

PLYMOUTH AREA DEMOCRATS

General Membership Meeting

February 26, 2025

ATTENDEES

Joyce Weston, Chair

Val Scarborough, Vice Chair

Jane Helfrich, Secretary

Bill Nesheim, Treasurer

Joyce Weston called the meeting to order at 6:05pm. She recognized the elected officials and then welcomed new attendees to the meeting, asking each to stand and introduce themselves. With a total attendance of 63, about a dozen had never attended before.

Joyce announced that we would have an election for new board members on March 26, and that we are currently searching for a secretary, since Jane Helfrich has resigned because of her extensive time spent in Italy. Joyce also asked for help in the areas of hospitality and visibility.

The minutes from the 1/22/25 meeting and treasurer's report were both approved.

Martha Richards and Deb Reynolds presented the Reynolds/Richards award for 2025, which was given to Karen Bemis for her work in the Bristol/Bridgewater area over the last year. All of the participants in that group got up to receive the award together.

Upcoming meetings were announced: March — Steve Marchand from Move the Goalposts. Will discuss links between property taxes, local zoning ordinances, and schools, as well as his analysis of our towns in the last elections.

April — The youth vote; Oscar Labowicz and the PSU Dems; Jason Charrette, the PSU Dems advisor, and the head of Young Dems of NHDP.

May — Giles Bissonette of the ACLU

At 6:30, Joyce introduced Chair Ray Buckley of NHDP to introduce the 2025 Town Caucuses. He was followed by NHDP Political Director, Sebastian Fuentes. The

towns gathered and dispersed throughout the Senior Center to hold their caucuses. We had a possibility for 14 towns to vote, but only 9 had enough (if any) representation.