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As we approach the celebration of our independence from England, I think of our forefathers who fought and stood against the tyranny and injustice by those who ruled the colonies. We are privileged to live in a town, which in 1776, was asked to respond to a request for advice, as to whether “If Congress should declare their independence, the people will sustain them in the act.” The

response was” that the inhabitants of the Town of Yarmouth do declare a state of INDEPENDENCE OF THE KING OF GREAT BRITAIN”. No other community in the state responded to the inquiry with anything like the bold declaration of the people of Yarmouth. Two liberty poles were erected in Yarmouth where the sons of liberty gathered to support the cause. One of the poles was erected atop of “Liberty Hill” at the corner of Rt. 6a and Willow St., Yarmouth Port. It is said by tradition to have been the first liberty pole ever erected.

Now 241 years after these historical events that shaped our nation and inspired the language our forefathers wrote in our Constitution, we are facing a new form of tyranny and injustice.

I was raised by my immigrant family to believe in the hope and promise of this country--the promise that no matter where you came from, or who you were, if you worked hard enough, you could make it in the United States of America. That hope, that promise, is being torn to shreds by the Trump administration.

The country I believe in does not deprive women of equal pay for equal work, or deny them control of their own bodies. The country I believe in does not treat the LGBT community as second class citizens. The country I believe in does not deprive African, Latino and other

minority Americans their right to vote. The country I believe in does not turn off the welcoming torch of the Statue of Liberty on immigrants because of race or religious beliefs. The country I believe in does not take affordable health care away from millions of Americans. The Trump Administration has been systematically trying and in some cases been successful in rolling back many of the rights and benefits we as American citizens have sadly, in many cases, taken for granted. Are we going to follow in our forefathers footsteps and resist injustice? The future of our nation and the generations of Americans that will follow us depends on the actions and decisions we as a society make today. It is our duty as Americans to question authority. When our elected officials, regardless of party affiliation, do not represent the concerns and the needs of the people they represent, or honor the values of this country, it is time to stand strong, vote them out of office, and replace them with officials who will. ~ Bob Isadore

A Word From The Editor

Who are we?

We are more than a group of Democrats in a little New England town, gathering together each month to support our candidates, creating a newsletter to voice those ideals, trying in every way we can to stem the tide of irrationality that threatens our values.

Today our hearts fill with grief over the vile terrorist attacks, the plight of the poverty and disease-stricken human beings around the world, the looming threat to the very lives of people everywhere who feel the utter chaos that has engulfed us all.

Today, as always, we are members of the world community.

We pledge to defend and protect the liberties and human rights of our beleaguered fellow human beings wherever they live, wherever they are being crushed by immoral and cruel forces.

Why? Because we are them.

--Arlene Pollack, Editor



Attorney General Maura Healey's Commitment to Reducing Gun Violence



Attorney General Maura Healey

Every day 91 Americans are killed with guns, more than 33,000 people per year. Attorney General Maura Healey has committed to do everything she can to address the public crisis of gun violence; and her actions at the local, state, and national level are working. Her successful effort to end the illegal sale of assault weapons in Massachusetts in the summer of 2016 is only one of many efforts she is making to address this crisis. Attorney General Healey has led prevention efforts with law enforcement partners, the medical community, and pursued common sense reforms in the State House and Congress that are overwhelmingly supported by the American people, like defending our state's license to carry rules, and supporting universal background checks to buy guns.

Maura has shown leadership on many fronts. She recently partnered with the Massachusetts Medical Society, her law enforcement partners, and developed new training for health care providers to talk with their patients about gun safety to prevent gun related accidents, self harm, and violence. She has prosecuted gang members for gun trafficking in Massachusetts. This year she has launched a 12 week anti violence program in Boston Public Schools called Got Game, an after school program that empowers middle school students to be leaders in confronting violence. We will keep you posted on Maura's efforts on behalf of the citizens of Massachusetts.

Bob Massie Visits YDTC

by Angela Carbone



Gubernatorial candidate Bob Massie

Gubernatorial candidate Bob Massie spoke about the numerous personal challenges, the unique professional experience, and the qualities that he said will make him a strong governor. Massie addressed the members of the Yarmouth Democratic Town Committee at its June 17 meeting.

The state needs a leader, someone who can look not only what is happening today, but who can look and work toward a better future, Massie said. The economic inequalities of our cities and towns, the inequality of opportunities for individuals, the environmental crisis, and the problems of the educational and health systems must be tackled. The present governor is failing to lead in all these areas, he said.

Countries around the world are addressing climate change and energy issues. Massachusetts should look to what has worked elsewhere and adapt it for this commonwealth, he said. Developing an economy based on renewable energy could put the state into the forefront and create a vibrant, sustainable economy.

