

Monitoring Congressman Patrick Meehan
7th District of PA
Sunday 4 Feb 2018 Edition

KEY POINTS 1/28 – 2/4

- **#MEEHANTOO (SEXUAL MISCONDUCT ALLEGATIONS):** This week we got treated to lots of opinions about Meehan’s misconduct. We found out the aide’s settlement was around \$40K and that plenty of constituents and others are calling for Rep. Meehan to resign NOW vs waiting around until the fall. In additional fallout, we had the PA Democratic Party Chair Marcel Groen resign over anger at the “party’s silence” and lack of issue of a formal statement either about Meehan or with regards to censuring PA Sen. Leach. In multiple news articles, Meehan and Leach’s misconduct issues are conflated. Meanwhile, with Congress still not in session, Meehan is staying ultra-low profile with no Tweets, Facebook posts, nor even a press release on his exit from the reelection race.
- **CANDIDATES:**
 - **DEMOCRATS:** We gained a new democratic candidate for D7 in PA Rep. Greg Vitali (D-166). He’s described as a strong environmentalist and has served in the PA House since 1992, so he’ll be among the most politically experienced of the democrats. We also lost a democratic candidate as Drew McGinty ended his run.
 - **REPUBLICANS:** I haven’t seen anyone formally announce their candidacy for the republican ticket other than Joe Billie, who’s been around a while (you’ll see he has recorded exactly \$0 in campaign contributions through the end of 2017). Sean Gale has published a letter indicating he is exploring seeking the D7 set. He is the brother of Montgomery County Commissioner Joe Gale. He has not made a formal announcement yet though. Two other names floated in at least one article are Rep. Nick Miccarelli (R-162) and Upper Darby Police Superintendent Mike Chitwood.
 - **Expect this Meehan newsletter to morph into coverage of whoever the Republican challenger is after the primary, and to include coverage of the Republican contenders going forward.**
- **GERRYMANDERING:** With Meehan not seeking reelection, D7 is now formally described as a “toss up”. But at the end of February, where will the boundaries be? We simply don’t know yet. It should be noted that Delaware County has ¾ the number of residents required for a district of its own, so some suggest the new D7 will be Delaware County plus... what? Meanwhile, Philly Democrat Brady has announced he won’t seek reelection and politicians indicate that with both Brady and Meehan being out, as incumbents, redistricting in Harrisburg has been made politically easier.
- **CAMPAIGN FINANCING:** The December 2017 numbers are available. What will happen to Meehan’s cash? Numbers for the Democratic challengers are posted too. Check them out.
- **TRUMPER OR MODERATE?:** Fivethirtyeight Trump score up to 89.2%. Overall voting record at 88.8% with party.

Meehan In The News 1/28 – 2/4

Meehan Sexual Misconduct Allegations – Ethics

Our View: And Another One Bites the Dust

- Opinion, 1/28/18, Bucks County Courier Times

- Author describes Meehan as member of a “very secret society”. Now **Meehan is among the list of powerful men forced from high-profile positions.**
- Observes that there is now legislation put forward in congress to stop the use of public funds as hush money in sexual harassment cases.
- Describes Meehan’s congressional career as over. Say **Meehan should return the tax payer money regardless of what the ethics committee decides.**
- <http://www.buckscountycouriertimes.com/opinion/20180128/our-view-and-another-one-bites-dust>

Christine Flowers: Injecting Some Common Sense Into the #Metoo Debate

- Christine Flowers, 1/29/18, Delaware County Daily Times, opinion piece
- Author describes #Metoo as this century’s Black Plague. Suggests that a campaign that started out as a legitimate protest against the likes of Harvey Weinstein has shifted. Which brings her to Meehan. She thinks it is “**very sad**” that **Meehan is not running for re-election.**
- She thought of Meehan as conservative but not radical. A “good guy”.
- Suggests that Meehan’s sexual harassment case puts him more in the category of “lovelorn pup” than “predatory wolf”. She argues that cases like Meehan’s shouldn’t be in the same category as rapes, mail trolling, and alleged druggings. She **does agree that Meehan acted inappropriately and had to leave.**
- <http://www.delcotimes.com/article/DC/20180129/NEWS/180129596>

