



August 2019

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CALENDAR

Saturday, September 7, 2019 9:15 AM	Monthly Board Meeting Meeting of the Board of Directors, all members welcome. Facilitator: Lyle Lawrence	TD Bank Pinehills downstairs conference room
Thursday, October 3, 2019 7:00 PM	Monthly Board Meeting Meeting of the Board of Directors, all members welcome. Facilitator: Mary LeSueur	Mary LeSueur's home
Saturday, October 26, 2019 10:00 to 2:00 PM	State LWVMA Leaders Lunch Statewide meeting - usually 3-4 members per branch attend- more details to come	TBA
Saturday, November 2, 2019 9:15 AM	Monthly Board Meeting Meeting of the Board of Directors, all members welcome. Facilitator: Mary LeSueur	TD Bank Pinehills downstairs conference room
Saturday, November 9, 2019 10:00 to 2:00 PM	Mass. Memories Road Show Plymouth Public Library has invited the Plymouth Area League to participate in day of collecting memories of Plymouth in photography form. We are asked to bring 3 photos and can give and oral description of their importance.	Plymouth Public Library 132 South Street
Thursday, February 6, 2020 7:00 PM	Monthly Board Meeting Meeting of the Board of Directors, all members welcome. Facilitator: Deanna Neale	Mary LeSueur's home
Sunday, March 29, 2020 1:00 PM	6th Annual Civics Bee Friendly contest between local high school teams to show off their knowledge of Civics.	PCIS Little Theatre Long Pond Road Plymouth, MA
Thursday, April 2, 2020 7:00 PM	Monthly Board Meeting Meeting of the Board of Directors, all members welcome. Facilitator: Judy Savage	Mary LeSueur's home
Saturday, May 2, 2020 9:15 AM	Monthly Board Meeting Meeting of the Board of Directors, all members welcome. Facilitator: Martha Vautrain	TD Bank Pinehills downstairs conference room

ANNOUNCEMENTS**CALLING ALL "MODERN DAY SUFFRAGETTES"**

The 100th anniversary of the ratification by Congress of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution will occur in 2020-- It marks the beginning of women's right to vote, which was the result of the incredible persistence and dedication to their cause by the Suffragettes, the pathfinders for the League of Women Voters--Therefore, it is appropriate that our Plymouth League recognize and observe the life changing event for women in the USA--that happened almost 100 years ago--and should be celebrated next year. It also coincides with the 400th anniversary of Plymouth's founding in 1620!

We are calling on interested League members to form a committee to discuss possibilities and plan for ways to commemorate the upcoming anniversary. Timeline is for the Fall of 2020, so we have a year to plan ahead.

Please contact LWV Board member, Deanna Nealey--deannap1@verizon.net, 508-224-3797, if interested in joining a committee of Modern Day "Suffragettes".

The logo for Eversource, featuring the word "EVERSOURCE" in a bold, sans-serif font. The letter "E" is stylized with a blue and green circular graphic element integrated into its design.

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***PLYMOUTH AREA
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS VOTERS
LOCAL PROGRAM***



*Updated June 23, 2016
Annual Meeting*

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1) AFFORDABLE HOUSING

The Plymouth Area LWV endorses the active coordination of the following Plymouth Committees and Boards to achieve Attainable Housing for Plymouth: Affordable Housing Committee (established by Selectmen 9/1/03), Board of Selectmen, Community Housing Inc., Community Preservation Committee, Housing Authority, Planning Board and Redevelopment Authority.

The LWV of the Plymouth Area encourages the use of the following strategies to maximize affordable housing opportunities:

- A. Zoning Options: Inclusionary zoning, Mixed use zoning districts, Accessory dwelling units, Incentive zoning, Overlay Zoning, Development on substandard lots.
- B. Adaptive re-use.
- C. Preserving existing affordable housing.
- D. Building on town and school owned land.
- E. Preserving existing affordable housing should be a priority.

