

**PLYMOUTH AREA DEMOCRATS**  
General Membership Meeting  
June 26th, 2024

ATTENDEES

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

Kathy Archibald  
Doug Aweklow (sp?)  
Jerry Beck  
Jack Boys  
Holly Burbank  
Mary Cooney  
Jennifer Desloges  
Paul Elsholz  
Stuart Green  
Terri Grimes  
Katie Hedberg  
Tom Helfrich  
Karen Liot Hill  
Anne Hunnewell  
Dick Hunnewell

Frederick James  
Eric Knuff  
Mireille Leger  
Carolyn Lobban  
Richard Lobban  
Gary McCool  
Della Mills  
Janet Metcalf  
Kelley Monahan  
Natalie Murphy  
Roni Nagle  
Jason Neenos  
Melanie Nesheim  
Jeannette Noctenius  
Thomas Oppel

Dick Osborne  
Stephanie Osborne  
Deb Reynolds  
John Richards  
Martha Richards  
Judith Saum  
Sheryl Shirley  
Rachel Spetter-Goldstein  
Fran Taylor  
Tink Taylor  
Sally Widerstrom  
Ken Wolff  
Jackie Wolff

AGENDA

WELCOME. Joyce Weston called the meeting to order and welcomed PAD members and new attendees to the meeting. Joyce also asked that any member present who was a former candidate or current candidate stand and be recognized. Joyce announced that there will be more than the four candidates originally planned for speaking, so the time allotted would be 5 minutes per candidate. Joyce added that there would be a 10-minute break after the candidates' remarks before Colin Van Ostern, the featured speaker and candidate for Congress would speak.

BUSINESS MEETING.

MINUTES. The minutes of the May 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024, general meeting were approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT. There was no report due to the treasurer's absence.

ANNOUNCEMENTS. Joyce announced that space for the PAD campaign headquarters office will be in Plymouth at 17 Railroad Square. Steve rand owns the property, and Deb Reynolds is working on the lease. NHDP will be funding the rental fees. Val Scarborough will be the office manager.

Also, please join PAD members for the Ashland 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade, meet at 9:00am behind the Ashland Firehouse for the lineup on Mill Street.

PAD

PROGRAM. Six local candidates each introduced themselves and gave a short pitch on the office they are running for and their relevant background and experience. The candidates who spoke were:

Janet Lucas, Campton, Candidate for New Hampshire House District 7  
Karen Liot Hill, Lebanon, Candidate for Executive Council District 2  
Katie Hedburg, Plymouth, Candidate for Grafton County Commissioner  
Jason Neenos, Plymouth, Candidate for Grafton County Treasurer  
Stuart Greene, Bridgewater Candidate for New Hampshire Senate District 7  
Corinne Morse, Canaan, Candidate for Grafton County Treasurer

Following a short break, Colin Van Ostern, a former member of the New Hampshire Executive Council and a current candidate for New Hampshire's 2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District, spoke at length to the members. His remarks covered his move to and setting down roots in New Hampshire, his professional career, and his Democratic campaign experience. He discussed his position on the issues of reproductive rights, public education, and health care, and answered questions from the audience.

CONCLUDING ANNOUNCEMENTS. Joyce reminded the members that no regular meetings will be held in July or August. Joyce reminded the group that the PAD Gubernatorial Forum is July 15<sup>th</sup> at The Common Man, North Main Street Plymouth. There are 200 seats, reservations are required, seats are still available, so sign up. PAD will also have a booth at the Rumney Old Home Day on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The New Hampshire Democratic Primary is September 10<sup>th</sup>.

NEXT MEETING. September 25th, 2024

Jane Helfrich  
PAD Secretary

*Verbatim Commentary is available by viewing the PAD meeting video on YouTube*

