



Libertarian Lines

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Candidates and Campaigns

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**Governor:
Richard Kahn of Hudson**



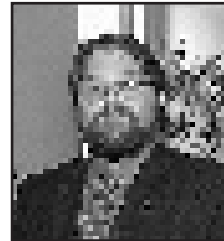
Mr. Kahn has made eminent domain abuse, health care and education the three primary foci of his campaign.

**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.

We also have a few state rep candidates. Robert Kingsbury in Laconia, Lisa Wilbur in Weare, and Matthew Kahn in Hudson. All of the nominees look forward to support from our members and allies to achieve victory on election day in November.

A number of our members are running under the Republican and Democrat labels as well. We wish them the best of luck in their campaigns.

The campaigns have been active. We arranged an appearance in the 4th of July parade in Merrimack for Rich Kahn and the Lapointe campaign has been busy fundraising, picking up thousands of dollars in pledges and contributions. Rich has also done several radio interviews and addressed the Merrimack Valley Porcupines. Rich and Dan also spoke briefly at the NH Liberty Dinner.

Thank you to those who came out to petition with the candidates. We ended up collecting enough and turn them in early August. We won't have the full certified count until August 30.



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.

Join the club today at www.lpnh.org

LPNH Gets Its Day In Court

On July 21st the LPNH finally had the Supreme Court hearings for the two cases we are involved in.

We had 20 people in the courtroom to watch the proceedings. It was a very informative and enlightening day. The justices asked very good questions of both our attorney and the state's attorney. Overall it was not a good day for the state. The assistant AG got some very hard questions and clearly had to defend a weak position in both cases.

The Concord Monitor ran a great article on the hearing the next day. It should still be available online.

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

Ballot Order

We are co-plaintiffs with the Democrat Party on the ballot placement of parties and candidates. Current 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, like what is used in the primary.

In evidence was that every study done on primacy shows that first choices have an advantage. The legislature enacted a rotating

basis in the primary because they recognize this. SoS office said a random or rotating sort is rational. The primacy advantage is as high as 10%, and many of our own state elections are decided by less than 2%.

The GOP has been listed first in the last 10,000 elections in NH. The court brought this issue to the plaintiff's attention in the first redistricting case. Finding that there is a benefit to the first candidate, so how does it impact the right to equality of elections?

The state actually said that the majority party always being listed first was more rational than rotating the order.

Ballot Access

We filed with the Constitution Party and the Committee for Fair and Open Elections to overthrow the discriminatory ballot access laws here in the state. 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?

The justices wanted to know on what basis to judge the case: rational or strict scrutiny. That was based on the question of whose rights were affected the most. The state's interests are a clean ballot, orderly elections and not overcrowding the ballot versus the candidates' and parties' rights of access, voting and association.

The state was asked what had changed to up the access threshold to 4%, other than the Libertarian Party actually getting on

the ballot? The assistant AG said he didn't think there was any correlation and that the state was well within the limits of reasonable behavior to make periodic changes to ballot access without regard to any prior election.

The justices were hard pressed to find any intersection between the state's interests and their actions. They asked what would be an unreasonable threshold, 5%, 8%, 10%, 15%? The state gave no reason for raising the threshold in the first place.

The state said no court has thrown out a percentage that was in a "reasonable" range, which has been as high as 10% in other states. But what level interferes with the voters' rights?

The court asked how are voters confused by a third party on the ballot? How do you intersect a percentage with a fundamental right? The state did make a remark that the percentage was changed to accommodate some ballot format changes and to "keep up with other states." Not quite sure what that meant since NH is the only state in the last 20 years to make ballot access harder for third parties.

The court asked if imposing the same requirements on D&R to get on the ballot as the Libertarians have was rational? "Not as rational" was the state's answer, adding it would be a waste of resources.

New Member Profile

By Philip Hodson

The LPNH welcomes Matt Simon, newly arrived from Prestonsburg, Kentucky, where he taught composition (with a little libertarianism mixed in) at Big Sandy Community and Technical College. Matt settled in Amherst this spring, but he spent the previous few months knocking around New Hampshire, showing up at parties, weddings and card games with some regularity.

A member of the national party since 1999, Matt is most interested in ending military aggression, drug prohibition, and freedom of speech violations.

