



# Libertarian Lines

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## The Nominations Are In

*The LPNH held its annual convention at the Third Party National Conference on October 15th in Merrimack, NH. Convention delegates nominated a full set of candidates for the 2006 general election. The nominees are:*

### **Governor:**

**Richard Kahn of Hudson**



Mr. Kahn has made eminent domain abuse, health care, and education, the three primary foci of his campaign.

### **US House, district 1:**

**Dan Belforti of Portsmouth**



Mr. Belforti is making Retirement Security, The Environment and Tax Reform the big issues of his campaign.

### **US House, district 2:**

**Chester Lapointe of Concord**



Mr. Lapointe is highlighting Homeland Security, Taxes, Social Security, Immigration and the War on Drugs as major issues of his campaign.

**All of the nominees look forward to support from our members and allies.**

All of the nominees look forward to support from our members and allies in gathering petitions to get on the ballot and move forward to victory on election day next November. You can download petitions for our candidates at [LPNH.ORG](http://LPNH.ORG).

We also have a dozen or so state rep candidates, with more coming forward every week. If you wish to run for state or county office please contact the board ASAP so we can have a petition made for you.

Acting on a previously agreed to opinion that the LP needs a new approach to the presidential election, allowing more time for candidates build name recognition and raise money, the LPNH held a vote for presidential preference and committed a delegate to vote for Dr. Mary Ruwart of Texas at the next LP national nominating convention.

Swaying the delegates was a persuasive speech by Brendan Kelly of Seabrook. He pointed out the many great qualities Dr. Ruwart would bring to a presidential race, among them the fact that she's a respected doctor and author, and cannot be dismissed by the media or her opposition as

inexperienced or ill tempered for the office. And it would be the first time a woman would top the ticket for the party (the Libertarian Party has nominated women for vice president in the past).

## News from the Executive Board

- Congrats to Dan Belforti for being asked to guest-host for the Arnie Arneson Show on WNTK at the end of August.
- The national LP has released an exit strategy for Iraq. You can read it online at [www.lp.org](http://www.lp.org)
- Our hats off to Jim Perry, who was in Louisiana with the Red Cross to help with the recovery efforts for a month.
- We have major work to do for 2006, your help is vital to our success. Please volunteer.



**We are  
asking you  
to join!**

Just as our forefathers created a new nation out of the old, so must we create a new party...

The same old methods will not get us the results we want. It is time for a change, a time for something new....

We are asking you now to join the new "1776 Club"

To join the club, just pledge at least \$17.76 per month to the LPNH. If you like, we'll even recognize you on our website and in the newsletter.

Club members will get a special event at our conventions. And all club members pledging for a full year will be granted a free ticket to our state convention.

You may also become a life member of the "1776 Club" for a one time contribution of \$1776 or more, and get a 50% discount on all LPNH events and merchandise.

**Promote Liberty!  
Join the club today at [www.lpnh.org](http://www.lpnh.org)**

## Legislation Watch

It is a new year and a new pile of bills to sort through in Concord, not to mention a hundred or so retained bills which will have an impact on freedom and on elections here in the Granite State. You can look up current legislation at [www.generalcourt.org](http://www.generalcourt.org)

The LPNH will be working to influence the statehouse. In particular, we will be pushing for election reforms and restrictions on eminent domain. If there is a bill you would like help along, please contact your representative, or contact the LPNH executive board.

The more you, our members, get involved, the more influence we will have. We have a citizen legislature, let us make the most of it.



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# A Full Slate for the Free State

**By Jim Perry,  
Volunteer Coordinator**

My fellow libertarians,

I am putting together a plan called "Project Full-Slate for the Free State." This is an aggressive project to run a full slate of Libertarian candidates for each level of public office including State Representative, State Senator, Executive Council, Governor, and U.S. Representative.

In order to have a full slate of Libertarians, we need at least one candidate for each of the 103 State Representative districts, one candidate for each of the 24 State Senate districts, one candidate for each of the 5 Executive Council seats, one candidate for Governor, and one candidate for each of the two U.S. Representative seats.

