

PARTY RULES updated to be consistent with State Statute and State Party rules

WOLCOTT REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

WOLCOTT.CONNECTICUT

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REPUBLICAN TOWN COMMITTEE

WOLCOTT, CONNECTICUT

SECTION 1. PURPOSE: The purposes and functions of the Republican Town Committee of the Town of Wolcott are to: encourage qualified Republicans to run for office, conduct party caucuses and organize and direct general election campaigns, elect Republicans to office, recommend qualified Republicans for appointive offices, study and recommend improvements in the form of local government, study and support or oppose State legislation concerning the Town of Wolcott, sponsor and encourage constructive Party activities and administer Party funds in the Town of Wolcott.

SECTION 2. TOWN COMMITTEE: The Republican Town Committee of the Town of Wolcott shall consist of thirty-six (36) regular members elected from the Town at large and such ex-officio and honorary members as herein provided .

(A) Regular Membership: Shall be accorded to any person, in the manner provided in Section 3 of these rules, who is an enrolled Republican elector of the Town of Wolcott at the time of his/her election and during the term of his/her office.

(B) Ex-officio Membership: Shall be non-voting and accorded to all those enrolled Republican electors of the Town holding the following offices: Mayor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, Treasurer, Registrar of Voters, State Senator, State Representative, U.S. Congressman, Chairman or Minority Leader of permanent Boards and Commissions Listed here; Town Council, Board of Education, Planning and Zoning, Inland Wetlands Commission, Parks and Recreation and Acquired Facilities Commission, Commission for Individuals with Special Needs, Sewer and Water Commission, Library Board, Town Attorney.

(C) Honorary Membership: Shall be non-voting and accorded to those former regular and ex-officio members of the Town Committee who have given outstanding and meritorious service to the Party for a minimum of twenty-five (25) years and who are no longer able to remain fully active. Election to such membership shall require a minimum three-fourths (3/4) vote of the members present at a regularly

scheduled Town Committee meeting, provided the Town Committee membership has been given a minimum of ten (10) days advance notice of such pending vote.

SECTION 3. ELECTION OF TOWN COMMITTEE MEMBERS:

(A) Primary: The date for primaries for the election of Town Committee members shall be the first (1st) Tuesday of March in the even-numbered years as provided in Section 9-425 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

(B) Endorsements: Candidates for Town Committee membership shall be endorsed by caucus in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes. No proxy voting shall be permitted for such endorsement. The names of the Party-endorsed candidates for Town Committee membership shall be filed with the Clerk of the Town of Wolcott and the State Party Chairman by the Presiding Officer and the Secretary of the caucus in compliance with the Connecticut General Statutes.

SECTION 4. TERMS AND VACANCIES:

(A) Term: The terms of Town Committee members shall start on the first Monday following the date of the primary set in connection with their election, and they shall serve for two years or until their successors have been chosen, but not more than twenty-six (26) months, provided when these rules are amended to increase Town Committee membership, they shall specify the day upon which the terms of the new positions created by said increase shall begin and the manner in which the new positions shall be filled. The terms of all members shall end on the same day.

(B) Vacancies:

1. Vacancies occurring for any reason in Town Committee membership or elected officers shall be filled by vote of the remaining members of the Town Committee at a regularly scheduled or special Town Committee meeting with a minimum of ten (10) days' notice.

SECTION 5. INITIAL MEETING, CHAIRMAN, AND TERMS:

The Town Committee shall meet within three (3) weeks of the commencement of their term, as specified in Section 4. of these. rules, at the call of the previous chairman or in the event of his / her failure to act,

at the call of a member of the State Central Committee from the district in which said Chairman resides, and shall elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer.

(A) The Chairman must be chosen from within the membership of the Town Committee, according to these rules, except the Chairman may be chosen from outside the membership of the Town Committee by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the regular members present and voting. The Chairman may cast a vote to break a tie, including a tie in the vote for the selection of party- endorsed candidates under Section 9-386 of the Connecticut General Statutes. This vote, if necessary, shall be in addition to any voting rights said Chair may have. The terms of all officers shall be for two years or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, but no more than twenty-six (26) months.

