

Plymouth Area Democrats  
Meeting of June 24, 2015

PAD Chair Joyce Weston opened the meeting at 6:15 p.m. and introduced the elected officials present. She specifically introduced the town chairs, including Marilyn Lieto (Groton), Fran Tylor (Holderness), Paul Phillips (Plymouth), and Gary McCool (Rumney).

There was no Treasurer's report; however, Joyce informed the meeting that Martha Richards had donated \$291 from her campaign fund to PAD.

Joyce announced that there will be a candidates' workshop in Washington DC (date?), and that it will be free, but that participants will have to pay for travel and lodging.

Joyce also announced that Hillary Clinton will be in Plymouth in September (details to follow), and that Martin O'Malley will be here in October.

O'Malley's campaign guy in New Hampshire, John Bivona, was then introduced. He confirmed that his candidate hoped to be here in October. He went on to say that the O'Malley campaign intends to highlight climate change, a plan for clean energy by 2050, and gun law reform. O'Malley will be back in NH July 8 (in Londonderry and Concord).

Gene Martin, Deputy Political Director for Hillary for New Hampshire, was introduced next. He said that Hillary's campaign would focus on small groups of voters, and on policies based on local issues (such as drug abuse). The campaign understands that Hillary has to earn every vote—voter by voter.

It was announced that Bernie Sanders will be in Laconia on June 28.

Sam Jansen, the NHDP Town Liaison, extended a thank you to PAD for our ongoing efforts.

Teddy Smith of Next Gen Climate stated that his organization supports the existing environmental work of Plymouth State University and the local community.

NH Legislators Mary Cooney and Sue Ford provided an update on recent events in Concord, focusing on the budget. Governor Hassan is willing to compromise, but the Republicans in the legislature are not.

Sue Ford asked for volunteers for the Haverhill Fair, which will take place July 22 through 27.

Finally, Joyce introduced the meeting's keynote speaker, Mil Duncan, whose topic was "why people are poor in rural America." Mil's complete talk can be heard and seen on the Plymouth Area Democrats' website.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.