

## AGENDA: Groton Democratic Town Committee

Wed. May 24, 2023, 7-8 pm, Thrive 55/Senior Center

1. **Call to Order:** 7 PM. Welcoming Remarks/Intros. Natalie Billing, Chair.
2. **Approve Minutes Previous Meeting-**April 26, 2023 (available to review on GDTC website: [www.grotondems.org](http://www.grotondems.org) ) Juliette Parker, Secretary
3. **Treasurer's Report:** John Wirzbicki. Very successful fundraiser. Have almost \$10,000. Thanks: all who attended, donated, and paid for a message of appreciation to Rita and Joe. Please keep donating/ dues/online/on website [www.grotondems.org](http://www.grotondems.org). Still need to raise thousands more for an effective fall campaign. HQ rent, utils, phone. Walkcard/mailer. Mailing costs. GOTV mailers.
4. **Chair's Report. First and foremost: WOW! Great event at Par Four, to honor Rita Schmidt and Joe de la Cruz. Thank the committee who made it happen and all those who attended. With Susan B., Joe Courtney, and Sean Scanlon (State Comptroller) --- great friends of Groton DTC. Lots of laughter, love, warmth, respect, regard. And FUN!**  
I continue to work with the Nom Comm: Final month now for candidate recruitment. We could still use more candidates for Town Council. Definitely need RTM candidates. We have more than enough interest in Board of Education!!! (fabulous).
5. **Nominating Committee.** Recommends seating as a new DTC member, D4, Nicki Neifeld, staff for Martha Marx, formerly staff for Lamont.
6. **Fundraising Committee Report.** Mary vonDorster.
7. **State Representatives Report.** Chris Conley (40<sup>th</sup>) and Aundre Bumgardner (41<sup>st</sup>)
8. **Mayor's Update.** Juan Melendez. Items under discussion that members may individually want to speak to Councilors about.
9. **BOE Update.** Bev Washington, Matthew Shulman. Items members may individually want to speak to Bd. Members about.
10. **Guest Speaker** Adrienne Billings-Smith. Vice Chair. State Dems.
11. **Announcements/Future Agenda Items.** Next GDTC meeting: Wed. June 28<sup>th</sup>. THEN: **THURS July 20<sup>th</sup>: endorsement of candidates!** Please Mark Your Calendars!!! Note: a Thursday, not WED.
12. **Other events.** NAACP Fund Dinner, June 27, 6 pm. Ocean Beach Park. Ttxts: \$75. Hear Congressman Bennie Thompson.
13. **Adjournment:** by 8 PM please. Social hour to follow.