

We Believe:

- All people should be treated equally, no matter their age, race, religion, national origin, gender identity or sexual orientation.
- The economy should be more equitable, with broadly shared economic growth.
- Aggressive action is necessary to prevent and mitigate the effects of climate change and protect our environment.
- Protection of civil rights, including comprehensive criminal justice reform, is essential to the promotion of safe and strong communities.
- Support must be given to working families, including a living wage, paid family leave, and affordable, high-quality housing and childcare.
- Free, high-quality public education from preschool through college should be accessible to every person.
- High-quality, affordable healthcare is a basic human right.
- America is a nation of immigrants, and fair and sensible immigration policies must be implemented.
- Government should be transparent, ethical, and open to all.
- Investment in public and private infrastructure is necessary for a dynamic and equitable economy.
- A just and efficient tax system should require that the wealthy pay their fair share.
- Veterans and all who have put themselves in harm's way on our behalf should be supported and cared for by our nation.
- Strong diplomacy and a strong national defense can co-exist to protect our citizens at home and abroad. We support nonviolent conflict resolution as a first resort in our domestic and foreign relations.

ROBERTS RULES CHEAT SHEET

To:	You say:	Interrupt Speaker	Second Needed	Debatable	Amendable	Vote Needed
Adjourn	"I move that we adjourn"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
Recess	"I move that we recess until..."	No	Yes	No	Yes	Majority
Complain about noise, room temp., etc.	"Point of privilege"	Yes	No	No	No	Chair Decides
Suspend further consideration of something	"I move that we table it"	No	Yes	No	No	Majority
End debate	"I move the previous question"	No	Yes	No	No	2/3
Postpone consideration of something	"I move we postpone this matter until..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Amend a motion	"I move that this motion be amended by..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority
Introduce business (a primary motion)	"I move that..."	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Majority

The above listed motions and points are listed in established order of precedence. When any one of them is pending, you may not introduce another that is listed below, but you may introduce another that is listed above it.



Mansfield Democratic Town Committee

Mansfield Democrats believe in and work for the common good. The strength of our democracy is dependent on the engagement of thoughtful citizens. Our party is organized around the basic notion that individuals, working together through government, make a positive impact in the lives of individuals and our community. The Mansfield Democratic Town Committee is an inclusive and diverse group of community members, welcoming all who share our values.

Join Us:



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What is a Democratic Town Committee?

The Mansfield Democratic Town Committee is the local representation of the Massachusetts Democratic Party, responsible for organizing local Democrats, working to elect Democrats to public office, and increasing Democratic registration in our neighborhoods.

Membership:

Elected Membership:

- Registered Democrats residing in Mansfield
- Elected on Presidential Primary Ballot every 4 years
- Mansfield has 35 elected members
- Vacancies are voted on by the existing elected members with Associate Members getting preference
- 20-year members: Those on the committee for 20 years become lifetime members with all the rights of elected members and do not count toward the elected member cap of 35.

Associate Membership:

- Voted in by other members
- Associate members cannot vote or sit on the Executive Board but are otherwise fully involved members of the MDTC and can serve on subcommittees, serve on or chair ad hoc committees, and participate in all other MDTC activities.

Town Committee Officers:

- Chair-Principal executive officer of the DTC, runs the general meetings and caucus, and is the primary spokesperson
- Vice-Chair(2)-Preside over meetings in Chair's absence. Often in charge of a major subcommittee. Are not the same gender.
- Secretary-keeps true, accurate and complete record of all meetings, responsible for incoming and outgoing correspondence of committee.
- Treasurer-care and custody of all funds of the committee, receives all money and pays out expenses, and creates and submits annual and election-year reports to the Office of Campaign and Political Finance.
- Affirmative Action and Outreach Advisor-encourages full participation by all segments of population, with emphasis on Blacks, Hispanics, Asian-Americans and Native Americans; and outreach programs on behalf of LGBTQ, youth, persons with disabilities, etc.

Subcommittees:

- By-Laws
- Membership
- Fundraising
- Affirmative Action and Outreach
- Mansfield Votes
- Scholarship
- Others as appropriate

What is the Democratic State Committee?

The State Committee organizes the party statewide and gives support to Town and Ward Committees and candidates for office. Members are elected to 4-year terms.

- 2 (1 Male/1 Female) by State Sen District on Presidential Primary Ballot
- 2 (1 Male/1 Female) by State Sen District by a caucus of local DTCs
- 20 year State Comm Members
- Democratic Elected Officials
- Additional Members comprised of various underrepresented minority groups, elected at large by Elected State Comm. members.

What are the Democratic State Convention and Caucuses?

Caucus: DTC organizes a meeting to choose delegates to attend annual Dem State Convention. Open to all registered Democrats in town.

Convention: Delegates vote on statewide candidates to qualify for the primary ballot, or on the state party platform.