

To: Members of the LNC

My name is Stephen Nass. These past few days you've been publicly publishing various narratives about the Libertarian Party of New Hampshire as well as slander from individuals against my own name, I feel compelled to write to you in order to clear my name of wrongdoing and correct the record. I apologize for the lengthy bit about my personal life, but since seeing how much the LNC Chair has dragged me and my community through the mud I am compelled to defend them.

First, a little bit about my role in the liberty movement. I am a second generation Libertarian, and I have been active for liberty my entire adult life. I have brought an "end the fed" sign to Occupy Wall Street protests, started and ran LP affiliates, held LP protests at city hall, door knocked, gathered petitions, was an LP campaign manager, etc. I am the currently elected At-Large member of the Executive Committee of The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire. I was also given the role by our EC of LPNH Membership Director and IT Director. I have spent these past months in the role of fixing our website, expanding membership, and creating outreach events. I've been really happy with my Membership & Outreach Committee as we have had numerous events, rapidly expanded membership, and we were projected to absolutely smash all of our goals.

Outside of the Libertarian Party I have founded and now preside as the Board President of a libertarian community center called The Shell (an acronym for "Seacoast Harbors Every Liberty Lover"). Per our bylaws: "The Shell is a private, members-run, invite-only, welcoming, active, social club for liberty lovers in New Hampshire. The purpose of The Shell is to provide a community space in the Seacoast region for liberty lovers and their guests, and to share a love of liberty with the broader world." We focus on welcoming self-described libertarians of all stripes. On one wall in our center we have a map of the world. We encourage any newcomers to place a pin on where they are from, and we love it when they tell us about how they came to the ideas of liberty. People who join us have commonly just left all their family, friends, and community behind. They commonly also have never been a part of a community before, and are truly seeking their tribe of libertarians. In addition to standard classes/discussions/activism our community center has regular potlucks, movie nights and hang-outs. We celebrate births, graduations, and attend to members' weddings. We are working on adopting a park, because we don't think it should be the domain of the government. You can read more about The Shell and our goals at [ShellNH.org](http://ShellNH.org).

Other organizations I volunteer with include SWELL (Seacoast Welcomes Every Liberty Lover, [seacoastwelcome.org](http://seacoastwelcome.org)) which promotes any and all liberty friendly events on the seacoast region of new hampshire, the Free State Project (which has a goal of getting 20,000 liberty lovers to New Hampshire), and the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance which does bill reviews and provides a libertarian report card on politicians in our state. You can learn more about these organizations at [seacoastwelcome.org](http://seacoastwelcome.org), [fsp.org](http://fsp.org), and [nhliberty.org](http://nhliberty.org). Members of The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire are also very active with all these organizations.

When members of the Libertarian Party talk about us as being destructive to the liberty movement, these are the people they are disparaging. It has been especially heartbreaking for us when someone as highly regarded as Jilletta Jarvis talks negatively about our motives.

Hopefully you can gather with that bit of background that my peers and I...

1. *are* trying to push the ideas of liberty forward in New Hampshire
2. *are* trying to get anyone who is libertarian to join us in this mission
3. and *are* fully committed to these ideas. For us it is truly a lifestyle.

**With that out of the way. Lets refute some claims by Jilletta and her team of insurrectionist libertarians.**

**Claim:** The Libertarian Party of New Hampshire was taken over by The Mises Caucus in a “hostile takeover.”

**Reality:** The Executive Committee was elected by the body at our annual convention. Of the 6 members of the Executive Committee, 3 were and as far as I know are still members of the Mises Caucus. I am not one of those three. Until Jilletta left, if the Mises Caucus members were to band together they still would not have enough votes without convincing one of the other members of the EC. Regardless of all that, our votes as EC were nearly always unanimous.

**Claim:** Members of our excom were trying to kick members out of the party.

**Reality:** We have been doing everything we can to get our members more active. Also, we set a very ambitious goal of getting our membership to 200 people by the end of July. We were taking as many steps as we could to achieve this goal.

- We added many events to get people active where the previous year there were none at all (a networking Gala, a family day at the a liberty friendly arcade, weekly meetups in Manchester and the lakes region) with more events on the calendar.
- We fixed our website so we could actually accept new memberships again.
- We set up our automated emails so that members actually were reminded regularly to renew their membership, and then when they did they were sent an email that showed them how they could get more involved.
- We created and purchased 750 new pieces of recruitment material to be distributed at Bike Week and the Porcupine Freedom Festival.

