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Jeff in the Debates!

In a historic victory, the Pawlowski campaign has gotten our gubernatorial candidate, Jeff Pawlowski, into the debates. Despite evasive maneuvers on the part of the D's and R's, all four candidates for governor faced off, and the November NJL will have coverage of this historic event.



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Member Alert!

Effective January 1, 2006 the national LP will implement the new zero-based dues policy. If you intend to subscribe to the national LP News, remember to subscribe through the NJLP because by doing so you will benefit the NJLP at no cost to you. Make your \$25 LP News subscription payable to NJLP and mail to NJLP, P.O. Box 558, Brielle, NJ 08730. Keep (some of) your money in Jersey!

Platform Committee Seeks Member Input

See Page 2 for the latest update from the NJLP Platform Committee. Above, committee members (l-r) Tony Federici, Liz Macron, and Dan Karlan. Not shown: committee member Ray Babecki. Photograph taken by and property of Raymond E. Babecki. Permission is granted for re-publication ad-indefinitum, provided acknowledgement is given.



Platform Committee Seeks Input from Membership

On September 23, 2005, the NJLP Platform Committee held the next in a series of meetings to update and re-write the NJLP Platform. Tony Federici graciously hosted the committee at his home. (note: brown bottle next to Dan contains Root Beer, not real beer).

The NJLP Platform Committee has been making progress on reformatting our Platform in a manner parallel to the National Platform. We have, however, reached one slight difficulty, and we would like your help solving it in the best way possible. The reformatting involves dividing each plank into "Issue," "Principle," "Solution," and "Transition." For most of the planks, this does not present any serious difficulties. But several of the planks treat of such a fundamental, indivisible aspect of rights that we are unable to come up with a meaningful "Transition" statement.

Our choices are: leave "Transition" out of those planks, which can easily be interpreted as meaning we forgot to tackle this and left it out to mask that difficulty; we can include the word "Transition" but with no text following it, which can, again, easily be misinterpreted to mean we forgot to deal with this subject; or include some 'explanatory' text following the word "Transition," such as "We were unable to develop any transition proposal for this plank because there is no legitimate meaning to the term 'intermediary' between the current situation and the ideal represented by the 'Principle' and 'Solution' above."

This explanatory text might be appropriate, for example, in the plank dealing with I.6 Freedom of Religion. The example text could easily be considered too wordy and lengthy, however.

Now that you, the members of the NJLP, appreciate the difficulty we on the Platform Committee have faced, perhaps you can help us. If you have a fourth choice to offer for our consideration, or alternate text for use with choice three, please let us know. You can address all such communication to the Secretary of the Platform Committee, Dan Karlan, at dankarlan@earthlink.net. We thank you for your participation in this important process.

5th District Assembly Candidate Kevin Ferrizzi Participates in Public Forums

I recently participated in a public forum sponsored by the ARC of Gloucester County. All candidates for Assembly and Gloucester County Freeholder were in attendance. I fielded questions from the audience concerning the needs of physically and mentally handicapped children and young adults in the area. The event was covered by the Gloucester County Times.

I also spoke to a group of about 30 political science students at Gloucester County College. I was invited to meet them by their professor, Dennis Cook. I answered questions from the students for an hour and a half, inspiring some heated debate. It was worthwhile as I also managed to recruit volunteers for my campaign in the process.

Contact Information for NJLP Assembly Candidates

Len Flynn

All of the candidates listed below have approved their listed information as acceptable for public disclosure, particularly for news reporters seeking candidate views and information. I would like to encourage our members to contact nearby candidates and volunteer to assist their campaigns.

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LPCNJ Covered in The Suburban

September 15, 2005

Town changes access policy amid opposition Citizens group objects to new Old Bridge law on release of minutes

BY LAUREN MATTHEW
Staff Writer

OLD BRIDGE The township's policies regarding the release of closed-session meeting minutes has caused heated discussion both in and out of council chambers.

But according to Township Attorney Jerome Convery, an amendment to the township's public access ordinance, approved Monday night, was a necessity.

Under the existing law, he said, the township clerk could not even allow him, Business Administrator Michael Jacobs or Mayor Jim Phillips to look at minutes from closed, or executive, sessions for which those officials would not be able to look at the minutes from negotiations or lawsuit discussions without this amendment.

"It actually opens this up more to allow the mayor, the business administrator and the township attorney to review the executive session minutes," Convery said during Monday night's council meeting.

This, he said, is for the protection of the township. During negotiations, he said, tactics used by the town should not have to be revealed until negotiations are resolved and thus, officials should be able to view them before they become public documents for anyone to see.

Once minutes are given to the township attorney or another official, they can be reviewed and be redacted, or struck, in order to be kept unavailable to the public.