Editorial: Meehan Should Resign 7th Seat Now

- Editor, 1/29/18, Delaware County Daily Times
- **Supports that Meehan announced he won’t run for re-election.**
- Mentions **noisy rallies outside Meehan’s Springfield office.** Mentions various aspects of the story as it has come out, focusing on Meehan’s “ham-handed attempt to explain the situation” and “tone-deaf”-ness. Observes that Meehan doesn’t seem to get that because Meehan was the aide’s superior in the office, it made the whole thing inappropriate.
- And nothing changes the fact that Meehan used taxpayer funds to secretly settle the complaint.
- In the end, the author **calls on Meehan to resign now.**
- <http://www.delcotimes.com/opinion/20180129/editorial-meehan-should-resign-7th-seat-now>

Silence Makers: Why Did Pa. Democratic Party Go MIA on Sex Harassment?

- Opinion, Will Bunch, 1/30/18, Philly Inquirer
- Observes that the **PA Democratic Party never issued a formal statement condemning Meehan’s conduct** and party chair Marcel Groen seemed to equivocate. Then pivoted to defense of Sen. Leach (who still hasn’t stepped back from the congressional race).
- Describes **party message as “muddled, mixed”.** Hasn’t done anything about two lawmakers (Leach and Caltagirone) accused of misconduct and who still plan to be on the ballot.
- Bunch describes Groen’s interview answers as “halting” with regards to how the state party has dealt with sexual harassment issues.
- Others in the party seem unimpressed by absence of sexual harassment policy that is clearcut and straightforward.
- The article lists up what the author considers “lowlights”. These include the absence of any party sanction against Leach. Nor any stance on Berks County’s Caltagirone.
- This article is mostly about Groen, not Meehan obviously. But interesting and worth a read. PA is described as ranking 49th out of 50th in electing women to office. Huh.

- http://www.philly.com/philly/columnists/will_bunch/pennsylvania-democratic-party-marcel-groen-sexual-harassment-leach-caltagirone-20180130.html

Marcel Groen, PA Democratic Party Chairman, Resigns at Request of Governor

- Rachel Kurland, 2/2/18, JewishExponent.com
- **Groen resigned Friday.** Faced criticism after Bunch column interview above. Groen accepted full responsibility for the comments. Feels he has done no wrong and disagrees with the assessment but doesn't want to be a distraction. Groen accused of minimizing Leach's alleged misconduct. Leach still running for Meehan's seat.
- <http://jewishexponent.com/2018/02/02/marcel-groen-pa-democratic-party-chairman-resigns-request-governor/>

Groen Resigns as PA Dems Chair

- Paul Engelkemier, Politicspa, 2/2/18
- About Groen's resigning, highlighting the **criticism Groen faced "for the party's silence on issues regarding sexual harassment, including allegations against Congressman Pat Meehan."**
- Groen told the Daily News "If he was inappropriate, that's for the people to decide – not for me."
- <http://www.politicspa.com/groen-resigns-as-pa-dems-chair/86289/>

Yoder to Give Away Money From Congressman Later Accused of Sexual Harassment

- Lindsay Wise, 1/30/18, Kansas City Star
- **Rep. Kevin Yoder (R- Kansas) will donate money he received from Meehan to charity.** A democratic opponent of Yoder's called on him to return the \$5000.
- **Other vulnerable Republican members of Congress have been announcing they would return donations from Meehan or give the money to charity: Virginia Rep. Barbara Comstock, Colorado Rep. Mike Coffmann, and Maine Rep. Bruce Poliquin.**
- <http://www.kansascity.com/news/local/news-columns-blogs/the-buzz/article197422629.html>

The Heron's Nest: My Thought on the State of the Union; ...

- Phil Heron, 1/31/18, Delaware County Daily Times
- Was thinking of Meehan during State of the Union. Wondered if Meehan was even present for it. Observes that Meehan is under fire from many directions, including this newspaper to resign. Wondering what Meehan must think of himself being out on his sexual harassment issues. Watching Trump, who boasted of grabbing women and now recent adult film star relationship, etc etc. Trump is in while Meehan is out.
- <http://www.delcotimes.com/opinion/20180131/the-herons-nest-my-thought-on-the-state-of-the-union-more-eagles-coverage-amp-my-doppelganger>

Pat Meehan's Sexual Harassment Settlement: Nearly \$40,000

- Jonathan Tamari & Chris Brennan, 2/2/18, Philly Inquirer
- Three sources familiar with case report that **the aide received nearly \$40K. The payout came from the congressional office account, typically used for staff, office expenses and other official costs. By using this account, it allowed him to pay the settlement without approval of fellow lawmakers who oversee the House's designated fund for workplace harassment and discrimination claims.** Meehan claimed in an interview on 1/23 that he got

approval from the House Ethics Committee to use this office fund. Meehan was a member of that committee at the time.

