

PLYMOUTH AREA DEMOCRATS
General Membership Meeting
March 22, 2023

Attendees

Joyce Weston, Chair
Val Scarborough, Vice Chair
Jane Helfrich, Secretary (absent)
John Richards, Treasurer (absent)
Vacant, Communications Officer
Gunnar Baldwin, Technology Officer

AGENDA

Welcome. Joyce opened the meeting and welcomed the membership. Two new attendees Ted Smith from Thornton and Justin Morningner from Warren introduced themselves. Joyce also recognized several members who previously served in the state legislature, as well current State Senator Sue Prentiss.

Joyce then made general remarks about her former role both as PAD chair and NH state representative. Joyce acknowledged that PAD has done good work over the years but that we are entering a new political era. New strategies and approaches are required and PAD needs everyone's help to be ready for change.

Joyce discussed tentative plans for the next few months: April 26th meeting will focus on climate change effects and renewable energy options. On May 24, a panel discussion is planned on public education and how our state downshifts funding to our property taxes.

Business Meeting. The minutes from February 22nd PAD general meeting were approved. Val Scarborough made a general appeal for help on several fronts: technical know-how in setting up our meetings, scheduling and organizing Visibility events, fundraising and program development, and volunteers to crew the potluck dinners and other social events.

Val announced that \$130 was collected in the donation bucket, and it was added to the \$110 that Val had from the campaign HQ.

Elected Representatives. (Part Zoom recording). Introduction of Ray Buckley, Chair of the NH Democratic Party since 2007. NH House Representatives Bill Bolton, Sallie Fellows, and Jerry Stringham arrived as the town caucuses were starting, they were recognized by PAD Chair Joyce Weston. Ray Buckley and NH State Senator Sue Prentiss spoke briefly before the breakout sessions for Town Meetings. Maddie McCluskey, NHDP handles grassroots mobilization in NH northern counties, including

our own Grafton County. Joyce Weston and Maddie sorted attendees into town groups, which then met separately in various areas of the Senior Center to caucus.

Town Caucus Meetings. 12 out of 17 towns are now represented in partial town committees. The results are as follows:

ASHLAND

Chair George Hacker
Vice Chair Phil Preston

BRISTOL

Chair Taylor Largmann

BRIDGEWATER

Chair Carolyn Fluehr-Lobban
Vice Chair Richard Lobban

CAMPTON

Chair Ron Goggans
Vice Chair Jim Butler
Treasurer Sherrill Howard
Secretary Stephanie Osborne
At Large member Janet Lucas

HEBRON

Chair Suzanne Smith
Treasurer Bill Powers
Secretary Sheila Oranch

HOLDERNESS

Chair John Richards
Vice Chair Bill Nesheim
Treasurer Sallie Fellows
Secretary Fran Taylor

At Large Sheryl Shirley

PLYMOUTH

Chair Gunnar Baldwin Jr.
Vice Chair Deb Reynolds
Treasurer Paul Phillips
Secretary Kate Wood Hedberg
At Large Val Scarborough

RUMNEY

Chair Gary McCool

THORNTON

Chair Ted Smith
Vice Chair Ken Wolff
Secretary Jackie Wolff

WARREN

Chair Justin Monniger

WENTWORTH

Chair Carol Friedrich

WOODSTOCK

Chair Jerry Stringham

Meeting Adjourned. Meeting adjourned at conclusion of the Town Caucuses.

Jane Helfrich
PAD Secretary
