



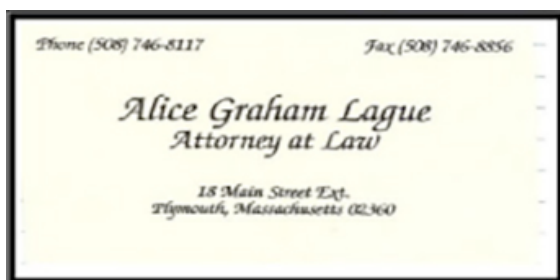
June 2019

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### CALENDAR

Thursday, June 13, 2019 5:30 PM	<b>Annual Meeting</b> Cocktails, dinner, and 6:45 Remarks & Q & A by the New LWA MA Executive Director Michelle Kweder followed by our Meeting	At Birgitta Kuehn's 18 Edgewater Drive Plymouth, MA
Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:00 PM	<b>6th Annual Civics Bee</b> Friendly contest between local high school teams to show off their knowledge of Civics.	PCIS Little Theatre Long Pond Road Plymouth, MA



June 2019

Dear Plymouth Area League of Women Voters Member,

Once again it is time to renew your League membership. Thank you for past support and for renewing today so we can continue to have the impact you've come to expect from the League!

Our League was very active during the past year, providing a range of programs and services for the community especially around the election. These included:

- Meet Your Muslim Neighbor Forum
- Candidates' night for Select Board 2019
- Legislators afternoon Q&A
- Vaping Forum
- The Fifth Annual Plymouth Area Civics Bee
- Membership Tea at the Pilgrim Hall Museum
- Participation in the State League's Study on MA Ballot Initiative Process

We need **your** renewed membership now to ensure that we can accomplish our ambitious schedule of activities in the coming year. We continue to hold our base dues, at \$60 annually (\$90 for a family), to encourage maximum participation from the community. **I am hoping, however, that you—and many of our members did last year —will consider adding a "donation" amount to your dues, to provide much needed additional funding for our work in 2018-19.** At our current dues rate, we net \$5.00 per membership for our local work. Any amount you can "donate" would allow us to continue our community activates without dipping into our savings.

In this time of heightened partisanship, gridlock between policy makers, fake news, international interference in our elections and increased frustration among the public, there has never been a more urgent need for the reasoned, factual and civil voice the League of Women Voters brings to our community. As a member, you are a crucial part of our non-partisan, hands-on work to safeguard democracy and create lasting change.

Thank you for your continued commitment to the League of Women Voters. We are counting on you to renew today! Feel free to bring your dues to Annual Meeting on June 13<sup>th</sup> at Birgitta Kuehn's home.

Sincerely,

*Deb Etzel*

Deborah Etzel  
Treasurer, Plymouth Area League of Women Voters

Enclosure: Form to renew membership

2018-19 Plymouth Area League of Women Voters  
Membership Renewal

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

If Family Membership Spouse Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Dues:	Single member	\$60
	Family member	\$30 (only if a family membership is desired)
	Optional Donation*	\$_____
TOTAL INCLOSED		\$_____

\*Please note: Plymouth Area League of Women Voters IS NOT a 501(c)3 organization and therefore your donation is not tax deductible.

**Complete below ONLY IF your contact information has  
changed complete below otherwise leave blank**

New Address: \_\_\_\_\_

New Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

New Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring to Annual meeting or Mail this form with your  
check by July 1<sup>st</sup> to:

Deb Etzel, 31 Island Rock, Plymouth, MA 02360

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**ANNUAL MEETING** - Our Fiscal Year is ending and it is time to remember what we have accomplished and plan what we want to get done in the next year - so join in the fun for good conversation, good food and help steer the course for the upcoming year. Looking forward to seeing you ALL.

**WHERE:** **Note a new venue:** at the home of Birgitta Kuehn: 18 Edgewater Drive - off Beaver Dam Road in the Beaver Dam Ridge Subdivision next to the cranberry bog, 2nd left up Acorn and then stay left. Park in driveway or along one side of this dead end street

**WHEN:** Thursday June 13<sup>th</sup>

**WHAT TIME:** 5:30 Cocktails, 6:00 Dinner (\$20), 6:45 Remarks & Q & A by the New LWA MA Executive Director Michelle Kweder followed by our Meeting

**WHO:** All members and any prospective members you'd like to invite. If you can't come for dinner, come for the meeting (no charge)

**Please bring your Dues for 2019-20 \$60 (plus \$30 for an additional household member)**

RSVP to Birgitta at [birgitta.kuehn@gmail.com](mailto:birgitta.kuehn@gmail.com) or by phone at (978) 886-4026 by June 10th

Deb Etzel

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**GET INVOLVED IN TOWN GOVERNMENT TODAY!** - Pick a committee, write a quick letter of interest, and make a difference. **Letters of interest must be submitted by May 31st.**

Please call Chris Badot with questions at (508) 747-1620 ext10106. Letters of interest can be sent via email to [cbadot@townhall.plymouth.ma.us](mailto:cbadot@townhall.plymouth.ma.us) or mailed to the Select Board, Plymouth Town Hall, 26 Court Street, Plymouth, MA 02360 Attn: Chris Badot. At this late date, email or hand delivery is best.

