

NORTHERN GRAFTON COUNTY DEMOCRATS STEERING COMMITTEE
Meeting Minutes - 1/10/2017

The meeting was held at Woodsville Savings Bank, Franconia at 1:30 pm. Present were: Nanette Avril, Jill Brewer, Doug Evelyn, Sue Ford, Susan Moore, Betsey and Chuck Phillips, Katharine Terrie, and Claire Von Karls.

1) Financial Report. Deferred, in the absence of the Treasurer, Carl Martland.

2) January 29th Event (Littleton Area Senior Center, 77 Riverglen Lane, Littleton, 5-7 pm).

a. Open discussion on goals for the event, the audience, and message. Suggestions included: thank workers for their 2016 efforts, share results of 2016 vote and what we've learned, engage new people and learn what they need in order to increase their participation, discuss plan for 2017 and how to help get voices heard, provide basic info and advice on what methods work best. We need to reach a younger demographic and provide information and techniques useful to them in taking action and speaking out. Several allied groups include Grafton County Democrats, Young Democrats, Jill Brewer's "Young Democrats of the North Country" Facebook group, etc., and the committee's distribution. Sue Ford has been appointed Grassroots Coordinator by the State Party "to keep local Democrats informed and engaged during the 2017-2018 legislative session and to prepare for the 2018 election." At the meeting she will present her role and the kinds of information that will be made available about legislation, hearings and voting in the NH State Legislature.

b. Meeting Format and Process. Following introductions and invitations to partake of pizza and libations, Chuck Phillips will conduct an idea-generating workshop to elicit issues and ideas aimed at encouraging engagement and action in the year ahead. Participants will sit at tables (round, seating 8-10). Childcare will be available. Sue Ford will explain her role as the State Democratic "Grassroots Coordinator" and provide updates and handouts. See the meeting agenda attachment for details of the current plan.

Sue mentioned her current work, weekly bulletins thru email/facebook distributions, reports from the 2016 campaign, the Grafton County Democrats' website, and updated on the current legislative happenings.

c. Logistics.

i. Place: Need signage at Littleton Area Bike Shop turn into Riverglen Lane.

ii. Set-up: Need 10 tables and chairs. Should already be set up. Claire VK to check site and find out if any special issues, requirements that day. Suggest steering committee member at each table. Need children's area near-by.

iii. Food & Beverages: Pizza - Katharine Terrie check COOP and Pizza Hut. Check with Martlands for beverages (water, soda) remaining from prior events. Susan M will check on napkins, plates, cups and utensils from prior events/campaign office.

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iv. Projector, Flip Charts: desired for each table. (All to see what we can locate.)
Also useful to have large format poster with info on voting
districts, etc. (Chuck, Susan M.)

v. Decorations: Not needed.

vi. Sign-in sheets and sign up commitment sheets. (Susan M)

3. Other:

The 12 towns in Northern Grafton County will caucus March 19th. This event will be
previewed January 29.

Practical Civics Education needed by many younger generations. (*Possibly a Feb 2017
topic? - SM*)

The meeting adjourned at 3:10pm. Doug Evelyn, Secretary