



Libertarian Lines

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Campaign Update Plus Petitioning

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.

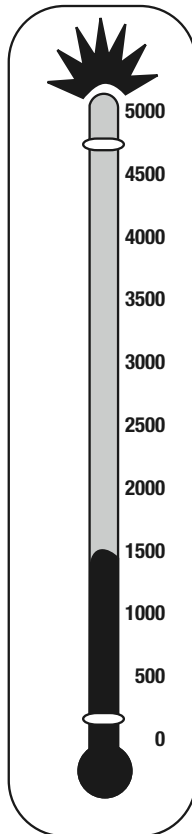
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All of the nominees look forward to support from our members and allies in gathering petitions to get on the ballot and move forward to victory on election day next November. You can download petitions for our candidates at LPNH.ORG

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

The campaigns are already hard at work. The Lapointe for Congress campaign in particular has taken off to a strong start. The campaign has already had two campaign strategy meetings, signing up new volunteers, outlining media and outreach strategies, and getting ready for serious fundraising.

Petitioning is ahead of where it's been in several years. We have about 1500 raw petitions collected, out of the 5000 we need. Thank you to everyone who has been collecting. We have one day where we can complete our petitioning for the year. That is town election day, March 14.



We're going to be direct here - we need you (yes, you) to petition. We can be totally and completely finished, possibly forever, with petitioning if you come out to the polls on the 14th and collect signatures for our candidates. If everyone reading this would collect just 10 good signatures, we would be done. In fact, you could canvas your neighborhood this weekend, turn them in, and be happy that you did your part to get our candidates on the ballot.

We are organizing teams to work at key polls across the state in March (a) so no one has to work alone and (b) to maximize our results with our available resources. To sign up, contact our volunteer coordinator, Jim Perry and tell him what town you live in and what hours you can work on the 14th.

If you absolutely can't be at the polls that day, send in a donation, because if our members don't collect petitions we will have to bring in paid petitioners like we did last time. We do not want to do this, as the results were less than stellar, but we will if we have to. So please do your part and sign up to collect signatures for our team.

**New bills
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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

The LPNH is working to influence the general court. In particular, we are 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.

We have potential for a real win on ballot access with HB1385. It would reduce the ballot access threshold to 2% and reduce the signature requirements by a third. It would also give petition candidates the option to pay to get on the ballot, just like major party candidates do.

HB406 - the homeschooling reform, passed the Senate and is awaiting the governor's signature. This bill was spearheaded by member Dawn Lincoln's hard work on behalf of homeschoolers across the state.

HB1582 - prevent the Granite State from participating in the REAL ID act.

SB268 - raising the mandatory school attendance age to 18

HB203 - The RFID labeling bill, received a unanimous recommendation from committee.

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@lpmh.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.



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Promote Liberty! Join the club today at www.lpmh.org



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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.

State 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.

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. Let the judges know we are watching them and that the people care about the outcome of these decisions.

Let the judges know we are watching them

From The Editor

- I'm always looking for stories, photos, news, events, etc that would be of interest to libertarians. Please send them in.
- If you move, please send in your new address to ensure uninterrupted service.
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PO Box 5293, Manchester, NH 03108

News from the Executive Board

- The national LP has released an exit strategy for Iraq. You can read it online at www.lp.org
- We have major work to do for 2006, your help is vital to our success. Please volunteer.
- John Babiarz was interviewed on the Alex Jones radio show about the situation in Weare and the various bills in Concord to curb the use of Eminent Domain.
- We need everyone collecting petitions on March 14th.
- If you are running for local office, please contact us ASAP so we can support your campaign.

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.”

In *The Light of Alexandria* Maynard paints a world not so different from our own. 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 it was, in the book.

Maynard spent four years researching the subject. 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) by Dr. J. Russell Harkay of Keene State College. 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, 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 or call 603-358-5079.

DID YOU KNOW???

That a licence plate is public property. Therefore police may do “random” searches on them even when there’s no indication the driver is or has done anything wrong.

WHILE YOU WERE SLEEPING



Recent developments which affect your life:

- Congress passed the RealID Act. Nationalizing drivers’ license standards and requiring massive data sharing among government agencies. It was glommed 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. FedEx has gone further than any other company, 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@yahoogroups.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 yahoogroup! <nhlibertarians@yahoogroups.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@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@yahoogroups.com>

You Say You Want a Resolution ...

At the December and January board meetings, the LPNH passed two resolutions concerning issues before the state legislature of public concern. The text of both of them are reprinted here. If you have any questions or would like to propose a resolution of your own, please contact the executive board.

Resolution #1

Whereas, the Constitution of the state of New Hampshire exists only to define the role of government in New Hampshire and to restrict the powers thereof; and

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire has a long established history of defending the rights of the individual; and

Whereas, the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire has determined that there should be a separation of marriage and state; and

Whereas, a proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire seeks to limit the rights of individuals by defining marriage as between one man and one woman:

Therefore be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire strongly opposes any attempt to amend the Constitution of the State of New Hampshire for any reason that would restrict the rights of individuals and increase the powers of the state.

Resolution #2

Whereas a fair transaction in the marketplace requires an equal understanding of the values and products being exchanged;

Whereas tracking devices hidden in products may have value for retailers, advertisers, or other parties;

Whereas undisclosed tracking devices may take value from the consumer without their knowledge or consent;

Whereas fraud consists of taking value through duplicitous means;

Whereas the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire is opposed to fraud in the marketplace;

Whereas the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire supports the right of personal privacy;

Be it resolved that the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire supports mandatory labeling for consumer products containing tracking devices, such as those utilizing Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID) technology.

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**Your help is
needed!
Get
involved.**

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.

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.

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.

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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. 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@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@lpnh.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.

Tuesday, March 14

Town election day.
Go petition for Libertarian candidates!

Sunday, March 12

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

Sunday, April 9

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

Wedding Bells are Ringing

LPNH extends its congratulations to Joel Rauch and Amy Beaudet on their engagement. Joel joined us in mid-2004, and has been a bulldog for liberty since his arrival. He was one of our top petitioners during the 2004 campaign season, and has been a major supporter of several Libertarian campaigns. Joel has been active in the NH Liberty Alliance and Merrimack Valley Porcupines and other libertarian organizations. He is currently chair of NH Caspian, a privacy rights group. Since being introduced to libertarianism by Joel, Amy has supported several liberty initiatives and is active with Ladies of Liberty. We wish Joel and Amy decades of happiness and a houseful of little Libertarians.

Another round of congratulations to Denise Penkalski, who will be getting married to another Free Stater from Massachusetts. Denise made the move to NH as part of the FSP about two years ago, and joined the LPNH at the same time. She has helped with petitioning, organizing events, and helped form the Hillsborough county affiliate. She'll be bringing her hubby-to-be Joe up here as they are looking for a house in southern NH.



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