

PAD Meeting- January 14, 2026

- I. 6:08- Welcome
- II. Recognition of
 - A. Town committee members and reps
 1. Peter Lovett, Sallie Fellows, Deb Reynolds, Janet Lucas, Katie W-Hedberg; 9 or 10 town committee members
 - B. New members
 1. None
- III. Minutes
 - A. Passed
- IV. Treasurer's report
 - A. Current balance- \$4,243.80
 - B. Expenses- \$2861.60
 1. Most was direct outreach with postage and materials
 2. Added a storage unit rental
 - C. ActBlue 2025
 1. 16 repeating individuals, 26 total
 - D. Draft Budget 2026
 1. Total \$5,947 expected
 - a) Admin, awards, hospitality, postage, printing and signs, storage unit, tech (website, email), venue rental
 2. Hoping for about \$600/meeting
 - E. Donation envelopes are on the tables
- V. Upcoming events
 - A. Filing for town offices 1/21-1/30
 1. Key offices: selectboard, school boards, library trustees
 - B. Looking for a candidate for House District 6: Rumney, Wentworth and Orford
 - C. Volunteers needed for postcard campaign against Free Staters
 1. Partnered by GCD, Granite State Matters, and Indivisible targeting Grafton districts 1 & 18.
 2. Goals is to educate voters about Free Staters and the Liberty Alliance
 3. Target undeclared voters (about $\frac{1}{8}$ of the state, 5k households in 16 towns)
 4. Postcards distributed mid-February; volunteers asked to add postage of \$30/50
 5. Asking for people to come and sign up to do it and add a little note.
- VI. Grace Garvey

- A. She is running Central NH Indivisible
- B. Suggests that they and postcard volunteers can get together to do it.
- C. Focus areas: Voter education, voter protection, redistricting, legislation
- D. Many proposed legislation in the works for voter suppression
- E. Also hosting *The Last Class* on February 5, 2025 at the Flying Monkey 6:00 pm; \$10 at the box office

VII. Break

VIII. 6:30- Christian Urrutia (urr-oo-tee-a)

- A. Bio- “Christian is running for Congress to fight for working people. He is an NH native, human rights and international law attorney, National Guard officer and part of the military’s Trial Defense Services. He has served as a senior national security leader at the Pentagon and is now an advocate for responsible technology policies that address anti-discrimination efforts, human rights, and privacy. He lives in Moultonborough with his wife, Jenn, a small business owner, and their dog Winston” (www.urrutiaforNH.com).
 1. Adding that he is a first generation American, son of Mexican and Spanish parents, a nurse and community organizer.
 2. Story about first job at minimum wage (\$5.25/hr). Wage has not gone up since 2009 (\$7.25) but cost of living has gone up 40%.
 3. Went to college for writing, then law school school- adds in college debt (\$250K)- another problem
 4. Spent more than a decade in human rights. Describes a case that he spent five years on with the Chilean dictatorship. Brings parallels about what is going on today and what had happened in Chile.
- B. Positive message in the face of the current climate (ICE, suppression, oppression, etc). We get together and do it.
- C. Running for District 1- Pappa’s seat. (There is some overlap in our meeting)
- D. Joined military at age 35; spoke about he was the oldest one there, including the immediate officers.
- E. Spent time advising the former Secretary of Defense under Biden on international law and what is legal.
- F. Promotes Medicare for all and said it. He will fight for it. Brings up the disparities between the US and the other countries.
- G. Moves on to housing issues
 1. Lack of starter homes (30% of homes were 1300 square feet or less in 1980; now it’s 7%)
- H. Universal childcare system
- I. End theme of the lack of federal government involvement

J. ICE

1. Has a bigger budget than Turkey
2. They are lawless
3. Says that Kristi Noem should be impeached

K. Opens for questions

1. If elected, will you join the Progressive caucus
 - a) Yes
2. With regard to housing, NH has to build in water and sewer, would the federal government invest in the infrastructure
 - a) Yes, the federal government should make water/sewer as part of critical infrastructure
3. Member recounts that she was followed by a federal agent. She is a dual citizen of US and Mexico. Her father fought in WWII.
 - a) ICE agents are the worst of the worst; racist; not trained
 - b) Supreme Court made racial profiling legal
 - c) This administration has a vision of a sealed-off, whiter America
 - (1) See DHS post of what America would look like with 100 million fewer people (that's a 1/3 of the country)
 - (2) DHS has posted KKK songs
 - (3) DHS has posted reworked Nazi slogans
 - d) Get rid of ICE
 - e) Prosecute them
4. What differentiates you from other candidates
 - a) Has laid out a vision for Progressive policy (see website).
 - b) Says that he can actually win because he has the experience and message to win (see military and Pentagon experience)
5. What is your stance on Israel and Palestine?
 - a) He would sign onto Sander's weapons embargo
 - b) "Need a two state solution now"
 - c) Palestinian and Israeli children deserve to be safe
6. What is your vision for Medicare for all?
 - a) Start with a public option
 - b) Then move from the top down in a series of expansion 5-6 years
 - c) Combine Medicare part A and B
 - d) Fund childhood healthcare
7. Social Security trust fund question related to Mitt Romney's recent OpEd in the *NY Times*.

- a) Social Security tax is capped at \$175,000 for everyone
 - b) Raise the social security cap
 - c) We need to move away from those with the most money getting the most benefits
8. Questioner suggests that his platform should be the Democratic platform. What can we do to make that the platform?
- a) We need new energy and new blood
9. What might you do to redefine the separation of church and state?
- a) We need to get away from the Christian nationalism in the Republican party by electing those who will keep them separate.
10. How will you speak to those under 35 or 40?
- a) People in that age, his age bracket, have gotten screwed.
 - (1) Jobs are getting replaced by AI, college is too expensive so too much debt, homes are unaffordable, and daycare is outrageous
 - (2) There has been problems with all of these for the last 20-40 years as it is (greatly in the past 10-15 years)
 - (3) Young men, those 25 and under, feel like that they are “not getting a fair shake” and to keep them away from toxic masculinity and give them hope
11. How will you give a private option with universal healthcare?
- a) There is widespread consensus (about 80% D, 60% I, 40% R) about having universal healthcare
 - b) There are models out there for it (see France and UK)
 - c) Incrementally
12. How will those who need to be held accountable be held accountable?
- a) We, as a country, have to hold those in the current administration accountable and not let it go. Commit, impeach, and show the American people what they did.
 - b) J 6’ers are complicated because of the pardon power.
13. Media focuses on the national races and not on the state power, though the state has the most power. Free staters have infiltrated NH and may be gerry-mandered out in the next few cycles. What would you, Christian, do to bring attention to the issue?
- a) There is no unifying message. The state Democratic party needs to unite.

- b) He would work with the state party to reform the party and bring new leadership to the party. New energy, new blood, new vision.

IX. 7:20- Adjourn