SECTION 6. DUTIES OF OFFICERS:

(A) Town Chairman: The Town Chairman shall:

1. Attend Senatorial District meetings;
2. Attend Congressional District meetings;
3. Attend and conduct Town Committee meetings;
4. Secure a report at each Town Committee meeting as to what transpired at the most recent State Central Committee meeting or see to it that a State Central Committee person delivers such a report.
5. Designate the Campaign Treasurer for local campaigns.

(B) Vice-Chairman: The Vice-Chairman shall:

1. Attend Senatorial District meetings;
2. Attend Congressional District meetings;
3. Attend Town Committee meetings and chair meetings in the absence of the Chairmen.
4. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the Office of Town Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall be responsible for determining the time, date, and place for a meeting to select a new Chairman, which meeting shall be held fifteen (15) to thirty (30) days after said vacancy occurs. If the Vice-Chairman does not act within two weeks of the vacancy, the State Central Committee person shall be so responsible.

(C) Treasurer:

The Treasurer shall:

1. Submit a written financial report at each Town Committee meeting;
2. See to it that all election finance laws are complied with by the Town Committee and instruct and assist various campaign treasurers in complying with the applicable provisions of Chapter 150 of the General Statutes.

(D) Secretary: The Secretary shall:

1. Notify Town Committee Chairman, Town Committee members and their State Central Committee members of the time, date and place of each Town Committee meeting;
2. Keep a record of minutes of each meeting and see that minutes of each meeting are acted upon by the Town Committee.
3. Keep accurate attendance records of Town Committee meetings and report totals of same to the Town Committee bi-annually as well as indicating absences in the minutes of each Town Committee meeting. In addition, the Secretary shall examine the attendance records of all Town Committee members and notify the Chairman of any member's unexcused absence for three or more consecutive meetings. Notification to the Chairman will be done in the Secretary's regular monthly attendance report.
4. Furnish to the State Chairman at least annually a list of Town Committee officers and notify the State Chairman of changes as they occur.
5. Send, within fifteen (15) days of adoption, true and accurate copies of local party rules, and any amendments to such rules to the State Chairman, and the Secretary of State, indicating the date on which they were adopted.

SECTION 7. STANDING COMMITTEES:

(A) The following working standing committees shall be established by the Town Committee Chairman within one (1) month of the election of the Chairman:

1. Finances;

2. Voter Registration;

3. Candidate Recruitment/Committee on Vacancies;

4. Publicity and Public Affairs

5. Policy Committee: Which shall be appointed by and chaired by the Chairman and shall consist of the Ex officio members of the town committee and the Town Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Immediate Past Chairman, provided he/she is a member of the Town Committee, and not less than three regular members nor more than six from the Town Committee, the exact number being at the discretion of the Chairman. It shall be the responsibility of the Policy Committee to meet at least quarterly, at a time and place designated by the Committee Chairman, to coordinate political resources, improve communications of all boards and commissions, and establish political policy with regard to all boards and commissions.

(B) All standing committees, except the Policy Committee which shall be appointed in the manner indicated above, shall be established as follows: The Chairman shall nominate the members of each standing committee. Said nominees shall be voted on by the Town Committee members present and voting. Once established, the Chairman shall appoint from the membership of each such committee a chairman for said committee.

(C) The Chairman of the Town Committee shall require a report in writing or in person as to the doings of each standing committee from each chairman of said committee at the regularly held Town Committee Meetings.

(D) All standing committees shall hold regularly scheduled meetings at least quarterly.

SECTION 8. NOTICE AFTER ORGANIZATION:

Within one (1) week after the organization of the Town Committee, the Secretary shall file with the Secretary of the State Central Committee and their state central representatives the names, emails, cell phone numbers and addresses of the officers and members of the Town Committee and the name, email, cell phone number and address of the Mayor, Town Clerk and Republican Registrar of Voters.

SECTION 9 MEETINGS:

(A) Except for special meetings duly called, all meetings shall be regularly scheduled at least twice each quarter for a specified and recurrent time, day and place, unless, by vote of the Town Committee, a sanctioned Republican event is substituted for a regular meeting. Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall apply when not in conflict with these rules.

(B) Special meetings may be called for any purpose by the Chairman and shall be called by said Chairman for any purpose upon the written request of twelve (12) Regular members of the Town Committee.

(C) All Town Committee meetings shall be open to the public unless the Town Committee, because of unusual circumstances and consistent with the requirements of the Freedom of Information Act, by a majority vote, elects to go into Executive Session.

