

Waltham Democratic City Committee Meeting Minutes
6/18/2026

Attendees:	
Susan Burstein Christina Curtin Stacy Fatale Andrew Fintzel Carol Gill Deb Herman	Susan Kramer Timothy Nolan Scott O'Neil Cynthia Salamanis Nadene Stein Ed Tarallo

- Meeting called to order at 6:09pm.
- The May 2026 minutes were approved.
- Sen. Barrett was appearance was postponed because of a Senate vote in progress.
- Waltham Land Trust Executive Director Sonia Wadman gave a presentation on the important work of the WLT.
 - Funding for the WLT comes from dues (\$25), donations, and events.
 - They coordinate volunteer trail stewards to maintain trails.
 - WLT has purchased land on Hardy Pond and will develop the land to make it accessible.
 - They provide input to the conservation commission and are trail and greenway advocates.
 - The WLT is advocating for conservation restrictions (allowed uses which are attached to deeds).
 - The WLT is working for dark sky protection and rodent control without the use of poison.
 - The WLT has asked the city to place more Big Belly receptacles all over Waltham. They also want the city to require Brandeis and condos to properly dispose of trash.
 - The city of Waltham needs a full-time conservation staff.
- Alison Leary, candidate for State Representative, Tenth Middlesex
 - Leary is a Newton City councilor who is challenging incumbent Rep. John Lawn.
 - Important issues include climate change, single use plastics, and renewable energy.
 - She wants to address the high cost of living and health care. Leary is advocating for Medicare for All funded by a new payroll tax.
 - She wants to improve the lack of transparency in state government and supports an audit of the legislature. She wants to end the stipend system that pays bonuses to committee chairs.
 - <https://www.alisonleary.com/>
- Adopt-a-District
 - After a presentation it was decided that we would like to support Janelle Stelson in the Pennsylvania 10th District. More information to follow at our next meeting.

- Stelson's campaign has a fresher, more open, enthusiastic demeanor. The Minority Whip's office said the district which includes Harrisburg, is a good match for Waltham.
 - <https://janellestelson.com/>
- WDCC Elections
 - Christina Curtin was elected to the position of Vice Chair.
 - Yvenel Elisnord was elected to the position of Affirmative Action/Outreach Coordinator.
- Announcements
 - Annual Meet the Candidates Event, July 26, 11am-1pm, Stonehurst, The Paine Estate
 - Frederick Douglass Project, Visitation of the Middlesex House of Corrections, September 9, 4:30pm-8:30pm
- Meeting adjourned at 7:58 pm.