



## May/June 2020

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## CALENDAR

Friday, May 29, 2020	<b>All Members ZOOM MEETING to discuss critical voting issues.</b>	Zoom – see info below
Wednesday, August 12, 2020	<b>Last Day to register for State Primary</b>	
Tuesday, August 18, 2020 2:00 PM	<b>HER FLAG.</b> presentation on HER FLAG - celebration of the ERA amendment	Duxbury Senior Center
Tuesday, September 1, 2020	<b>Massachusetts State Primary</b>	All Precincts
Wednesday, October 14, 2020	<b>Last Day to Register for State/Presidential Election</b>	
Tuesday, November 3, 2020	<b>State and Presidential Election Day</b>	All Precincts

**DEMOCRACY IS NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT  
PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE**

## JOIN the **VOTING ISSUES ZOOM MEETING**

All members are welcome to join this important Zoom meeting Friday, May 29 at 1:30pm.

The town of Plymouth lost its Town Clerk, Larry Pizer, because of lack of support and issues with voting during the pandemic. We need to do some brainstorming around the issue Larry Pizer raises in this article.

<https://patch.com/massachusetts/plymouth/plymouth-town-clerk-issues-stark-warning-coronavirus-elections>

**HD5075 An Act ensuring safe and participatory 2020 state elections in response to COVID-19** endorsed by LWVMA and our partners and the Massachusetts Town Clerks Assn. who testified at length at the Joint Committee on Election Laws hearing last week. Find that file below. Read about the bill here: <https://openstates.org/ma/bills/191st/HD5075/>

At the May 2<sup>nd</sup> Board Meeting, members organized a GOTV (Get Out the Vote) committee to focus on educating our local Plymouth Area electorate about the upcoming elections, the importance of voting, including during this COVID time, and actually how to vote in each one of the elections between now and the November Presidential. Any member interested in joining this committee, please contact Martha Vautrain [cvautrain@verizon.net](mailto:cvautrain@verizon.net) or Judy Savage [savagejudym@gamil.com](mailto:savagejudym@gamil.com).

**JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING! Friday, May 29 at 1:30pm**  
**YOUR INVITATION to click the link and get involved.**

Judy Savage is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.  
 Topic: Judy Savage's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9040933421?pwd=QWREeDNUVkg5NVFZaFNAMFg5SnQzZz09>

Meeting ID: 904 093 3421

Password: Library

One tap mobile

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 904 093 3421

Password: 664856

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdGvUTI61b>

## Rank Choice Voting Ballot Initiative

The League of Women Voters have supported the #RankedChoiceVoting ballot initiative from before it called RCV. The league position is on Instant Run off Balloting. It was adopted in the mid 2000's and is the same as RCV. This is the final step in the MA Constitutional process for placing a ballot initiative on the ballot. Signatures from registered voters who HAVE NOT previously signed must be collected by mid-June. If you haven't signed, now is the time.

Sign now: [sign.voterchoice2020.org](https://sign.voterchoice2020.org) from the safety of home to help adopt this fantastic reform that gives all voters #MoreVoice and #MoreChoice.

Our partner Voter Choice for Massachusetts submitted a record 111,000 signatures in the fall. Volunteers need to collect nearly 14,000 more by June 17 to get RCV onto the November 2020 ballot.

## Voting by Mail

Follow the link for the **Town of Plymouth's 2020 EARLY VOTING / ELECTION CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19**, where you will find the early voting application. <https://www.plymouth-ma.gov/town-clerk/pages/2020-early-voting-election-changes-due-covid-19>

Making sure all citizens are able to exercise their right to vote is essential in these trying times. **Early Voting** or **Voting by Mail** makes a lot of sense. We want to help support voter turnout in every way possible.

JOIN THE ZOOM MEETING TO DISCUSS THESE CRITICAL ISSUES!

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## CENSUS NEWS & UPDATES

### CENSUS CHALLENGE

Census 2020 Challenge Race

The Board approved a Census Challenge project designed to encourage the eight towns that are part of our Area League: Bourne, Carver, Duxbury, Kingston Marshfield, Pembroke, Plymouth and Plympton to reach at least an 80% self-reported completion rate.

The Census is vitally important to our towns and our state. It determines federal funding to states as well as local municipalities. It is also used to determine the number of Congressional representatives Massachusetts can send to Washington.

