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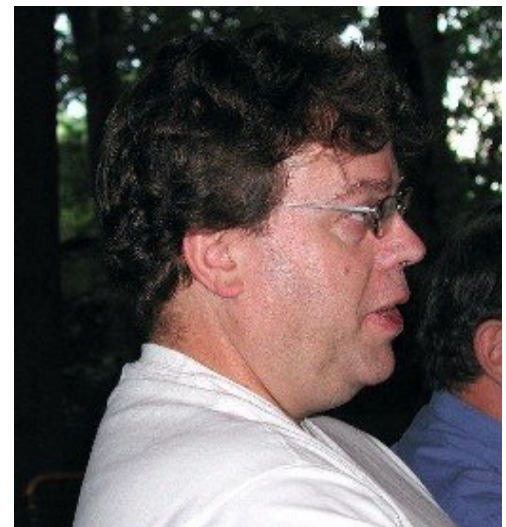
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New Officers Elected, Bylaws Changed at Annual Picnic and General Meeting

Picnic goers enjoyed the beautiful amenities of Polanka Park on July 9th, 2005, and also tended to pressing business for the NJLP. Much needed changes to the party's bylaws were voted on, and three interim officers were replaced by newly elected State Chair Ken Chazotte, Vice Chair Jay Edgar (top right) and At-Large Representative Bull Hunsicker (middle right). The services of Interim Chair Ken Kaplan, Interim Vice Chair Pat Bontempo and Interim At-Large Jeannie Macron were acknowledged with gratitude. Helping the party was nothing new to these activists, and, their duties as "pinch hitters" at an end, Ken Kaplan writes on Page 4 that he has "no intention of lessening my commitment to achieve a more libertarian society in my lifetime".

This issue couldn't contain its extensive picnic and general meeting coverage without the help of NJLP member Ray Babecki, whose coverage and pictures are on pages 2 and 3. John Paff also contributed pictures, and Secretary Emerson Ellett got the draft minutes to us quickly, in time for the issue.



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"THIS IS A TRUE LIBERTARIAN PICNIC"

by Ray Babecki, NJLP Life Member

SOUTH RIVER, NJ - That was the proclamation Jeff Pawlowski, the New Jersey Libertarian Party's Gubernatorial Candidate 2005, delivered to the membership assembled for its annual picnic and general meeting on Saturday, July 9, 2005.

"Welcome to Polanka Park: 17 acres of beautiful space", said Jeff Pawlowski as he greeted NJLP members. "The government didn't spend one friggin' penny on this. This is what you call a 'home town effort'. And, this is why it's so symbolic that we're here".

Polanka Park, where the NJLP held its 2005 annual picnic and summer general meeting, was wholly funded and constructed by Polish and other eastern European veterans of WWII. It is fully shaded, with several large gazebos and plenty of sheltered seating. Its facilities include a roasting/barbeque pit, dual kitchens, children's play area, restrooms, and ample parking. It is located a short distance from Interchange 9 of the NJ Turnpike, and can be reached easily by members from across the state.



Howard Schoen (L) and Art Goodstone (R), members of LPCNJ, assemble for their county caucus meeting. Howard is treasurer of LPCNJ, and lives in Edison, NJ. Art lives in Old Bridge, NJ, and is a decorated WWII veteran.

Henry Koszalka, Commandant of Polanka, arrived at 6 AM to help Jeff set-up, and start roasting the pig. Henry lamented, "I fought war in Europe. I came to United States for freedom". Many Polanka leaders were prisoners-of-war or interned in Russia's Siberian labor camps. Henry added, "Today, communism is going away in Europe; but communism is growing in America". Henry is the father of Chris Koszalka. Chris ran for Sayreville Council last year along with Jeff; the NJLP supported their campaign.

Jeff explained how the picnic came together as a real collaborative libertarian effort.

"I said to Jay Boucher: 'Jay, we ain't got no music'. So, Bob Hull brings an amplifier and speakers, and we have music. We didn't need a bonding issue!

"Then I asked Jay: 'Jay, we ain't got no beer?' So, Jay funded that. I saw we didn't have a pig, so, I funded that". Jeff invited the crowd: "If anyone else wants to contribute, we got room for you!"

About 60 NJLP members, including their children and guests, attended the picnic. They dined on roast pork - hand-carved by Jeff - from a whole roast pig on a rotating spit. To ensure no one went hungry, there were also plenty of hamburgers, hot dogs, and potato salad. The picnic also served bottled water, soda, and genuine Polish beer to wash it all down. Several members commented favorably about the whole roast pig, insisting it was important for people to actually see where their food came from.

This general meeting had to be the longest one in NJLP history: nearly 4 hours! Yet every minute was necessary. The membership had to resolve issues raised by the May 15 Special meeting: they had to debate several proposed Bylaws amendments, and elect new officers to replace the interim officers. The assembly also had to conduct routine party business, officer and committee reports, county caucuses, etc.

