

**Unified Libertarians of Massachusetts**  
**Sept. 21, 2023**

**Monthly meeting**

A regular meeting of the ULMA State Committee was held on Zoom, with Chairman David Burnham presiding

The meeting began at 7:04.

Present were Dave Burnham, Tom Eddlem, Brian Zakrajesk, Stephanie Pasniokas, Brandi Bishop, Jason Brand, Guests: Sean Kennedy, Mike (?).

The minutes of the August meeting were approved.

Committee reports: Brandi: if we want a PorcFest site for next year, we need to act sooner than later. Cost is \$450, and we need multiple people. We might also be able split a tent with another group. Her idea is to have a coffee/breakfast stop. PorcFest will be June 17-23, approximately. Tom and Stephanie are interested, Dave and Charlie are maybes. Brodi will let us know. The availability of assistance will determine an exclusive booth or sub-letting. Steph asked about ROI, Brandi is looking at this as a fund-raiser vs. membership drive, but we will make memberships available, perhaps with a perk, e.g., join ULM and you get a free coffee each day for the week.

We need to get a pretty definite answer for what we want to do in the next 7-10 days. Stephanie said we can get people to volunteer via the members list, so staffing should not be a problem.

Other costs will be a tent, table, chair and equipment rentals.

Dave requested a motion to spend \$450 for a booth.

Brodi brought up the questions of accepting cash, collecting information for us being a PAC, and all that business, and that includes buying merchandise. We have to be sure not to take more than \$50 from any person in a calendar year, unless we want to take information. Tom will do some further research on the cash-handling issues. Stephanie suggested a mail ballot.

Dave amended the motion to spend the money, pending Tom's review of regulations.

Brodi made the motion. Charlie seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Tom: Start: \$2900 End: \$2500.

Campaign: Charlie spoke to Janel's campaign in her absence. We managed to collect over 300 signatures, but Janel was cheated by the Gardner and Spencer clerks, both being home to her opponents, and as a consequence with them more approximately doubling the average rejection rate of the other towns, Janel lost her right to be on the ballot. However, Charlie believes she is going to mount a write-in campaign, simply to vex the other candidates, and will almost certainly try again for either State Rep or State Senate in 2024.

Charlie announced his run for Committeeman for Worcester-Hampden-Hampshire.

Jason is running for Committeeman for Second Middlesex.

Stephanie asked what's involved. Charlie said nobody knows, really. Jason noted it seems the main reason to run this year is to not get Bill Weld on the ballot in Massachusetts, which seems to be the objective of LAMA in its continuing war against the national party.

New business:

Dave wanted to talk about the convention briefly. We have said some presidential candidates ask when the convention is going to be. We should get rolling on this soon. The Committee will consist of Charlie, Dave, Tom, Brian, Brandi and Brodi might be able to do something to assist down the road. Dave asked Charlie to get an e-Mail going to set up a meeting.

Ballot questions. Charlie asked about the mushroom question, but the bill is in Committee according to Jason. Rent control will be statewide. Stephanie asked what the goal is, and Charlie said we should be educating people on our stances. Stephanie reviewed the article, and signatures must be collected by Nov. 22. The discussion was tabled until December or January, as information becomes available.

Jason asked about delegates, and introduced Sean Kennedy, a new member who is interested in being a delegate. Dave said we have 22 voting seats, and anyone who wants to go to go is welcome to go. Charlie said he's planning to go, as is Dave. Brandi would like to go, too. The final votes will be at the convention. Brian would like to go. Steph and John, and Brodi are maybes.

Discussions were had as to the next regional meetings. South Shore will be meeting in Plymouth next week, Middlesex has nothing scheduled at the moment. Worcester County will most likely be on Zoom or Google Meet next Monday.

Brandi: we might be better off to rent a table as a sub-let. This will be determined as Tom figures out what we can/cannot do. Tom said we'll figure it out as we go along.

Federal account: we need a candidate, but with the federal account, we can absolutely take out-of-state donations. Brandi is still toying with a run for Senate.

Motion to close by Brodi, seconded by Brandi, and Dave, at 8:02 P.M.

A true abstract of the same,

Charles H. Larkin  
Secretary

## **Charlie's Sideshow Cavalcade of Coming Events and Points of Information.**

The memorial service for Lou Marino has not been announced as of yet. Once information is released, I will forward it to the Committee. As of last word, it will most likely be at the Petersham Orthodox Congregational Church, located just north of the Common on Rt. 32.

Worcester County LP is hosting a firearms training class to be held on October 14 with coffee at 8:30, class from 9-12, lunch to follow. Cost is \$115. Contact Charlie for more information if you're interested. Class will be held at Artisan Lodge, A.F.&A.M., 319 School St., (Rt. 12), Winchendon.

I will be hosting Worcester County's annual walk to Dana Common on Oct. 15, at noon. The meet point is Gate 40 on Rt. 32-A in Petersham; to accommodate scheduling, I will be hosting this with another group I'm involved with. We traditionally do a pot-luck tailgate party after. The walk is about 3-1/2 miles total, and will take about 2-2-1/2 hours minimum. LPWC does this annually as a reminder of why we do what we do. Due to poor mobile reception, I strongly recommend either pre-printing directions or contact me for directions. GPS and mobile signal in that area are very fickle, at best, and usually quite poor if they work at all.

A friend of mine in lodge forwarded me a list of events commemorating the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Boston Tea Party that the Grand Lodge of Masons in Massachusetts will be hosting. These are all free, and open to the public. And yes, we will be throwing tea in Boston Harbor! In fact, the East India Tea Co, the very same company whose tea was destroyed, is donating the tea in commemoration of this event. I think it would be very fitting (and great PR) for the LP to show up en masse. Please see a photo of the flier below.

# The Boston Tea Party 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

## Friday Dec 15th

- Revolutionary Historic Tavern Tour (Afternoon)
- St. John's Lodge 290<sup>th</sup> Installation (Public) (TBC – 7:00?)

## Saturday Dec 16th

- Revolutionary artifacts on display to public @ Grand Lodge (All Day)
- Revolutionary Lecture Series @ Grand Lodge (12:00-3:00PM)
  - Lodge of Perfection – Treason of the Crown (Scottish Rite)
  - Speakers (1 or 2) |
- Faneuil Hall Historic Program (BTP) (3:00ish)
- Old South Meeting House (Revolutionary Spaces) (6:00PM)
- Patriots & Loyalists in Downtown Crossing (BTP) (6:00PM)
- "Huzzah for Griffins Wharf" led by SAR Color Guard (7:30PM)
- Events at the Wharf... Deconstruction of the Tea (8:00PM)

## Sunday Dec 17th

- Ecumenical Service at Grand Lodge of MA (public) (10:00AM)
- Revolutionary Brunch at Grand Lodge (public) (11:00AM)

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