



**Malden Democratic City Committee  
Reorganization Meeting  
Saturday, April 7, 2018 – 9 AM  
Irish American – 177 West Street**

The reorganization of the Malden Democratic City Committee commenced at 9:03am. The results of the reorganization are as follows:

**Ward 1**

Chair: John Moreschi  
Vice Chair: Lauren Fowler  
Secretary: Emily Reichman  
Treasurer: Maureen McGaffigan  
AA/Outreach Chair:  
Kathleen Manning-Hall

**Ward 2** (no quorum to hold reorg)

Chair: Frank Molis  
Vice Chair: Steve Ultrino  
Secretary: Emmanuel Marsh  
Treasurer: Theresa Bello

**Ward 3**

Chair: Linda Thorsen  
Secretary: Mark Bernstein  
Treasurer: Iodiah Henry  
AA/Outreach Chair: Inna Babitakaya

**Ward 4**

Chair: Ryan O'Malley  
Secretary: Leonard Iovino  
Treasurer: Jennifer Hendry Lapan  
AA/Outreach Chair: Dan Scarver

**Ward 5**

Chair: Alicia Garza  
Vice Chair: DJ Wilson  
Secretary: Jeff Taylor  
Treasurer: Nancy Free  
AA/Outreach Chair: Ariana Taylor

**Ward 6** (no quorum to hold reorg)

Chair: Jean Voltaire  
Vice Chair Cathy MacMullin  
Secretary Ron Cox  
Treasurer Karen Lynch

**Ward 7**

Co-Chairs: Nichole Mossalam  
& Ted Louis-Jacques  
Secretary: Keith Bernard  
Treasurer: Michelle Luong  
AA/Outreach Chair:  
Cheyenne Cohn-Postel

**Ward 8**

Chair: Sharyn Rose Zeiberg  
Vice Chair: Andy Zeiberg  
Secretary: Joe McIntyre  
Treasurer: John Froio

**City Wide**

Affirmative Action Chair: Emmanuel Marsh  
Treasurer: Frank Molis  
Secretary: Lauren Fowler  
Vice Chair (female): Kathleen Manning-Hall  
Vice Chair (male): Adam Weldai  
Chair: Amanda Smith



**Malden Democratic City Committee  
Monthly Meeting  
Saturday, April 7, 2018 – 10 AM  
Irish American – 177 West Street**

Meeting was called to order and commenced at 10:19 AM.

**1. Treasurer's Report:**

Treasurer Frank Molis reported the MDCC account balance as of March 31, 2018 is \$5,428.37. Compared to last year – ahead of where we were.

St. Patrick's Day Breakfast: MDCC raised \$4,032 for the breakfast, we raised \$975 through Eventbrite, encourage we continue to raise money online. The catering expense for the breakfast was \$2,475.

**2. Guest Speaker:**

Jimmy Tingle, Candidate for Lt. Governor

For more information on Jimmy's campaign, please go to: [jimmytingle4mass.com](http://jimmytingle4mass.com)

**3. Minutes of the March 3, 2018 City Committee Meeting:**

Motion by Keith Bernard to accept the minutes of March 3, 2018 and seconded by Emmanuel Marsh. All in favor, Motion passes unanimously.

**4. Bylaws Discussion:**

This is the second discussion on the bylaws per the state committee rules. The Bylaws Committee met two more times since the last meeting to amend the Bylaws per the Committee's suggestions. The Committee also added the updated version to a google doc to gather more input.

*a.) Discussion on authority and purpose:*

*Eli Cohn-Postel* suggests the document commits us to work at national, state and local levels – unclear what we are responsible for – wants Malden specific focus

*Linda Thorsen*: we are part of the larger democratic party – the bylaws do not say that everyone has to have a statewide scope – work pledge covers that entire scope and there are many different ways to contribute – we can not limit ourselves to Malden only.

*John Moreschi*: we have a certain discretion on how we allocate our resources – practical good in having a larger focus. It's important to be mindful of what's happening on a national level.

