

Thompson Republican Town Committee By-Laws

1. Membership:

The Republican Town Committee (RTC) shall consist of up to twenty (20) members and shall be elected from the Thompson Republican Registered Electors.

2. Election:

(A) Primary — The date for primaries for the election of the RTC members shall be the first (1st) Tuesday of March in the even-numbered years. (Section 9-425)

(B) Party Endorsed Candidates — Party endorsed candidates for RTC membership shall be selected in accordance with the general statutes. No proxy voting shall be permitted for such endorsement.

(1) At-Large Endorsements — At-large endorsements shall be made by Town-wide caucus. No proxy voting shall be permitted for such endorsements. It shall be the duty of the Chair or, in the event of the Chair's failure to act, the Vice-Chair to call a caucus designating the time, place, and day, by publishing in a newspaper such a notice having a circulation in Thompson, or other appropriate media, at least five (5) days before the day of such caucus. But if the Chair or Vice-Chair shall fail to act, a member of the State Central Committee for the district in which Thompson's RTC Chair resides shall call the caucus.

(2.) Party Endorsed Candidates — The names of party-endorsed candidates for RTC membership shall be filed by the Chair with the Clerk of the Municipality and the State Party Chair, or presiding officer and the secretary of the caucus in compliance with the general statutes.

3. Committee Member Terms:

The terms of the RTC members shall start on the first (1st) Monday following the date of the primary set up in connection with their election and they shall serve for two (2) years or until their successors shall have been chosen, but not more than twenty-six (26) months. As the local rules are amended to increase RTC membership, the RTC shall specify the day upon which the terms of the new member positions are created by said increase shall begin, and how the new positions shall be filled. The terms of all members shall end on the same day.

4. RTC Chair and Other Officers:

(A) The newly elected RTC members shall meet within thirty (30) days after the beginning of their term as specified in Section 3 of this Article, at the call of the previous Chair or in the event of the Chair's failure to act, at the call of a member of the State Central Committee from the district in which said Chair resides, and

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name a Chair and Vice-chair, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The Chair shall be chosen from within the RTC, according to local rules, cast a vote to break a tie, including a tie in the vote for the selection of party-endorsed candidates under Section 9-386 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

- (B) This vote, if necessary, shall be in addition to any voting rights the said Chair may have. Other officers may be chosen from without the membership of the RTC, but if so chosen, they shall be without a vote. The terms of all officers shall be for two (2) years or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified, but no more than twenty-six (26) months.

5. Duties:

(1.) RTC Chair

- (a) Attend Senatorial District meetings.
- (b) Attend Congressional District meetings.
- (c) Attend and conduct RTC meetings.
- (d) At each RTC meeting a report shall be given, either by a member of the State Central Committee in person or through the Chair or his/her designee, on the most recent State Central Committee meeting.
- (e) Designate the campaign Treasurer for local campaigns.

(2.) Vice Chair

- (a) Attend Senatorial District meetings.
- (b) Attend Congressional District meetings.
- (c) Attend RTC meetings.
- (d) Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of Chair, the Vice-Chair shall be responsible for determining the time, date, and place for a meeting to select a new Chair, which meeting shall be called by the Vice-Chair after the vacancy occurs. If the Vice-Chair does not issue the call for the meeting within two (2) weeks of the vacancy, the State Central Committee member shall call such meeting.

(3.) Treasurer

- (a) Give a financial report at each RTC meeting.
- (b) See to it that election finance laws are complied with by the RTC and instruct and assist various Campaign Treasurer's with compliance.