The more candidates the LPNH runs the better all of them do, especially those at the top of the ticket. The more times a voter sees a Libertarian option, the more comfortable they are voting Libertarian in general.

A larger number of Libertarian candidates also helps with outreach, membership growth, gaining volunteers, earning more media attention and everything else a party needs.

If you are interested in running for one of these offices, please call or write me. My telephone number is 689-3165 and my email address is [jcperry@lpnh.org](mailto:jcperry@lpnh.org).

Even if you cannot commit to run a full campaign, it would be a great help to at least give people the Libertarian option on their ballot for each level of public office. And just think – if you run, you'll finally be able to vote for someone you agree with on 100% of the issues!

If you do not live in NH or can't run for office, please pass the word along to anyone you know who may be interested.

# LPNH Condemns Supreme Court Ruling

On November 17th, the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire issued a condemnation of the ruling by the State Supreme Court allowing the City of Nashua to take Pennichuck Water Works by eminent domain.

Party Chairman, John Babiarz, said "The State Supreme Court is charged with upholding the State Constitution and the rights of the citizens of New Hampshire. Today's ruling proves they are not willing to do either."

The fight by the city of Nashua to take over Pennichuck by eminent domain has been going on for over a year at the cost of millions of dollars to the taxpayers of Nashua. And to date the only thing they have to show for it is a bunch of lawyers with bigger bank accounts.

The LPNH was one of the organizations taking the lead in the days following the Kelo decision, organizing activity to protect private property, and we will continue to do so across this state.

The fundamental fact here is that it is morally wrong for government to take private property for anything other than a vital public use. It is also wrong for the government to take over a private business, especially by force. Libertarians believe that the fundamental right of individuals to own property and to enjoy the rewards of their just earnings should not be compromised.

We ask all our fellow citizens to join us in protecting our property and our rights. Join us in restricting eminent domain and in putting pressure on politicians who don't respect our property.

## From the Editor

- I'm always looking for stories, photos, news, events, etc that would be of interest to libertarians. Please send them in.
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## Tell It To the Judge

The LPNH will be in court suing the state of New Hampshire on two election matters.

First, we are co-plaintiffs with the Democrat Party on the ballot placement of parties and candidates. Currently state law always puts the Republicans first and the candidates in alphabetical order, giving candidates whose names come at the beginning of the alphabet a small advantage each election. We want to change that to have a randomized start to the list to even out the advantage for each candidate.

Second, we are co-plaintiffs with the Constitution Party and the Committee for Fair and Open Elections to overthrow the discriminatory ballot access laws here in the state. As you are all hopefully aware, the law treats independents and minor party candidates as second-class citizens when it comes to getting on the ballot. We have a pretty good case that this is unconstitutional. After all, what's so special about being a Republican or a Democrat that they should play by different rules than the rest of us?

Copies of the filings and briefs are available, please contact party chair John Babiarz.

We are still awaiting court dates. When we get them, we want as many people as possible to pack the Supreme Court chamber. To let the judges know we are watching them and that the people care about the outcome of these decisions.

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## New History Book Has Libertarian Theme

James Maynard, longtime Libertarian activist and New Hampshire native, released his first book, *The Light of Alexandria*, on October 12th. The book is a history of the first 1,000 years of science, from the birth of the first true scientist, Thales, in 625 BC to the death of the last great scientist of the ancient world, Hypatia, in AD 415. In between, the biographies of all of the known major scientists from the era are told: Plato and Aristotle, Hippocrates, Archimedes, Ptolemy and more.

**Maynard has completed the goal he set for himself at age eleven.**

"I was overwhelmed by the libertarian lessons that showed themselves throughout the history of the ancient world," stated Maynard, "but not the least surprised." He points out the fact that science itself was born at a time when government was distant from Ionia (now western Turkey) and could not regulate the people there. "Then science died out, temporarily, just as Alexander the Great died, and governments took their lands into struggles for power, which is the ultimate big government project."