"The concept of the automatic release of minutes doesn't make sense, because no one is looking them over [prior to their release]," Convery told the Suburban. "There has to be a process."

Generally, he noted, at the end of five years or when a matter discussed in executive session is resolved, minutes are released as a matter of course.

A few years ago, Convery said, executive session minutes became verbatim by request of the Township Council. But under state law, such minutes are not required to be word-for-word, and this amendment means the minutes will no longer have to be recorded that way.

But, he noted, there is a provision within the ordinance that allows for a council member to give a 100-word statement to be included in the minutes.

"I believe, in reality, what this [amendment] does is two things," Ward 4 Councilman G. Kevin Calogera said during the meeting. "It does what Mr. Convery said, and it does what he didn't say."

Calogera said he believes information will be lost under the new practice.

"I have no problem with what I say in closed session, and I have no problem if that does get published," Calogera said.

The councilman acknowledged he still does not want strategies released to the public, but he would prefer that that information be removed through redacting.

Phillips said he felt that when a matter was concluded, the executive session minutes should be released. But, he said, without an attorney or some other arbiter going through the minutes, there would be no way to determine that the minutes were ready for release.

Council Vice President Patrick Gillespie said the council should not be put into the position of having to share minutes containing information on contract negotiations, since that could wind up costing taxpayers money.

"The ordinance that we're voting on now is less restrictive than the current ordinance we have now," he said.

Ward 6 Councilwoman Lucille Panos asked that a provision be included in the amendment to provide for a yearly review of executive session minutes by the township clerk or some other official. She asked that the issue be tabled until the matter could be discussed with Township Clerk Rose-Marie Saracino.

The motion to table failed, however, and the council approved the amendment in a vote of 7-2, with dissenting votes coming from Calogera and Panos.

"I still think the council has to vote to release them, because otherwise there's no control," Convery said.

Opposition to the amendment has also come from the Open Government Task Force of the Libertarian Party of Central New Jersey (LPCNJ), headed by John Paff.

In a letter to Middlesex County Prosecutor Bruce J. Kaplan, Paff states that the task force is "concerned that the ... proposed ordinance ... is partially invalid and unenforceable."

"The council is obligated, under state law, to make the nonexempt portions of its closed session promptly available to the public," Paff says in the letter.

The Prosecutor's Office responded to Paff, saying it would be inappropriate for the office to render an opinion regarding a proposed municipal ordinance.

Under the new amendment, the council must vote to release executive session minutes to anyone other than council members, Phillips, Convery or Jacobs.

Paff told the Suburban that the amendment allows Old Bridge to extend the length of time before the minutes are released.

"I don't believe the municipality has the authority to do that," he said. "I'm just disappointed that Old Bridge did that."

In July, Paff filed an Open Public Meetings Act (OPRA) request asking the township for the release of two sets of executive session minutes. The task force, he said in July, does this periodically to check on the operations and instances of noncompliance with public access laws.

Minutes of the Steering Committee Meeting of September 25, 2005

Chair Ken Chazotte called the meeting to order in the Stefanelli-Macron residence, at 1:15 pm.

Present in addition to Chazotte were Jay Edgar, Emerson Ellett, Lou Stefanelli; and At-large members Virginia Flynn, Bill Hunsicker, Elizabeth Macron, Robert Hull and Len Flynn. Absent: none. Peggy Hunsicker was also present.

The chair and vice chair have focused their efforts on the Pawlowski gubernatorial campaign over the past month. The secretary's and treasurer's reports were received.

Assembly candidates. Bill Hunsicker reported that he and Jason Scheurer, 15th District, have opened a joint campaign account, and are considering a billboard on Route 1. Bill is the chairman of the joint campaign committee. Jason is treasurer and has received the required training from ELEC. Jason has recorded a spot on Comcast and is scheduled to speak at a League of Women Voters' forum. -- Hunsicker having recused himself and gone outside, Stefanelli moved (Chazotte seconded) that the Steering Committee commends the Scheurer-Hunsicker campaign for its initiative and therefore resolves to grant \$500 from the State Fund to support their campaign. CARRIED.

Bylaws. Resolved, that the Steering Committee authorize the release of proposed bylaws changes for publication in the newsletter. CARRIED, with two Bylaws Committee members voting against, and the Bylaws chair abstaining.

Platform. The Platform Committee has changed 70% of the NJLP platform into the Problem-Issue-Transition format of the national platform. The next committee meeting is October 16.

County organizing. The chair volunteered to organize unorganized counties. To test the concept there will be a meet-the-candidate social in Monmouth County October 11. Everyone from Monmouth County who has contacted the national party in the last year will be invited.

Financial audit. Will be addressed after the November election.

