

PAD Minutes October 22, 2025

- I. 6:10 Welcome
- II. Recognize new members. WELCOME!
 - A. A few new people (a couple from Campton)
- III. Recognize elected officials
 - A. Heather Baldwin, Bill Bolton, Sallie Fellows, Hon. Dick Osborne, Hon, Deb Reynolds, Jerry Stringham
- IV. Minutes (motion; discussion; all in favor; opposed)
 - A. Motion passes
- V. Treasurer's report. Donation envelopes on tables
 - A. \$6428 in account
 - B. \$2800 expenses year-to-date
 - C. Remind people of the donation rules via state rules
- VI. Visibility. Mention No Kings Day
 - A. Indivisible is doing a great job
 - B. Estimate 800–1000 people attended this past Saturday
 - C. Next No Kings is in progress
- VII. Upcoming events:
 - A. November 19:
 1. Meeting moved due to Thanksgiving the following week
 2. Justin Glenzer and Lucas Meyer of Our Economy—Our Future NH
- VIII. Gaza Children's Village Initiative
 - A. Deb Cinamon speaks about the orphans in Gaza
 - B. Raising money to support orphans
 - C. Chef Jose Andres from World Central Kitchen is supplying food
- IX. Report from Fawn Gaudet about The Bridge Brigade protests
 - A. Jen Foley, Kathy Archibald in charge; Sue Ellen Skinner is in Ashland
 - B. Needing people to show up to bridges in order to protest
 - C. Joyce asks for pictures to add to the newsletter
- X. Break
- XI. 6:30 Oscar to Introduce Jon Kiper
 - A. Ran last year with 9.4% of Dem. primary
 1. Restaurateur
 - B. Simple messaging — community-first economics
 1. Housing, property taxes, education
 - C. How? — Tax the wealthy
 1. Lower 20% of population pay more in taxes than the rich
 2. NH acts as, essentially, a tax haven for the wealthy
 3. Property taxes are insanely high
 4. State is supposed to fund public education, not the towns
 - a) Remind people of their constitutional oaths

5. Story about Claremont (see law suits)
 6. Last 20 or so years have reduced the revenue due to removing taxes (business, etc.)
 - a) Add taxes to include taxes on second homes for out-of-staters
 - b) legalize cannabis
 - c) No mention of sales tax
- D. Adds in personal stories from his restaurant
1. Best Buy part time/full time hours
 2. Barber shop: when they have a good week, they go out and spend money at his place.
- E. Trump: symptom of the problem i.e. Reaganomics b/c trickle down doesn't work
- F. Education: kids are not a budget item
- G. Questions
1. Becky Noel- history teacher at Plymouth State
 - a) Would like to see a youth message to keep the youth here
 - b) Higher ed, youth fleeing, no housing, child care, education freedom accounts
 - c) Jon- essentially we need more funding. Message needs to be simple; not to say that we won't address it, but the campaign message needs to be simple; childcare long term goal should be able to stay home with their kid for several months**
 2. Gigi Estes
 - a) No public money should go to private schools
 - b) Free-staters are scary
 - c) Jon- education freedom accounts are probably unconstitutional; Free Staters are few in number but are effective; NH is the only state that doesn't pay our reps, often times there isn't a candidate to run against them; lots of money is getting poured into Free Staters, because they don't need a lot of money do to it. Average person on the street doesn't realize this; we have to be street journalists b/c the local press has been decimated.**
 3. ?
 - a) Says that the EFA's are legal, based on a Supreme Court ruling from a Colorado woman whose child could not get their needs met from local schools
 4. ?
 - a) Minimum wage?

- b) **Jon- Senate and House are so gerrymandered that it will take some time to gain the numbers; the business community would be more open to it with a gradual change (i.e. \$10, \$12, etc). 2030 is when we can make better change. He won't take the pledge about income or sales tax.**
5. ?
- a) Open to restoring the interest and dividend tax?
- b) **Yes. People love a tax that doesn't affect them. Maggie Hassan talked with him.**
6. ?
- a) How will you bring housing costs down?
- b) **Jon- more money to NH housing authority; housing is connected to education connected to *current property tax rate. Housing authority is underfunded.**
7. ?
- a) Zoning laws
- b) **Jon- brings up his experience on the planning board and zoning board with ADU's, getting it adjusted to allow for unattached housing**
8. Stephanie Osborne
- a) One of the issues for ADU's is AirBNB; Campton has too many AirBNB's that are not taxed.
- b) **Jon- there needs to be a cap or limit on the number of AirBnBs. There needs to be oversight with hotels and inspection and regulation.**
9. Maria Kulig
- a) How do you plan to work with the other side?
- b) **Jon- find common ground — like cannabis legalization. Libertarians want fewer laws, in general. Reform zoning laws. Brings up restaurant experience and customer service. He does not think that the Rep. representation is truly representative.**
- c) **ICE? Reminds me of the Holocaust- father was in D-Day; she is Mexican-American**
- d) **Jon- pretty certain that we could pass laws to ban masks. Bigger goal is to make the whole Northeast blue and come together as a group to push away authoritarianism and fascism. I try to not look at too many bigger things, but focus on NH and the Northeast. "I want to share with you that I will do everything in my power..."**
10. Young woman

- a) How are you raising your son to not be a misogynist
 - b) **Jon- It's just as bad for men as it is for women; watch what they are watching. Follow the algorithms. Young men feel like there is not a future for them. Trump has made a space to be racist and to be in a group — To blame others, not themselves.**
11. Gentleman speaker
- a) Where do you stand on the environment?
 - b) **Jon- I love it. Ideally, he would run on climate change and microplastics, but that doesn't poll well. Brings up 3M and why they are not paying for PFAS filter.**
12. Fawn Gaudet
- a) Bees, pesticides, GMO corn, Indigenous People's Day
 - b) **Down stream effects, golf courses use pesticides, yes to Indigenous People's Day. What are the long-term costs?**
13. Lady in red shirt
- a) Plastic bag ban?
 - b) **Jon- re-usable plastic bags also use much plastic; other solutions brought up with cloth bags and charging people for paper bags**
14. Gentleman speaker on energy
- a) What is your position on energy?
 - b) **We need more. Put solar panels on every state-owned roof. Pro-nuclear. Brings up AI and energy usage.**
15. Another gentleman speaker
- a) How are you going to run against Kelly Ayotte
 - b) **Jon- many independents that he knew would vote for Kamala and Kelly. Ayotte is part of the swamp. He thinks that this is a stepping stone for Ayotte to run for the Senate in 2028. She has been smart on what bills to sign and what to veto. Thinks that people will be fleeing from the Republican brand, that it will be so bad, that people will need something new.**

XII. Dismissal 7:22