In *The Light of Alexandria* Maynard paints a world not so different from our own as many people believe. This was a time of shopping malls, automatic doors, con machines, vending machines and primitive computers. The author explores the invention of all these advances and more, along with the music, art, theatre, styles of dress and history of 2,000 years ago. The role of women in the ancient world and the beginnings of women's liberation are also delved into, with surprising results. In fact, it was a woman in Rome who first uttered the phrase "No taxation without representation." Find out who is was, in the book.

"I first became fascinated with the Library of Alexandria when *Cosmos* first aired in 1980. I went to the bookstore, looking for a book on the subject, and I was told there were none. I became determined right then and there to someday write one." Twenty-five years later, Maynard has completed the goal he set for himself at age eleven.

Maynard spent four years researching the subject and has worked nearly all of 2005 coalescing the assembled notes into a cohesive whole. A 2002 graduate of Keene State College (earning a BS degree in chemistry and physics, with a minor in history), he also wrote "StarWatch," a weekly newspaper column on astronomy that was carried in the *Keene Sentinel* for three years. Earlier this year, he was also the editor of "Phenomenal Physics," ([www.phenomenalphysics.com](http://www.phenomenalphysics.com)) by Dr. J. Russell Harkay of Keene State College, his former faculty advisor. Currently working as a web designer and book editor from his Keene home, Maynard has taught at schools and special events around New England for over a decade.

*The Light of Alexandria* is currently available online through the website for the book at [www.lightofalexandria.com](http://www.lightofalexandria.com), or at Amazon. Maynard is holding several book signings in the Keene area. Information about these events will be available through the website.

For more information you can e-mail [jgmayard@yahoo.com](mailto:jgmayard@yahoo.com) or call 603-358-5079.

## WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING



- Congress passed the RealID Act. Nationalizing drivers' license standards and requiring massive data sharing among government agencies. It was glogged on to a military appropriations bill.
- Airline passengers soon will be asked to provide their full names and birth dates when they buy tickets, information the government says it needs for a new computerized screening system. The Bush administration is moving ahead with plans to implement the "Secure Flight" system, despite the system failing to meet 9 of the 10 guidelines established by congress.
- FedEx has become a willing partner to the US federal police establishment, turning over names, addresses, credit card info and lists of when and where customers send and receive packages. In the past most delivery companies insisted on a valid warrant or court order, UPS says it still follows that rule. But FedEx has gone further, granting US Customs inspectors access to the company's database of international shipments, including names and address of shippers, package origin and destination, credit card information and payment details, all things the US government is not entitled to outside of a criminal investigation. "Our guys just love it," says one senior Customs official.
- The UK is putting RFID chips on license plates, and the US authorities are salivating to do so here. Our gov't does use them to "gauge highway speeds". Can you imagine if every single car was forced to have an RFID transponder that can be read up to 300 feet away?

**LPNH****Candidates List**

Libertarians running for office (state or local) and their supporters can share info and strategy at LPNH\_Candidates@yahoo.com

**NH Libertarians****Mailing list**

A list for NH Libertarians to discuss news, issues, politics and ideas. It's already the second largest NH political yahoo group! <nhibertarians@yahoo.com>

**NH Liberty Alliance**

The first broad-based pro-liberty PAC in NH. Join them in promoting liberty in the electoral and legislative arenas. <www.nhliberty.org>

**Campus Libertarians, Advisors & Supporters**

The new (and vastly improved) www.CampusLP.org is taking shape in a big way! The site includes discussion forums, events calendar, chat rooms, a downloads area with ready-to-print posters, and more!

**Northeast LP discussion**

A discussion list for LP Region 1-East (New England, NY, NJ). Voice your concerns and opinions at LP\_1E@yahoo.com

**Free State New Hampshire**

Share your insights, news, events. Meet the porcupines and let out-of-state friends know about it. <freedom\_in\_new\_hampshire@yahoo.com>

# 2005 LPNH Convention Report

*The board has decided to participate in a joint effort with the other Third Parties from across the NH and America. The LPNH convention meeting was held during the first Third Party National Conference (3PNC).*

Attendees heard presentations on everything from the Federal Reserve to HAVA to Instant Runoff Voting and the dangers of electronic voting. The Conference received coverage in the Telegraph and Union Leader.