The business meeting was divided into 2 parts - and it wasn't on the agenda! After the body discussed the NJ Ballot Access Lawsuit, and business rules, Jeff Pawlowski was asked to talk about how his campaign was going.

"The sun's out - it's a beautiful day! Yesterday, it was raining like anything". Earlier that week, the temperature and humidity had been oppressive, and on Friday, remnants of Hurricane Cecil had soaked the area. Jeff's words had barely left his lips when clouds began to form, and a distant rumble of thunder was heard coming ever closer. Interim Chair Ken Kaplan called for a break in the meeting, so everyone could go eat without being drenched. It was a good thing he did.

Shortly after 3 PM, the skies opened as an unexpected thunderstorm loomed overhead. But the picnic wasn't a washout. After a nearly hour-long soil-soaking downpour, the clouds parted, and the sun beamed down once again. Within minutes, the ground dried out enough for children to run and play again, and everyone enjoyed the rest of the day.

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Jeff continued talking about his run for Governor. "The campaign's on-board. We have an active Blog that's updated 6 to 7 days a week, and our web site gets 75-100 hits per day". While radio spots are being developed, Jeff issued a call-to-action to the members: "Everyone needs to send one letter-to-the-editor between now and Election Day".

Jeff described how personal his campaign is to him. "I just bought a new pickup truck. I paid \$1,500 in taxes. On the bill, I see '\$12.50 Tire Tax'. For 5 new tires, they charged me an extra \$2.50 tax per tire! This is double taxation!" Jeff was livid. "This is a crisis in NJ. The system's over; and it's time for a change". He shamed the members present: "If we don't make the difference, don't blame anyone else".

County caucuses were held, Bylaws amendments were debated, and elections were held to replace the interim leadership (see the Official Minutes section). A hat was passed for a contribution to the Morganville First Aid Squad. More than \$50 was collected; \$50 was allocated to thank them for allowing us to hold the May 15 Special Meeting there. A '50/50' raffle, run by several of the children, was held to raise money for the NJLP.

Mike Dixon, Chair of the Libertarian National Committee, attended the picnic and meeting. He reported on relations between the NJ and National LP, and commented on the 'Pawlowski for Governor 2005' Campaign. You can read Mr. Dixon's remarks in the accompanying story "Why Are You Up So Early?".

Despite an attack of killer mosquitoes, the party continued long into the evening. All food was consumed, including the entire pig from head-to-tail. The last guests finally bugged-out around 10 PM. Jeff, his wife Carol, and Jay cleaned-up, and closed the park by 11 PM. It was a long day. But, it was a great day! Everyone who came had a blast, and plans are already being made for next year's picnic and general meeting.

If you missed this picnic, you don't know what you missed. So make sure you set aside your weekends in July 2006, and we hope you can make it next year.

Our thanks to Polanka Park, Carol & Jeff Pawlowski, Chris & Henry Koszalka, Bob Hull, Jay Boucher, and others for their hard work to make this picnic such a great success.

*Libertarian
Party Chair
Michael Dixon
speaks to
picnic-goers.*



"Why Are You Up So Early?" "I've Got To Go To New Jersey"

by Ray Babecki, USLP Life Member

It was 4 AM, and Mike Dixon, Chair of the Libertarian National Party, wasn't joking. His bags were packed. He said goodbye to his sleepy spouse and headed-out into the darkness. His destination: New Jersey.

Mike boarded a flight to Baltimore from his home in North Carolina. He then drove another 4 hours to attend the New Jersey Libertarian Party's annual meeting and picnic. The picnic was held at Polanka Park in South River, NJ, and was hosted by the 'Pawlowski for Governor 2005' Campaign.

"This is a great event!" said Mike Dixon. "Other states do this, too; but this is the best one I've ever seen. This is a place where families and their children can enjoy themselves". He wasn't exaggerating; nearly 60 people and their kids attended!

Mike didn't show up just to have a burger. He was there to shine a spotlight on the ONLY libertarian gubernatorial candidate in the country this year: 'Pawlowski for Governor 2005'.

"We have good people at National. But I told the staff that they wouldn't get any more support until they fixed the database. Well, the database problems have been fixed". Mike then offered the Pawlowski Campaign access to National's 20,000-member list.