Massie said he wants to put his own broad experience in social justice and business to work on behalf of Massachusetts citizens. Massie is an ordained Episcopalian minister and author who has an undergraduate degree from Princeton and doctorate from Harvard Business School. *(Cont'd. next page)*

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As a chaplain in New York City, he co-founded a homeless shelter. He also served as executive director of Ceres, a non-profit group that promotes environmentally sound investments, and he cofounded the Global Reporting Initiative, which changed the way companies report their impact on the environment, society, and economy.

Serious health issues he faced as a child and adult have helped form his character and resolve, Massie said. As a child, doctors discovered he has hemophilia and spent four years in leg braces and a wheelchair, giving him insight into the importance of understanding others and including all people in the life of a community. Later, he contracted HIV and hepatitis C as a result of blood transfusions. He underwent a successful liver transplant. These challenges provided him with the passion and determination to fight for social justice, he said.

Massie said he is unusual because he believes in free markets, but doesn't believe in a system that crushes people. "I'm a progressive that understands business from the top of my head to the bottom of my toes."

Massie ended his presentation by answering questions from committee members. One question focused on the deep divide among citizens. "First, I don't think we're that far apart," he said. "Many have legitimate grievances and fears, which they express in anger, but the divide can be mended. I feel I have a bridge-building heart. I can bring people together to find their common humanity," he said.

CIDC Meeting Notification

The next general meeting of the Cape & Islands Democratic Council will be held on Tuesday July 18th at 6:30 PM at the Harwich Community Center.

Former State Senator Dan Wolf will be the special guest and will receive the *CIDC Community Service Award* in recognition for his activism on Cape Cod.

The Harwich Community Center is located at 100 Oak St., Harwich.

Please register to attend. Log on to:
capeandislandsdemocrats.org

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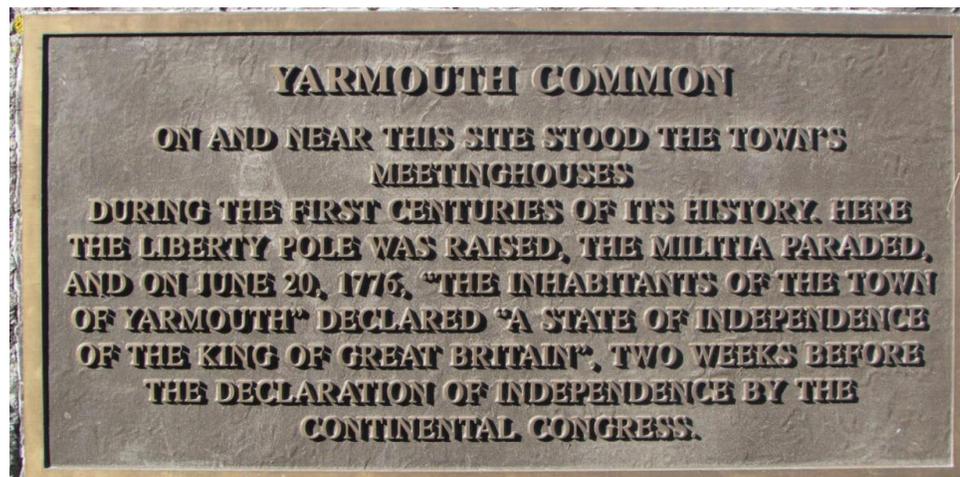
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The First to Declare

Located on Route 6A & Playground Lane, Yarmouthport, is a small park. In the park is a plaque that commemorates the town of Yarmouth as being the first town in the original 13 Colonies to declare "A state of Independence of the King of Great Britain", 14 days before the Declaration of Independence was officially signed.

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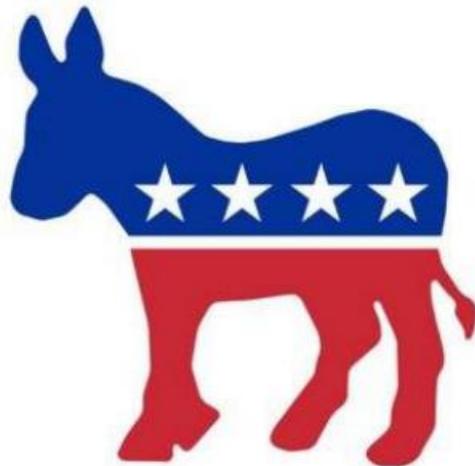
Annual Yarmouth Democratic Town Committee BBQ

Saturday, July 8th, 1:00 pm

At the Home of Robert Isadore & David Velasco Bermudez

133 Center Street

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Join your fellow Democrats for a fun afternoon filled with good food, great conversation, and wonderful friends. \$20.00 per person

Your RSVP is greatly appreciated

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