

## Hudson NH Democrats/Pelham NH Dems



### Meeting Minutes April 8, 2015

#### **Opening**

The regular meeting of the Hudson NH Democrats/Pelham NH Dems was called to order at 7:12pm on April 8, 2015 in Hargreaves Memorial VFW Post (Pelham, NH) by Paul Dadak (Chair of Pelham NH Democrats).

#### **Present:**

**Total: 10**

**Hudson NH Democrats: 4**

**Pelham NH Democrats: 5**

**Guests: 1**

Name	Organization (Role; <i>if known</i> )
Carol Stamm	Hudson NH Democrats ( <i>Co-Chair</i> )
Katherine Messner	Hudson NH Democrats ( <i>Co-Chair/Co-Communications Director</i> )
Ian Howes	Hudson NH Democrats ( <i>Secretary/Co-Communications Director</i> )
Vincenzo Marsden	Hudson NH Democrats
Kaela Law	Stop the pipeline (Pelham/Windham NH chapter) Guest Presenter
George Hallisey	Pelham NH Democrats ( <i>interim secretary</i> )

Dave and Alicia Hennessey	Pelham NH Democrats
Paul Dadak	Pelham NH Democrats ( <i>chair</i> )
Chris Miller	Pelham NH Democrats ( <i>treasurer</i> )

### **Treasurer's Report**

Paul stated that the treasurer's report is in progress at the time of meeting. He did estimate that the Pelham NH Democrats had between \$240-300 available.

### **Approval of Minutes – Secretary's Report**

The minutes for the previous Pelham NH Dems meeting were still being written; at time of meeting. Explanation of delay was partially due to the Pelham NH Dems Caucus having been conducted during the February 2015 meeting. No minutes were voted on.

### **Special Presentation**

Kaela Law (Stop the pipeline; Pelham/Windham Chapter) made a presentation about the organization "Stop the pipeline". During the group discussions several matters including how little is known about where the public (state and federal delegation stands about on the proposed pipeline. Kaela drew to group's attention to the letter to the editor which was submitted to the Area News Group publications [Hudson-Litchfield News (published last Friday); Pelham-Windham News (to be published this Friday April 10<sup>th</sup>)]. Also stated a desire for the Stop the pipeline chapter to fundraise enough to send mass mailer to the areas affected in Pelham and Windham. Dave and Kaela went on to discuss several matters related to how FERC, and Nashua Regional Planning Commission (NRPC) fit into the approval and hearing process.

### **Open Issues**

#### **Expansion of committees' membership and participation**

George expanded upon the letter/phone call concept; initially proposed during the last joint meeting in Hudson NH (March 19<sup>th</sup>). He goes on to read a draft letter that he has written. Later, he agrees to forward draft letter to Kate and Paul. Copies of a phone call/canvassing script distributed to all present.

## **New Business**

### **1. Letter from “Open Democracy”**

- a. Paul went on to read a letter from the “Open Democracy” organization. Letter requested permission and time to present in front of the next Hudson and Pelham Democrats joint meeting; on topic of removing big money from politics. Paul and Kate floated the May 21<sup>st</sup> meeting as a possible day. Paul agreed to forward details of letter to Pelham Dems and Kate and Hudson Dems.

### **2. “Proposed” FY 2016-17 Budget**

- a. Paul brings the attention of the group to the “proposed” budget which passed the NH House on April 1<sup>st</sup>. All in attendance agreed that cuts proposed were very harmful; and damaging to anyone served by the University System of NH, Community College System of NH, and NH Department of Transportation among many others. All proposed cuts will be balanced on our backs; in Paul’s words.

## **Agenda for Next Meeting**

Continue discussion of the expansion and participation in the Hudson NH and Pelham NH Democrats.

## **Upcoming Events**

Dave Hennessey mentioned the following Hargreaves VFW events:

Friday April 10,2015	6:00pm	Turkey Dinner
Saturday May 2, 2015	6:00pm -7:30pm	VFW Loyalty Day @St Patrick’s Church

Paul Dadak mentioned the following Pelham/Salem events

Tuesday April 14, 2015	--	Pelham NH Board of Selectman
<i>April 29,2015</i>	--	<i>Salem NH Kinder Morgan Meeting??</i>

### **Upcoming Events (continued)**

Ian Howes mentioned several NHDP, Hudson NH Democrats, Hillsborough County Dem, or other democratically related events

Saturday April 25,2015	10:00am	NHDP State Committee/Town Committee Training Day (Concord, NH – Address TBA)
Wednesday May 6,2015	6:00pm	Salem NH Dems Spring Fundraiser (Jocelyn's; 355 S. Broadway [NH SR 28] Salem)
Thursday May 21,2015	7:00pm	Next Hudson/Pelham Dems Joint Meeting (18 Henry Dr. – Hudson, NH)
Saturday June 13,2015	9:30am	Hillsborough County Dems [County Caucus] (Milford Town Hall – Milford, NH)

### **Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 08:17 pm (20:17hrs) by Paul Dadak (Chair of Pelham NH Democrats). The next general meeting will be at 07:00pm (19:00 hrs.) on May 21, 2015, in Home of Carol and Karl Stamm (18 Henry Drive in Hudson, NH).

Minutes submitted by: Ian Howes                      April 11, 2015