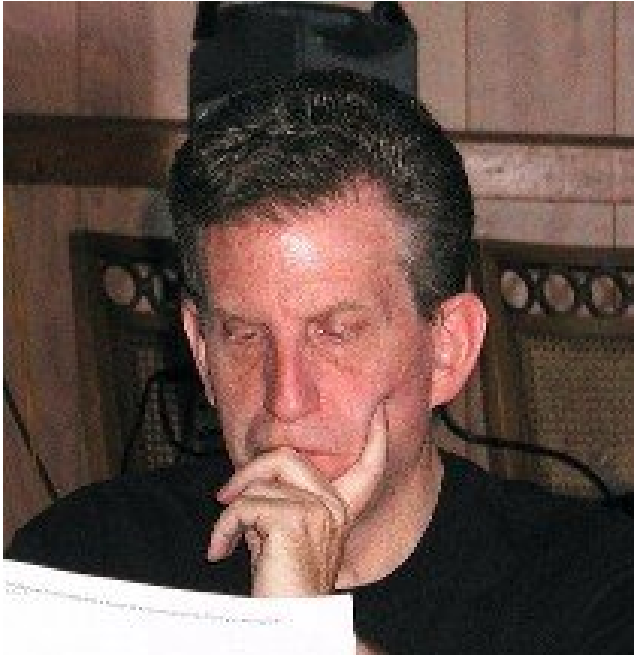
"But New Jersey has its work cut out for it", said Mike. He was referring to a lawsuit the NJLP had entered into with other 3rd parties against NJ's draconian ballot access laws. "I think it's great that you're addressing this point. This is the kind of thing that could change the world of politics. You want to be the ones to make it happen".

Jeff Pawlowski then took a break from his hosting duties to join Mike at the meeting. Jeff reminded the audience that the 1st hurdle - petitioning and ballot access - had been surmounted. But, the 2nd hurdle - raising and spending sufficient funds to ensure that Jeff has a voice in the NJ Gubernatorial Debates - was far from complete.

"This is an easy crowd," Mike quipped. But, he spoke too soon. NJLP Life Member Tony Federici of Sussex County, rose to issue a challenge to Mike: "Have you made a donation to the Pawlowski Campaign, yet? If not, I will match any donation you make up to \$1,000.00".

Mike accepted Tony's challenge, and immediately pledged his own contribution. But, Mike stressed that he was speaking for himself, and that National could not officially endorse, fund, or get involved with any libertarian candidate.

From the Chair



I have recently completed my term as Interim Chair, an opportunity that came about unexpectedly. I am gratified at the way the party came together in the face of adversity. We elected Ken Chazotte as the new Chair at the July general meeting, and I trust that a reinvigorated party will move forward toward the November elections under his stewardship.

I have a few reflections about the party that I want to convey to you. First, I want to emphasize that this has always been and remains an open party. It is open in the sense that anyone who signs the pledge can join and become active, and it is open in that our State Board and Steering Committee meetings are open to the general membership to observe. That had always been the informal policy, and now it has been made official (see minutes of the business meeting). Accusations and innuendoes to the contrary, this party is not run by a clique.

I want to thank the Officers, county representatives, data base manager Bob Hull, and newsletter editor Deb Sackett, as well as Frank Warren, who chaired the petition drive, and all the other committee chairs and members who have been working so hard on behalf of the party. This party belongs to all of us and needs an even higher level of member participation to succeed beyond where we are now. There is no reason for any member to feel "out of the loop." If you have a concern about party activities or direction, communicate with your county representative or one of the officers, or attend meetings. New blood and new ideas are always welcome.

I have stepped down as Chair, but remain active as an Assembly candidate, and have no intention of lessening my commitment to achieve a more libertarian society in my lifetime. I look forward to working with all of you in the future.

Ken Kaplan



I am honored to have been elected Chair of the New Jersey Libertarian Party and look forward to the first State Board Meeting on August 21st.

For those who don't know me, I became a member of the Libertarian Party approximately two years ago. In that time, I have gained the confidence of many in Monmouth and Ocean Counties and am currently serving my second term as Chair for those counties. I ran an active campaign for the U.S. Congress and currently serve on the Pawlowski campaign. These experiences, have taught me many lessons that will serve me well as Chair for the state party.

Unfortunately, the greatest lesson I have learned is that we need more members. If you want to effect change for the betterment of New Jersey, as I do, then we must have more resources in terms of time, talent and money. For my term, I will focus on increasing membership so that we have more resources to help influence the direction of political activities in New Jersey.

Increasing membership is a worthwhile long-term goal but we also have to focus on immediate concerns. In particular, Jeff Pawlowski needs financial support to ensure that he, and by extension, all of us, have a spot in the upcoming gubernatorial debates. Your support is needed and, at present, is the best way to ensure that millions hear our message.

I look forward to working with all of you and welcome any input you may have. To get involved or just to get acquainted, please drop by the State Board meeting at Tumulty's pub in New Brunswick.

Ken Chazotte

Pawlowski for Governor Campaign Update

Jeff Pawlowski's campaign for Governor has been continuing its fundraising efforts. We have sent donation requests to about 800 previous supporters. You may have seen our ad in the National LP News.

Donations are coming in, however not as quickly as we would like. We are still quite short of our goal of \$300,000 by September 1st. Reaching our goal guarantees that Jeff will be allowed to participate in the debates.