- Meehan: “I got that approval and it gave [House Lawyers] the authority to enter into negotiations.”
- Bob Brady (D-Philadelphia) told newspapers that Meehan’s payout settlement was \$38-\$39K. Brady has a close working relationship to Meehan. Two other sources say it was for around \$39K. Based on one month’s pay for every year of the aide’s 6 years in Meehan’s office.
- Meehan continues to call the payment a “severance”.
- <http://www.philly.com/philly/news/politics/pat-meehan-paid-aide-40000-sexual-harassment-settlement-20180201.html>

Rising Numbers of Lawmakers Facing Sexual Misconduct Claims

- AP, 2/2/18, NBC Philadelphia
- Long list article of lawmakers who have resigned or been removed from office. The under the heading “Other Actions”, Pennsylvania’s Leach and Meehan are listed separately here.
- <https://www.nbcphiladelphia.com/news/national-international/Rising-Numbers-of-Lawmakers-Facing-Sexual-Misconduct-Claims-472417223.html>

Democratic Candidates – 2018 Election

Vitali Will Seek Dem Nod For 7th District Seat in Congress

- Staff, 1/29/18, Delaware County Daily Times
- **Rep. Greg Vitali (D-166) of Haverford is latest Democrat to enter the race for D7 democratic candidacy.** Vitali has represented 166th since 1992 and considered a fierce **environmental activist.** Vitali says “**Climate change is the single greatest long term threat to our world.** I cannot sit idly by as Donald Trump and the current Congress endanger our future and make this problem worse.” Vitali was the first PA legislator to suggest there should be a severance tax on natural gas. **Strong advocate for brick and mortar public schools, women’s rights, criminal justice reform, sensible gun control policies, government reform, and equality for all under law.**
- Vitali is lifetime resident of Delaware County. Graduate of St. Joseph’s Prep, BS in Econ from Villanova, and JD from Villanova University School of Law. Had a solo legal practice in Haverford for 12 years. Also is adjunct professor at Villanova.
- **This article lists some Republicans considering a run for the seat: Rep. Nick Miccarelli, R-162 of Ridley Park, US Army infantryman, Upper Darby Police Superintendent Mike Chitwood, US Navy veteran and volunteer firefighter Joe Billie of Aston, and Sean Gale, brother of Republican Montgomery County Commissioner Joe Gale.**
- <http://www.delcotimes.com/general-news/20180129/vitali-will-seek-dem-nod-for-7th-district-seat-in-congress>

State Lawmaker Vitali to Run For Meehan Congressional Seat

- Dave Davies, 1/29/18, WHYY
- In addition to info above, **Vitali reports that he will not file to run for both the state House seat and the congressional race.** Filing deadline for either office is March 6, although things may change with the PA Supreme Court decision about redistricting/gerrymandering.
- <https://whyy.org/articles/state-lawmaker-vitali-run-meehan-congressional-seat/>

Pennsylvania Lawmaker to Run for Meehan’s Seat in Congress

- AP, 1/29/18, Tribune Review
- Same info as earlier.

