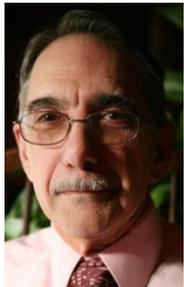




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The Wolf in Sheep's Clothing

by Bob Isadore

In last year's newsletters, I devoted a couple of my view columns on Charlie Baker. Recently I have heard from some good Democrats that they think Charlie Baker is a nice guy and he

doesn't seem to be too conservative.

I firmly believe the first line of defense against the current federal administration's attack on our civil rights is the governor of our State, but Charlie Baker is not the right governor to do it.

I'd like to review a few facts to support my view. Charlie Baker has done a great job portraying himself as a moderate and someone who keeps his distance from Donald Trump and his policies, but in fact he followed the lead of Donald Trump.

Fact: This past July, Governor Charlie Baker signed the FY 2018 Massachusetts budget, but vetoed about **\$320,000,000.00** which included **\$515,000.00** in local funding. The cuts affecting Cape Cod and the Islands were **\$100,000.00** cut from Health and Human Resources; **\$25,000.00** cut for Martha's Vineyard Community Services; a **\$100,000.** cut to Barnstable County Fire and Rescue Training Academy; **\$25,000.00** cut from Sight Loss Services; **\$85,000.00** cut from Housing Assistance Corp; **\$50,000.00** cut from The Community Development Partnership (for development of affordable & middle income housing); **\$100,000.00** cut from Homelessness Prevention Council of Lower Cape Cod; **\$30,000.00** cut from RT 6 Traffic Enforcement Orleans and Eastham. State wide **\$222,000,000.00** was cut from Mass Health, **\$500,000.00** from HIV/Aids prevention, and **\$150,000.00** from the office of Employment Involvement and Ownership aimed to aid small business. This does not sound like a Governor who is listening to the needs of the people of Massachusetts. Fortunately, the Massachusetts House and Senate led by the Democrats were able

to override the Governors cuts and restored the funding.

Charlie Baker is still pushing his bill to allow State and local police to work with ICE in detaining undocumented immigrants without cause. Under Baker's legislation an undocumented individual can be detained for at least 12 hours. This person has not been charged with a crime. Unlawful presence in the United States is a civil offense not a criminal offense, and detention is not supported by probable cause let alone a warrant. This legislation applies to all undocumented immigrants who do not have a criminal record, many of whom have been in the United States from early childhood, have served in our military, worked, paid taxes, and raised families of their own.

Baker cannot have it both ways. He can criticize Donald Trump publicly all he wants, but his actions speak volumes about who the real Charlie Baker is, as he tries to circumvent Massachusetts courts and work with Trump's immigration crackdown and deportation force.

More on Charlie Baker next month.

Yarmouth Democrats to caucus for state convention

The Yarmouth Democratic caucus to elect delegates to the 2018 Democratic State Convention will take place on Saturday February 17, 1PM at the Yarmouth Police Department meeting room, 340 Higgins Crowell Rd., So. Yarmouth, MA. All registered Yarmouth Democrats are eligible to run for delegate to the state convention. We will be electing 13 delegates, (6 female, 6 male, and 1 either sex) and 2 alternate female, and 2 alternate male delegates.

This year's convention will be held at the DCU Center, Worcester on Friday June 1, and Saturday June 2. The convention schedule will be announced in the final call to Convention, which will be published in May, 2018.

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5 REASONS TO REPLACE REPUBLICAN CHARLIE BAKER WITH A DEMOCRATIC GOVERNOR

1. FOLLOW THE OPIOID MONEY

Even as opioid overdoses increased more than 46% during his two years as Governor, Charlie Baker cut millions from substance abuse treatment programs. He's taken more than \$120,000 in donations from the pharmaceutical industry, including the makers of OxyContin.

