Plymouth Area Democrats Special Meeting
March 5, 2017
Minot Sleeper Library, Bristol, NH

At 5:15 pm, PAD Chair Joyce Weston opened the meeting and introduced Bob Peeler, who serves as a Selectman in Alexandria. Peeler spoke against wind turbines, saying this should be important to voters in the Bristol area. He mentioned that the fast depreciation in the valuation of energy projects can leave the towns where they are located "on the short end of the stick."

Joyce then introduced the evening's program, saying that the purpose is to form issue-driven groups to resist the GOP agenda in DC and Concord. Resistance is important!

Former legislature candidate Josh Adjutant was introduced and announced his candidacy for the seat that will be vacated due to Jeff Shackett's resignation. He spoke briefly about the special election process and asked attendees for their support.

Sue Ford, the NHDP's Grassroots Coordinator and "a Legislator on Sabbatical," spoke about how to attend hearings in Concord and how to testify. She recommended that letters to members of the legislature start with, "I live in {town}, and I support/oppose this bill. She referred the group to the NH General Court website (www.generalcourt.state.nh.us) as a good source of information on calendars for bills, committees, and more.

Sue went on to say that our incentive is to bring a Democratic majority back to the NH House and Senate. She identified five key issues:
1. Healthcare
2. Education
3. Environment
4. Civil Rights
5. The Economy

Joyce asked those at the meeting to break into groups based on the issues of interest to them. They did so, and exchanged contact information as well as having some discussions.

Mike Mechanic (of Campton) offered that he will be working with the PAD Communications Officer to coordinate action groups.

Attendees were invited to attend the March 8 PAD meeting and Town Caucuses.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

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