

Agenda: GDTC Meeting Wed. Aug 23 7 pm Groton Thrive 55/Sr. Center

1. Call to Order.
2. Welcoming remarks and introductions.
3. Approval of Previous Minutes for July Endorsement Meeting
4. Treasurer's Report.
5. Chair's Report/Campaign Update

* We have not found a HQ yet. Landlords not returning calls. Not interested in short term leases. If anyone has any please ask for us. If we don't find a HQ, we will need to improvise how to do some things.

Council and BOE lawn signs ordered. Should be ready to go right after Labor Day. Candidates: start lining up where to put them. Help each other. Put 2-3 at most places. NOT ALLOWED ON TOWN OR STATE PROPERTY. MUST HAVE HOMEOWNERS PERMISSION. ALL GDTC members...please take 2-3 signs.

Council/BOE walkcards sent to printer. Should also be ready to go right after Labor Day.

RTM candidates can make their own. GET THEM APPROVED before printing them. Provide receipt for Treasurer.

RTM DISTRICTS 4 and 7---all DEM candidates automatically win. (still, go door knocking with Council, BOE candidates in your districts to support them please). District 5: 2 Dem candidates could lose. Other districts: only one candidate is at risk in each district. DEMS WILL TAKE majority on RTM.

BOE: we are guaranteed two spots on Board (minority representation rule). Council: There is no minority representation rule. We are not guaranteed any seats.

Opponents: Republican are running, 6? for Council. 2 for BOE (are guaranteed one seat). Less than minimum for RTM.

"Groton Independents" are running 6? for Council, 1 for BOE, and a few for RTM as petitioning candidates. They all qualified. Turned in petitions with enough signatures. This is a first. A new development.

And, remember, the City Council election is the same day, Nov. 7. Another first. Though the Democrats are uncontested in the City.

Candidates who want to door knock, lists will be available. On phones. Using VAN. Dan, Cutter and others can train new folks on how to use. New candidates, go with someone experienced at first.

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IF no HQ, phone calling will be done from homes. Absentee Voter Project can be done from home. Need volunteers.

FUNDRAISING. SIGNS ARE EXPENSIVE!!! \$250 a candidate with wires. WALKCARDS are costly. WE NEED TO RAISE MORE MONEY TO DO MAILINGS. Please donate what you can. Whether \$25, \$50...each month if you can...or \$100-\$200-\$300. Max allowed is \$2000 YR. per person. Please ask friends and family. Even for \$25.

Fundraiser/Picnic. Sun. Sept 10. Sutton Park. 4-6. Suggested donation: \$20
Burgers, dogs, sausage available. Drinks. Salads, Desserts. Games. Music.
Fun. Please come. Ask a friend.

6. State Representatives Report. Chris Conley and Aundre Bumgardner.

7. Town Council Update. Mayor Juan Melendez.

8. BOE Update. Beverly Washington/Matthew Shulman.

9. Announcements. Suggestions.

10. Adjournment