2) AQUIFER PROTECTION

- A. Support League anti-pollution goals involved in the development of the lake management protection plans.
- B. Support each town within the Plymouth-Carver Aquifer creating a Water Resource Committee to develop a comprehensive watershed-based management plan to ensure an integrated and sustainable management of land use and water resources. This plan should include but not be limited to the following:
 - B.1. New/revised bylaw to control volume of water withdrawn.
 - B.2. Improved protection of areas up gradient of ponds and wells.
 - B.3. Plan to regain control of privately owned water companies, once said companies regain their capital investments.
 - B.4. New projects should mimic natural hydrology including bio-retention ponds or rain gardens, vegetated filter strips, open vegetated channels and infiltration of roof run off.
 - B.5. Regional approach to protection including increased participation and support of the Plymouth- Carver Aquifer Advisory Committee.
 - B.6. Educate residents about the aquifer.

3) CHARTER IMPLEMENTATION

Support the review and update of Plymouth's Town Charter.

4) COMMUNITY PRESERVATION ACT: (ADOPTED 2002)

The Plymouth Area League of Women Voters supports the Community Preservation Act.

The Community Preservation Committee enacts the regulations of the Community Preservation Act (MGL Chapter 44B), which allows communities in Massachusetts to place a surcharge of up to 3% on property taxes. The Act mandates that a committee be formed to oversee these funds and create an application procedure to determine which applications for funding will be brought to Town Meeting for approval. A minimum of 10% of the funds must be allocated to affordable housing, 10% to historic preservation and 10% to land conservation. An additional 5% can be set aside each year for administrative costs. The remaining 65% may be allocated to one or more of the three general purposes in accordance with local priorities.

All of our communities have adopted the CPA: Duxbury 2001, Plymouth 2002, Marshfield 2002, Bourne 2005, Kingston on 2005, Carver 2006 and Plympton 2008.

5) COUNTY GOVERNMENT (ADOPTED May 2010)

The Plymouth Area League of Women Voters believes that Plymouth County government is not sustainable in the twenty-first century. We believe the state can take over everything the county does and do it more efficiently. As we deal with the worst fiscal crisis in state history and witness unrealistic approaches to sustaining county government, it is time to dismantle this anachronistic entity.

6) EDUCATION (adopted June 2006)

The Education goal of the Plymouth Area League of Women Voters is to advocate for a school system that will effectively educate all students to meet high academic standards and prepare them to become responsible citizens in the 21st century.

A. Facilities: To support this goal, the League of Women Voters recognizes that school facilities must not only accommodate, but enhance learning by providing a safe and healthy environment that is both flexible and adaptable. Facilities should, by design be adjustable for service as centers for the entire community. Serious consideration must be given to a plan that prepares all students for the technological changes that have taken place along with those yet to come.

Therefore, the Plymouth Area League of Women Voters supports a school building program that will remedy sub-standard facilities and eliminate overcrowded conditions. A strategic plan is needed to provide a safe and healthy environment that is conducive to learning. In addition, a comprehensive approach to maintenance of both new and old facilities should be established and practiced in earnest.

Studies have revealed that factors such as class size, school size, natural light, acoustics and indoor air quality can dramatically affect learning ability. Therefore, a resolution on school facility needs is required to ensure quality education for all students who attend Plymouth area schools.

The League will continue to monitor and take necessary action on the resolution of space needs and proposed building programs in all Plymouth area schools.

The League supports quality academic and vocational education in facilities that at a minimum meet accepted standards, and at best promote, inspire and encourage in all students, a desire for knowledge that propels them to search for more.

6) EDUCATION Continued

- B. Health and Family Living Curriculum-Support a quality health and family living curriculum in the Plymouth Area Schools.
 - Support and give leadership to the Health and Family Living.
 - Advocate to reinstate such a curriculum and monitor it.

7) FAMILY CRISIS CENTER

- A. Continue to support a crisis telephone and center for battered spouses, battered children and rape victims.
- B. To promote public education and awareness that supports an integrated response to domestic violence; supports and acknowledges the expertise of local battered womens' shelters; and strives to create a Commonwealth where family violence will not be tolerated.