The good news is that the National office has recently agreed to rent their mailing list out to us. In 1997 the same mailing generated over \$200,000 for the Sabrin campaign. At this time we can only afford to send out to about 25,000 names on National's list.

Your donation NOW will increase that number and allow us to raise even more money. Please visit <http://pawlowski2005.org/donate.php>, print out the donation form and send in what you can.

In the spirit of The Late Show with David Letterman, on Page 15 of this issue of the NJL I present a top 10 list of ways that you can help with the campaign.

Thank you for all that you may do or have done for the fight for liberty.

Your contributions of time and money are much appreciated.


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Chair, Pawlowski for Governor



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Full name of contributor		Contributor's Employer's Name (if donation is over \$300 aggregate)	
Address of contributor - include City, State, and Zip		Contributor's Employer's Address - include City, State, and Zip (if donation is over \$300 aggregate)	
Phone Number of contributor		Occupation of contributor	
Donation Amount:	Signature of contributor and Date		

News from the Back Office (Wherever that is)

By NJLP Treasurer Lou Stefanelli

For those of you intrigued by internal operating procedures, I have good news: the NJLP and the National Office have made significant strides toward resolving our problems with our membership processes.

To recap for those of you just tuning in, the NJLP and the National Office had experienced problems with the processing of membership dues sent by the NJLP to National in 2004. In addition, National converted to a new membership data base system in late 2004, but the conversion was not done properly and the new system did not provide correct or useable information to state affiliates, like the NJLP. The data base problem was particularly serious for the NJLP because our by-laws recognize as NJLP members, anyone from New Jersey who pays dues and sends a membership statement to the National Party. The loss of useable data from National meant that the NJLP was slowly losing its ability to know its current members if they sent their dues to National instead of to us.

On our side of the equation, the NJLP has taken the following steps:

- 1) We have identified and resent dues to National for anyone who's membership was lost in process in 2004. If this is you and you haven't tried renewing again through us or the National Office, you should now have a membership that extends to July of 2006. If this was you and you renewed again sometime between then and now, you should be getting an extra year tacked on to your membership. Thanks to all of you for your continued support and patience while we worked this out.
- 2) The technical wizards who maintain our data base system and data base, have managed to work with National's data dumps to squeeze out the good stuff and process it into our data. They have joined a consortium of state affiliates to pool resources on working out some of the technical issues involved with processing these data. We are getting close to being able to once again process on a routine basis. Many thanks to Chris Weimann, Robert Hull and Jay Boucher for doing the heavy lifting on this part of the solution.
- 3) We have successfully completed one renewal cycle (and hopefully, by the time you read this, a second cycle): we sent dues and information to National; National processed and sent information back to us; we processed that information into our data base. It may not be rock and roll, but we like it anyway!

As for National's part, they have taken a lot of steps, including:

- 1) They have taken on new, qualified staff and trained them in the mysteries of processing memberships.
- 2) They have reworked their conversion from the old system, recovering much important information that had been lost in the original conversion.
- 3) They have rejoined the discussion groups where state affiliate data base people hobnob over data descriptors and record flags and such--things we mere mortals can only marvel at.
- 4) They have revised their data transmission to include really useful information for state affiliate parties and conducted a conference call on its proper use, care and feeding.

So the bottom line is we are almost there: we have survived the conversion and it is starting to look like it works!

Before I leave this scintillating topic, I need to offer my heartfelt thanks to Michael Dixon, the National Party Chairman, for traveling all the way from North Carolina to spend the day with us at the July picnic and General Meeting. Mike answered all of our questions about the membership problems and what National was doing to remedy them. It was a pleasure to meet him and chew the fat (after all, there was a whole pig roasting).

I also want to thank Dan Karlan for having the brilliant idea to invite Mr. Dixon to join us and making it happen. This seemingly small thing was like taking a giant step in improving communications between the leadership of the NJLP and the National Committee, and it was fun to boot. So kudos, Dan.

If anyone has particular questions which can't be addressed in an article like this, please write to me at treasurer@njlp.org or 846 Sycamore Avenue, Tinton Falls, NJ 07724.



Lou at the July 9th Annual picnic and General Meeting. Photo by John Paff.

Draft Minutes of the NJLP General Meeting of July 9, 2005

The meeting and picnic were held at Polanka Park, South River, NJ

A quorum being present Interim Chair Ken Kaplan called the meeting to order at 1:33 pm.

Approval of Agenda: Passed

The Steering Committee minutes of June 12, 2005 were approved.

The treasurer's report was received.

The Acting Chair welcomed Mike Dixon, LP chair, who had traveled to the meeting from his home in North Carolina.

Unfinished business.

