

Falmouth, Cape Cod, MA

Falmouth Democratic Town Committee Newsletter: Monthly Meeting, Sept. 21, 2016

Scott Simenas, Vice Chair of the FDTC, introduced **Michael Palmer**, Town Clerk, who spoke on new state regulations on voting. He gave us the dates for early voting which occurs between October 24 and November 4th. The exact times for voting at Town Hall are on the Town Clerk's website. No reason is needed to vote early and there are several evenings and Saturdays for voting. The innovations are so far only for this Presidential election and then the legislation expires. New legislation can be passed. The results will be counted by the regular machines on election day. A list will be produced with the names of those who vote early so that there can be no duplicate voting. Also 16 year olds can now preregister to vote so that when they turn 18, they will get an acknowledgement that they are registered. Ballots can be picked up by family members to send to college students. Call the Town Clerk's Office at 508-495-7350 for more information.



Michael Palmer, Town Clerk



Su Moran

The local candidates to appear on the November ballot were introduced. The first to speak was **Su Moran**, running for the position of Falmouth Representative to the Assembly of Delegates. The position is currently held by Julia Taylor who is not running again. It is the second most important regional position. Some issues considered by the Assembly are issues of dredging, mosquito issues, fire training and cooperation with other Cape towns. Su is currently on the Falmouth Board of Selectmen but feels she can hold both positions.

Mary Pat Flynn and **Mark Forest**, both

candidates for the two open positions as County Commissioner, spoke next. **Mary Pat Flynn** has been a Commissioner for the past 8 years and is running for a 3rd four year term. The goal of the Commission is to bring towns together and to ask how common services can

be shared. At this time there are two Democrats and one Republican on the Commission. **Mark Forest** is running for **Sheila Lyons'** place as she is stepping down. We hope to keep two Democrats on the Commission.



Mark Forest



Mary Pat Flynn

Mark Forest spoke about his experience as a teacher at the Cape Cod Community College and his work with **Bill Delahunt** and **Gary Studds**.

Mark has brought many federal dollars to the Cape for water and other environmental issues. Each town has its own water supply issues and come are of critical concern with chemicals of emerging concern present in the supply. He noted that funding for the Commission comes from a tax imposed when you buy a house plus town assessments. He said that the Cape Human Rights Commission was supported by the group and it was critical that it continue. The Commission will address questions, among others, of opioid addiction. The need for high speed internet to create the “Open Cape” is another issue for exploration and moving ahead. Mark has been successful in getting grants of federal dollars previously and will work to continue that tradition. There are currently two Republican opponents for these seats so work must be done to defeat them (names are Ron Beaty and Linda Bond).

Matt Patrick, candidate for State Rep., spoke about his tough fight coming up in November against David Vieira. He needs our support and Zelda MacGregor invited us to attend the campaign’s” KnocktoOberfest,” the weekend of October 7th and 8th to knock on doors and have fun and free food. Call Zelda at 774-269-8867 to RSVP or for more information. Matt will continue his good work to help bridge the big divide in income in our country. He will work for the \$15 minimum wage, the Millionaire’s Tax and for single payer health care.



Matt Patrick

Dylan Fernandes, candidate for State Rep., thanked everyone for their help and thanked the other candidates who ran a good campaign against him. He spoke of his



Dylan Fernandes

experience working for Elizabeth Warren and Maura Healey and his record of good work on civil rights and consumer protection issues. He is facing an Independent from Nantucket on the November ballot who has made the divisive remark that someone from Falmouth should not represent this district. This candidate, Tobias Glidden of Nantucket, has good funding , but **Dylan** lost Nantucket by only 9 votes in the Primary. **Dylan** pledges to continue to work for affordable housing on the Cape and for environmental stewardship of our valuable land. He has the needed

new energy, at age 26, to represent us well.

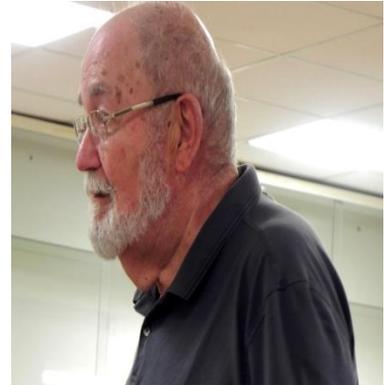
Randy Azzato, candidate for Sheriff, was teaching in Boston, so his wife, **Erin**, represented him at our meeting. **Randy** had a good win in Falmouth and won 11 of the 15 towns on the Cape. He continues to need our support since his opponent, Sheriff Cummings, has been in the field for 40 years. **Randy** plans to restructure the way the Sheriff’s office works and to make needed reforms. He is having a cookout at the Cape Verdean Club on October 1.



Erin Azzato

Chris Matthews, representative for **Bill Keating**, spoke about Bill’s campaign. His opponent is a Tea Party candidate who does not believe in climate change. **Bill has upcoming events and needs our support.**

Lloyd Beckett, who along with **Ruth Beckett**, is responsible for running our new Democratic Campaign Headquarters at **180 Teakticket Highway**, announced that we are in business and can be reached at **508 540-9020**. **Megan English Braga**, Chair of the FDTC, and **Tom LeBach** are responsible for running the United Hillary Campaign in Falmouth. Lloyd noted the many volunteer possibilities open with the campaign and urged people to sign up for different opportunities. Some of these include staffing the office, participating in stand outs, putting up lawn signs, joining phone banks, and door to door canvassing. Training on Winning Hearts and Minds for Hillary (**WHAM**) takes place several times a week at



Lloyd Beckett

headquarters. **Penny Duby** is organizing that effort along with the phone banks. **Judy Ziss** spoke about her work with **Sandy Faiman Silva** for canvassing by phone and in person in New Hampshire. There will be car pools to Salem and Derry, NH on October 15 and 29th. Sign ups and contacts can be made through the headquarters office.

The meeting closed with attendees signing up for volunteer positions.

Calendar: October 19th: FDTC Monthly Meeting, 7 p.m. at the Gus Canty Center. Discussion of the 4 ballot questions on the November ballot.

October 20th: WCAI radio, 9 a.m. for local candidate debate.

October 26th: League of Women Voters Candidate Night.

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Elected Committee Member: \$25 a year

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Photos of Thelma at fundraiser/garden party in her honor

THIS IS A VERY CRUCIAL CAMPAIGN PERIOD. PLEASE COME BY OUR DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE HEADQUARTERS AT 180 Teaticket Highway in the Driftwood Plaza or call us at 508-540-9020 TO SIGN UP FOR VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES. WE NEED EVERYONE TO WORK AND VOTE! GO HILLARY CLINTON!!

We will soon have lawn signs for all local candidates and for Hillary/Kaine at the office. Please drop by.



Simone giving orders with Megan and Matt Patrick at fundraiser



Bill Keating at fundraiser



Charlie McCaffrey, host of fundraiser, with Dylan Fernandes and others



Joyful Dems at fundraiser