

# PAD Meeting Minutes 9/23/25

- I. Welcome by Joyce Weston
- II. Free Stater presentation by Jeanne Dietsch
  - A. Former member of the NH Senate
  - B. Hooks with:
    1. Dennis Pratt- Free Stater recruiter
    2. Kelly Ayotte- current governor to sign in to law the school voucher program
  - C. Who are the Free Staters
    1. Subset of libertarians
    2. Jason Sorins came up with a plan to speed up the growth of libertarians published in *Libertarian Enterprises* in July 2001
      - a) Take over a small state with a small residence in order to slash state and local budgets
      - b) 5000 people signed up by 2003 and began their project
    3. Who are they?
      - a) Some of anti-establishment
      - b) Most are men
      - c) Lily Tang Williams, Greg Moor (Americans for Prosperity NH), Carla Garrick (former state and house rep, former free state director), Jason Osborne (House majority leader), Jason Sorins (fellow with the Coos Matus Center at George Mason Uni), Sean Faber (NH Liberty Alliance), Rachel Goldsmith (Hillsboro Moms for Liberty)
    4. History of the movement
    5. Outside Influence
  - D. Who and What are Empowering Them
    1. Essentially the wealthy and businesses
    2. Many are out of state
    3. Tax advantages
    4. People who are hurt are those who rent and who pay property taxes
  - E. How We Can Take Back Our State
    1. Education
      - a) Realize that the number of active free staters is small
      - b) They run for low-level office, make friends around town (infiltrate the community), and deny
        - (1) Seems like a spy movie
      - c) Vote
      - d) Six steps

- (1) Wake up the public about the state takeover
- (2) Network beyond the bubble
- (3) ID those candidate
- (4) Ensure good candidates are running
- (5) Build strong campaign and opposition
- (6) VOTE

III. Questions from the audience

IV. Adjournment