- <http://triblive.com/state/pennsylvania/13238792-74/pennsylvania-lawmaker-to-run-for-meehans-seat-in-congress>
- <http://wesa.fm/post/delaware-county-democrat-run-meehans-seat-congress#stream/0>

McGinty Drops Out of PA-7 Primary

- Paul Engelkemier, PoliticsPA, 2/2/18
- **Drew McGinty announced Friday he is withdrawing from the D7 democratic primary. Cited the amount of money needed to run as main reason for exiting race.**
- <http://www.politicspa.com/mcginty-drops-out-of-pa-7-primary/86296/>

Republican Candidates – 2018 Election

Letter: Sean Gale Vying for Pat Meehan’s 7th District Seat

- Letter to Editor from Sean Gale, Springfield Patch, 2/1/18
- Writer starts by saying that the GOP establishment is scrambling to find someone to run for Meehan’s seat. Touts evidence of the GOP being caught off-guard by Meehan’s retirement was the last-minute move by Montgomery County Republican Committee to postpone endorsement of congressional candidates. Writer warns to be wary of whoever GOP establishment endorses.
- Author talks about his brother Joe Gale and his work to become a Montgomery County Commissioner and how he wasn’t supported by the major party establishment.
- Goes on to talk about Meehan’s “embarrassingly liberal record” in DC. Calls him a RINO (Republican-in-name-only).
- **Sean Gale, the author, says that on 1/22 it was announced that he is exploring a run for the D7 seat. Says Republican voters deserve a candidate who is a watchdog for common-sense and accountability. Also “With President Donald Trump’s America-first leadership and commitment to draining the swamp, now is the time to send a true conservative to Washington.”**
- <https://patch.com/pennsylvania/springfield-pa/letter-sean-gale-vying-pat-meehans-7th-district-seat>

General – 2018 Election

The Districts That Will Determine the Next House Majority

- Kyle Kondik, 2/1/18, Rasmussen Reports
- **Winning Clinton-won districts won’t be enough for the Democrats to get 218 seats in the House.**
- Dem’s need several seats in CA as well as multiple seats in New Jersey, New York and PA.
- A third or more of the seats needed might come from open seats, with no Republican incumbent.
- Still consider the odds of Democrats winning the House about 50-50.
- I’m focusing my notes on PA...
- Author says **Dems need to net at least 3 seats in PA: PA-6 – Costello, PA-7 – Open, PA- 8 – Fitzpatrick, PA-15 Open and/or other? But PA “sits in limbo” awaiting the remapping ordered by the State Supreme Court. Authors suggest that PA-7 would likely become more Democratic-leaning under a remap, since the current PA-7 gerrymander was designed to help Meehan win re-election. The seat is considered a toss-up under current lines and might become safe Democratic if dramatically redrawn to be dominated by Delaware County (which has ¾ of the total population required for a congressional seat).**

- http://www.rasmussenreports.com/public_content/political_commentary/commentary_by_kyle_kondik/the_districts_that_will_determine_the_next_house_majority

The Math Says Democrats Can't #Resist Their Way to a Majority

- Philip Wegmann, 2/1/18, **Washington Examiner**
- Author says new analysis from Center for Politics at UVA says Democrats can't win a majority only by winning Clinton-won districts. They'll need to win more, for a total of 25 seats. Some should be easy, some manageable (author puts PA-7 here) and other a challenge.
- Author says **Democrats won't win by "emphasizing transgender bathrooms over economic growth", or "letting it look like they value the children of illegal immigrants over the children of citizens, " or "accusing the president...of racism, misogyny, and xenophobia".**
- <http://www.washingtonexaminer.com/the-math-says-democrats-cant-resist-their-way-to-a-majority/article/2647809>

House Republicans are Retiring in Droves. What's Pushing Them Out?

- Deirdre Shesgreen, USA Today, 2/2/18
- **41 Republicans have announced retirements, vs 16 Democrats.**
- Meehan mentioned among others (like Trey Gowdy) who have announced retirements.
- <http://www.wwtv.com/article/news/nation-now/house-republicans-are-retiring-in-droves-whats-pushing-them-out/465-367fb6aa-d707-4d61-a771-714daaa151c7>

PA Supreme Court Decision – Gerrymandering

Pa. Court Shows the Way on Redistricting Reform: Editorial

- Editorial, 1/28/18, Lehigh Valley Live
- Observes that redistricting used to be considered a slow process. Leisurely pace. Recent PA Supreme Court deadlines run counter to that. But not to worry, redistricting is all computer driven now.
- Editors are thankful the state Supreme Court has acted. But observes that **the decision could still be hijacked since the state Republican leaders have appealed to the US Supreme Court.**
- http://www.lehighvalleylive.com/opinion/index.ssf/2018/01/pa_court_shows_the_way_on_redi.html