8) HAZARDOUS WASTE

- A. Continue to monitor, identify and locate in the Plymouth area the possible existence of hazardous waste materials, including nuclear, and their methods of disposal.
- B. Support a preliminary assessment.
- C. Support testing and monitoring of private groundwater wells where there is significant evidence of contamination.
- D. Recognize the need for hazardous waste emergency equipment to deal with fire or a spill and support funding such equipment.
- E. Support local supervision and monitoring of Plymouth area's businesses generating, transporting, storing and disposing of hazardous wastes and support effective Security programs.

9) LIBRARY

Continue support of the operation of a public library system in the Plymouth area which meets or exceeds state standards for staffing, space and materials.

10) PILGRIM

- A. Decommissioning:

Urging the town of Plymouth to devote resources to the ACTIVE planning for decommissioning of Pilgrim and play an educational role regarding this issue.
- B. Emergency Response:

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C. Waste Storage:

Work to educate the community about the problems regarding radioactive waste and urge local, state, and federal legislators to move toward the resolution of the waste disposal issue.

D. Cancer/Leukemia Study:

Encourage ongoing and additional health studies by local, state and national agencies. Continue investigation of the impact of Pilgrim on the people in the Plymouth area.

11) SOLID WASTE

A. Promote increased source reduction and recycling and decreased reliance on land filling and incineration.

B. Support public education of all age citizens through a multi-media approach.

C. Support of recycling throughout the schools (K-12) by the school committee and administrations to involve school personnel as well as various student and parent organizations.

D. Promote concepts of recycling and responsible solid waste management in public, private, and business sectors through education and utilization of creative public relation tools.

E. Support monitoring of activities of the town wide recycling committees.

F. Support the recommendations or activities from the town committees when they are consistent with state and national LWV positions on waste management issues.

12) ZONING BY-LAWS

A. Support the enforcement of the 1973 Zoning By-Laws as amended in the Town of Plymouth and monitor any proposed changes and their impact on town growth.

B. Support the review and update of Plymouth's zoning by-laws.

THE BOARD & BEYOND

Annual Meeting Minutes

Facilitator: Virginia Johnson

Plymouth Area LWV, Plymouth, MA

June 13, 2019

Home of Birgitta Kuehn

18 Edgewater Drive, Plymouth

In Attendance:

Members: Judith Barber, Bobbi Clark, Henrietta Cosentino, Kathy Dunn, Deb Etzel, Linsey Flaherty, Patrick Flaherty, Vedna Heywood, Virginia Johnson, Birgitta Kuehn, Lyle Lawrence, Janice Leary, Sanford Leslie, Kathy Leslie, Mary LeSueur, Harvey LeSueur, Pat McCarthy, Connie Melahoures, Deanna Nealey, Erin Palladino, Sharon Reed-Eramian, Christine Richards, Judy Savage, Evelyn Strawn, Anne Swift, Martha Vautrain,

Guests: Andrea Daly, Sharl Heller, Frank Mand, Judy Zaunbrecher

Following a social hour and dinner, Virginia Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. A moment of silence was observed for the passing of Marie Fehlow, and Sue Mangione, both long-time LWV members.

Judy Zaunbrecher, the newly elected Co-President of the LWVMA and member of the Concord-Carlisle League, filled in for Michelle Kweder, the Executive Director of the LWVMA, who was originally scheduled to speak. Judy spoke about the League's plan to raise \$100,000 in honor of the League's 100th birthday. She also mentioned that the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee has been busy this year with outreach. In addition, she talked about including woman's suffrage and the importance of voting in the Civics Education curriculum being developed. She also gave a brief recap of the LWVMA Convention that was held June 7-8 in Westford, MA. At Convention, the League voted to call upon the LWVMA Board and local Leagues to advocate for declarations of 'Climate Emergency' and urgent relevant action by state and local governments."

Committee Reports:

Affordable Housing: Kathy Dunn led a spirited discussion regarding the lack of affordable housing in the Plymouth area. The plan is to look at the State and National positions on affordable housing to see if there are things we can adopt from them on the local level.

