

**On October 3, a blast email was sent to the Belknap County Republican Committee list announcing the guest speaker at the BCRC meeting on October 12 would be Brendan Smith, editor of The Weirs Times.**

**Sometime thereafter, Mr. Smith advised the BCRC Executive Committee that Gregg Hough contacted the staff of The Weirs Times asking that he, Mr. Smith, withdraw as our guest speaker.**

**The request was that Mr. Smith not only withdraw from the speaking engagement but purposefully delay his withdrawal until just a few hours before the meeting so that a substitute guest speaker would be difficult or impossible to obtain.**

**Offended and troubled by the request, Mr. Smith conveyed the information to Vice Chair Terry, indicating he had no intention of withdrawing as our guest speaker.**

**The actions of Mr. Hough appear purposefully designed to attempt to disrupt the orderly conduct of the regular BCRC meeting. Such subversive actions are harmful to the Belknap County Republican Committee.**

**Further, they reflect badly on the Republican Party. Unacceptably disruptive, divisive behavior should not be tolerated by any organization intending to continue as a going concern.**

**Mr. Hough has failed to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of membership as per Article III, Section 1.B.2 which reads:**

**B: Duties and Responsibilities of General Members shall be:**

**2. Demonstrable support of the activities of the County Committee.**

**Accordingly, Gregg Hough's status as a General Member of the BCRC should be revoked in accordance with BCRC bylaws Article III Section 1.A.4, which reads:**

**Failure to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of membership may result in removal from membership. A member(s) will be removed from membership by a majority vote of the active general members following an assessment by the Executive Committee and a recommendation of removal to the general members, provided that the member(s) shall have been afforded full opportunity to respond to the reason(s).**