How Redistricting Could Affect Berks County's Districts

- Staff, Reading Eagle, 1/29/18
- With redistricting questions, candidates for congressional office wonder if they will live in their district (although not required). Article runs through various Berks districts.
- For the 7th, long considered worst example of gerrymandering, will get a new rep no matter what, with Meehan out. **Following Meehan's revelations, Cook Political Report moved the district from "leans Republican" to "toss us".**
- <http://www.readingeagle.com/news/article/how-redistricting-could-affect-berks-countys-districts&template=mobileart>

Pa. Senate Rules No Conflict of Interest for Congressional Hopefuls Voting on New District Shapes

- Min Xian, 1/31/18, WHYY

- Question was raised in PA state legislature about the state lawmakers (currently 6) running for Congress. State Senate decided that those lawmakers would be allowed to vote on the legislation related to the first step in the map-making process.
- Others suggest that this speaks to an underlying issue with PA's redistricting process.
- The recent decision was related to a vote to get rid of the current district boundaries.
- <https://whyy.org/articles/pa-senate-rules-no-conflict-interest-congressional-hopefuls-voting-new-district-shapes/>

Brady's Resignation Could Alter US Rep. Boyle's District in Redraw

- Ryan Briggs, 1/31/18, cityandstatepa.com
- **Brady's resignation could impact the way Philadelphia's district boundaries are drawn.**
- Campaign lawyer Kevin Greenberg says: **"Brady not running for reelection removes one factor from map-designing that mapmakers were considering. Pat Meehan's decision to not run for reelection also removes a factor."**
- Author says that **Brady and Meehan NOT running "removes political complexity from redrawing the political map in Southeastern Pennsylvania"**.
- Greenberg says: **"It's easier to draw districts that comply with the Voting Rights Act and the court's direction...with only three incumbents to consider in the four-county metro region"**.
- Meanwhile **Delaware County Democratic consultant Joe Corrigan said Brady's district likely to stay intact. Also Corrigan says: "If districts stay the same, and there's a good chance they will, the person who wins the seat will have to represent Delaware County again. The Delco Democratic party is among the most transparent and progressive in the state, and we're not going to put up with machine politics."**
- <http://www.cityandstatepa.com/content/brady's-resignation-could-shrink-us-rep-boyle's-district-redraw>

Legislature Needs More Time to Redraw Congressional Map

- **Terry Madonna** and Michael Young, 1/31/18, LancasterOnline
- Authors observe that PA's gerrymandering was of course going to be eventually struck down. Supports the PA Supreme Court decision. And of course, our D7 is mentioned as example of egregious district shapes used to keep Republicans in power.
- But while many agree that PA districts needed to go, many also shocked by timeline put forward by PA Supreme Court. Three week deadline given for new lines.
- Author observes that the justices have already retained an election law expert to assist them, in case the legislature doesn't meet its deadline. Author says a court-adopted map breaks no legal precedents in PA – it happened in 1992.
- There are **5 PA Republican house seats this year that are open, including Meehan's. Provides an unprecedented opportunity for Democrats.**
- **But authors think the time frame imposed by court is too constricted. Worried that there will be unanticipated consequences. While technically the maps can be drawn, there is no time for achieving political consensus. And no time for other stakeholders.**
- **Authors suggest that the May primary may need to be moved to June. This they say would help.**
- http://lancasteronline.com/opinion/columnists/legislature-needs-more-time-to-redraw-congressional-map/article_9b0e11fa-05dd-11e8-82fd-cf886ab06437.html

GOP Tax Bill – Taxes

Guest Column: Republican Tax Plan Declares War on Retirees

- Bob McSherry, 1/31/18, Delaware County Daily Times
- Argues that **new tax law benefits mostly corporations and adds \$1.5 trillion to federal deficit.**
- Says it's **no good for retirees**, even with “doubling” of standard deduction. Repeals personal exemption and credit for those at least 65, so retirees who don't itemize see only a small fraction of the tax savings. Says retirees in Delaware and Chester Counties are losing important tax deductions and will likely see cuts in Social Security and Medicare in future.
- Observes that investment advisory fees (for those who are living off investments now) no longer deductible. Also tax prep fees no longer deductible.
- And SALT. Capped at \$10K.
- Says AARP says the GOP tax cut will trigger \$25 billion yearly in cuts to Medicare.
- Meehan voted for the GOP tax bill.
- <http://www.delcotimes.com/opinion/20180131/quest-column-republican-tax-plan-declares-war-on-retirees>