Matt's favorite libertarian author is the late Peter McWilliams, about whom, he says, "When I found out how the government had murdered McWilliams by denying him the only medicine that could help him, I knew I would have to become an activist."

Welcome to New Hampshire, Matt. Let's bring the drug war to an end right here.



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From The Editor

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News from the Executive Board

- We have major work to do for the 2006 elections, your help is vital to our success. Please volunteer.
- State convention is October 28 in Concord. Please pre-register to guarantee your seat.
- Chet Lapointe and Rich Kahn were interviewed on WNTK after filing their candidate papers, and we also got coverage in the Union Leader.
- We have a new website! Go visit **LPNH.ORG** and check out the new look.
- We are looking for members to be on the executive board.

Notes from the National Convention

By **Brendan Kelly**

The Libertarian Party held its 2006 National Convention in Portland, Oregon and I had the good fortune to choose this one as my first. The convention opened on Saturday morning but I was there on Thursday and Friday when the groundwork was placed for what was to be a very surprising convention no matter what kind of libertarian you happen to be.

I was impressed with the civility of the members of the Platform Committee, who often had opposing views but presented their case and listened to the opposition without any noticeable rancor. By attending these meetings I was aware that this convention was going to be presented with the opportunity to make major changes. I had been in contact with members of the Libertarian Reform Caucus for several months before the convention and expected a push for change. The reform movement was fortunate that the attendance at the convention turned out to be

very light with only 311 delegates. The LRC had about 60 delegates who worked hard to push their position and convince other delegates to support their view.

The Platform Committee brought a package of changes that combined several articles that were accepted by the delegates. When the platform was voted on by individual articles, most were turned down, which reduced the platform from 62 articles down to 16. There were moves to end the non-initiation of force pledge and the "cult of the omnipotent state" language from the statement of principles but these failed.

The general consensus seems to be that the LP has had a major change of direction. With the election of Bill Redpath as chair and Chuck Moulton of the LPC as vice chair it's likely that getting Libertarians elected will now be moved to the top of the priorities list.

Those who attended the convention seemed somewhat surprised with all the changes that took place because this hadn't happened in the past despite efforts to do so.

The Free State Project had a get-together that I understand was well attended. As the delegate from NH most of the questions of me were about the FSP. Two separate people mentioned that they were impressed with our 101 reasons to pick

NH. Thanks again to Michelle Dumas for that outstanding idea.

The Reform the LP faction has a goal of making the LP a real political party. They would like to have people who say they are Libertarians to be considered to be Libertarians as are Democrats and Republicans who claim to be backers of those parties. The LRC is now about uniting the LP and getting former members who were disenchanted with the LP because it wasn't perceived as a political party in the past to rejoin the LP and their state affiliates. The belief is that some will leave because of the changes in the LP but more will join or rejoin.

This is the message of the Portland Convention. If you didn't like the way the LP was run in the past, come back and give us another chance to be the political party you thought we always should have been.

I'll be doing my part by running for Selectman again in Seabrook next year and throwing my hat into the ring to run for Chair of the LPNH at the convention in October.

Other news. We are now part of Region 7, same states, different designation. Our LNC rep is Hardy Macia of Vermont. He's definitely open to opinions of LPNH members, so please contact him with your concerns and ideas about national.

2006 LPNH STATE CONVENTION

Saturday, October 28th – Red Blazer Restaurant, Concord, NH



Representative Neal Kurk



Senator Peter Burling



Chuck Douglas

We're planning an exciting day of fantastic speakers, candidates, information and more. The event will be at the Red Blazer on Saturday, October 28th.

Our luncheon speakers will be Representative Neil Kurk and Senator Peter Burling. Both were leaders in their respective chambers for pushing HB1582, to keep New Hampshire out of Real ID. Our dinner keynote speaker will be former state supreme court justice and congressman Chuck Douglas, who has been spearheading the effort to pass the constitutional amendment to limit eminent domain.

Our afternoon program will include a forum on homeschooling and presentations by our candidates. We will also have our annual business meeting which will include elections for the entire executive board and awarding the Libertarian of the Year (the board is currently taking nominations). We'll also be pledging another delegate vote to the next presidential nominating convention. And also be voting on our state party platform.

Also joining us will be two presidential contenders: George Phillies and Alden Link.

Remember you must be an active member as of September 28 to be a voting delegate to the convention and a member for 1 year to serve on the executive board.