*DJ Wilson* recommended changing the language to reflect a focus on local level “national, state, district and **notably** city and ward levels”



*b.) Discussion on difference between associate member and attendees:*

*Linda Thorsen:* reason associate members exist is to have a full complement of members

*c.) Recommendation from Cheyenne Cohn-Postel to specify gender identity*

*d.) Discussion on meetings and quorum:*

[Written to include 20 years members]

*Mark Bernstein:* Quorum problem is self evident – endorsed no candidate – we can't do anything. Quorums exist to avoid changing minds – our problem is that we can't get enough people to a meeting to make any decisions

[Currently in the draft MDCC quorum is 1/5<sup>th</sup> of the membership – wards is 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of the membership]

*Anna Geoffroy:* do we have any mechanism to allow people to drop off?

*Linda Thorsen:* people can resign from the committee

*Cheyenne Cohn-Postel:* asked about mechanism for how often the information to be disseminated

*Greg Lucey:* Lists are updated as new information arises – currently at 135 members

*Jeff Taylor:* Recommended if a ward is unable to get a quorum for a period of six months – then the rules should be suspended

*Keith Bernard:* recommended a minimum number – or give discretion to ward chair

*Alicia Garza:* Noted the opposite problem in ward 5 - 1/5<sup>th</sup> is only 2 members

*Anna Geoffroy:* wanted requirements to get people off the committee

*Mark Bernstein:* “we don't want to be in the position of making exceptions”

**5. Malden Dems High School Chapter Club:**

Amanda Smith paused the discussion to introduce the new Chair of the Malden Dems High School Chapter, Tonijoy Pimintal a Freshman who lives in Ward 1.

**6. Continued Discussion on Bylaws:**

*d.) Discussion on meetings and quorum – continued:*

*Warren Lynch:* agreed with Jeff Taylor that bylaws could temporarily suspend quorum requirements.

*e.) Discussion on removal of officers*

*Cheyenne Cohn-Postel:* raised issue with length of appeals process

[If someone is actively unable to do their job because they're in prison – Article 10 – removed the code of conduct.]

*f.) Other*

*Eli Cohn-Postel:* Based on Bylaws, Ward 7 officers would not be in compliance, going to have to account for co-chairs



**7. Ward Updates:**

Chair announced the following Ward Chairs:

Ward 1 – John Moreschi

Ward 2 – Frank Molis

Ward 3 – Linda Thorsen

Ward 4 – Ryan O'Malley

Ward 5 – Alicia Garza

Ward 6 – Jean Voltaire

Ward 7 – Co-Chairs: Nichole Mossalam & Ted Louis-Jacques

Ward 8 – Sharyn Zeiberg

**8. Subcommittee Updates:**

Chair suspended subcommittee updates until May meeting.

**9. Community Announcements and Upcoming Events:**

*Amanda Smith Announced:*

Kate Donahue son passed away, Amanda is collecting personal donations to go to the Treatment Center that Kate and her husband designated.

*Amanda Smith Announced:*

Wakefield Dems Blue Wave Movie & Pizza Night -- "The Final Year" -- Tickets \$15

Friday, April 13, 6:30pm-9:30pm

Wakefield Unitarian Universalist Church

326 Main Street, Wakefield

*Mary Hampton Announced:*

Malden Overcoming Addiction

#MaldenStoptheStigma Blue Ribbon Day

Wednesday, April 11<sup>th</sup> - pick up your blue ribbons at City Hall

*Nichole Mossalam Announced:*

Open Mosque Day @ Malden Islamic Center

Sunday, April 8, 3:00pm-6:00pm

22 Pleasant Street, 3rd Floor, Malden

*Emmanuel Marsh Announced:*

Jason Lewis Campaign Kickoff

Right after the meeting - Saturday, April 7, 1:00pm-3:00pm

137 Pleasant Street, Malden



**10. New Business:**

*Mark Bernstein:*

Urgent New Business - "Whereas the Ward 2 Committee of the Malden Democratic City Committee has failed to organize pursuant to our by-laws and to MGL 52 section 4, and has not held any of its required meetings for more than a year, RESOLVED that the ward 2 committee be dissolved and reformed."

Chair asked that the minutes reflect that the Ward 2 Chair is not in the room because of a work appointment and is completely on board with dealing with the issue.

Chair Amanda Smith made a motion to table  
Seconded by Nichole Mossalam

***Motion to adjourn by Kathleen Manning-Hall, seconded by Emmanuel Marsh. All in favor, Motion passes unanimously. Meeting Ended: 11:44am***

Next Meeting will be held on May 12, 2018 at 9:00 AM.