noted the shared values of all in the Democratic Party and that **Elizabeth Warren** has enthusiastically endorsed Martha Coakley. Judy urged us all to come together now and work for Coakley.

Later in the meeting, **Thelma Goldstein** noted that Coakley is now head of the Democratic ticket and said how proud she herself was to be a Democrat. She said that Coakley should now be our focus. Everyone applauded.

Two representatives from the Coordinated Campaign and **Bill Keating's** office spoke to us. **Anthony Morse** noted that the Republican opposing Keating, John Chapman, has been labeled an "etch a sketch" candidate without substance. Falmouth, he said, is key to reelecting Keating. **Chris Mathews** said that the Coordinated Campaign would be pooling resources, canvassing, and announced that there will be Keating phone banks every Wednesday night at the office. He noted that **Rebecca Cantor** is the recruiter for the Coordinated Campaign. Pledge cards to vote for the entire Democratic ticket will be available. You can reach Chris at chris@billkeating.org and Anthony at Anthony@billkeating.org. The phone number for the

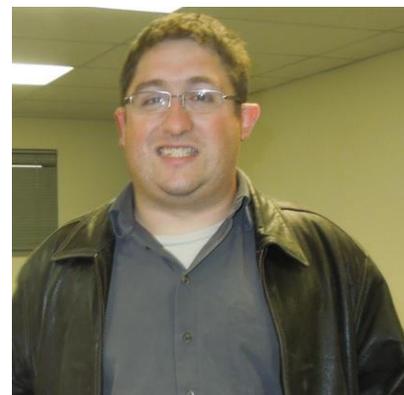


Figure 1 Anthony Morse



Figure 2 Chris Mathews

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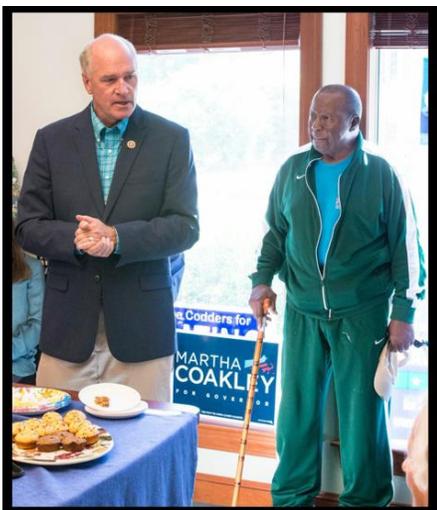
campaign is 508 591-0984. Chris and Anthony hope you will keep them informed about things you are hearing which would be useful for the campaign to know.

There were questions about how canvassing will work. Since there are so many candidates running on the Democratic ticket, it may be that not all of them can be mentioned during a face to face meeting at the door. Canvassers were urged to have the complete list on a card to hand to people and to mention at least the top candidates, including the one which they may be particularly interested in promoting.

Hugh Gregory urged us to have a large event to publicize the Coakley candidacy. There was also a comment on the importance of getting people to the polls, especially those in group homes who are not able to get out on their own. **Rafiq Islam** discussed the Kerrigan campaign. He noted also that there are 35,000 Muslim voters registered in MA and another 36,000 unregistered Muslim voters. College students have been recruited to register these voters in Cambridge, Watertown, Somerville, Lowell and on the south shore.

Message from Penny Duby: Phone Calling for the Combined Campaign will take place on Monday nights starting at 6:30 p.m. and Wednesday nights starting at 7 p.m. at the Headquarters. Contact Penny at 508 540- 9170 or 857 998- 1354 if you can help. There are only 6 weeks left to do this work! You can also phone from home.

Office Opening: The Democratic Party Headquarters in Falmouth had its opening on Saturday morning, Sept. 13th. Ruth Beckett and volunteers organized a delicious brunch. Several speakers included Matt **Patrick**, candidate for State Senate for Plymouth and Barnstable counties, **Mark Forest**, candidate for County Commissioner, and **Bill Keating**, candidate for Congress from our area. Visitors signed up for volunteer jobs and took tours of the office.





Calendar:

Sept. 26th: Event for **Terry Murray**: 7 p.m. at the Falmouth Historical Society. Information to follow in the D newsletter

October 1st: Roundtable Forum on Affordable Housing; 7-9 p.m. Hermann Room of the Public Library

October 15th: Monthly meeting of the FDTC at the Gus Canty Center at 7 p.m.

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