**Business Meeting**

We had six candidates compete for our major nominations, one of our best turnouts ever. The nominations are detailed in the cover story this issue.

We have some new faces on the Executive Board. The winners of this year's party elections are: Chair: John Babiarz of Grafton; Vice chair, 1st district: Philip Hodson of Bedford; Vice chair, 2nd district: Jim Perry of Concord; Treasurer: Rhonda Keiper of Amherst; Secretary: Rosalie Babiarz of Grafton. They look forward to working with the members to build a successful affiliate. The judiciary committee will be Ken Blevens, Michelle Dumas and Howard Wilson.

Chet Lapointe said he would start the process of forming the Merrimack County affiliate, contact him if you'd like to be involved. Brendan Kelly is currently investigating some major fundraising options for the party and will be needing some help in key towns. More on this soon.

The 2005 Libertarian of the Year award went to Jim Perry, for his great work recruiting candidates, doing outreach, collecting petitions and more. Party chair John Babiarz also recognized several individuals who have done great work for the party, including: Rich Kahn, Brendan Kelly, Rich Tomasso, and Rhonda Keiper.

We had a lengthy debate on going to a zero-dues model which National seems to be sticking to, though there have been challenges to the proposal. In the end, the delegates voted to keep LPNH membership at \$25/year. Membership in the LPNH does have value, and should be treated as such. The delegates also created a new membership category for students. Full-time students will be able to join for \$10 per year and receive the PDF version of the newsletter and be entitled to all other privileges of LPNH membership.

"...everything from the Federal Reserve to HAVA to Instant Runoff Voting ..."

# Volunteers Needed!

Your help  
is needed!  
Get  
involved.

If you can help with anything, please let us know. As we stated before, we're a volunteer organization and things only happen when people roll up their sleeves and get busy. Contact Jim Perry ([jcperry@lpnh.org](mailto:jcperry@lpnh.org)) for the latest list of projects and to share your expertise.

## Petitioning

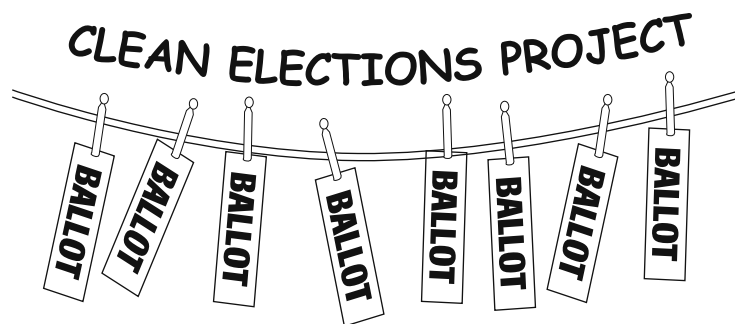
This is job number one right now. The sooner we are done petitioning, the sooner we can share with the voters the great news that they have a Libertarian choice in November. It doesn't take much, even 25 petitions from you will make all the difference. Town election day is the best time to petition, but you can easily start collecting now, even canvassing your neighborhood will be a huge help.

## Elections

We have town elections in March and a full slate of state candidates for 2006. Tons of opportunity for you to help, with fundraising, media, organizing, you name it. In order to elect Libertarians, you need to get their name and message in front of the voters. If we do well enough in 2006, that means a Libertarian presidential primary in 2008! You can make that happen.

## Membership Growth

The membership committee needs help with contacting prospects and lapsed members. Plus we are also searching for premiums to offer all our members.



If you can't trust the ballot box, then nothing else happening with government matters. So we've established a "Clean Elections Project" under the direction of John Babiarz, Mike Lorrey and a few key volunteers.

Some progress has been made, new data comes in every week or so. We are gaining new allies, who are bringing expertise and volunteer help to the effort.