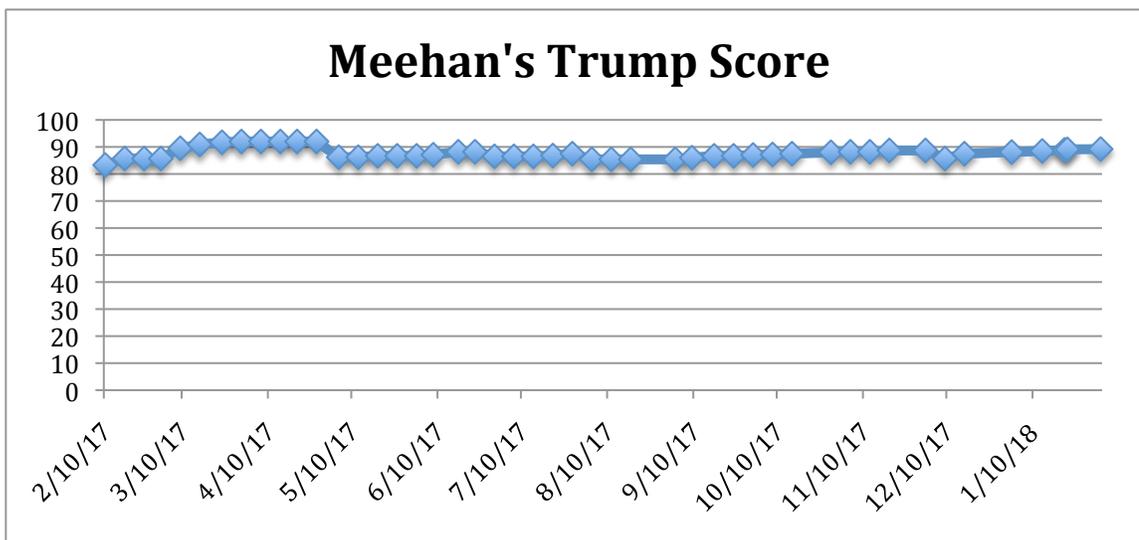
Where in the World is Meehan – General

Local Members of Congress Not on Train That Hit Truck in Va

- Staff, WFMZ, Allentown, 1/31/18
- Costello, Dent, Smucker, not on train. Authors not able to reach Meehan's office.
- <http://www.wfmz.com/news/pennsylvania/local-members-of-congress-not-on-train-that-hit-truck-in-va/694398931>

Meehan General Floor Votes 1/28 – 2/4

Five Thirty-Eight's Trump Score for Meehan as of 2/3/18 = 89.2%
 Meehan's votes against party score (per pro publica) = 11.2%



From GovTrack, supplemented by house.gov and Countable info...(remember, reverse chronological order)

Still not in session last week.

Meehan Select Committee Activities 1/28 – 2/4

WAYS AND MEANS:

Member Day Hearing on Legislation to Improve Tax Administration

JANUARY 30, 2018 — HEARING

Hearing Information Tuesday, January 30, 2018, at 2:00 PM in Room 1100 of the Longworth House Office Building Hearing Advisory Witness List Panel 1 Representative Jason Smith 8th District of Missouri Representative Peter Roskam 6th ...

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ETHICS:

Nothing new posted.

Other Meehan Congress Stuff 1/28 – 2/4

The following bills were either introduced or co-sponsored by Meehan this time period. From ProPublica.

COSPONSORED:

Cosponsor Date	Title	Sponsor	Latest
JAN. 30	H.R.1772: AIM HIGH Act	Phil Roe (R-TENN.)	Referrec

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Nothing new.

Meehan Web Site/Press Releases 1/28 – 2/4

Nothing new.

Meehan Tweets 1/28 – 2/4

No Tweets since January 18.

Meehan FaceBook 1/28 – 2/4

No FaceBook posts since January 18.

Meehan Public Appearances FUTURE

Nothing new I could find.

