

Plymouth Area Democrats February Meeting
2/17/2016

Start: 6:25 pm
End: 7:56 pm

Business Meeting:

Chair Joyce Weston recognized the notable people in attendance:

- Martha Richards, County Commissioner
- Suzanne Smith, HD 8 and Hebron Town Chair
- Kevin Maes, HD 6
- Brandon LeMay, head of the PSU student Democrats
- Deb Reynolds, Former state Senator
- Tink Taylor, Former house Rep.
- Phil Preston, Former house Rep.
- Bill Bolton, Plymouth Select Board
- Fran Taylor, Holderness Town Chair
- Paul Phillips, Plymouth Town Chair
- Gary McCool, Rumney Town Chair
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The meeting minutes from November 2015 were approved. Martha spoke about KTHO 11th annual event. \$55,000.00 was raised. Donations are still being collected, and there are still a few events to raise money. On March 5th a Cross Country will be held to raise money, for more information please go to the KTHO Facebook page.

In March the Mark Connolly will be the guest speaker for the PAD Meeting.

Mary and Suzanne gave us an update from Concord:

- The Health Protection Plan was passed; it is now in finance.
- HSB 1616 for ID chips for licenses
- HSB 1516 killed full day kindergarten
- HSB 1568 killed electric car extra fee
- HSB 1192 killed the repeal of the education voucher
- The Senate suspended the death penalty until a more humane way can be found.

Suzanne Smith spoke about or need to get reps to run for office. Paul Phillips gave an update in the Bernie Sanders campaign and how to volunteer. Bill Bolton did the same for the Hillary Clinton campaign. Geary spoke about the Freedom and Security lecture series at PSU. There will be lectures in both March and April.

Speaker:

Joyce explained that Colin Van Ostern was elected to the state Executive Council in 2012. He has been outspoken proponent of passenger rail, state renewable energy projects, and a fiscally responsible budget. He cast the deciding vote on Medicaid Expansion. He successfully led the fight to restore the funding for preventative care at Planned Parenthood. In 2015, he was named the "Champion for Choice" by NARAL Pro-Choice New Hampshire and has been named one of the state's

most influential citizens by Business NH magazine. He is now running for Governor.

Colin began by explaining what his campaign is about:

- Full day kindergarten
- Stem tide of drugs
- Passenger rail to grow jobs and business
- Funding for Planned Parenthood
- College debt
- He is thinking about the people of NH

Then he explained his background: He grew up in a single mom household, and he moved around a lot. He met his wife and they have two young sons. He went to business school at Dartmouth. He worked for the Annie Kuster campaign. He also worked for Stoneyfield. He then went to work for College of America, which is an affiliate of SNHU. This program helps students to graduate with little to no debt. He has been endorsed by 70 states reps, mayors of big cities, and Annie Kuster. He then took questions.

Respectfully submitted,
Alison Therriault, Secretary