In this difficult time, some simple things can get pushed aside, but the time is now to complete your Census form. Go online at <https://my2020census.gov/>, call 1-800-923-8282 or mail back the questionnaire sent to you. If you do not answer in one of these 3 ways, a census worker will be visiting your door, do your part to minimize that necessity.

We will be using the <https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html> site to follow the response rate and are sending out kick-off announcements to any partner who asks so they can publicize the event and will update partners weekly with the results so the excitement can grow.

In any event we all win if more residents respond.

We will be contacting all eight towns, their libraries, Council on Aging, Chambers of Commerce, Interfaith Councils, and any others who might have emailing lists and access to social media outlets. We will be using the local papers, radio and PACTV as well. Each week during the challenge these participants will be updated with the increasing percentages. We will be translating outreach information into Spanish and Portuguese. There is no prize other than the pride of doing good.

Anyone wanting to help, contact Deb Etzel [daetzel@gmail.com](mailto:daetzel@gmail.com)

### **Federal Update on 2020 Census Operational Adjustments Due to COVID-19**

<https://2020census.gov/en/news-events/operational-adjustments-covid-19.html>

**Federal Update on 2020 Census Response Rates: Plymouth is 54.2%.** To get the town info use the dropdown menu, select State, then Town and Township.

<https://2020census.gov/en/response-rates.html> The Census Bureau updates the response rates on the link every day at 3:00p.m.

**Enjoy David Buckman's Census Jingle** here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t5cpetx7CK8&feature=youtu.be>

### SOME CENSUS POETRY

The Plymouth Area League of Women Voters asked Plymouth's Poet Laureate to compose a poem supporting their efforts to encourage participation in the 2020 Census. Here it is!

### **A CENSUS CHALLENGE IN VERSE**

I hope we come to a consensus  
On the importance of the census:  
All eyes must open to be counted.

You remember “out of many, one,”  
E pluribus unum, the tender  
Words stamped on round American coins.

A democracy necessitates  
Our committed participation.  
“Polis is this” — Poet Charles Olson.

So, I address all the citizens  
Of Bourne, Carver, Duxbury, Kingston,  
Marshfield, Pembroke, Plymouth, Plympton.

Let these lines inspire a civil  
Response to responsibility:  
Please self-report your census data.

Be one of us who make the many.

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More than a poet's humble request,

This is a challenge from the Plymouth Area League of Women Voters.

The first town to reach 80 percent Of resident participation For the 2020 Census wins!

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### WE NEED A VOLUNTEER FOR THE WEBSITE

Our website has not changed its address [PlymouthLWV.org](http://PlymouthLWV.org) but it has moved to a new home. The format is a bit different (Check it out!) and it is now done in WordPress. Our League is desperately searching for someone to administer the website in its new format. We do have technical support and that person will train you to do what needs to be done. Step up and help us stay connected.

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**NOTE:** The Plymouth 400th opening ceremonies for April 24th have been postponed to the end of June,. When it happens, Leaguers are invited to join the Antiquarian Society Suffragist marchers. If interested contact Executive Director Anne Mason at [director@plymouthantiquarian.org](mailto:director@plymouthantiquarian.org) or 508-746-0012 for details. PLEASE JOIN TO MAKE 100 STRONG in celebration of THE 100 ANNIVERSARY OF THE signing of the 19TH Amendment allowing Women To Vote.

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**Thank you to all who  
volunteered to help with the  
Civics Bee.**



**Stay tuned for further information...**

Click here for an informative Smithsonian article about [How the 1918 Flu Pandemic Helped Advance Women's Rights](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/how-1918-flu-pandemic-helped-advance-womens-rights-180968311/) <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/how-1918-flu-pandemic-helped-advance-womens-rights-180968311/>

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**PLEASE VOLUNTEER FOR THE VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE**



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May 18, 2020

**The 191st General Court of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Joint Committee on Election Laws**

Dear Chairman Finegold, Chairman Lawn, and Members of the Committee:

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to provide input. Town Clerks and Election Officials are on the front lines of the election process. We have a very antiquated labor-intensive process for Early/Absentee Voting that may very likely become completely overwhelmed to the point of failure this fall. We are providing these recommendations in order to assist you with the development of new strategies for running elections as we continue to manage the impacts of the Covid-19 crisis.