Believing that voluntary action is best for charity, we will also be collecting non-perishable food items to donate to a local soup kitchen or food pantry to help needy families during the Thanksgiving holiday.

Some of our members, for various reasons, are not able to afford the convention, we are asking if you would like to make an extra contribution to help support a few members who would like to attend.

Registration opens at 10:30, Lunch is at 11:30, Kurk and Burling start at Noon, Dinner is served at 6:00, and Douglas' keynote speech starts at 7:00.

We're asking everyone to please pre-register, with this form or on the web, to ensure a place. We reserved a large room but cannot guarantee availability at the door.

WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING



Recent developments which affect your life:

The Fed will stop publishing how much money they're printing. The M3 report will cease to be released this month. Also reported, they ordered enough paper to print up two trillion federal reserve notes this year. Um, hello, can anyone say runaway inflation?

The NH House/Senate Fiscal Committee voted to accept the Federal grant for the pilot program to bring NH into the RealID Act. The Executive Council still needs to approve it.

Because some international terrorists planned on hiding volatile explosives in sports drink bottles, you may not be allowed to carry travel shampoos, drinks, contact lens solution or other common liquid items onto a plane within the US. Sadly, the airline industry won't object to treating air travelers like criminal suspects.

ELECTION DAY IS NOVEMBER 7...

**be informed.
be involved.**

VOTE

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 7 (New England, NY, NJ). Voice your concerns and opinions at LP_7@yahoogroups.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>

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LPNH 2006 Convention Registration Form

Saturday, October 28 – Red Blazer in Concord

Package	Early-bird Price	After Oct 2	
Full Day	\$65	\$75	# _____
Dinner & Keynote	\$50	\$60	# _____
Keynote Only	\$20	\$30	# _____
Lunch Program	\$30	\$40	# _____
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Pastry Baked Chicken w/Cranberry Orange Glaze # _____

Baked Stuffed Haddock # _____

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make it
happen.**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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@lpmh.org) for the latest list of projects and to share your expertise. Remember, this Party is as effective as you make it.

Elections

Town elections are past, so now we have to support a full slate of state candidates for November 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! (and no more petitioning!) 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 think growing membership is a good idea for the party, please volunteer or send in a donation.

Fundraising

We have some good ideas for fundraisers, but not enough people to act on them. We need one or two members to spearhead some fundraising efforts so we can have the resources we need to be more effective.

**John Babiarz
for
Past Chair!**

Membership Committee Reformed

After a lull in activity, the executive board has reformed the membership committee with the charge of bringing back old members and recruiting new members. The first effort will be mailing and outreach to expired members and more direct contact with current members.

The current membership committee is: Cathleen Converse, Don Converse, Philip Hodson, Rhonda Keiper, and Rich Tomasso.

Executive Search Committee Formed

A committee to find candidates for the LPNH executive board has been formed. Philip Hodson, Brendan Kelly and Howard Wilson will be spearheading a search for our executive board candidates. The requirements are party membership and state residency of one year and an interest in promoting liberty.

In particular, they are looking for candidates for Chair, Treasurer and Secretary.

Platform Committee Formed

Partly in response to events at the national convention and partly because it kept coming up as a question, we have formed a committee, chaired by Ron Helwig, to look at writing an official platform for the LPNH. Initial plans are to make it a very simple document in line with our principles to be ratified at the state convention on October 28. If you would like to help write this important document please contact John Babiarz.

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.lpmh.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.

*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@yahoogroups.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.

August 20

Help the Rich Kahn campaign in old Home
Days parade in Hudson.

September 10

LPNH monthly meeting, 1pm to 3pm at
Holiday Inn in Concord.

September 12

State primary election. Be sure to vote for
pro-liberty candidates.

September 17

Constitution Day celebration and dinner,
Crowne Plaza Nashua. www.nhccs.org for
details. Registration closes September 11.

September 22

Celtic Sisters fundraising concert for Rich
Kahn, Concord. Tickets are \$20 available at
www.richkahn.org.

October 8

LPNH monthly meeting, 1pm to 3pm at
Holiday Inn in Concord.

October 12

SNHU political fair in Manchester.
Televised gubernatorial debate at 7pm.

October 28

LPNH state convention.
Red Blazer in Concord.

November 7

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Libertarian Candidate.



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