RESOLVED: the NJLP donate \$50 to the Morganville First Aid Squad for the use of their building for the General Meeting of May 15, 2005. CARRIED.

Retainer Fee for Election Law Challenge. RESOLVED (John Paff, seconded by Dan Karlan): the NJLP authorize the Election Law Challenge committee (consisting of Elizabeth Macron, Len Flynn and Ken Kaplan) to negotiate the expenditure of up to \$4000 for challenging New Jersey's election law. CARRIED.

Procedure for conducting party business online. Karlan's motion to refer Ken Kaplan's motion to the Bylaws Committee CARRIED. RESOLVED; the Steering Committee shall pass no resolutions or make any decisions by email. CARRIED.

Campaign Report: Jeff Pawlowski thanked the membership for meeting the first challenge, getting him on the ballot. The next challenge is to raise \$300,000 so that he can participate in the gubernatorial debates. The campaign plans to run radio ads on 101.5 FM at \$450 a minute. In addition to donating to his campaign he asked every person present to write a letter to the editor mentioning his website.

Bylaws Committee Report. Bob Hull, committee chair, presented several proposed amendments.

1. The MOTION to change 5.c.4.c to read: The term of office for a County Representative shall be until the conclusion of the next State Convention or when successors are elected CARRIED.
2. The MOTION to change 5.d.1 to read: The Steering Committee shall consist of the NJLP Officers and three at-large members elected by the State Convention for a term to expire at the conclusion of the next State Convention or when successors are elected CARRIED.
3. The MOTION to change para. 6 (second sentence) to read: They shall be elected at the State Convention for a term to expire at the conclusion of the next State Convention or when successors are elected CARRIED.
4. The MOTION to delete the last sentence of Business Rule 8 CARRIED.
5. The MOTION to change 5.d.2 to replace "give advice and consent to" to "approve" CARRIED
6. The MOTION to add the following to Business Rule 2: No Officer or member of the Steering Committee or State Board shall be a candidate for public office FAILED and was replaced by the MOTION: Pursuant to N.J. Election Law no candidate for state or local office may participate in the management or control of the NJLP State Fund, which CARRIED.
7. The MOTION to add the following sentence to 5.c.5: Wherever Steering Committee approval is specified, State Board approval shall suffice CARRIED.
8. The MOTION to add the following to para. 14: The Standing Business Rules may be amended by a majority vote at any General Meeting was REFERRED to the Bylaws Committee.

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Draft Minutes, Continued

1. The MOTION to add 5.3 to read: Openness Policy

All NJLP meetings are open to NJLP members and such attendees may offer their comments on the business of the meeting, if time permits. On rare occasions when a meeting must deal with confidential matters, PART of a meeting may be closed for cause by a three-fourths vote. Members excluded by such an executive session shall be provided with an explanation for the exclusion and the remaining meeting participants will provide a summary of actions decided to those excluded after the executive session is concluded. Members of the public are usually welcomed to attend NJLP meetings as guests of NJLP members. Such guests may speak, if the members of the meeting by majority vote wish to hear the guest CARRIED.

10. The MOTION to change Business Rule 8.b to read: Newsletter Editor, who must be a member of the NJLP CARRIED.

11. The MOTION to add Business Rule 8.c to read: Announce e-list moderator, who must be a member of the NJLP CARRIED.

12. The MOTION to add Business Rule 8.d to read: Activists e-list moderator, who must be a member of the NJLP CARRIED.

13. The MOTION to add Business Rule 8.e to read: Candidates e-list moderator, who must be a member of the NJLP CARRIED.

14. The MOTION to add Business Rule 8.f to read: Webmaster, who must be a member of the NJLP CARRIED.

15. The MOTION to add Business Rule 8.g to read: Membership coordinator, who must be a member of the NJLP CARRIED.

16. The MOTION to add 5.f to read: Special Committees. Any Special Committee may be constituted by the submission to the Secretary of a petition containing the name and purpose of the committee to be formed, the composition of the committee (including Chair), the date at which the report of the Committee will be presented (after which the Committee will be discharged) and the signatures of ___% of the membership plus 5 members FAILED.

17. The amended MOTION to add a sentence to 5.d.2, to read: A financial review of the NJLP shall be conducted at least biannually under the direction of the Steering Committee and the results distributed at the subsequent State Convention CARRIED.

County caucuses: Middlesex, Somerset, and Union Counties elected Ray Babecki Middlesex county's representative to the State Board. Monmouth elected Dan Hurley State Board representative, pending his membership. Ocean County selected Pat Bontempo as its State Board Representative.

Motion to purchase printed copies of bylaws. Deferred to the next meeting.

Election of officers to replace interim officers (Chair, Vice Chair and Steering Committee member-at-large).

Ken Chazotte was nominated Chair.

A MOTION to suspend the rule requiring paper ballots CARRIED.

Ken Chazotte was elected Chair.