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(4.) Secretary

- (a) Notify the Chair, RTC members, and State Committee members of time, date, and place of each RTC meeting, also notify the Town Clerk to stamp amendments received, notify same via mail the State Central Committee, and the Secretary of State of said amendments.
- (b) Keep a record of minutes of each meeting and see that minutes of each meeting are acted upon by the RTC.
- (c) Keep accurate attendance records of RTC meetings and report upon the same to the RTC biannually as well as indicating absences in the minutes of each committee meeting.
- (d) Furnish to the State Party Chair at least every six (6) months, a list of dates and places of all RTC meetings held during the previous six (6) months.
- (e) Furnish to the State Party Chair at least annually, a list of RTC officers and notify the State Party Chair of changes as they occur.
- (f) Send true and accurate copies of local party rules and any amendments to such rules to the State Party Chair, indicating the date on which they were adopted, within fifteen (15) days of such adoption.

5. Notice after Organization of Town Committee:

Within one (1) week after the organization of the RTC, the Secretary shall file with the State Party Secretary the names and addresses of the officers and members of the Town Committee, and the name and address of the Republican Registrar of Voters.

6. Qualifications:

No person shall be a member or officer of the RTC unless that person is an enrolled Republican elector of Thompson at the time of election and throughout their term of office.

7. Committee Membership and Officers Vacancies:

Vacancies occurring for any reason in town committee membership or elected officers shall be filled by majority vote of the remaining members of the committee.

8. Vacancies — Nominations and Candidacies:

Any vacancy occurring in the party-endorsed candidacies before a primary or in the party nominations before an election, under conditions stated in Sections 9-426, 9-428 and 9-430 of CGS shall be filled by majority vote of the RTC at a meeting called for that purpose.

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9. Meetings:

Meetings shall be held at the discretion of the RTC Chair and Special Meetings shall be called by the Chair or by the Chair upon the written request, signed by the majority RTC members. Robert's Rules of Order shall apply to all such meetings. All RTC meetings shall be open to the public unless the RTC shall, because of unusual circumstances, by majority vote, elect to go into executive session. Except for special meetings duly announced, all meetings shall be regularly scheduled at least twice each quarter period for a specific and recurring time, day, and place. Unless, by a vote of the RTC, a sanctioned Republican event is substituted for a regular meeting. Determination of a quorum is left to the Chair, Vice-Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer when meetings are lawfully conducted. Notice to all RTC meetings shall be sent to the State Central Committee member representing the Senatorial District in Thompson.

10. Party Endorsed Candidates:

The method of choosing party-endorsed candidates shall be:

- (a) By the duly enrolled members of the Thompson Republican party in a caucus, or
- (b) By delegates to a convention chosen by enrolled party members as our local rules prescribe, provided all delegates to such a convention in Thompson shall be chosen on the same day; or
- (c) By the Thompson Republican Town Committee

That which is provided in Section 9-390(e), in the selection of a party-endorsed candidate for an office or position for which only the electors of Thompson may vote, only the members of Thompson's RTC or enrolled members of the Thompson Republican party may participate and vote at the caucus. All such endorsements shall be made on the same day in accordance with the general statutes.

11. Endorsement Call:

All meetings of the RTC called to choose party-endorsed candidates shall be called by the Chair, or in the event of such Chair's failure to act, the Vice-Chair. Notification by appropriate media, stating such purpose, and to each member at least five (5) days prior to such a meeting,

12. Thompson Republican Party Rules and Amendments:

- (a) The RTC shall adopt local party rules. Local party rules may be amended by the following method:

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1. By the RTC at a meeting called in the same manner as an RTC meeting to choose party endorsed candidates as provided in Section 11.

(b) Any amendments adopted pursuant to the provisions of this subsection shall be effective sixty (60) days after the date on which they are filed with the Secretary of State.

13. Conflict of Interest:

Conflicts of interest which can impair an RTC member's professional judgment can arise from their private activities or from his or her employment and can impair their ability to fairly exercise professional judgment on behalf of the RTC. If a conflict is found to exist the member shall be obligated to recuse themselves.

First Amended on March 2, 1972

Amended: as dated at North Grosvenordale, Connecticut 06255 April 26, 2022

At a meeting held on May 24, 2022 the amended by-laws were unanimously approved, one (1) through fourteen (13) inclusive.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Warner", is written in a cursive style.

William A. Warner
Chairman