Civics Bee: Erin Palladino reported on the success of the 4th annual Civics Bee and thanked all who made it possible. She is looking for committee members and a theme for 2020's Bee.

Fund Raising: Deb Etzel reported that generous member contributions have helped the League's finances, but ideas are wanted for fund-raising activities.

Substance Abuse: Birgitta Kuehn discussed the Vaping Forum held this spring at PCIS. While the Forum was packed with good information, the small number of parents and teens in attendance was a disappointment.

LWVMA Study: Lyle Lawrence referred members to the June Bulletin for the draft position on the State Initiative and Referendum Process and confirmed that the draft position was adopted at the LWVMA Convention without any changes. Next steps will be available on the LWVMA website.

Membership: Deanna Nealey reminded us that this is the Plymouth Area LWV's 60th Anniversary. She also spoke of the 100th anniversary of the LWVUS coinciding with Plymouth's 400th Anniversary with the hope that we would make our anniversary part of Plymouth's celebration.

Nuclear: Henrietta Cosentino gave an update on what is happening with Pilgrim now that it has ceased operation. When the plant stopped generating power, the Commonwealth, for the first time, gained some modest power. The Attorney General is now negotiating with Holtec and Entergy to assure, among other things, that there are adequate funds in the Decommissioning Trust. There was also a discussion of Potassium Iodide (KI) pills and the public's awareness of their availability

Social Media: Deb Etzel asked for volunteers to help with Facebook and the local website. She reported that we currently use a website template leased from the California LWV, and that our agreement terminates next year. We will need to come up with our own or find another source.

Voter Service: Martha Vautrain reported that we now have a library of YouTube videos filmed by PAC-TV at various LWV public events. The low turnout for Town elections was discussed and Martha suggested that we might look into this further. Given that the League has been relatively successful getting people registered (and now that there is auto-registration), we might want to focus on turnout. Martha has retired as head of the Voter Service Committee; hence **a new chair is needed**. Martha was presented with a beautiful plant for her garden as a thank-you for her many years of service leading the committee.

Water: Harvey LeSueur related that the Water Committee sent an offer of active support and involvement to the Director of Public Works that was declined. A subsequent letter to the Select Board dated May 1, 2019, offering the same help has gone unanswered to date. A discussion of Bartlett Pond and environs ensued, and the results are available on the Department of Public Health website.

The Budget and Treasurer's Report:

Deb Etzel reported that our League is sound financially with a balance of \$4,818 in savings and checking as of June 1. However, she cautioned that budgeted shortfalls have been plugged by cash on hand over recent years and that practice is not sustainable. The proposed FY2019-2020 budget presented in the Annual Meeting Program was unanimously approved by the members in attendance.

Local Program:

Members voted unanimously to accept the Local Program. A committee will be formed to examine and update the positions where necessary. The Local Program was last updated June 23, 2016.

Report of the Nominating Committee:

The slate of Board of Directors as presented by Deanna Nealey was voted unanimously.

Continuing Terms – 2019-2020: Deb Etzel, Treasurer; Vedna Heywood; Lois Post, Secretary; Mary LeSueur.

Renewed Terms – 2019-2021: Lyle Lawrence, Deanna Nealey, Martha Vautrain.

New Board Members – 2019-2022: Henrietta Cosentino, Judy Savage.

Planning Session:

The following issues were raised and will be addressed by the appropriate Committee:

Voter Service: A Chair is needed, and volunteers are welcome.

Social Media: Someone to take over managing the webpage, Facebook postings and other social media will be needed by next June.

Civics Bee: Volunteers are welcome/needed. A meeting will be convened over the summer to launch the 2020 efforts.

Water/Sustainability: Committee to continue efforts with Town.

Suggestion that we hold another Meet Your Muslim Neighbors event.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42 pm.

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Report from the Board

The Board met on Thursday, July 18, 2019.