Meehan General Info

- **Townhalls – Still none scheduled.**
 - Meehan held NO public town halls during the February recess. Did meet with small groups of constituents.
 - Meehan held NO public town halls during the April recess. Did meet with small groups of constituents.
 - Meehan held NO public town halls during the May recess. Was invited to a D7 Citizens for Equality Action Network event but did not show up. He was represented there by a large rubber stamp.
 - Meehan held NO public town halls in June.
 - Meehan held a telephone town hall the week of July 17th, around 8pm (I think on the 18th).
 - Meehan held NO public town halls during August.
 - Meehan held NO public town halls during September.
 - Meehan held NO public town halls during October
 - Meehan held NO public town halls during November.
 - Meehan held NO public town halls during December.
 - Meehan held NO public town halls in January 2018.
- **Website:** <https://meehan.house.gov>
- **MEEHAN'S CAMPAIGN :** 484-443-8389
- **Offices:**
 - Washington DC, 2305 Rayburn HOB, Washington, DC 20515, Ph: (202) 225-2011, Fx: (202) 226-0280
 - Springfield, 940 West Sproul Road, Springfield, PA 19064, Ph: (610) 690-7323, Fx: (610) 690-7329
 - This office is located on the second floor of a non-descript multistory building that looks something like a medical building. There is a vestibule where you are greeted through glass by an intern before being allowed into the main office area to meet with any staff. The building is on a very busy road although residential side streets allow for overflow parking if any protests need to be planned here.
 - Amity Township, 2004 Weavertown Road, Douglassville, PA 19518, Ph: ?, Fx: ?, Office Hours: Monday 9am – 2pm
 - Paradise, 2 Township Drive, Paradise, PA 17562, Ph: ?, Fx: ?, Office Hours: Tuesday 9am – 2pm
 - Whitpain Township, 960 Wentz Road, Blue Bell, PA 19422, Ph: , Fx: ?, Office Hours: Wednesday 9am – 2pm
 - Honey Brook, 500 Suplee Road, Honey Brook, PA 19344, Ph: ?, Fx: ?, Office Hours: Thursday 9am – 2pm
- **House Committee Assignments:**
 - **Ways and Means Committee**
 - **Tax Policy Subcommittee**
 - **Ethics Committee**
- **Staff**
 - **Carrie Santoro, Meehan campaign manager**
 - **Alaina Sforza 610-690-7329 (District Representative, and Internship Coordinator)**
 - **Colleen Gallagher pa07.scheduling@mail.house.gov (scheduling group visits with Meehan)**
 - **John Elizandro (communications director)**
 - **Ian, Nicholas, Sabrina, Mellissa, phone answerer Sproul Road office**
 - **Caitlin Ganley, District Director**
 - **Crystal, Brittany, Julianna, Michael, Matt, phone answerer in DC**

- **Julie Nolan, EDUCATION resource staff member in DC, also handles HEALTHCARE**
- **Jimmy, DC staffer who handles ENVIRONMENTAL positions**
- **Jordan, office staff at DC office**
- **Chris Pack, not part of Meehan staff, but National Republican Congressional Committee (NRCC) who recently has been vocal locally supporting Meehan and trying to bring down opposition to him.**

Meehan Background

(updated, just from Wikipedia)

Born 1955 (62 years old). Graduated from Bowdoin College 1978. Hockey player and was Hockey league ref from 1979-1982. Meehan then went to Temple Law School and graduated with his J.D. in 1986. In 1979 worked on Philadelphia mayoral campaign of Republican David Marston. In 1980 he worked on PA Attorney General campaign of Roy Zimmerman.

After law school joined Dilworth Paxson LLP in 1986.

In 1995 Meehan elected the District Attorney of Delaware County (Republican). Served as District Attorney from 1996-2001. In 2001 Meehan was appointed by Pres. G.W. Bush to become U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of PA. Served in this role until 2008.

In 2008, Meehan moved to Conrad O'Brien Gellman and Rohn. Also in 2008 Meehan began to campaign for PA governor. But in 2009 ended bid and announced run for congress, for the seat vacated by Joe Sestak. Ran unopposed for Republican primary in 2010.

Meehan won his bid in 2010, running against Democratic State Rep. Bryan Lentz. Won again in 2012 against Democrat George Badey. Won again in 2014 against Democrat Mary Ellen Balchunis. Beat her again in 2016.

