



# League of Women Voters<sup>®</sup> of Falmouth Bulletin

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### Member Event Calendar

#### October 2018

**17 7:00 pm Candidates Night**  
Falmouth High School Auditorium  
**23 7:00 pm Board Meeting**  
Gus Canty Center, Falmouth

#### November 2018

**1 7:00 pm Solar Arrays in Falmouth**  
Hermann Room, Falmouth Public Library  
**6 7am-8pm !! VOTING DAY !!**  
**27 7:00 pm Board Meeting**  
Gus Canty Center, Falmouth

### LWVF Board of Directors 2018-2019

#### STEERING COMMITTEE

First Vice-President	<b>Sylvia Szulkin</b> , Steering Committee Chair
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*If you wish to join the League, membership dues are \$50 for an individual membership and \$25 for an additional household member.  
Send your check made out to LWV of Falmouth, P. O. Box 450, Falmouth, MA 02541. Include your name, mailing address, email address and phone number. You do not have to be a resident of Falmouth to join.*

## **MESSAGE FROM THE STEERING COMMITTEE**

Joanne Treistman, Steering Committee At Large

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Alice Carey and Joanne Treistman represented the League of Women Voters responding to a request from the director of **Cape Abilities** in Falmouth to present a workshop on voter registration for their Falmouth clients.

We presented the videos of the 2018 LWV of MA Student Video contest "Get in the Game and Vote". The 11 clients and staff enjoyed considering the messages as well as the possibility of entering a video from their group next year.

They voted for their favorite video and we discussed the importance of voting. Several clients were already registered to vote and had voted but others were committed to registering and voting for the first time.

Staff and family were given information about the process of registering on-line, change of address, early voting and use of handicap accessible voting booths.

We were assured that the staff would follow up to meet the October 17 deadline to register. We appreciate Michael Palmer's input into this program and Alice and Joanne will be offering workshops to other groups in October as well.

## **A MESSAGE FROM STATE STUDY CO-CHAIR REGARDING OUR LEAGUE CONSENSUS MEETING**

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The Study Scope is: To review the Massachusetts laws and regulations that govern statewide citizen-initiated ballot questions (initiative and referendum process); consider the consequences of current laws and regulations; and propose concrete next steps that LWVMA could take to enact change, if the study results in recommended change.

"Dear Leaders,

The "2018 Information for Voters" red booklet is being delivered to homes this week. Please save your copy for your League's consensus meeting and ask your members to do so as well--there are several consensus questions about the information in the this booklet.

It is also available on-line, but it would be easier if people just brought their red booklets.

Thanks

Karen Price, LWVMA Study Co-Chair"

Anyone in LWVF interested in becoming a member of this consensus process committee, please contact [Alice Carey](mailto:league@lwvf.org) at league@lwvf.org

## **NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE PRESENTATION ON SOLAR CANOPIES AND GROUND MOUNTED SOLAR ARRAYS**

Richard Johnson, Natural Resources Committee Chair

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LWVF Natural Resources Committee will give a public presentation on Solar Energy for Falmouth on **November 1 at 7pm in the Hermann Room at Falmouth Public Library.**

There are several warrant articles on the Fall Town Meeting agenda regarding solar energy systems. The warrant, published in the Falmouth Enterprise on Friday Sept. 14, printed the articles #8 through #12. This



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presentation is intended to provide background information on building-mounted solar arrays, as well as solar parking canopies. Current and proposed Falmouth Zoning regulations will be discussed as well as examples of zoning regulations on solar issues from other towns.

All are encouraged to come to the presentation.

## **FORM-BASED ZONING VISUAL SURVEY**

Kathy Mortenson

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Falmouth's Planning Board would like your help in deciding the character of buildings that might be allowed along route 28A between Gus Canty Community Center and Stop and Shop corner plus the streets and land to either side of route 28 in that section, which is called Davis Straits.