- 1749 Court House Committee
- Affordable Housing Trust
- Council on Aging (Center for Active Living)
- Agricultural Committee
- Airport Commission
- Board of Assessors
- Board of Health
- Building Committee
- Capital Improvement Committee
- Cedarville Steering Committee
- Community Preservation Committee
- Conservation Committee
- Cultural Council
- Disability Committee
- Distinguished Visitors Committee
- Energy Committee
- Harbor Committee
- Historical District
- Manomet Steering Committee
- Memorials Committee
- Natural Resources Committee
- North Plymouth Steering Committee
- Open Space CommitteePlymouth Center Steering CommitteePGDC (Park Plymouth)



## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### STUDIES COMMITTEE

#### LWVMA DRAFT POSITION -The State Ballot Initiative

Thank you once again to all of you who participated this winter in the study on the State Ballot and Initiative Process. The Greater Plymouth LWV submitted its findings - consensus or no consensus - on fifteen questions and additional comments in February. Our results, as well as those from thirty-five other Leagues, were compiled into a draft recommended position which has been approved by the LWVMA Board. In order to become a LWVMA position, that recommended position must now be approved at the LWVMA State Convention that will be held June 7 – 8<sup>th</sup>. The draft position reflects our thinking very closely.

Here is the draft position:

The League supports:

1. Petition summaries that are written for the greatest understanding by voters.
2. Providing more extensive voter information on the fiscal impact of ballot questions in the “Information for Voters” provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth and through other channels of communication.
3. Voter information in the “Information for Voters” provided by the Secretary of the Commonwealth that includes arguments in favor and against prepared by an unbiased independent source such as a citizen group appointed for that purpose, in addition to those prepared by the proponents and opponents.
4. A periodic review and update by the Secretary of the Commonwealth of the means of disseminating and publicizing information for voters.
5. Modifying the signature-gathering requirement that “not more than one-fourth of the certified signatures on any petition shall be those of registered voters of any one county.”
6. Including in the signature count every identifiable and unique signature on the petition.
7. The Secretary of the Commonwealth providing training opportunities for signature collectors.
8. The current requirement for votes in two joint sessions held by two successively elected Legislatures for an initiative for a Constitutional Amendment.
9. Limiting the amount of money spent on ballot question campaigns.
10. Ensuring that accurate information on campaign donations and expenditures for ballot question committees be available to the public prior to the election.

The League opposes:

11. Limiting the length of the full text of a proposed law.
12. A second round of signatures after the legislature has time to act on an initiative for a law.

NOTE: This is a draft. Once the proposed draft is finalized into a LWVMA position, it will appear in our Bulletin.

Lyle Lawrence

## NUCLEAR COMMITTEE

### EYES ON PILGRIM, May 2019

**We are in a countdown until Pilgrim ceases operations on May 31. Now begins the decommissioning, which could take from 8 to 60 years, depending on whether Holtec or Entergy holds the license. Therein lies a drama.**

Holtec's bid to purchase Pilgrim from Entergy is officially still unresolved due to twin challenges—petitions to intervene in the license transfer—from AG Maura Healey and also from Jim and Mary Lampert's *Pilgrim Watch*, on behalf of the town of Duxbury. The petitions were strengthened a few weeks ago when it was learned that Holtec is in the process of acquiring six nuclear power plants simultaneously. This is a company that specializes in dry casks, not decommissioning. They claim that's no problem because they've partnered with SNC-Lavalin Canada, which specializes in decommissioning. Never mind that SNC-Lavalin has its own very dubious track record in Canada. But to undertake SIX plant decommissioning has major implications for staffing, equipment, oversight, financing, and that ultimate mystery: liability.

A decision on the petitions to intervene was expected in mid-May but has yet to be announced. Behind the scenes, though, a transfer of power from Entergy to Holtec seems a done deal—both companies are proceeding as if it were. Meanwhile, the governor's Interagency Working Group (IWG) is negotiating with Holtec on many of the details of decommissioning.

At the NDCAP meeting, a fresh-faced Holtec representative made a presentation on Holtec's operational structure. He started with a visual of three corporate LLCs, each linked to the Holtec/Pilgrim proposition. But he neglected to mention a fourth corporate entity which, as it turns out, will actually be managing the plant. When challenged on this oversight by someone who knew better, the Holtec representative claimed he was just trying to simplify things for the panel. As one member of the audience commented, "This all sounds like bulls\*t."

Please see the annual report for a wider-lens look at where we are. And if you would like to be involved, please contact me. There is much we can do. And much to be done.

Henrietta Cosentino [henrietta.cosentino@gmail.com](mailto:henrietta.cosentino@gmail.com) Mobile 323-868-3296.

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:gordod1@comcast.net) or 508-747-0039)

**Current Volunteers:** Judy Barber

### COMMUNICATIONS

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

**Website:** Maintain the PlymouthLWV.org website. Deb Etzel, Editor ([daetzel@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:esutherland@hotmail.com) or 617-827-8255) & Lyle Lawrence ([lyle.lawrence@comcast.net](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 ([Henrietta.cosentino@gmail.com](mailto:Henrietta.cosentino@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](mailto: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](mailto: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.**

**Current Plymouth Area LWV Board of Directors**

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**BEYOND THE BOARD**

Members enjoyed the informative May 17 meeting with legislators Kathy LaNatra and Mat Muratore where pending proposed legislation and related issues were discussed.



**GET INVOLVED – JOIN A COMMITTEE!**  
**VOLUNTEER!**

## CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVES

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#### Elizabeth Warren

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