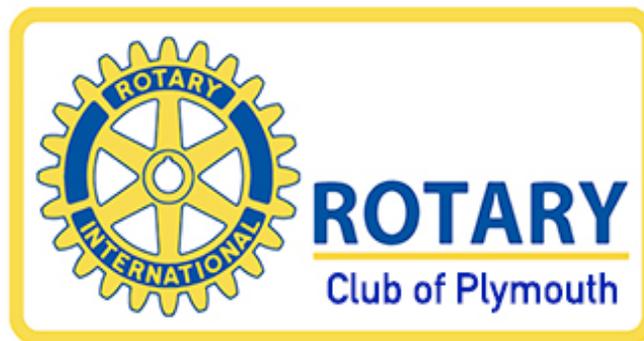


January 2019

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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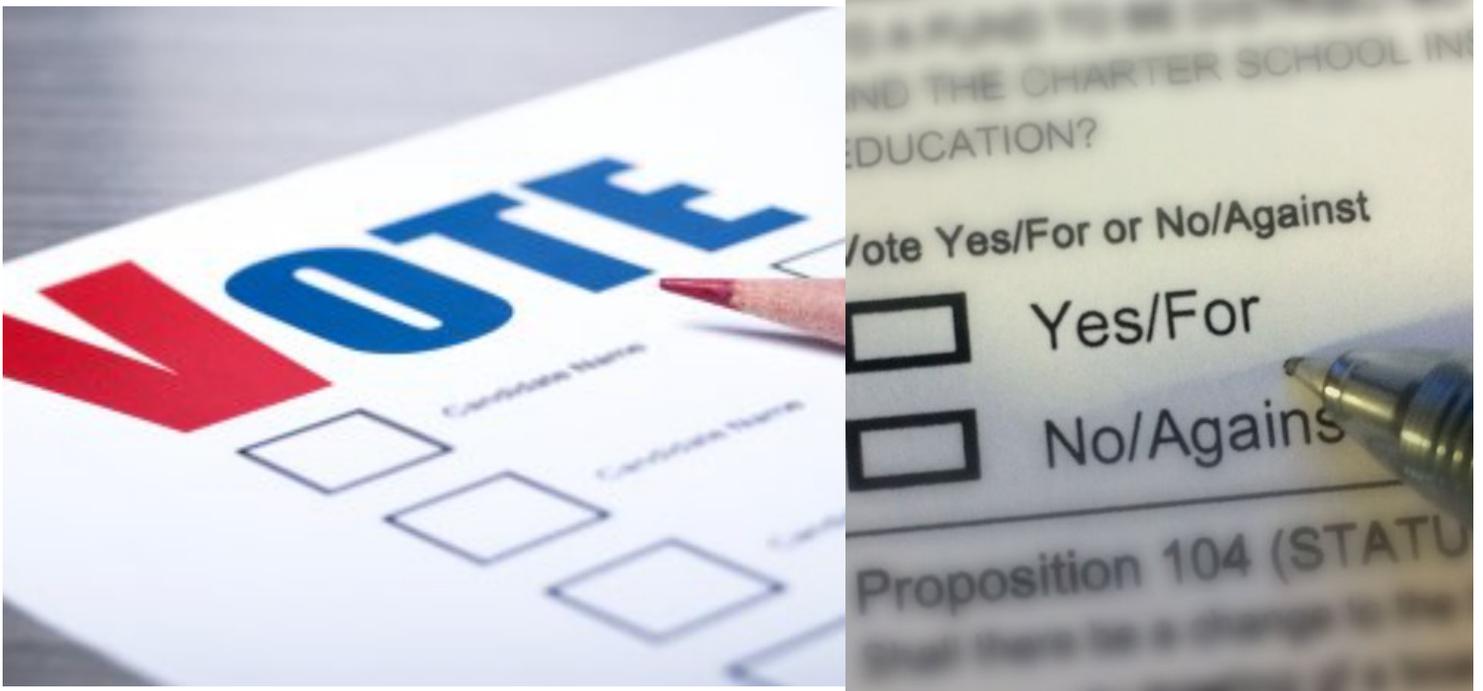
CALENDAR