On the following pages, we offer solutions that are in line with the spirit of this legislation, which is to provide voting options this fall to address the anticipated issues associated with the ongoing public health crisis caused by Covid-19. Keeping with that spirit, we caution against the desire to simply expand voting options which may be counter intuitive. Promoting limited and clear voting opportunities will help further reduce voter confusion. Our suggestions further provide flexibility as we approach Election Day based on the current circumstances around the pandemic and include local options that would allow communities to make decisions based on their individual circumstances and needs.

We hope that the committee will take swift action so the Secretary of the Commonwealth, local clerks and voters have the time necessary to prepare and select their voting option that will ensure success. We continue to offer our support and welcome any opportunities to further assist you with this important work.

Best regards,

*Andrew T. Dowd*

Andrew Dowd,  
MTCA Legislative Chair

*Danielle M. Sicard*

Danielle M. Sicard  
MTCA Early Voting Task Force Representative

## **MTCA recommendations for what needs to be included in fall 2020 elections legislation**

### **Reduce Voter Confusion**

- Simplify the ballot request process
  - One standardized absentee / early ballot request form
  - One standardized absentee / early ballot

### **Provide access to Voting by Mail for all – No excuse by mail voting**

- Expanding early / absentee voting - qualifying physical disability as being ill, isolated or self-quarantined for any elections held on or before December 31, 2020. (as was done with Chapter 45 Acts of 2020)
- Expand early/ absentee vote by mail option to allow for no excuse
- Expand Vote by Mail option for any local elections held on or before December 31, 2020

### **Mitigate against election staffing issues due to continued Covid-19 concerns without compromising the integrity of the election.**

- Remove requirement for check out voting list and an inspector for that purpose.
- Option to consolidate precinct check ins within a polling location – similar to how check in for an early voting in person sites run. (MGL 54, §67)
- Expand election worker pool & flexibility - Election officers need not be registered voters. They may be appointed without regard to enrollment in a political party or to lists submitted by political party committees.

### **Tools to assist with managing a high volume vote by mail**

- A centralized process, established and managed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth, for requesting and mailing early / absentee ballots that incorporates a ballot tracking system for voters to request information on the status of delivery & receipt of their ballot.
- Provide high speed tabulators, especially for larger communities, to process returned ballots.
- Allow early / absentee ballots to be placed in the scanner / ballot box when received (kept secured & unexamined with results generated after close of polls on election day)

### **Ability to react and make changes for Election Day voting based on the health crisis situation and advance voting data leading up to election day**

- Ability for Board of Selectmen, town/city council to vote to consolidate or change polling locations within a 2-week time frame in advance of election day for all elections on or before December 31, 2020. Notice of changes posted on the municipalities website & other electronic means without requiring a mailed notice to registered voter households. (MGL 54, §24)

- Ability to reduce the # of polling hours on election day statewide based on the % of voters who have already cast a mail in ballot within a set # of days prior to the election. Secretary to implement and advertise across the Commonwealth.
- Ability to change early voting in person sites – reduce deadline windows for notification.

### **Streamlining Processes**

- Compel SOC to promulgate regulations for the use of poll books on election day in time for fall 2020 elections. (see data notes section for supportive information)
- Compel SOC to make changes to the VRIS that would streamline the absentee and early voting process. Include a working group with MTCA and MCCA representatives, appointed by its association, to meet and develop a plan that addresses local clerks needs by the end of June and that changes be released in the VRIS by August 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **Limit In person voting in advance of Election Day**

(Be prepared for a resurgence in the fall and the need for last minute reactionary changes)

- Eliminate if sending all voters ballots or applications.
- In person voting for State Primary is not warranted based on turnout statistics & costs.
- Mandate in person opportunities to days and times that we know voters will take the most advantage of, such as weekend and evening hours' verses all business hours of the municipal clerk. This would allow clerks to select locations that are larger and better suited for social distancing as well as time to manage increase vote by mail and the other functions / services provided to their residents.
- Local option to expand early voting in person to fit community needs during the early voting period. Provide flexibility in the deadlines to post locations & potential changes. Provide for funding for those communities who will benefit from expanded hours.