Bill Hunsicker and Jay Edgar were nominated Vice Chair. The first ballot was a tie, 11-11. Jay Edgar was elected 11 to 12 on the second ballot. None of the above received zero votes.

Bill Hunsicker was elected At-Large member to the Steering Committee. None of the above received zero votes.

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Draft Minutes, Continued

Emerson Ellett thanked Ken Kaplan, Pat Bontempo and Jeanne Macron for their assistance to the party as Interim Chair, Vice Chair and At-Large member, respectively.

Because Bill Hunsicker was elected member At-Large he could no longer be Mercer County's representative to the State Board. A MOTION to suspend the rules to enable Mercer County to caucus CARRIED. Mercer elected Margaret Hunsicker Mercer's State Board representative, pending acknowledgement of the receipt of her membership.

Announcements:

Len Flynn announced Project Full Slate, the goal being to field a full slate of 13 Congressional candidates for the 2006 U.S. House of Representatives.

The Middlesex, Somerset and Union County LP will meet July 15 at 7:30 pm at the Lone Star Steakhouse on US 22 in Scotch Plains.

Future Meetings:

August 21, State Board, Tumulty's, 361 George St., New Brunswick

September 18, Steering Committee, Stefanelli residence, Tinton Falls

October 16, State Board, Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick

November 12, General Meeting, TBD

The meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Emerson Ellett, Secretary



Jeff Pawlowski, NJLP Gubernatorial Candidate, tends to the Roast Pig at the 2005 Annual Picnic and General Meeting. Jeff, with the help of Pawlowski Committee Member Jay Boucher, began roasting this pig at 6 AM. It had to cook slowly all morning for best taste, and wasn't ready-to-eat 'til noon. There were also hot dogs and hamburgers; but everyone who tried the pig said it was great!

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Princeton Packet covers LPSMC's Open Government Task Force

Princeton Packet - July 19, 2005

Plainsboro found in violation of state Open Public Records Act Release of minutes from executive session at issue.

By: Emily Craighead , Staff Writer

PLAINSBORO The New Jersey Government Records Council found Thursday that Township Clerk Patricia Hullfish violated sections of the Open Public Records Act.

According to the council's findings, Ms. Hullfish violated the act by denying access to a copy of the Township Committee's executive session minutes without providing a specific explanation for the denial.

The Township Committee is permitted to deliberate in executive session on issues involving personnel, land acquisition and litigation, but minutes of those sessions are considered public records.

The state council also found the township does not violate OPRA with its practice of releasing public meeting minutes after they have been approved at the next month's meeting.

The state council typically handles 20 to 30 OPRA-related complaints at each of its monthly meetings.

John Paff, chairman of the Open Government Task Force for the Libertarian Party of Central New Jersey, filed the complaint against Plainsboro on Feb. 10 after the clerk failed to provide him with executive session minutes for Sept. 11, 2002, Sept. 25, 2002, and Oct. 27, 2004.

His task force goes to municipalities throughout the area and requests documents under OPRA.

"The main goal is to try to bring the towns into compliance," Mr. Paff said, noting that Plainsboro provides easier access to documents than many of the municipalities with which he has dealt.

Still, Mr. Paff said there is room for improvement in the township.

"I want to see it where when the average person comes in there, they're not dissuaded from seeing the information they have a right to see," he said.

Township Administrator Robert Sheehan did not comment on the council's findings, which he had not seen Monday. In general, he said, "We've always been very open about providing this information."

However, he noted, some government records are more sensitive than others.

"The release of certain closed-session information needs to be done carefully, because it could, in certain situations, disadvantage the township," Mr. Sheehan said.

Mayor Peter Cantu, who said the township is committed to complying with OPRA, also said the confidentiality of executive session minutes should be protected until the reason for confidentiality no longer exists.

"The reason it's done in executive session is to protect the community's interest," Mayor Cantu said.

Upon receipt of the Government Records Council's findings, the township clerk will have 10 business days to provide the requested executive session minutes, providing a detailed and lawful basis for each section that is left out.

Libertarians in Print

Suburban Trends – June 22, 2005

Dear Editor:

I never fail to be amazed at how many people out there still think that blind loyalty to the president coupled with virulent nationalism is somehow "patriotic."

A case in point would be the guest editorial by VFW Commander Frank Warholc of Towaco in the June 15 *Suburban Trends*. I didn't see the words "Constitution", "Bill of Rights", "liberty" or any other terms referring to individual freedom in Mr. Warholc's letter. I did see a lot of rather intolerant references to those of the Muslim faith, however, in his letter.

Theological tolerance is not the point of this letter (suffice it to say that we are free to practice any religion or none at all in America, in case Mr. Warholc hasn't heard).

