

**Democrats of Amherst
Executive Board Meeting
June 11, 2018
Amherst Library**

Attendees: Dan Veilleux, Clay Sammis, Len Gerzon, Penny Eggleston, Pat Eggleston, Beth Powers, Megan Murray, Faye O'Neill
Guests: Shannon Chandley, Jeremy Levinson

Meeting began at 6:30. May meeting minutes were approved, with the correction of one typo (corrected to Dan, not Dad in the 3rd paragraph.)

Candidates for State Representative

Megan Murray, Dan Veilleux and Julie Radhakrishnan are all running. We will be supporting them all! There are organizations willing to support pro-choice women running for office this year, and Megan has been in contact.

Len reported the Bedford Democrats have a possible candidate for the floterial position. (Len later updated that Lisa Nash definitely will run!)

Our treasurer will need to complete forms for the Secretary of State's office regarding any donations we give to candidates. Given that, someone should probably take over Dan's treasurer duties, so he's not in the position of reporting how much we donate to his campaign. Volunteers??

July 4th

Anna and Martin have designed and printed new labels for our root beer bottles. Faye, Joe, Penny & Pat have bottled the first half of the root beer. Bottles were distributed to board members to attach labels and bring (preferably in coolers with ice) to the green the morning of the 4th. We will have spare coolers and ice there. The rest of the root beer will be bottled and distributed this Thursday by Faye, Joe, Beth and possibly Len. Faye and Joe have the booth pieces, the various signs to be attached, and the Amherst Democrats cups, as well as a card table to hold the cups, buttons and literature to give away. Beth will design and print tri-folds and a large sign with voter registration information and Megan will provide an easel for the sign. We need an eye-catching box or hat for collecting donations.

We plan to have a walking group in the parade, with some members carrying our banner. Anna is still looking into borrowing a donkey to walk with us.

Faye has the leftover individual signs from last year if anyone wants to carry one, or we could make new signs. Megan will order Amherst NH Democrats t-shirts. Beth will look into our best placement in the parade and sign us up as a walking group. Shannon will be walking with the town dignitaries. She may be able to also walk with the political groups, or may have to head off to the Merrimack parade instead.

We have 2 magnetic Amherst Democrats signs and a 40-foot long plastic patriotic bunting roll left from last year's float, if anyone has a use for those.

Other

Shannon Chandley and her Campaign Manager, Jeremy Levinson, spoke with us about the campaign. Shannon is requesting help meeting more people in Merrimack. Please connect her with any you know. Milford, Wilton and Amherst round out her district.

There are currently 9 Democrats running for Carol Shea Porter's District 1 seat. Shannon will attend their events and be supportive, but does not expect to endorse anyone before the September 11th primary.

Some issues Shannon hears about from constituents frequently &/or issues we discussed:

- Affordable college education
- Medicaid expansion
- Our aging population and attracting young people to NH
- Reasonable, sensible ways to prevent gun violence
- Property taxes

Anna and Martin are hosting a house party for Shannon on July 13th. Annie Kuster will be attending. House candidates are welcome as well and could advertise that they will be in attendance. This might be a great event for us to invite the Democrats to who we identified off the voter rolls.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.

**Next meeting Monday July 9th in the downstairs room at the library.
NEW TIME - 6:30**

Minutes submitted by
Faye O'Neill, Secretary