Project Full Slate. Len Flynn will circulate a draft fund raising letter to the State Board. The letter will support all 13 Congressional candidates in 2006.

Zero-based dues. Effective January 1, 2006 the national LP will implement the new zero-based dues policy. The Newsletter Editor will be asked to include in the Newsletter a notice stating "If you intend to subscribe to the national LP News, remember to subscribe through the NJLP because by doing so you will benefit the NJLP at no cost to you. Make your \$25 LP News subscription payable to NJLP and mail to NJLP, P.O. Box 558, Brielle, NJ 08730."

2006 Convention. Jay Edgar will reserve the University Inn on the Cook College campus, Rutgers University. Bill Hunsicker moved (Chazotte seconded) that the convention registration form include a statement that the Business session is free to members, and that in order to vote one must have been a member by (insert date in accordance with Business Rule 1). CARRIED. -- It was further moved (by Hull, Macron seconded) that the NJLP form a convention credentials committee. CARRIED. Bill and Peggy Hunsicker and Bob Hull volunteered for the credentials committee -- It was also moved (by Hull, Len Flynn seconded) that any member who seeks the position of chair, vice chair, secretary or treasurer shall receive a page in the newsletter subject to editorial review. CARRIED.

Announcements. Four College of NJ students have contacted the Pawlowski campaign about organizing a Libertarian Club. The chair will follow up.

Anyone wanting a copy of Jason Scheurer's Comcast interview should contact Bill Hunsicker.

Future meetings.

October 15, State Board, Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, 1 pm

November 13, General Meeting, Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, 1 pm

The meeting adjourned at 3:22 pm.

Libertarians in Print

NJLP co-founder and life member Fred Stein had the following pro-Pawlowski-For-Governor letter-to-the-editor published. - Ray Babecki.

Home News Tribune Online 09/29/05

Governor's race: The bucks top here Ed Note: NOT a typo

It is ironic that the media complains that the candidate who spends the most money wins the election. In the Republican primary, Doug Forrester spent the most money and therefore received most of the media attention. Are you surprised he won the primary election?

I have a novel idea for the media: You claim to love diversity and root for the underdog, so how about giving equal time for all candidates? There has been a media blackout for independents and alternative party candidates for too long. Their vote totals are frequently omitted from the news.

This November, the people of New Jersey have a choice not to waste their votes and time. Doug Forrester's campaign is sinking faster than the Titanic. Recent polls have Senator Corzine leading him in double digits. Your vote will not affect the obvious landslide for Corzine.

If you want to try a new, fresh approach to better our society, vote for Jeff Pawlowski for governor. He has served as a councilman in Sayreville. He is an independent businessman who knows how to prepare and live within a budget. The Democrats and Republicans have failed to Libertarian Party nomination to run for governor. The Libertarian Party has more than 500 people serving in elected and appointed offices throughout our country. In Georgia, a Libertarian Party candidate was elected county executive. It can happen here in New Jersey. Your vote cannot only make history, but more importantly, you can make the future.

Fred Stein, Dayton

NJLP co-founder and life member Fred Stein has had another letter-to-the editor published. This is the second time one of Fred's letters was published by the same paper within seven days of each other.

Write-on, Fred! Ray Babecki.

Home News Tribune Newspaper, October 3, 2005

The biggest problem we have in our society is not drug addition, but the public's addition to government. The government's war on drugs has caused great damage to our civil liberties and corrupted the legal system. The best treatment for this is [to] end drug prohibition and try capitalism.

Fred Stein, Dayton

Calendar

November 13, General Meeting,
Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, 1 pm

Help Wanted – Volunteer Newsletter Editor

The NJLP is in need of a volunteer editor for the New Jersey Libertarian.

Motivated individuals should have good writing skills and a working knowledge of computer word processing, especially Microsoft Word or Microsoft Publisher. The NJLP can provide a desktop computer, but the editor must have Internet access in order to communicate with contributors, printer and web host.

For more information, please contact Deb Sackett at editor@njlp.org.

Bylaws Committee Submits new Proposals

The Bylaws Committee has several Bylaws proposals to submit.

1. At the July General Meeting Bylaws Proposal 6 was referred back to the Committee for rewording. The Proposal was to change the way Business Rules are adopted or disposed of. The revised wording follows:

An addition to Bylaws 14: Amendments, as

e. A Standing Business Rule may be enacted, amended, rescinded or suspended only by a majority vote at a General Meeting.

And deleting the contents completely of Business Rules 14: Amendments.

2. Purpose: to deal with troublesome members.

Proposed: Add new section; 4. e. Membership Termination,

Membership in the NJLP may be terminated by a majority vote at any State Board or Steering Committee meeting and a concurring 2/3 vote at the immediately following General Meeting, provided notice of the proposed Membership Termination is furnished with the meeting notice. Notice of the Membership Termination action and the outcome of the Membership Termination action shall be given to the affected member by Regular and Certified US Mail. Anyone whose membership has been terminated by the NJLP shall receive a prorated refund of any current paid dues upon request to the Treasurer.