No, my main issue with Mr. Warholc is his notion that love of country is the same as unquestioning support of the leader, in this case George Bush. George Bush lied to the American people about Iraq. There were no "weapons of mass destruction." He did not get an official declaration of war against Iraq from Congress as required by the Constitution and he continues to mislead the citizenry of this nation about what our goals are over there.

This state of affairs is not unique to Bush, however. Wilson lied us into war in 1917. Roosevelt did so again in 1941, Truman did it in 1950, Eisenhower, Kennedy and Johnson lied us into Vietnam in the late '50s and early '60s. Bush senior did it with Iraq in 1990-91 – are you seeing a pattern here Mr. Warholc?

Republicans and Democrats alike are committed to a foreign policy that gets us involved in wars that we have no reason to be in. We aren't supposed to be the "world's policeman." Our efforts in that regard just make us more hated around the globe. The founders of our republic warned against "foreign entanglements" and "alliances" but maybe Washington and Jefferson weren't really "good Americans" in Mr. Warholc's book!

Among the Libertarian groups that I support is the Future of Freedom Foundation (fff.org). Several years ago they published an excellent book on this subject of our disastrous foreign policy, entitled "The Failure of America's Foreign Wars." I would recommend it to all (including Mr. Warholc) who want the truth about why we get led into these conflicts by our so-called "leaders."

It's not unpatriotic to doubt, question or be skeptical about the government's claims even in wartime. Thomas Jefferson said (and I agree), "Dissent is the highest form of patriotism."

Mark Richards

Developer built a house on Passaic man's vacant land

Monday, July 11, 2005
BY STEVE CHAMBERS
Star-Ledger Staff

One day in January, Charlie Shennett, a 60-year-old disabled mechanic, went to Passaic City Hall to find out why he hadn't received a tax bill for the vacant lot he owned on Summer Street.

Shennett, who has lived in an apartment on Dayton Avenue in Passaic for decades, had dutifully paid taxes on the site of his childhood home since it burned down in 1987.

At the tax collector's office, Shennett was surprised to learn that he no longer owned the property. Without his knowledge, the city had taken it several months earlier as part of a redevelopment effort.

Later, he would discover the city set aside \$14,730 as compensation for him, then turned around and sold the lot for \$60,000 to developer Wayne Alston, a former city councilman who went to prison in the 1990s on corruption charges.

"I asked them, 'How can you do this to me? I paid my taxes,'" Shennett said. "They were like, 'We don't know, we don't know. It's the city.'"

Everybody went running."

Shennett had no idea that he had become part of a raging debate over the use of eminent domain to remake urban America. Last month, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled in a Connecticut case, *Kelo vs. New London*, that towns have a right to take private property and hand it over to private developers.

The practice has become increasingly common in New Jersey, with towns turning their old industrial, warehouse or residential sections into large-scale development projects. Towns argue they need the threat of condemnation -- long used to take property to build roads, schools and other things -- to prevent a few holdout property owners from spoiling large-scale redevelopment plans.

In Passaic, the city has used its powers to lean on the owners of dozens of properties deemed to be rundown to force improvements. Mayor Samuel Rivera trumpeted this sprucing up of the city in his successful campaign for re-election this spring.

Attempts to reach Alston were unsuccessful, but an official at the Passaic Redevelopment Agency defended the taking of Shennett's property as part of the larger effort.

"I don't believe we stole this property," Donna Rendeiro, the agency's executive director, said in an interview. "We did what we were legally required to do. It wasn't for lack of trying that we failed to contact him."

The web has quite a bit of information on the recent criminal action of the US Supreme Court. One of the more interesting reactions has been that of Logan Clements, a member of the Free State Project. He has announced his intention to seize the Weare, NH property of none other than Supreme Court Justice David Souter. He plans to build a museum themed on the death of private property rights in America. Insisting his actions are no publicity stunt, Clements says that he's going to give Souter exactly the same treatment Souter okayed in the ruling. One of the stories on Clements' action can be found at http://www.boston.com/news/local/new_hampshire/articles/2005/07/25/welcome_to_hotel_souter_eminent_domain_ruling_triggers_backlash/;

Calendar

August 21, 2005, 1 PM, State Board Meeting at Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, NJ

September 18, 2005, 1 PM, Steering Committee Meeting at Stefanelli Residence, Tinton Falls, NJ

October 16, 2005, 1 PM, State Board Meeting at Tumulty's Pub, New Brunswick, NJ;

November 12, 2005 General Meeting, Location to be determined.

A Third Point of View

A weekly half-hour libertarian TV program with host Shad Woolley and his guests, "Third Point of View", airs Wednesdays, 10:30 p.m., Ch. 77 on cable in the following communities: Asbury Park, Avon, Belmar, Bradley Beach, Brielle, Farmingdale, Howell, Interlaken, Jackson, Manasquan, Millstone, Neptune City, Neptune Twp., Sea Girt, So. Belmar, Spring Lake, Spring Lake Hts., Upper Freehold and Wall. Visit the TPOV website at <http://www.njlp.com/multimedia/tpov/tpov.php>.