Date/time	Event	Location
Thursday, January 31, 2019 6:30 PM	Ballot Initiative Consensus Question discussion to determine our league's contribution to Ballot Initiative consensus building	Manomet Library Snow date: 2/7
Thursday, February 2, 2019 9:15	Monthly Board Meeting to discuss upcoming events - All members welcome	TD Bank Pinehills lower level
Saturday, March 7, 2019 7:00 PM	Monthly Board Meeting to discuss upcoming events - All members welcome	Mary LeSueur's home
Sunday, March 10, 2019	Annual Civics Bee area high school teams compete for the trophy	PCIS Little Theatre
Thursday, April 4, 2019 7:00 PM	Monthly Board Meeting to discuss upcoming events - All members welcome	Mary LeSueur's home
Saturday, May 4, 2019 9:15 AM	Monthly Board Meeting to discuss upcoming events - All members welcome	TD Bank Pinehills downstairs conference room
Thursday, June 13, 2019 5:30 PM	Annual Meeting more details to follow	TBD



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS® PLYMOUTH AREA Consensus Meeting

January 31, 2019 - 6:30 pm, Manomet Library



State Study on Ballot Initiative

Get Ready, Get Set

1. Mark your calendars with the date above
2. Go to the LWV website to download the 15 questions. <https://lwvma.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/LWVMA-BQS-Study-Guide-with-CQs-1-1.pdf>
3. Read the background material. <https://lwvma.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/09/LWVMA-BQS-Study-Report-r.pdf>
4. **Go** to the meeting on the 31st at the Manomet Library, 12 Strand Avenue, Plymouth.

Preliminary Quiz

1. In the US today, how many states have an initiative and/or referendum process?
 - A. 15
 - B. 26
 - C. 30
2. In Massachusetts, the original referendum petition is filed with the:
 - A. Secretary of the Commonwealth
 - B. Attorney General
 - C. The Speaker of the House

Plymouth Area LWV Committees

We encourage each of you to join at least one committee.

AFFORDABLE HOUSING

Follow Local efforts to provide Affordable Housing and encourage local government to do so.

Chair Kathy Dunn (gordod1@comcast.net or 508-747-0039)

Current Volunteers include Peg Bergiel, Sheila Bruce, Shannon Burrington

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Know Your Muslim Neighbor: Current focus on improving community perception of the Muslim community.

Chair Kathy Dunn (gordod1@comcast.net or 508-747-0039)

Current Volunteers: Judy Barber

COMUNICATIONS

Bulletin: Monthly(ish) publication to keep membership informed. Sent by email and posted on the website. Heidi Mayo, Editor (LWVBulletin@heidimayo.com or 508-747-5467)

Website: Maintain the PlymouthLWV.org website. Deb Etzel, Editor (daetzel@gmail.com or 508-224-1667)

FaceBook Page – Maintain the Plymouth Area League of Women Voters FaceBook page Deb Etzel, Editor (daetzel@gmail.com or 508-224-1667)

EDUCATION

Civics Bee: Organizes the annual high school competition based on civics questions. March 10, 2019 is the next Bee.

Co-Chairs Erin Palladino (esutherland@hotmail.com or 617-827-8255) & Lyle Lawrence (lyle.lawrence@comcast.net or 774-343-5548)

Current Volunteers: Evelyn Strawn, Deb Etzel, Jane Goodwin, Alice Lague.

HEALTH & WELL BEING

Vaping Forum: Focus is on the physical and mental wellbeing of the community. Next session will be on Vaping.

Chair Birgitta Kuehn (Birgitta.Kuehn@gmail.com or 978-886-4026)

Current Volunteers include: Deb Etzel, Kathy Dunn, Lyle Lawrence, Vedna Heywood, Jane Goodwin

MEMBERSHIP

Finding and welcoming new members.

Chair Deanna Nealey (deannap-1@verizon.net or 508-224-3797)

Current Volunteers: Diane Flaherty, Vanda Heywood, Birgitta Kuehn, Mary Tousignant, Mary LeSueur

NATIONAL OR STATE STUDIES

State Ballot Question Study: LWVMA has issued study materials for a consensus building event on the process around how MA puts community sponsored measures on the ballot.

Chair Lyle Lawrence (lyle.lawrence@comcast.net)

Current Volunteers : Sharon Reed-Eramian, Martha Sheldon, Cheryl Fisher, Deb Etzel

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NUCLEAR

Follows what is current regarding the Pilgrim Energy Plant and reports to the membership and suggests action to local government

Chair Henrietta Cosentino (Henriettacosentino@gmail.com or 508-224-3251)

Current Volunteers : Lyle Lawrence

OBSERVER CORPS

The League tries to follow local government in action. Currently we are watching the Charter Committee and County Government, other entities are out there for the watching. Those observing write brief reports to share with the local league and potentially influence action items.