This provision would permit the NJLP to terminate the membership of those deemed deserving. Currently NJLP Membership is available to anyone who makes a certification and pays the required dues.

3. Purpose: to address the possible new National Party dues structure.

Proposed: Amend 4. a. to; **Membership is open to anyone who lives or works in the state of New Jersey who certifies in writing that he or she opposes the initiation of force as a means of achieving political or social goals. Thereafter, such a person shall become a member upon payment of dues, if required, to the NJLP. Anyone whose membership has been terminated by the NJLP is not eligible for membership.**

This amendment would insert the words, "if required" into the second sentence, addressing a possible new dues scenario. It would also delete "or to the National Libertarian Party" from the same sentence. This

would have the effect of removing National Party(Budget) members as members of the NJLP. The National Party has created an interesting situation by reducing their dues to zero. By doing this all past expired National members *could* become Budget members under our current bylaws. Since Budget members receive four newsletters per year, this would create a financial burden which would be unacceptable. This amendment would also create a new sentence, "Anyone whose membership has been terminated by the NJLP is not eligible for membership." which would bring the section on "Membership" into harmony with Proposal 2, if it passes.

Proposed amend Business Rule 8. b. **Newsletter Editor.**

The newsletter shall not publish personal attacks. (12/12/81)

The Roster of State Representatives and County chairs shall be published in the newsletter four times per year. (03/28/92)

This amendment would remove the third sentence which reads, "Budget members will receive their 4 newsletter issues in January, March, June, and October. (04/25/92)". This would bring section 8 of the Business Rules into harmony with the Bylaws if proposal 3 is approved.

4. Purpose: To prevent hostile takeover of the convention and the NJLP.

Amending Standing Convention Rules:

Proposed Add new 2. e. **Suspension of Convention Rules**
The NJLP Convention Rules may only be suspended by a 3/4 vote of the delegates.

Proposed amend 3. a. **Qualification for election and service: NJLP members only; and no candidate for a NJLP Officer position shall be nominated unless a Statement of Intent to seek such office has been filed by the first day of the third month preceding the month when the Convention is held. The Secretary shall receive such Statement of Intent or any other officer if the Secretary is unavailable. The Statement of Intent may be made as an announcement at the General Meeting preceding the Convention.**

2. e. would raise the affirmative vote requirement to $\frac{3}{4}$ in order to suspend the rules.

Amending 3. a. would introduce a new requirement for candidates seeking party office. Candidates would need to announce their intended candidacy in order to be nominated at the convention. This provision would make it easier for the delegates to make an informed decision as to the election of party officers.

Liberty in our Lifetime Free State Project

What is the Project About?

The Free State Project is a plan in which 20,000 or more liberty-oriented people will move to the state of New Hampshire and work within its political system to reduce the size and scope of government.

The Project will reduce burdensome taxation and regulation; reform state and local laws; opt out of federal mandates; and press for the restoration of constitutional federalism.

The Free State Project will show the world what liberty can accomplish!

Liberty in Our Lifetime

We don't want to wait decades for most citizens in the US to realize that the nanny state is an insult to their dignity. For those of us who already understand the debilitating effects of a government bent on reducing liberty rather than increasing it, the Free State Project aims at liberty in a single state.

What do we mean by liberty? We believe that being free and independent is a great way to live, and that government's maximum role should be to help individuals defend themselves from force and fraud.

Where & Why?

The state where we will move was decided by a vote of the FSP membership after we reached 5,000 commitments. Population was the critical factor. Our research so far indicates that 20,000 activists could heavily influence only states with under about a 1.5 million population, or which spend less than \$10 million on political campaigns in any given two-year election cycle. New Hampshire met the population criterion, and its distaste for big government and a generally welcoming attitude toward the Free State Project were pluses.

Get Involved!



Join the Free State Project and take part in a rapidly growing movement aimed at securing liberty in our lifetime. To learn more, you're invited to visit our website at www.freestateproject.org. Check out our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page, and visit our articles sections which contain more detailed information about the project. Whether you wish to become a full-fledged member or are sympathetic but unable to relocate, the Free State Project wants you!

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FFF Email Update -- Tuesday, October 4, 2005

On MSNBC the other night, Alabama State Senator Hank Erwin said he believes the hurricanes that hit New Orleans were sent by God to punish people for sin, gambling and wickedness. That's crazy, God doesn't send hurricanes to punish people — he sends FEMA.

— Jay Leno, The Tonight Show



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