There is still plenty of opportunity for members to contribute. We are looking for help with data entry, serving requests to town clerks, contacting volunteers, raising funds, doing legal research, and more.

So far we've raised a thousand dollars for the effort, all from outside the party. If any of our members would like to donate either time or money to this project, you can do so online at [www.lpnh.org](http://www.lpnh.org) or call 603-559-LPNH and let us know how you will help.

## LPNH Membership Options

As a reminder, your LPNH and LP-US memberships are separate. We left the Unified Membership Plan last year. This is a return to separate state and national memberships. Renewing your membership with national does not renew your state membership, and vis versa.

You can update your contact information and renew online at [www.lpnh.org/join.htm](http://www.lpnh.org/join.htm) or by calling 431-1618, or return the form on the back page of the newsletter.

In addition to the *family membership* option (\$40 per year for you, your spouse and/or children), and the *monthly pledger* program, (\$10/month or more, never have to worry about expiring), we have created a *new student membership* level for the LPNH.

Full-time students may join the party for only \$10 per year. That includes an electronic version of the newsletter and all the privileges that come with being a card-carrying Libertarian (students may get the print version of the newsletter by joining at the full \$25/year level).

We are working on creating membership premiums. If your business or organization would like to participate in this program, please contact the executive board.

Your membership dollars will be going to affect positive change in NH. We'll be using our resources to lobby for legislation, elect our candidates, grow the Party and for other political causes.

# Form Your County Affiliate

To build a more effective organization, we want to form county affiliates within the LPNH. It will facilitate more local contact and political activity.

Organizing a county is easier than a state. It's easier to reach everyone and find a suitable meeting place and probably most people are in the local calling area. The LPNH already has provisions for recognizing Affiliates, you just need a group of 5 members in a county to form the organization and present your bylaws to the Exec Board. Jim Perry, 2nd district vice chair, will personally help any group wanting to organize their county.

## LOCAL GROUPS

Join a group today. Start one yourself!  
Organizational help and speakers are available.

### Hillborough Libertarians

Our first county affiliate! A discussion list has been set up to bring the local members together, Hillsborough-LPNH@yahoo.com

### Merrimack Libertarians

Chet Lapointe invites folks in Concord and the rest of Merrimack County to form our second affiliate.

### Monadnock Libertarians

James Maynard invites libertarians in Keene and the rest of Cheshire county to work for Liberty. They are presently working on organizing a county affiliate.

For more information, please visit <www.monadnocklibs.org>, or e-mail monadnocklibs@keenenh.us

### Seacoast Libertarians

Brendan Kelly of Seabrook has started a group for libertarians in the Seacoast area. Contact him at 474-8283 or bkelly@lpth.org to join in.

# Candidate CD Available

**By George Phillies**

George Phillies and Bonnie Scott have prepared a candidate support CD-ROM. This disk contains almost 20 Megs of material, including sets of web pages, video clips, handouts, and advice articles. No matter whether you are running for local office, trying to set up a county or town organization, raising money, or petitioning, the CD has information you can use.

The disk is available to all libertarian candidates by request to George Phillies, 508-754-1859 or phillies@4liberty.net (your paper-mail address is needed). The disk is free, but donations to support distribution costs will be appreciated.

Please make checks payable to the Liberty Congressional PAC, and include your name, address, occupation and employer. Donations are not tax deductible.

## Upcoming Events

### Every Wednesday

Freedom Forum discussion group at Borders in Nashua, 7pm to 9pm. <ff.ijaq.net>

### Every Friday

Left, Right & Correct with Dan Belforti, 106.1FM at 11am and Noon.

### Sunday, January 8

LPNH monthly meeting in Concord, at the Holiday Inn, 1pm.

### Sunday, February 12

LPNH monthly meeting in Concord, at the Holiday Inn, 1pm.

### Tuesday, March 7

Town election day.

### Sunday, March 12

LPNH monthly meeting in Concord, at the Holiday Inn, 1pm.

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