

PLYMOUTH AREA DEMOCRATS  
General Membership Meeting  
November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023

**Attendees**

Joyce Weston, Chair  
Val Scarborough, Vice Chair  
Jane Helfrich, Secretary  
Bill Nesheim, Treasurer  
Jay Scarborough, Communications Officer  
Gunnar Baldwin, Technology Officer

Gunnar Baldwin, Sr.  
Heather Baldwin  
Sallie Fellows  
Gary McCool  
Mike Machanic  
Bill Nesheim  
Melanie Nesheim  
Colin Van Ostern

**And many others!**

Dick Osborne  
Stephanie Osborne  
Deb Reynolds  
Fran Taylor  
Tink Taylor  
Sally Widerstrom  
Jackie Wolff  
Ken Wolff

**AGENDA**

**WELCOME.** Joyce Weston called the meeting to order and welcomed current and past local members of the legislature, as well as newcomers to the meeting. The meeting was well attended. The minutes of the October 25<sup>th</sup> general meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT.** Bill Nesheim provided a brief treasurer's report. There are seven regular contributors to PAD via ActBlue.com.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS.** Kate Hedburg invited members to a "Meet and Greet" at Deb Reynolds home for Cinde Warmington, candidate for gubernatorial hopeful on December 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30–7:30pm.

Joyce announced that we've been asked to move Warren to the Northern Grafton County Democrats (NGCD). The move is also a result to changes in the House districts, which resulted in Warren's district being entirely within the NGCD area. Joyce asked for a motion from the floor to do so. The motion was made and seconded, and the motion passed without opposition. Joyce also mentioned we need a candidate to run in House District 6, which includes Orford, Wentworth, and Rumney.

The Plymouth Holiday parade is December 2 at 5pm. Joyce invited members to join the parade to show our presence in Plymouth. We will gather at 4pm by the Courthouse.

Colin Van Ostern, former gubernatorial candidate, spoke for a few minutes about the grassroots movement to write in Joe Biden's name on the New Hampshire Democratic Primary. Mr. Van Ostern reminded us that Biden has beaten all expectations, and he named some of his accomplishments, such as the Infrastructure act, and Ukraine support., He emphasized that it's not a hard decision to write in Biden's name. The website site for more information is [www.writeinBiden.com](http://www.writeinBiden.com).

**SPOTLIGHT ON CLIMATE CRISIS.** Considering the concerns PAD members have discussed previously regarding our climate crisis, the PAD Executive Committee agreed that the November meeting would feature a presentation that would be an appropriate and interesting for PAD members to view and discuss together. The 2019 film "2040", which was written and directed by Australian filmmaker Damon Gameau, was chosen for viewing. A 2020 review by the *New York Times* describes the documentary as "an accessible and informative look at solutions to the climate crisis. Gameau, an Australian actor and director, envisions an auspicious future in the year 2040 for his daughter. He imagines a world where the existential threats of climate change have been curtailed, using only technologies that exist today."

The movie was well received and generated much informal discussion among members. Attendance at the meeting was significant and numerous members commented positively on the meeting's intent and outcome.

Due to the holidays and a conflicting Plymouth event, the next general meeting will be January 31, 2024.

Jane Helfrich  
PAD Secretary