1. Deb Etzel reported that there were a few members who had **not sent** in their **dues** for the 2019-2020 year.
2. The **Board Meeting schedule** for the upcoming year was set. All **members** are **welcome** to attend Board meetings

DATE	LOCATION	FACILITATOR
Sep 7, 2019 – 9:15 am	TD Bank, Pinehills	Lyle Lawrence
Oct 3, 2019 – 7:00 pm	Home of Mary LeSueur; 7 Bay Colony Drive, Plymouth	Mary LeSueur
Nov 2, 2019 - 9:15 am	TD Bank, Pinehills	Mary LeSueur
December Holiday Party	To be announced	
Jan 4, 2020 – 9:15 am	TD Bank, Pinehills	Deanna Nealey
Feb 6, 2020 – 7:00 pm	Home of Mary LeSueur; 7 Bay Colony Drive, Plymouth	Deanna Nealey
Mar 7, 2020 – 9:15 am	TD Bank, Pinehills	TBD
Apr 2, 2020 – 7:00 pm	Home of Mary LeSueur; 7 Bay Colony Drive, Plymouth	Judy Savage
May 2, 2020 – 9:15 am	TD Bank, Pinehills	Martha Vautrain
June Annual Meeting	To be announced	Martha Vautrain

3. The Board discussed potential activities and scheduled events for the upcoming year. We will be looking for helpers for some of these events.

- We are planning a **Legislative Night** in October (meeting with our state senators and representatives).
- Save the Date: **Global Climate Strike** on Friday, September 20th to follow up on the **Climate Emergency Resolution** passed at the State League Convention (more to come).
- We will proactively **encourage** all **local citizens** to attend community forums funded by a **Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP)** grant presented to Plymouth. The grants are intended to help the municipalities to plan and implement climate change resilience projects.
- We are looking at taking on **Project Rising**, a program pairing interested juniors and seniors at Plymouth North and South with community leaders to gain insight into how to succeed in their chosen fields (more to come).
- The sixth annual **Civics Bee** will be held on Sunday, March 29, 2020. Please contact Erin Palladino at esutherland@hotmail.com if you would like to participate.
- There are plans to hold a **Candidates Night** next April. Stay tuned...
- Next year, 2020, is the **100th anniversary** of women gaining the **right to vote**, and the 100th anniversary of the **League of Women Voters of the United States**. Among ideas discussed: work with the Plymouth Public Library on some relevant programs; suggest an appropriate book to the community and lead a discussion about the book. Deanna Nealey will be looking for committee members.
- Other possibilities include a follow up to Meet Your Muslim Neighbors and forums about septic systems.
- We will want to do some sort of public education around the **2020 Census**. Ideas welcome!

4. The LWV of Greater Plymouth need to update its **Local Program**. Our Local Program consists of positions that we have taken by consensus at our local level or by concurrence with another national, state or local position. An example of a needed update would be our position on Nuclear Matters now that Pilgrim has closed and the decommissioning process has started. **Pat McCarthy** has agreed to chair this committee and **will need volunteers** to help her. Please email Pat at patplym@aol.com if you are willing to work on the committee.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUSTAINIBILITY

July 8th Sustainability Meeting Report

(All Leaguers are welcome to join our committee and/or attend our meetings. If questions, please talk to anyone on the committee)

In attendance: *Judy Barber, Henrietta Consentino, Linda Lancaster, Mary LeSueur, Lois Post, Judy Savage, Evelyn Strawn*

If only a few of the individual/group expectations at the initial meeting of the League's 2019-20 Sustainability Committee play out, it promises to be a very busy/lively program! The introductions indicate that the individual committee members have been long engaged in proactive work focused on the environment locally especially as it relates to the growing Climate Change crisis/nOW EMERGENCY!

A wide range of potential events/activities were discussed to educate/involve the local citizenry including the youth. Included were related film, media articles, psas, schools, local environmental groups, local town employees, other Leagues' activities, local, state and federal representatives, businesses, OPAK.org, to name some.

Some time was spent in discussion of the recent MVP Grant the local Board of Health has received re: Climate Change and its implementation in light of the recent resignation of Plymouth's first professional Board of Health Director *Nate Horowitz-Willis*.