GCCLP Organizes, Announces next Meeting

NJLP members of Gloucester and Camden Counties met on July 16th in Deptford. The meeting was productive, electing a Chair (Kevin Ferrizzi), a Secretary/Treasurer (Ray Scheffler), and two County Representatives to the NJLP State Board, Kevin Ferrizzi (Gloucester), and Kari Van der Clouet (Camden). The GCCLP has pledged to participate in a letter writing campaign in support of the Pawlowski for Governor campaign and the Libertarian Party.

The next meeting of the Gloucester/Camden Libertarians will be at the Haddon Township Library 15 MacArthur Blvd in Westmont. The meeting will be held on Monday August 15th at 7pm.

Libertarian Links

Link of the month:

NJLP Member Zeke Hill recommends the Libertarian Party of Boulder County's site, in particular the collection they call "1,000 Quotes" but is actually more than 1,300 quotes, including the ones on page 16 of this issue. As Zeke said, "great stuff!" The site is at www.lpboulder.com/quotes/.

Pawlowski2005.org

NJLP.org

The New Jersey Bartender

(http://www.cjnj.org/html/the_nj_bartender.html)

Reason Online (<http://www.reason.com/>)

Advocates for Self-Government

(<http://www.theadvocates.org/index.html>)

International Society for Individual Liberty

(<http://www.isil.org/>)

Heartland Institute (<http://www.heartland.org/>)

Laissez Faire (<http://www.laissezfaire.org/>)

The Future of Freedom Foundation (<http://www.fff.org/>)

The Free State Project (<http://www.freestateproject.org/>)

Drug Policy Alliance (<http://www.dpf.org/homepage.cfm>)

The CATO Institute (<http://www.cato.org/>)

The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana

Laws (NORML) (<http://www.natlnorml.org/>)

Fully Informed Jury Association (FIJA) (

This list is just a small sample of the resources available

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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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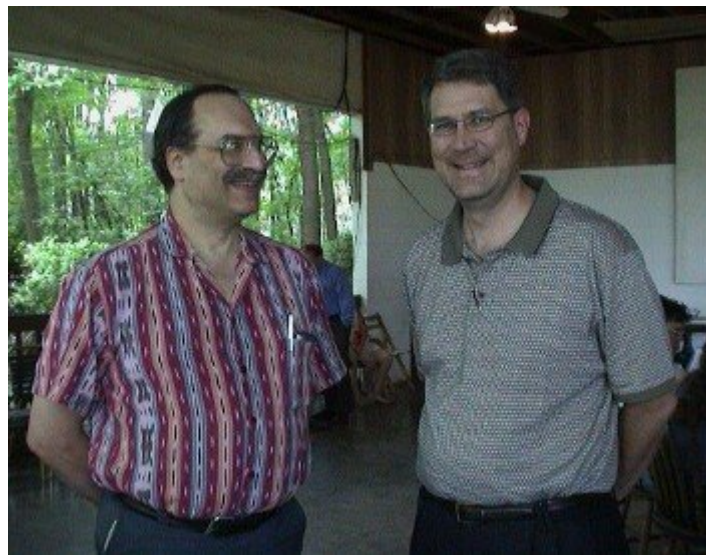


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Top 10 Ways that You Can Help the Pawlowski campaign

10. Add a signature line to your email's promoting Jeff's website. Most mail application include an option for automatically adding a signature line to your email. See mine at the bottom of this letter.
9. Send in a donation now.
8. Call a radio show and bring up Jeff's name and his campaign
7. Visit a forum or blog and talk about Jeff. A few related forums and blogs are: <http://www.nj.com/forums/governor/> | <http://www.nj.com/forums/statehouse/> An internet search for blogs or forums will find lots of places to post. Blogs can also be found at: <http://blo.gs/> | <http://Weblogs.com> | <http://blogger.com>
6. Volunteer for the campaign. Come and see what resources you can add to the campaign team.
5. Write a letter to the editor of a newspaper. Encourage them to cover Jeff's campaign.
4. Spread the word to your friends, family, and colleagues. Get them educated about Jeff and urge them to donate.
3. Link to the site. So simple, yet so effective. If you have a place where you post links -- be it your own site, or on a web forum or wherever -- post one to <http://pawlowski2005.org>.
2. Place a Jeff Pawlowski for Governor bumper sticker (coming soon!) on your vehicle.
1. Send in a donation now (I know, I've mentioned this somewhere before, but it's really important if we want to be able to compete!)



Dan Karlan, NJLP representative to the U.S. Libertarian Party, speaks with Mike Dixon, Chair of the U.S. Libertarian Party, during a break in the business meeting at the NJLP 2005 Picnic.

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