### **Vote by mail – ensuring enough time for everyone to vote!**

- Start earlier (as soon as ballots are available)
- End earlier – utilizing USPS recommendations to ensure voters get their ballots and they have enough time to return them or expand the time frame for the ballots to be returned and be counted.
- Expand definition of admitted to health care facility to include voters who self-quarantine beginning after the vote by mail deadline, qualifying voters under MGL Chapter 54, Section 91B(c) to receive a ballot delivered to them by a person of their choice, designated in writing, but not a candidate, for all elections on or before December 31, 2020.
- Allowing return ballots to be deposited by voter or family member to the office of the town clerk or depositing to drop boxes designated for such purposes around the municipality.

**Vote by mail – voters applying for a ballot**

- Centralized application portal to receive applications and translate those applications into the VRIS.
- Secretary to manage the initial mailing to include envelopes bar coded for easy return processing by the local election official.
- Handling of additional requests/issues after the initial mailing can be handled by the local clerk.

**Vote by Mail - Mailing everyone a ballot**

- Secretary to manage initial mailing including translating the status of such mailing in the VRIS and providing envelopes bar coded for easy return processing by the local election official.
- Handling of additional requests/issues after the initial mailing can be handled by the local clerk.
- Concerns / Issues that need to be addressed:
  - Voter confidence with mailing of ballots to Inactive voters
  - Logistics for Primary: portal 35 days in advance won't reduce work load on clerks and will still require updates to VRIS to streamline the process (S2654)

**Additional thoughts:**

- MTCA supports November election day as a holiday.
- Voter Registration Deadlines – in person voter registration deadlines are not necessary with an online portal. Shortened sessions as was done with Chapter 45 of the Acts of 2020, requiring only 2-4PM and 7-8 PM is an alternative.
- Establish Task Force / working groups to include MTCA, MCCA, SOC, Common Cause, Mass VOTE and League of Women Voters to work with the joint committee on election laws to review and report out recommendations for elections beyond 2020.
- MTCA supports digital access to VRIS at polling locations to conduct real-time searches of the registry and notes that the poll books, with certification by the secretary, can be an existing tool to implement this in time for the fall elections.
- Envelopes to fulfil mail in ballot requests should be postage paid by the state and the cost not be the burden of the local municipality.

## Data / Notes / Rationale

### Poll Books

- Approved for usage: Mass Modernization bill from 2015 – 2016, became incorporated into Mass General Laws in its entirety as a new section under Chapter 54 - Chapter 54:33I. Also included the addition of another section which added the very last sentence to Chapter 54:67.
- These powerful tools provide for a better voter experience and more efficient and accurately run elections. They also have the following capabilities:
  - statewide searches at the polling location through the client file
  - combine precincts for check ins while still providing separate voting list results
  - can be used as another tool for processing Absentee or Early Voting ballot by mail applications to streamline the process for upload to the VRIS
- 120 communities already purchased poll pads & another 21 leased for a total of over 822 poll pads that have already been proved effective with EV in person and are ready to be utilized in the Commonwealth this fall. That's the equivalent of 40% of MA communities.
- Certified in in 27 states including RI, CT and NY

### Check out Voting list

- The current requirement to check-out is redundant and unnecessary.
- The vast majority of other State's do not require voters to check out.
- Provides us with ability to reduce # of election workers while not compromising the results of an election.

### Ballots in Tabulators / Ballot boxes

- Regulations to protect the election results would include not generating results until election day and protecting the ballots from public records requests.
- Extensive MTCA survey after 2016 early voting in person expressed voters' concerns with putting their ballots into envelopes rather than depositing them for themselves.
- In person voting in advance of election day with envelopes is very labor intensive requiring a daily reconciliation process that has a ballot envelope from the first day of the early voting period touched and counted up to 12 times before election day.

### Rationale for limiting in Person voting in advance of election day – countering the reduction in times leading to longer lines during weekend / evening hours

- Lines are the new thing –utilize the grocery stores model for social distancing
- Larger locations (if not all business hours) can be used to promote social distancing
- Not over taxing or exposing work force in advance of election day
- Expanding in person opportunities during weekend / evening days over multiple weeks
- Voters generally wait until the 2 weeks prior to election to cast their ballots
- Clerks need the time to focus attention on voters needs around voting by mail rather than in person voting which can be done on election day.