At the end of a lively 2 hour meeting the committee agreed to initially focus on:

Reach out to the public schools' Science Coordinator & retired Science teacher *Kathy Marks* to determine area/s we might work together (*Lois Post*)

Reach out to town official/s re: our active support to maximize public involvement in upcoming Municipal Vulnerability Preparedness (MVP) Grant community discussion groups re: Climate Change (*Evelyn Strawn*)

Reach out to *David Gould* (Plymouth's Environmental Director) for input/advice re: the League sponsoring a forum regarding the impact/future of septic systems locally (*Evelyn Strawn*)

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 29th, at SEMBA, 204 Long Pond Rd, at 1:30.

Mary LeSueur, Facilitator

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NUCLEAR MATTERS

1. Recap of July's NDCAP meeting: Reps for Warren, Markey and Keating reiterated the importance of transparency, financial accountability, and decent radiological cleanup standards. Vinny deMacedo and Matt Muratore both came to explain the bills they've sponsored which now awaiting hearing in the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy (TUE). The members of Plymouth's Select Board presented its SIXTEEN priorities, submitted to Holtec in a letter dated July 17th. ***But on July 20th, Holtec representatives told the chair of the NDCAP that they will not negotiate*** with the Town or the Commonwealth until the license transfer is approved by the NRC.

Considering new allegations of Holtec's corrupt business practices (see #5), alarm bells should be going off.

2. **Holtec's refusal to negotiate throws into doubt the AGO's behind the scenes efforts to obtain Memoranda of Understanding (from Entergy and Holtec).** The various state agencies with representatives on the NDCAP have not yet voiced support for any of the bills relevant to Pilgrim's decommissioning because they have hoped for voluntary compliance and want to exhaust all options before going the legal route. But considering Holtec's refusal to negotiate, bills dealing with Pilgrim's decommissioning are our only line of defense.

3. **The Massachusetts League's Legislative Action Committee has approved our support for the twin bills sponsored by deMacedo and Muratore, which seek to buffer the Commonwealth from expenses connected with radiological cleanup, monitoring and emergency preparedness.** I will be working with the Cape League to work up arguments for another pair of bills (sponsored by O'Connor and Cyr) with the same goal but a different approach. The bills are unlikely to be heard until the fall. If you would like to join me and the Cape League representatives to lobby for these bills when they come to hearing, email me: henrietta.cosentino@gmail.com. I'll let you know details. It's an education!

4. **The NRC has granted Entergy a series of waivers on security issues, including cyber-security.** The waivers were granted on the false supposition that once closed, the site poses no serious threats. As long as it contains spent fuel, the spent fuel pool poses substantial risks. And while the risk decreases once all fuel is in dry casks, we still need level of security that Entergy/Holtec do not want to pay for. Sixty-one casks, each containing 68 fuel rod assemblies, will hold the equivalent of thirty-three times the Cesium-137 released at Chernobyl. They'll need full time monitoring, protection against extreme weather, acts of malice etc; a backup plan in case of leaks, and robust off-site emergency plans, none of which are built into the licensee's decommissioning plans.

5. **Holtec is now embroiled in a bribery and concealment scandal.** A few weeks after Holtec Intl obtained NRC approval for its purchase of the Oyster Creek plant in New Jersey, its president and CEO, Krishna Singh was disbarred from federal work when they learned that the company had paid bribes to an official in the Tennessee Valley Authority some years ago to assure their winning contracts for work at plants under the TVA authority. At the time, Singh was fined \$2 million but failed to reveal any of this to the authorities in New Jersey. This calls into question why the NRC has approved Holtec for any of its decommissioning proposals.

6. **Mary and Jim Lampert have filed yet another brief of "contentions" that challenge the license transfer to Holtec.** This supplements their original application to intervene in the license transfer, which was filed at the same time as, and parallel with, the AGO's application to intervene. It was originally thought that the NRC would decide by June on these applications to intervene. But with Holtec's new plant acquisitions, news of its corruption scandal, and its newly stated refusal to negotiate, the situation has become more complicated.

Henrietta Cosentino, henrietta.cosentino@gmail.com; 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 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

COMMUNICATIONS

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

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 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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updated 9-6-18

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