2. WHO'S MISSING?

Two thirds of Charlie Baker's Cabinet are white men, and his Cabinet includes no African-American or Asian-American Secretaries. The Governor refuses to release any information on minority hiring in his own office.

3. TRUMPCARE 2.0

Charlie Baker hopes to join Donald Trump's campaign to roll back the Affordable Care Act by kicking 100,000 working parents off of Medicaid - even after the Legislature rejected his cruel plan. Twice.

4. CAMPAIGN FINANCE RECORD

Charlie Baker's charter school ballot campaign received the largest fine for campaign finance violations in state history. Two members of his cabinet gave the campaign almost \$1 million in illegal contributions. But more than a year after voters rejected Question 2, Baker still doesn't have a plan to fully fund our public schools. He opposes the Fair Share Amendment, which would raise billions of dollars for transportation and public education.

5. OUT OF TOUCH

Unlike our Democratic state and federal elected officials, Charlie Baker hasn't held a single town hall style public meeting where voters can speak to him directly about their concerns. Not one. Charlie doesn't regularly ride the T, and he hasn't shown his face at any of the Women's Marches or the rallies against the Trump Administration. He does, however, meet regularly with national Republicans and his wealthy campaign donors.

Challenge @CharlieBakerMA: It's Time for Action!

Tell Governor Baker to fully fund treatment and prevention programs to fight the opioid epidemic, make his Cabinet reflect the diversity of Massachusetts, drop his attack on Medicaid, support the Fair Share Amendment, hold a public meeting in every part of the state, and ride the T every day for a week.

Help Us Educate Voters About Charlie Baker's Failed Record

Become a member of the MassDems Social Media Activist Team. You'll get first-look access to social media content that highlights Charlie Baker's record that you can share on Facebook and Twitter. You'll also receive exclusive data reports that track the progress of our soon-to-be-launched social media campaign. Sign up using the link below!

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Representative Bill Keating: Nunes Memo Will 'Cause Great Damage' [Click here](#)

Yarmouth Chief Speaks at YDTC Meeting

by Angela Carbone



Police Chief Fred Frederickson spoke about the opioid crisis, community policing, the crime rate, and the fine job performed by the officers in his department. With his sharp sense of humor and genial manner, Frederickson informed and

entertained the packed meeting room at the police station. The YDTC meeting was held at the police station because of a burst pipe at town hall.

Frederickson explained that the opioid epidemic, which is happening throughout the country, is affecting mostly the white population. "It's not Hispanic; it's not Brazilian; it's not Black," he said. The drugs involved are deadly, and the effects of the addiction to prescription pain killers or heroin harms communities. The average age of overdose on drugs such as fentanyl is 34. The average person who dies of a heroin overdose has had 42 criminal arraignments, he said.

Opioid addiction is costly. Users typically use one to three grams per day. Each gram costs about \$100. The costs mount.

Yarmouth police work tirelessly to get people into rehab, connect them with a trained counselor, and save the lives of those who overdose. But breaking addiction is complicated and problematical. The person who manages to achieve one year of sobriety averages five stints in rehab before that success. The fact that many addicted people are in dysfunctional families, have other mental health issues, or both, complicates the efforts to rehabilitate.

One key component to fighting the opioid epidemic is education. "What is lacking is preventive education. It's just not there," Frederickson said.

On another note, Frederickson said that the emphasis on community policing and the hard work of the police officers are paying off. For the fourth year in a row, Yarmouth's burglary rate declined. In 2010, for example, there were more than 300 housebreaks, while in 2017, there were 59. "Community policing is like making deposits in the bank," he said. The robust crime watch program in town also has helped keep property crime lower, Frederickson said.

The chief took questions from the audience, then left to compose one of his celebrated poems to alert local citizens to the polar plunge, which was to take place the next day at Smugg

Christopher Flanagan, Candidate for 1st Barnstable addresses Yarmouth DTC

By Sandra Blackman



Christopher Flanagan, candidate for first Barnstable District Representative, addressed the Yarmouth Democratic Town Committee at its January meeting. Chris expressed his concerns on affordable housing, immigration, and waste water

issues facing Yarmouth.

