



September 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 roo

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CIVICS BEE 2020



The next Civics Bee is scheduled for March 29, 2020, so mark your calendars! Our theme will be Looking Back, Moving Forward: Pilgrims, Progress and the Presidency. Progress being specifically the progress women have made in the area of civic engagement. We will again be trying to entice all the high/middle schools in our area to participate. We have the Little Theater at PCIS already booked and our goal this year is to have an audience!

If you have any ideas for questions – multiple choice only, please – submit them to Erin Palladino (epalladino@mpsd.org) by early October.

We are looking for volunteers to go to some Dunkin Donuts outlets in our various towns to help solicit 5-10 five-dollar (\$5) gift cards from each establishment (we need 40- 50 in total) as donations to the cache we use as student participation gifts. If you might be interested in doing that, contact, Lyle Lawrence(lyle.lawrence@comcast.net), Deb Etzel (daetzel@gmail.com) or Erin Palladino(epalladino@mpsd.org).



COMMITTEE REPORTS

SUSTAINABILITY

Synopsis of Sustainability Meeting, July 29, 2019,

After a brief discussion Mary agreed to continue as committee facilitator.

Again after some discussion about the future of the League's Water Resource Committee. It was determined that that committee should decide its future direction. Mary will convey that decision to Harvey who has been the chair of the Water Resource Committee.

Evelyn provided a detailed report after meeting with Birgitta Kuehn, chair of the Board of Health, Lee Hartman, Planning Dept head & newly appointed manager of the MVP grant & David Gould, Director of Environmental Affairs. Her discussions with them focused on potential citizen education direction/s for our committee. The conclusion, a public forum – How Do We Protect Our Ponds? Further discussion ensued re: possible panelists, location, date. Further that the committee should pursue local sponsors for this event. The target date is March with details to be discussed at our next meeting.

Much discussion also took place about the implementation of the MVP grant that is now underway. Some committee members were surprised and somewhat concerned as to the apparent limited # of anticipated "listening sessions" – expressing concern that perhaps too few citizens might be involved, others seemed to feel that most would become aware of the potential impact of climate change soon. Judy Savage will be the liaison between our committee, Lee Hartman and Dorie Stolley so that we know when we need to be involved. Lois shared that Plymouth's high schools have Environmental clubs. Plymouth South's 2 environmental science teachers are Luann Conroy & Jamie Potter. Ms. Conroy oversees an Environmental Garden behind the school building. More relevant discussion will be on a future agenda.

Linda Lancaster shared information about the 80 minute, free, documentary film The Human Element. She pointed out that the film, though it is presented with beautiful photography, shows the devastating manmade impact of coal mining etc. The committee spent time exploring avenues in which to share the film's story with the public both adults and youth. Mary will talk to the PPL Director, Jennifer Harris, to see if this film may be part of the Library's presentations. Other possibilities include The Spire and either or both of the high schools.

Synopsis of Sustainability Meeting, August 26, 2019

Judy & Linda shared that the first showing of film The Human Element will be Wed., September 4th at 4 p.m. at Wildlands Trust, 675 Long Pond Rd. Those invited represent targeted "groups" who will be screening the film in hopes of later sharing with others. Linda will provide supporting materials as well.

The committee determined that the date for the film to be shown at the Plymouth Public Library would be Wednesday, November 6th at 7 p.m. Linda will provide Jen Jones, Asst. Director of the PPL, with supportive materials for beforehand publicity.

Linda handed out information regarding a # of additional potential venues/contacts. Other possible venues to be considered include Plymouth, Duxbury &/or Kingston Senior Centers. Lois will continue to be in touch with retired science teacher Kathy Marks for possible local high school program/s.

Judy informed the committee that 9/20 is the first scheduled discussion re: the MVP grant. She further shared that Dorie Stolley has invited the League's input in helping to identify other key players in the community representing various groups.

Committee members were interested in the possibility of setting up Conversation Centers for small informal discussions on consequential issues. Further consideration will be given at future mtgs.

Next Mtg. 9/23 at 1:30 at Mary's



JOIN A COMMITTEE!

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: Veda Heywood, Birgitta Kuehn, Mary Tousignant, Mary LeSueur

NATIONAL OR STATE STUDIES

Nothing on the calendar at this time

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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 or 508-224-3251)

Current Volunteers : Lyle Lawrence

OBSERVER CORPS

Interested in a particular local government body? Volunteer to to watch them

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 NEEDED

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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