

Re: Ruskewich/Sensible Wilton's SEEC Complaint as filed on 10-2-14

Supplemental supporting documentation of Election violations by Wilton Town and School Officials Wilton's 9-23/9-27-14 \$50M referendum vote

I offer the 3 items as a supplement to Sensible Wilton's 10-2-14 SEEC Complaint:

1) A statement by an attendee, Curtis Noel, of an advocacy presentation by Karen Birk, a member of the Building Committee, during Parent night at Miller Driscoll.

2) A copy of a section the minutes of the Republican Town Committee from 10/15/2014, documenting the meeting held on 9/9/2014 in a Town Hall facility encouraging a Yes vote by Karen Birk. A copy of the official Town calendar showing it scheduled for Room A.

3) A link to the video of the Town Hall Meeting on the Referendum where John Macken of 1 Chipmunk Lane specifically describes a meeting at Miller-Driscoll for kindergarten parents as a "sales pitch. The link to the video on the official Town of Wilton site is:

<http://www.screencast.com/t/RKBvEqal1Lz>

Since the video is rather long, his statement starts right after the 117 minute mark.

## **Curtis Noel Statement**

I attended one of the Vote Yes sessions at Middlebrook School. All of the parents who were there specifically to meet with their children's teachers were first gathered together, in what looked like a lunch room, at the beginning of the evening's program. Karen Birk, Vice Chair of the Miller-Driscoll Building Committee gave what can only be described as a strong sales pitch calling for support of the \$50 million M-D renovation proposal. She urged these parents to vote for the proposal. When she was finished with her 15-20 minute talk the parents were released to go to classrooms and meet with their children's teachers. No questions were taken and there was no discussion.

O. Curtis Noel  
27 Keelers Ridge Road  
Wilton

## **October 15, 2014 RTC MEETING AGENDA**

1. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Roll call.
3. **ACTION ITEM**: Approval of September 9 Minutes– Secty
4. Treasurer’s report –Treasurer
5. Chairman report
  - (a) Voter trends
    - i. Aprl: R: 4145, D: 2905, U: 4127, T: 11227
    - ii. May: R: 4139, D: 2908, U: 4135, T: 11232
    - iii. Jun: R: 4134, D: 2905, U: 4136, T: 11226
    - iv. Jul: R: 4118, D: 2897, U: 4140, T: 11206
    - v. Aug: R: 4140, D: 2895, U: 4155, T: 11242
    - vi. Sep: R: 4142, D: 2909, U: 4183, T: 11285
    - vii. Goal of 3+ % each year
      1. 1% = approx 41 total NEW Republicans!
      2. Can you commit register just 1 new R each year? Each quarter?
6. 2014 Elections machinations – ECameron
  - (a) Phone Bak
  - (b) Polls
7. Town/State/Fed updates – **3-5 min each w/5 min Q&A as needed**
  - (a) 2014 Candidates – TBD
  - (b) State Elected Officials – Senate/Representative
  - (c) State Party Officials – State Central members
  - (d) BoS/BoE/BoF updates – Board representatives
    - i. Yankee Gas update
8. **ACTION ITEM**: Board/Commission Endorsements
  - (a) Land Use – MRudolph
9. **DISCUSSION**: Ballot 2014 – Voter Turnout
  - (a) MD Bonding, et al
  - (b) Constitutional Question: See attached
10. **SAVE THE DATE**
  - (a) Election Day – Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>
  - (b) “Chairman’s coffee” –1<sup>st</sup> Friday this month
  - (c) Upcoming RTC meeting(s): November 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30pm, Wilton Town Hall Annex
11. Adjournment

## Wilton Republican Town Committee

### Meeting Minutes

September 9, 2014

Attendance: Lianne Acosta-Rua, Al Alper, Gary Battaglia, Eric Cameron, Hal Clark, Ken Dartley, Don Drummond, Chris Finkelstein, Christopher Gardner, Gerald Holdridge, Chris Hulse, Gail Lavielle, Carol Lenihan, Al Nickel, Peter Nigro, Ed Papp, Andrea Preston, Michael Rudolph, Don Sauvigne, Jim Saxe, Miriam Sayegh, Warren Serenbetz, Annalisa Stravato, Ray Tobiasson, Chris Weldon, and Charles Wessendorf.

Call to Order: WRTC Chairman Al Alper called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made to approve minutes from the May 2014 meeting. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Vacancies on WRTC: Warren Serenbetz, Chair of the subcommittee responsible for recommending new members of the RTC said that his committee was recommending Bill Follet and Sally Poundstone to fill the two vacancies on the committee. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved.

Information on Miller Driscoll School renovation: Karen Birck who sat on the BOE discussed details of her committee's recommendation to the town to renovate the Miller Driscoll School. She outlined her committee's findings, handed out informational material and said that the Board of Finance had endorsed the project. She encouraged all members to vote for the renovation at the special town meeting on September 23 at 7:30 PM.

#### Elected Official Reports:

State Representative Gail Lavielle reported on the party and her campaign, and mentioned that she will be participating in a debate sponsored by the League of Women Voters on October 8th at 7 p.m. in the Westport Town Hall auditorium.

State Central Representative Annalisa Stravato said that her committee will meet on September 30th and will be working on the Nation Builders' web site which is sponsored by the Foley campaign on behalf of the state GOP. She is coordinating the letter writing campaign for Foley. Annalisa has also been asked to raise money for Tim Herbst's campaign from our RTC. There are four dates where volunteers from the WRTC will be needed to greet the public and hand out campaign materials at the Village Market, Stop & Shop and other areas. She will notify

members of the times and places. She will be asking for RTC volunteers for the phone banks in the coming weeks.

First Selectman Bill Brennan updated the committee on the progress of the natural gas lines in town and said that they are way ahead of schedule on the project. He reminded the group of the September 11 memorial service at 10:30 a.m. at the Fire House.

#### Campaign Efforts

Al mentioned that Frank Oliveri will be managing the lawn sign distribution for this campaign. He said that our committee needs a volunteer to keep our web site fresh with information on the candidates. We also need someone to coordinate our presence at the polling stations and someone to coordinate the Election Day event at Trackside. Drivers will be needed, especially for seniors, in order to get them to the polls. Al thanked Eric Cameron for his campaign efforts to date.