According to his web site, Chris learned firsthand that we do not always get to choose our life circumstances when his mom passed away from cancer and his father suffered from two strokes. With those experiences at the forefront of his mind, Chris moved from Dennis Port to Washington DC to pursue public service, to help those like him who were dealt life circumstances beyond their control.

He spoke of his work on behalf of Cape Cod when he worked for two U.S. senators, John Kerry and William "Mo" Cowan. When Senator Kerry was appointed to serve as U.S. Secretary of State, Chris worked in his personal office at the U.S. Department of State. After his return to Dennis Port,



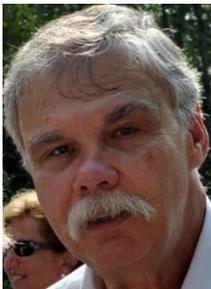
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Chris joined the Dennis Chamber of Commerce, the Dennis Town Advisory Committee on Alternative Energies, the Dennis Town Committee for Waste-water Implementation, and the Dennis Democratic Town Committee.

His belief that the 1st Barnstable District needed strong leadership and his vision for social justice, economic justice, and his solutions to protect and promote our environment, economic development, and attainable housing, is why Chris filed to run for State Representative for the 1st Barnstable district.

A Veteran's View

by Dick Carey



Hate Must Not Win

As a veteran, I ask other veterans and non-veterans to speak out against the intolerant and bigoted rhetoric that Donald Trump has promoted through his political beliefs and his actions.

This absurd discourse is putting women, people of color, immigrants, members of the LGBT community, those with disabilities, and other community members at risk.

Since 1775, Americans have put their lives on line to create and maintain the freedoms of this great Nation. Trump does not exemplify the principles of the United States of America.

We must remind those that have forgotten that America's successes and accomplishments include; our openness, our unwavering acceptances of opinions and cultures different from our own, and knowing that we flourish through the variety of experiences. Our understanding grows by acknowledging the diversity of our backgrounds.

Trump has a thirst for power and desires to reach it by all means. He does this by ridiculing and dividing. We must find this inexcusable and despicable.

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Demographics of Yarmouth

(Source: Wikipedia)

As of the [census](#)^[4] of 2000, there were 11,603 people, 5,485 households, and 3,181 families residing in the CDP. The [population density](#) was 640.0/km² (1,656.9/mi²). There were 7,834 housing units at an average density of 432.1/km² (1,118.7/mi²). The racial makeup of the CDP was 94.74% [White](#), 1.53% [African American](#), 0.34% [Native American](#), 0.63% [Asian](#), 0.06% [Pacific Islander](#), 1.03% from [other races](#), and 1.66% from two or more races. [Hispanic](#) or [Latino](#) of any race were 1.63% of the population.

There were 5,485 households out of which 18.8% had children under the age of 18 living with them, 44.8% were [married couples](#) living together, 9.8% had a female householder with no husband present, and 42.0% were non-families. 36.3% of all households were made up of individuals and 22.3% had someone living alone who was 65 years of age or older. The average household size was 2.08 and the average family size was 2.67.

In the CDP, the population was spread out with 17.1% under the age of 18, 4.7% from 18 to 24, 23.2% from 25 to 44, 22.6% from 45 to 64, and 32.4% who were 65 years of age or older. The median age was 49 years. For every 100 females there were 83.5 males. For every 100 females age 18 and over, there were 78.8 males.

The median income for a household in the CDP was \$37,643, and the median income for a family was \$44,325. Males had a median income of \$35,476 versus \$26,118 for females. The [per capita income](#) for the CDP was \$20,609. About 5.5% of families and 7.3% of the population were below the [poverty line](#), including 11.3% of those under age 18 and 3.9% of those ages 65 or over.