### State Primary - lack of need for in person voting in advance of election day

- The voter turnout for the State Primary is low, on average during the last 20 years the turnout statewide was approximately 17%.
- We believe early voting statewide turn out for the presidential primary was around 6%
- Early voting local unfunded mandate—all hours of business—better use of \$ elsewhere

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

### NUCLEAR

#### Nuclear Affairs Committee Report. May 2nd

Our community, like the rest of the world, is mostly on hold. Our Nuclear Decommissioning Citizens Advisory Panel (NDCAP) has not convened since February. The lawsuits and petitions filed by our AGO and by Pilgrim Watch have yet to be heard, so state petitions challenging the license transfer are not resolved. But for Holtec Pilgrim, it's full speed ahead. Workers there are busy disassembling the reactor core and building the new 'haul' path. But that's not all.

Holtec has chosen this time—the height of the pandemic—to fast forward its long-planned transfer of spent fuel rods into dry casks. The fuel transfer itself is an inherently delicate, high-risk operation. Between now and August, 748 assemblies will be lifted out of the spent fuel pool and loaded into 11 new casks, which will join the 17 casks already perched 150 feet from Cape Cod Bay. For this transfer, Holtec has imported 30 contract workers from out of town and state. It is said they have daily "checks" by medical personnel. But these do not include actual testing. Holtec's determination to go ahead is regrettable, especially just as NRC oversight has been significantly diminished.

Pilgrim no longer provides electricity to the state. There is nothing about the fuel transfer that couldn't have waited until the COVID risk lessened, or until reliable testing is available at the site. One unsuspecting carrier can contaminate a site. A major outbreak occurred on the nuclear carrier Theodore Roosevelt, where more than 600 are infected and one sailor has already died. Several active nuclear plants have also experienced contamination, notably Limerick & Susquehanna in Pennsylvania; Vogtle; and Quad City in Illinois. Calls for their temporary closure go unheard at the NRC.

COVID-19 has provided great 'cover' for the nuclear industry to pursue faster decommissioning with less oversight, and in doing so, they have the apparent blessing of the NRC, which continues to loosen regulations across the board and make things much easier for nuclear power plant operators to save on pesky expenses for insurance, emergency planning, and such. As Mary Lampert, head of Pilgrim Watch, explains:

... the NRC exempted Pilgrim from its offsite radiological emergency planning obligations. ... Holtec has refused to continue or pay the costs of MEMA's radiological emergency planning, training and equipment at the level the licensee did during operations until the spent fuel pool is emptied and fuel placed into dry casks, and thereafter to a lesser degree until all fuel has left the site. Holtec's stated justification for refusing to do so is its misguided and erroneous '*assurance that an accident at Pilgrim can no longer credibly challenge radiological Protective Action Guidelines beyond the site boundaries.*' The real reason is that Holtec is unwilling to reduce its expected hundreds of millions of dollars of decommissioning profit by the relatively small amount needed for emergency planning that would protect us.

Another casualty of COVID-19 is Plymouth's *Nuclear Mitigation Fund*, started in 2014 with \$1 million, and increased each year by another million. As of the now, per Town Finance Manager Lynne Barrett, the funds holds about \$6,500,000. This year, given the fiscal emergency, the Town Manager proposes to defer that contribution—understandably under current circumstances. But the situation bears watching. We can't count on the feds for mitigation. We need a healthy fund.

## ON THE NATIONAL FRONT:

Several disturbing trends are causing concern in the nuclear watchdog community:

