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RULES OF THE DURHAM DEMOCRATIC TOWN COMMITTEE
AMENDED APRIL 1, 1997

ADDITIONS IN CAPITALS
[deletions in brackets]

1. The DURHAM DEMOCRATIC Town Committee shall consist of NOT MORE THAN forty (40) members.
2. The town committee shall be endorsed at the biennial caucus OF ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY IN DURHAM in compliance with Section 9-425 of the Connecticut General Statutes, "Time for Primaries: Town Committees" and the rules of the Democratic Party of the State of Connecticut.
3. Any registered Durham Democrat may apply for membership on the town committee by communicating this intention to the [chairman] CHAIR. Before the next biennial caucus or in the event of a vacancy the [chairman] CHAIR shall submit the names of [all such] prospective members to the town committee for consideration.
4. The town committee may fill any vacancies in its membership by a majority vote of the [members present and voting] TOWN COMMITTEE provided that the notice for the meeting declares that it is for the purpose of filling such vacancies. The vote on such vacancies may be conducted by secret ballot.
5. All members' terms shall start on the first Monday following the PRIMARY DATE AFTER THE caucus [at which they were elected] and they shall serve for two years or until their successors have been chosen, but no longer than twenty-six (26) months, provided that when the town committee fills vacancies (as provided in Section 4 of these rules) the term of such members shall begin on the day following the meeting at which they were elected. The terms of all members shall end on the same day.
6. Meetings will be conducted in compliance with the Connecticut General Statutes, the Rules of the Democratic Party of the State of Connecticut and accepted parliamentary procedure. Two-fifths (2/5) of the then existing membership shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.
7. The town committee shall schedule at least eight (8) regular meetings each year.
8. Special meetings can be called by the [chairman] CHAIR or by written request of one-third (1/3) of the members of the town committee presented to the [chairman] CHAIR. The [chairman] CHAIR shall set the time and place for such meeting and give at least twenty-four (24) hours notice of the time, place and purpose of the meeting to all members of the town committee.

9. Within one week after [election] THE START OF THE NEW TOWN COMMITTEE TERM the new town committee shall meet for organization and shall elect a [chairman] CHAIR, a vice [chairman] CHAIR, a secretary, a treasurer and such other officers as may be deemed advisable. THESE OFFICERS, TOGETHER WITH ANY PREVIOUS TOWN COMMITTEE CHAIRS, WHO ARE ENROLLED MEMBERS OF THE DURHAM DEMOCRATIC PARTY, SHALL CONSTITUTE THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

10. Officers shall hold office for the term of the town committee electing them.

11. Each officer shall have the duties defined in the Connecticut General Statutes, the Rules of the Democratic Party of the State of Connecticut, accepted parliamentary procedure and such other duties as the town committee may prescribe.

12. Within one week after organization of the town committee, the [chairman] CHAIR and the secretary shall file with the Secretary of the Democratic State Central Committee a list of the names and addresses of the officers, the members of the town committee and the Democratic Registrar of Voters.

13. A vacant office shall be filled at the next meeting of the town committee by a majority of the members present and voting.

14. The town committee shall endorse delegates to conventions and candidates for municipal offices in accordance with the [State] CONNECTICUT GENERAL Statutes and the Rules of the Democratic Party of the State of Connecticut.

15. (NEW) ALL CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTIONS SHALL BE APPROVED BY VOTE AT A MEETING OF THE TOWN COMMITTEE. EMERGENCY EXPENDITURES OF NOT MORE THAN \$300 MAY BE AUTHORIZED BY THE CHAIR.

16. (NEW) THE CHAIR SHALL APPOINT AN AUDIT COMMITTEE OF NO FEWER THAN TWO MEMBERS TO EXAMINE THE FINANCIAL RECORDS OF THE TOWN COMMITTEE AND PRESENT A REPORT TO THE MEMBERS BEFORE THE END OF THE TOWN COMMITTEE TERM.

17. These rules may be amended at any regular town committee meeting, provided that the amendment(s) (had) SHALL HAVE been presented at the previous regular meeting and that the notice for the meeting at which the vote is to be taken declares that it is for the purpose of amending the rules. A vote of two-thirds (2/3) of the members present and voting is required for the adoption of such amendments.

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