Current Volunteers include: Cheryl Fisher, Mary Tousignant, Jane Goodwin, Evelyn Strawn

SUSTAINABILITY

Water: Studies topic area of interest related to Sustainability, currently Water. Other topics are encouraged. Offers local education in the topic area and/or community/governmental action. Water Study Committee - Evelyn Strawn, Don Williams, Monty Fischer

Chair Harvey LeSueur (hclesueur@yahoo.com or 508-746-4252)

Current Volunteers include: Cheryl Fischer, Henrietta Cosentino, Lois Post, Brian Harrington, Judy Barber

VOTER SERVICES

Provides voter registration when requested, plans *Get out the Vote* campaigns (GOTV) and runs candidate forums for local and state election

Chair Martha Vautrain (cvautrain@verizon.net or 508-746-8606)

Current Volunteers: Vedna Heywood, Birgitta Kuehn, Sharon Reed-Ermanian, Cheryl Fischer, Evelyn Strawn, Mary Tousignant, Ginny Johnson, Alice Lague.

Please contact the chair(s) listed above to loan your time and talents to these important projects.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS

NUCLEAR

Eyes on Pilgrim Update

The December NDCAP meeting was canceled. The late November meeting frustrated board members and public alike, because representatives of Holtec and its newly created decommissioning subsidiary (in partnership with SLC-Canada) wouldn't be pinned down on crucial questions such as: How long will the casks last? If the decommissioning funds are insufficient, what then, who will be liable, who will pay? Read Christine Legere, "Nuclear Panel Questions Cask Lifetime" in the OCM, December 3rd.

The NRC's annual public meeting in Plymouth is tentatively scheduled for January 16th. This is the year to come to the meeting. But first, to clarify your focus, here are some of the principles laid out by Duxbury's assiduous Nuclear Advisory Committee (Mary Lampert et al).

Spent Fuel: Spent nuclear fuel assemblies should be moved out of the pool, placed into hardened dry casks *inside a building*, located on higher ground to avoid flooding, *and monitored for radiation, heat and helium*. [Licensees have not yet agreed to the building or the monitoring.]

Finances: The Licensee (i.e., Entergy or Holtec International, the likely purchaser) pays for decommissioning in full, not the Commonwealth's taxpayers. *Decommissioning Trust Fund - Restrict its use to decommissioning; not taxes and operating expenses*. [Holtec wants less restricted use of funds.]

Timing: Decommissioning should occur ASAP following closure. *Do not defer dismantlement & cleanup for decades*. [Holtec plans this; Entergy's plan is for a very long decommissioning.]

Radiological Standard: *Establish a radiological cleanup regulation (<10 mrem/yr. & <4 mrem/yr. for drinking water sources) that would result in only 40% (70/100,000) as many estimated cases of cancer as would the NRC's standard (not more than 25 mrem/year; estimated cancer risk 175/100,000) for releasing the site*. [The League has joined many other organizations to requesting this; will the state respond?]

Prohibit Rubblization: Rubblization is a process in which above-grade structures, including the concrete containment building, are demolished into rubble, and buried in the structure's foundation below ground. The site surface is then covered, regraded, and landscaped for unrestricted use. Instead, *the demolished rubble should be shipped to a licensed disposal site*.

Public Safety: (1) *Retain current offsite emergency planning, funded by licensee, until the spent fuel pool is emptied (3-5 years)*. Continue licensee-funded offsite emergency planning, on a reduced level, until fuel leaves the site. (2) *MDPH should continue and expand offsite radiological monitoring and onsite tritium monitoring*. Entergy should continue to provide MDPH funding. (3) *To reduce line-of-sight attack, place casks inside a reinforced building that also will reduce the corrosive effects of salt and moisture*.

NRC Oversight: *Reinstate NRC inspections and oversight during decommissioning*. Currently the NRC has chosen to exercise little to no meaningful oversight during decommissioning. There are no resident inspectors and no regular inspections. *Lack of NRC oversight means licensee compliance with regulations is impossible to verify and enforce on a timely basis. Lack of regular reporting leaves the public in the dark*. [This is something to stress at the NRC annual public meeting, scheduled for January 16th.]

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA): *Require a NEPA-compliant comprehensive analysis of all potential environmental and economic impacts of Entergy's post-closure plans*. An accurate analysis is needed to assure accurate cost estimates.

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