

In preparation for our zoom meeting on Wednesday night, please review the following motion, which will be read aloud during the meeting by state committeewoman and member Amanda Orlando:

Motion to remove:

**Clayton Sova
Irene Frontiero Sova
Cynthia Bjorlie
Bud Hobbs
Robin Hubbard
Nicole Coles**

As members of the Gloucester Republican City Committee

The reason why the Leadership Team, supported by our two State Committee members, Richard Baker and Amanda Orlando, and with the guidance of the MassGOP leadership, seek to remove these 6 individuals from the committee, is because it is the only way to save this committee, one of the most active in the state (prior to this group's involvement), from complete destruction. Since this group began their divisive activity back in March of 2023, we have lost members who are fatigued by the chaos at meetings and via email, and who also feel that if they disagree with this group, then they will be personally and professionally targeted, as other members have been. Their behavior has hurt the committee's formerly good standing and reputation with the state Republican party. Their behavior also reflects upon the committee in a bad light locally. Members represent local Republicans and this is NOT the kind of representation we need. In fact, they're giving the Democrats' ammunition to use against us.

Many of us have worked for a decade to build this committee for the sole purpose of helping build the Republican party and help candidates. We cannot let this rogue group destroy it. As such I move to remove these six members from the Gloucester Republican City Committee.

To assist you prior to your vote on this motion, please read the following specific examples of the destructive activity of these 6 individuals:

1. When they failed at the attempt to remove Ashley Sullivan from her position as chairwoman, they refused to accept the will/vote of the members of this committee (otherwise known as democracy), and instead continued with personal vengeance towards members who disagreed with their position.
2. They signed multiple letters to government entities: including the Office of Campaign and Political Finance, Secretary of State, and city clerk of Gloucester. Their letters contained unfounded accusations about the committee; and individual members of the committee; and not supported by any evidence at all. In writing these letters, they attempted to harm the committee's good standing within these entities.
3. They continually assert that we did not hold proper elections for offices in 2020, despite having been presented multiple times with the written documentation that we did.

4. They defamed Connie and Joe Orlando, longtime members, supporters, and donors to the committee, because Connie and Joe disagreed with their opinion about removing Ashley. They additionally reported Connie and Joe to government entities with allegations of crimes, including trying to negatively impact Joe's law license by reporting their unfounded allegations to the Board of Bar Overseers. Their behavior is currently the subject of a defamation lawsuit filed by plaintiff Connie Orlando, and represented by Joe, in Essex Superior Court.

5. Nicole Coles followed members Amanda Orlando and Russell Morris through downtown Gloucester on the night of Fiesta Friday, then trespassed onto the Orlando property taking pictures of Amanda's children and their friends, including young children playing in the Orlando yard during a family gathering, and screaming obscenities in the presence of young children. The Orlando family reported this to the police and Amanda sought a harassment prevention order against Nicole. At the hearing on July 7th, Nicole admitted to what she had done but defended her behavior by saying she has a 'press pass' and that she had questions about Amanda's personal life and her relationship with Russell Morris.

However, the judge told Nicole, "You don't have a 'press pass' to torment someone when they are on their personal time and they are not engaged in political discourse. Her personal life has virtually nothing to do with her political affiliation or public persona. So why are you following her around? That makes no sense. Ms. Coles, it is extremely troubling to me, and I am inviting Ms. Orlando to come back....you pick up the phone, you approach her at a meeting, you follow her around in a public place, she's going to come back here, she's going to tell me, and then this petition will enter, you will be the defendant in a restraining order, and you will have a problem. Today there's insufficient evidence, but one more event, just one more thing, and the outcome will be very different. I expect that when you leave this building, you are going to act in a civilized and appropriate manner when you see her in a public place or political meeting."

6. Clayton Sova knowingly held meetings in defiance of the MassGOP chairwoman's 6/30/2023 directive that he had no standing to do that; declared himself chairman of the committee at one of these illegal meetings; doctored a government form with Doug Parsons and Linda Charpentier's signatures without their authorization, and filed it with a government entity(OCPF). Linda and Doug have both reported this falsifying of their signatures to the Gloucester Police and Attorney General's office; the city clerk referred it to city legal counsel, and the MassGOP and OCPF rejected the form as fraudulent.

7. MassGOP chairwoman Amy Carnevale reported to Amanda Orlando that she was forced to call Cynthia Bjorlie and tell her to stop her outrageous behavior when Cynthia repeatedly emailed Amy accusing and insulting MassGOP executive director John Milligan, because John had advised that they were wrong about some of their assertions. This group of 6 also signed a letter to Ms. Carnevale complaining about Mr. Milligan and asserting wrongdoing by him for which they had no basis or evidence.

8. Clayton Sova refused to work with the other members of the leadership team when given the opportunity. Ashley, Doug, and Linda requested that he act as a leader to settle his rogue group down from are wrong on an issue, or when talked through with Clayton, they still refuse to accept it and persist with disinformation and nasty tactics.

9. Clayton continues to use the GRCC logo in his personal email to trick members into believing he was the chairman, intentionally causing confusion and chaos. He also added a false PO Box address, in a different town - to try and trick members into sending donations to the "new" GRCC-which doesn't exist.

10. Cynthia Bjorlie promised to spearhead our annual Horribles' parade float, but instead dropped out at the last minute, when it was too late for someone else to take it over. For the first time in over 10 years, the GRCC was not represented in the parade-though the Democrat city committee was, and our candidates did not have a float with their signs on it. Cynthia's last minute abandonment caused the committee to look bad and it appears to have been done purposely out of anger for not getting her way in removing Ashley from the chairmanship.

11. Individual members are fearful of this group for their harassing tactics, and have declined to be further involved with the committee. Some members have reported to leadership that this group has made harassing phone calls to them or approached them in public to harass them. At one of our meetings, Cynthia Bjorlie, Nicole Coles, and Robin Hubbard yelled at members who voted against their proposal, and additionally yelled at MassGOP executive director John Milligan-even though they had invited him to attend the meeting.

12. Potential new members see the chaos created by this group at meetings and don't come back. We have lost 6 potential members after the last meeting - that do not want to join/come back as long as this opposition group is involved/continues to yell out/scream/harass/attack at meetings.

13. Our municipal candidates have not been helped by any of these 6 individuals, despite repeated requests. They have held up committee business for the past 5 months during a municipal election cycle, taking time away from the needs of our candidates, forcing all of us to respond to their escalating behavior, and making it even harder to help those candidates because we have less time while constantly fending off baseless attacks.

Conclusion

If you have any questions please contact:

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Linda Charpentier, [REDACTED]

Doug Parsons, [REDACTED]

Amanda Orlando, [REDACTED]