- (1) **Continued use—with NRC approval—of thin-walled dry casks** such as those used by Holtec, especially when used for transport of “**high-level burn-up fuel**” given abundant evidence of the inadequacy of the thin-walled casks, which fail to meet even NRC criteria. Despite discussion of robot technology at the February NDCAP, the NRC has no plans to inspect Pilgrim’s loaded casks by robot or by invasive measures at this time. The ‘aging management’ aspect of the NRC’s ISF-SI inspection program is currently under development.
- (2) **NRC plan to redefine low-level nuclear waste so that it can be more easily disposed of in local garbage dumps.** This plan, released in the midst of the COVID-19 crisis, would allow reactors to dump all radioactive waste except spent fuel in local garbage dumps, which would then dispose of the radioactive material “by land burial”—including (per the NRC) a variety of industries, hospitals and medical institutions, educational and research institutions, private or government laboratories, and nuclear fuel cycle facilities ... as part of their day-to-day use of radioactive materials...e.g. radioactively contaminated protective shoe covers & clothing; cleaning rags, mops, filters, and reactor water treatment residues; equipment and tools; medical tubes, swabs, and hypodermic syringes; and carcasses and tissues from laboratory animals. According to Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility (PEER), “*The proposal allows unlicensed dumps to take all the radioactive waste now required to go to licensed disposal facilities. And these unlicensed radioactive waste dumps would be established without public notice or opportunity for hearing and free of any subsequent NRC oversight.*” An article in the Guardian explains this further: <https://www.theguardian.com/environment/2020/may/07/nuclear-regulatory-commission-radioactive-waste#img-1>
- (3) **NRC approval of a vast “temporary” high-level waste site in New Mexico, to be managed by Holtec. Yes, that Holtec.** According to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, no such facility can be approved until or unless there is a permanent repository. Nevertheless, four of the five NRC commissioners, acknowledging the illegality, nevertheless voted to approve it! *Beyond Nuclear*, a prominent watchdog group, vows to challenge NRC and Holtec in federal court.

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# VOTER SERVICES

## ATTENTION!

The Board is looking for someone(s) to take or share the lead for the Voter Services Committee. This vitally important Committee needs your help. Won't you volunteer?

## From the Board

### Nominations for the Plymouth area League of Women Board of Directors 2020 -2022

Renewed terms: 2020-2022.  
2020-2022

Continuing terms: 2019-2021

New member:

1. Deb Etzel

5. Henrietta Cosentino

10. Yaxsarie  
Velazquez

2. Vedna Heywood

6. Lyle Lawrence

3. Mary LeSueur.

7. Deanna Nealey

4. Lois Post

8. Judy Savage

9. Martha Vautrain

We welcome nominations from our membership to the Board of Directors. Please contact Deanna Nealey to nominate a member, who would be willing to serve on the Board. The nominations will be voted upon at our next annual meeting, the date is still to be determined.

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**Annual Budget:** Our Annual Meeting has been postponed to later this calendar year, but our fiscal year moves on and ends on June 30, 2020. It is in our bylaws that our annual budget must be voted on by the membership. A special flyer will be sent shortly after this bulletin containing the proposed budget and instruction on how to cast your vote. There is no increase in dues proposed. Information on paying your 2020-2021 dues will be sent in June.



## Plymouth Area LWV Committees

### We encourage each of you to 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)

#### COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Focus on Diversity, Equity & Inclusion. Event being planned in conjunction with other Plymouth organization for late winter

**Chair** Kathy Dunn ([gordod1@comcast.net](mailto:gordod1@comcast.net) or 508-747-0039)

#### COMUNICATIONS

**Bulletin:** Monthly(ish) publication to keep membership informed. Sent by email and posted on the website. Heidi Mayo ([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 29, 2020 is the next Bee. Contact Erin Palladino if you are interested in helping.

**Chair** Erin Palladino ([epalladino@mpsd.org](mailto:epalladino@mpsd.org) or 617-827-8285)

#### HEALTH & WELL BEING - Currently inactive

#### MEMBERSHIP

Finding and welcoming new members.

**Chair** Deanna Nealey ([deannap-1@verizon.net](mailto:deannap-1@verizon.net) or 508-224-3797)

#### NATIONAL OR STATE STUDIES

Currently inactive as there are no studies ongoing

#### 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)

## OBSERVER CORPS

Currently inactive

## 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.

**Chair** Mary LeSueur ([hclesueur@yahoo.com](mailto:hclesueur@yahoo.com) or 508-746-4252)

## VOTER SERVICES

**Chair is VACANT – Please volunteer for this position!**

**All of our committees are very important, and support the work of the League. Voters Services is the MOST important, so please consider it.**  
**A committee exists that needs a leader, and they will guide anyone who is new to the activity.**  
**Everyone should be on at least one committee!**

Please contact the chair(s) listed above to loan your time and talents to these important issues OR VOLUNTEER to lead the VOTER SERVICES committee!

## Current Plymouth Area LWV Board of Directors

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