Until Jilletta initiated her coup, I can recall no discussion of trying to kick anyone out of the party, with Jackie Perry’s dismissal being the sole exception. We certainly didn’t want to kick Jilletta out and actually saw our team banding together to defend Jilletta as a good bonding moment for our group.

As far as Brian Shields’ paranoia of us trying to oust him, he doesn’t need our help with that.

Shields has resigned from working with the LPNH Executive Committee thrice in the past 12 months. Once, he quit while elected chair after having let the party fall into disarray. Then we invited him back to council as Past Chair. At one point he got frustrated, had a trademark Facebook tantrum instead of working on his concerns, and quit. We all gave him the courtesy of having him back when he cooled down. Within a few weeks he was ghosting meetings (which we rescheduled to accommodate *his* schedule), was not responding and eventually he publicly quit again.

**Claim:** That I simply told Brian Shields to complain to the Judicial Committee if he disagreed with our removal of Jackie Perry.

**Reality:** I quoted the section of the LPNH bylaws that I believed enabled us to carry out this decision. Then, I said if he disagreed with my interpretation that he should take that matter up with the Judicial Committee for their deliberation. He has declined to do so. Jackie has declined to do so. I acted in what I felt was good faith towards our bylaws. Our EC has since chosen to send it to the Judicial Committee of our own accord.

**Claim:** Stephen Nass is a “Shadow Chair”

**Reality:** As cool as a nickname “Shadow Chair” is, the very idea is ludicrous. I communicate with all members of the Executive Committee and have no secret agenda. I certainly never told anyone what to do. The actions I have taken while on the Excom were at the direction and behest of either the chair or the membership at large.

**Claim:** That anyone was saying that we either shouldn't run any candidates, or should support a candidate of another party.

**Truth:** I, and just myself, made a Facebook post suggesting that we as a party not endorse a candidate for Governor this next election cycle, if a *specific* candidate were running. I first made a post stating this in our Members Only LPNH group, and then copied it into the NH Mises Caucus group. After some discussion it was briefly discussed in our EC chat. I am not in control of whom our party endorses. To my knowledge, only the membership at the annual convention can do so.

Both groups had a very mixed reaction, and I had exactly the pushback that I thought I did. The reason why I made this post are as follows:

- I received a tip from a different liberty group in New Hampshire (not a political party) that someone who was objectively ranked “A” by the New Hampshire Liberty Alliance would be running for the governor position and would have a good chance at winning. If we run against him we'll lose any volunteer from our expansive liberty community who is focused on increasing liberty over increasing the name recognition of the LP.
- We do not have any clear strong candidates for governor.
- If that person was to run, all the libertarian volunteers in the state would be helping him.

- The last Governor candidate we had was unable to drive, made no effort at campaigning, had known debilitating health issues.
- Since I have been in LPNH we have had a history of endorsing anyone who wants to run for any position at all without any debate. I would like us to actually plan ahead this time and get people into races they can win.
- We can have an easier time getting ballot access running for senate, where we would be competing against the tyrannical current governor Sununu.

**Claim:** The communications committee was out of control, and/or some of the EC was enabling this.

**Reality:** All of the EC regularly discussed how our communications were ran. For my part, I am not on that committee but still tried to offer advice when I could. Very early on I recommended they narrow the number of people posting down to one or two, and I provided them with a template for scheduling posts so that they could plan properly. As a group, our EC had planned a meeting for Monday, June 14 to formalize guidelines for the communications committee. Individually, our chair Jillette Jarvis had the reigns of the communications committee. The Twitter account is attached to her email and she could pull the plug on it whenever she liked. Personally, I tried not involving myself in worrying about Twitter posts because I am not on that committee. One of the screenshots provided by Jillette demonstrates my frustration of our EC chat being spammed with daily discussions and critique of individual tweets. I suggested that Jillette take a more active hand in the committee if she was so determined to micromanage.

**Claim:** No physical assets were stolen from the party.

**Reality:** We have a storage unit which contains physical party property. As of this moment our EC is unsure as to the status of the items contained in that storage unit. When Jillette announced her take over of the LPNH digital resources I quickly rushed to our storage unit to see its status. I found it completely emptied out. The week prior it was overflowing with more supplies than could be needed for any event. The status of these items is still being investigated, but out of the responsibility to our members, our EC was compelled to get the police involved and file a report.