

## PAD Monthly Meeting- November 19, 2025

- I. 6:05 Welcome
- II. Recognize elected officials
  - A. Many here: Kate Wood Hedberg, Janet Lucas, Dick Osborne, Peter Lovett, Sally Fellows, Paige Beauchemin
- III. Recognize town committee members
  - A. Several people rose
- IV. Recognize new members
  - A. A few guests
- V. Plymouth Area Community Closet
  - A. Kate W. H brought some boxes for donations
  - B. Bins are in about 22 locations in the Plymouth area
  - C. People have been very generous with food and cash donations
  - D. Numbers of those in need are significantly going up
    1. When SNAP went away this month, there was a 100% increase in requests
- VI. Minutes
  - A. Minutes passed
- VII. Treasurer's report
  - A. Bill N. not present, so no report.
  - B. Envelopes are passed out for contributions due to state rules
- VIII. Upcoming events
  - A. No December meeting
  - B. Keep the Heat On event in January
  - C. Film *1984* showing at Pease Public Library on January 10
- IX. MEETINGS MOVED TO SECOND WEDNESDAYS BEGINNING IN JANUARY 2026**
- X. Paige Beauchemin
  - A. Current representative from Nashua
  - B. Running for Congress district 2 next year to replace Maggie Goodlander
  - C. Platform for the working class from the working class
  - D. Maternal child-health nurse with a young family of her own; lives in Nashua since 2018
  - E. 1st gen college, very poor background- knows what it is like to work from the ground up
  - F. Been a state rep since 2023
  - G. Wants to run to represent those who are working class, not millionaires
  - H. Platform includes medicare for all, housing reform, paid parental leave, and peace in regards to genocide in Gaza and the cruelty of ICE
  - I. Advocates for civics education and events with outcomes
  - J. Has a website: <https://www.paigefornh.com/>

XI. Break

- XII. 6:30 Guest speakers: Justin Glenzer and Lucas Meyer of *Our Economy*
- A. Lucas is a native of Concord and founder of the company
  - B. Passionate about making the state more affordable due to growing up in NH and seeing the scarcity mindset in the state.
  - C. Justin is also a native granite stater and fighter
  - D. Mission: build power from the ground up- training leaders, connecting partners, and rallying communities to demand policies that put working families first
    1. “Change the narrative, fund what families need, rebalance the economy”
    2. Key numbers:
      - a) About 100,000, including 20,000 children live below poverty line
      - b) 50th in education funding
    3. NH’s tax system is upside-down; the lowest-income Granite Staters pay 300% more of their income in state and local taxes compared to the top 1%. Since 2015 corporate tax cuts have cost NH up to \$1.17 billion in lost revenue.
    4. This year’s budget
      - a) \$51,000,000 in HHS cuts remain (mental health, disability, staffing)
      - b) No new funding for housing or cold care
      - c) \$270/month “Medicaid income tax” on working families
      - d) Lowest ranked higher ed funding, arts funding
      - e) Universal voucher giveaway for millionaires to send their kids to private/religious schools
    5. Impacts
      - a) Riverbend to close adult mental health closing facility in Concord
      - b) Healthcare centers closing
      - c) Universities facing severe funding shortages
    6. Federal budget and state budgets are the same
    7. Bad news
      - a) HB 155
        - (1) Would cut the business enterprise tax again cutting the rate from .55% to .50 losing millions of dollars again, in one year
    8. Hope
      - a) Tax dollars funding
        - (1) Universal child care
        - (2) Affordable housing
        - (3) Strong schools

(4) Healthcare and Medicaid

(5) Free school lunches

9. Campaign

a) Education and mobilize people that the bill, HB 155, is fiscally irresponsible

b) Make it politically toxic, use storytelling, make it a bi-partisan effort

c) Event December 8 @ 7pm on Zoom

d) Directly contact your legislature

e) Organize with friends, neighbors, etc

(1) Bring 3 people with you to get engaged

f) Engage with people on why things are going up

g) <https://www.oefnh.org/>