Meehan is married and has three sons. They are reported to live now in Chadds Ford, Delaware County.

Endorsements and Ratings (Mostly from Votesmart)

- Here is a link to his page on Votesmart.
<https://votesmart.org/candidate/evaluations/119474/pat-meehan#.WV8ibzOZOu4>
- Not sure how best to summarize or highlight, but it does seem that there is valuable material here. For example, Congressman Meehan has a higher rating from "The John Birch Society" than the ACLU.

Issues and Positions, From his Web Site:

Many issues are listed on the web site but there is a lot of variation in amount of content for each. Here I will summarize the ones that seem most important to Meehan, based on his having taken the trouble to write a LOT of words about them.

#1 = Defense and National Security. Meehan has worked on cybersecurity especially.

#2 = Economy and Jobs. Meehan focuses on supporting small businesses. Words here on repealing medical device taxes.

#3 = Education. Supports No Child Left Behind Act and Disabilities Education Act. Supports Pell Grants.

#4 = Veterans. Complains about treatment of veterans.

#5 = Transportation. Infrastructure is outdated. PA has over 6000 structurally-deficient bridges, most in the US.

#6 = Spending Cuts and Debt. Worried about deficit and national debt. Country can't continue "dangerous fiscal irresponsibility".

#7 = Health Care. Reform health care system. Vague and not much words here on his specific plans.

#8 = Energy. Supports various sources of energy. "Growing our economy through investment in affordable energy and protecting our environment and citizens are compatible goals."

The following topics are listed on the web site but less than a real paragraph explaining positions.
Government Spending and Oversight, Environment and Conservation

Campaign Contributions from OpenSecrets.org or FEC.gov

I'm focusing on the latest FEC filing for the 2018 election. Now updated through 12/31/17.

From OpenSecrets.

- So, Meehan no longer listed as a candidate, so he's not showing up in this section.
- No official Republicans listed yet.

Candidates in this election

Candidate	Raised	Spent	Cash on Hand Last Report
Daylin Leach (D)	\$527,051	\$345,251	\$181,800 12/31/2017
Dan Muroff (D)	\$417,859	\$150,786	\$267,073 12/31/2017
Molly Sheehan (D)	\$204,205	\$17,453	\$186,752 12/31/2017
Elizabeth Moro (D)	\$69,167	\$58,253	\$10,915 12/31/2017
John McGinty (D)	\$2,017	\$891	\$1,756 12/31/2017

We do not have data for the following candidates:

- Joe Billie (R)
- Shelly Chauncey (D)
- Greg Vitali (D)

From OpenSecrets, just to keep track of Meehan:

SELECT A CYCLE

2018

SELECT A PROFILE

- Campaign Committee Only
- Leadership PAC Profile Only
- Campaign Committee & Leadership PAC Combined

Campaign Committee & Leadership PAC Combined Fundraising, 2017 - 2018

LAST REPORT: 12/31/2017

Raised: \$1,264,564

Spent: \$827,713

Cash on hand: \$2,381,343

Debts: \$0

Top Contributors, 2017 - 2018

Contributor	Total	Individuals	PACs
Comcast Corp	\$23,200	\$8,200	\$15,000
AmerisourceBergen Corp	\$18,500	\$6,500	\$12,000
Marathon Petroleum	\$15,000	\$0	\$15,000
National Air Traffic Controllers Assn	\$13,000	\$0	\$13,000
Exelon Corp	\$12,700	\$2,700	\$10,000

Top Industries, 2017 - 2018

Industry	Total	Individuals	PACs
Insurance	\$115,100	\$4,600	\$110,500
Pharmaceuticals/Health Products	\$86,850	\$11,700	\$75,150
Real Estate	\$56,900	\$17,900	\$39,000
Securities & Investment	\$51,900	\$9,400	\$42,500
Oil & Gas	\$48,750	\$1,500	\$47,250

Source of Funds (Campaign Committee), 2017 - 2018

Type	Amount	Percentage
Small Individual Contributions (< \$200)	\$4,705	0.41%
Large Individual Contributions	\$266,497	23.42%
PAC Contributions	\$862,810	75.83%
Candidate self-financing	\$0	0.00%
Other	\$3,852	0.34%