(D) No business of the Town Committee shall be conducted at a regular or a special meeting unless the members attending shall constitute a quorum which shall consist of twelve (12) regular Town Committee members.

(E) Notice of all Town Committee meetings shall be sent to the State Central Committee members representing the Wolcott Senatorial District. At each Town Committee meeting, a report shall be given, either by a member of the State Central Committee in person or through the Town Chairman or his/her designee, on the most recent State Central Committee meeting.

SECTION 10. DISPUTES

Any disputes which cannot be settled locally as to the endorsement of a candidate for any office or for delegate or town committee member or member of the state committee, including conflicting claims to such endorsement or any dispute with respect to state or local party rules, may be submitted in writing by any affected individual to the state party chair. With respect to (1) disputes filed relating to endorsement of candidates or selection of delegates, the matter shall be referred to a dispute committee; and (2) disputes filed with respect to state or local party rules, the Chair shall determine if the dispute has merit and, if so, refer the matter to either mediation or a dispute committee. In the event that the Chair deems that a dispute relating to state or local party rules does not have merit, any member

of the state party may appeal such decision at the next state committee meeting; such appeal may be added to the agenda and passed by a majority vote of those present and voting at a meeting.

Mediation: On matters other than endorsement of candidates for office, or selection of delegates, the state party chair may appoint a mediator to facilitate resolution of the matter prior to referral to a dispute committee. Such mediator must be appointed within five days of the Chairman's determination of the legitimacy of such dispute, or in the case of a successful appeal of denial of merit by the Chairman, five days from the appeal. Unless otherwise agreed to by all parties, the mediator must resolve the matter or return it to the Chairman within five days of their appointment. If all parties reach an agreement in mediation, that agreement shall be final and binding on the parties.

Dispute Committees: Matters so submitted, or returned as unresolved from a mediator, shall be referred to the state committee or to a subcommittee thereof; consisting of not less than five (5) members appointed by the state party chair within five days after being returned from a mediator or, if no mediator was utilized, from submission of the complaint, none of whom shall be members representing the district or districts concerned. Such dispute shall be resolved within fifteen (15) days after appointment of the dispute committee. Decisions made on disputes submitted hereunder shall be final and binding upon the parties.

SECTION 11. PARTY-ENDORSED CANDIDATES

(A) The method of choosing party-endorsed candidates shall be by a majority vote of the regular town committee members present and voting.

(B) Notwithstanding these rules, the presiding officer of any endorsement meeting shall cast a vote to break ties. This vote, if necessary, shall be in addition to any regular voting rights such presiding officer may have.

(C) Any vacancy occurring in the party-endorsed candidacies before a primary or in the party nominations before an election, under the conditions stated in Sections 9-426, 9-428, 9-429, 9-430 and 9-460 of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be filled by the Town Committee.

SECTION 12. AMENDMENTS: These rules may be amended by a 2/3 vote of the entire authorized membership of the town committee members at a regular or special meeting, said meeting shall be

noticed to all members a minimum of ten (10) day prior to the meeting, or by a caucus of enrolled republicans called by the chairmen within thirty (30) days of the registrar of voters certification of the signatures on a petition in accordance with Section 9-375 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Any amendments adopted pursuant to provisions of this subsection shall be effective sixty days after the date on which they are filed with the Secretary of State.

Section 13. Party Assistance Not To Be Provided in Primaries:

No town committee or officer thereof shall expend any party funds or provide party services of value on behalf of any candidate in a pre-endorsement contest or primary.

SECTION 14. REMOVAL OF TOWN COMMITTEE OFFICERS:

(A) A Town Chairman, Vice-Chairman or other elected officer of the Town Committee may be removed by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the entire authorized membership of the Town Committee at a duly warned meeting called for that purpose by one-third (1/3) of said membership.

(B) Not less than seven (7) days' written notice shall be given of any meeting called under Subsection A. of this Section.

SECTION 15. PROXIES: Proxy voting shall not be permitted at any Town Committee meeting or caucus called for any purpose.

SECTION 16. DEFINITIONS: The terms "caucus", "party-endorsed candidate" and "primary" as used in these rules shall have the same meaning as these terms are defined in Section 9-372 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

SECTION 17. SEPARABILITY: In the event that any section of these rules or portion thereof shall be ruled invalid, such ruling shall have no effect on the validity of the remainder of said section and the remaining sections of said rules and the same shall remain in full force and effect.