The Falmouth Planning Board, working with the Cape Cod Commission, plans to use a new type of Zoning to gradually redevelop the Davis Straits section of downtown Falmouth. The zoning system we have now is Use-Based zoning. The main uses are residential, business, agricultural, and industrial. Use-based zoning deals in measurements for height and setbacks, etc., but does not deal with architectural character and it does not allow mixed use except by special permission. The zoning system we want to use for Davis Straits is called Form-Based zoning and while it also deals with height and setbacks, etc. it uses pictures and forms to describe the allowable character of the buildings and streets. Form based zoning encourages mixed use so residences can be above store and offices and workplaces can be

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The Cape housing market does not adequately meet the needs of our residents and workforce at varied incomes and life stages. The region is dominated by single family detached housing, which comprises more than 80% of all units on Cape Cod. That's higher than the national average of 63.9% and a third higher than the rest of Massachusetts, 52%. The Cape Cod Commission and partner towns of Eastham, Orleans and Falmouth are looking at acceptable alternatives to this traditional development pattern in each community. In support of broad community engagement, which started with town-based meetings held in June, the

Commission created an online visual preference survey to gauge local preferences for building forms, scale, height and style. Preference and interests are expected to vary based on setting and community context. The Commission contracted with the award-winning design team of Union Studio to develop model residential designs to meet regional housing needs that are sensitive to community character and natural resources. The three towns are representative of common development patterns across the Cape, from rural to more urban areas. Each area is addressed separately in the survey.

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**UPCOMING WORKSHOPS:**  
**Falmouth**  
 October 23, 6:30 p.m.  
 Falmouth Town Hall  
**Eastham & Orleans**  
 October 25, 7 p.m.  
 Orleans Town Hall



near homes, just as town used to build before use-based zoning became common in mid-twentieth century America.

So, the question is, what character does Falmouth want for Davis Straits? Please, please take a few minutes to take part in a visual preference survey which will help inform the project.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S3QPHBY>

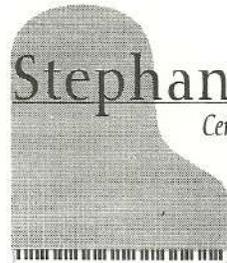
Also, the Planning Board will be holding a workshop with the Cape Cod Commission on October 23 at Town Hall, Selectmen's Meeting Room, Falmouth.

Please send this survey and information out to as many Falmouth contacts as possible to help get as much feedback as we can.

## WHEN IS IT FAKE NEWS

Sylvia Szulkin

On Thursday, September 20, 2018, a near capacity crowd of almost 100 Falmouth residents gathered in the main library's Hermann Room to puzzle out the definition of "fake news" and the reasons for growing skepticism towards news reporting over the past 30 years. The featured speakers were Bill Hough, Editor of The Falmouth Enterprise, and Dr. Jane Scarborough, an American Constitutional History scholar and former Professor of Constitutional Law and Dean at the Northeastern University School of Law. The speakers approached the subject from their own professional perspectives: Mr. Hough providing insights into the daily challenges of vetting the reliability of news sources and the accuracy of his own staff's reportage, Dr. Scarborough providing an historical perspective on the struggle between governments and the fourth estate dating back to the 16<sup>th</sup> century.



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Judy Stetson, a long-time Falmouth League and community leader, demonstrated her well-known rhetorical skills as the moderator for the evening. The audience engaged in a lively mix of questions and commentary based on a variety of life experiences. One audience

member declared her appreciation for the American free press based on her survival of fascist and communist dictatorships where the only reliable information came from underground media. A retired ambassador spoke of the role of a free press in keeping the American diplomatic corps informed and connected around the globe.

Both speakers and numerous audience members spoke about the challenges posed by social media. The audience also struggled with the difficulty of regulating fake news without violating the Constitutional protections of free speech and freedom of the press. Although no solutions were established over the course of two hours, grappling with the phenomenon of fake news in a civil community discussion was in itself therapeutic.

Our thanks to our wonderful speakers and the exceptionally engaged audience. Thank you also to the numerous League members who helped with the setting up and dismantling of extra seating for the large group. As always we appreciate the support we received from the Falmouth Public Library staff, especially Peter Cook, and to the staff and volunteers at FCTV, who arrived at 5 p.m. to set up equipment and did not leave until 9:30 p.m., when all the equipment had been safely removed.

We're looking forward to seeing you all at Candidates Night on October 17 in the auditorium at Falmouth High School. Please bring your friends and neighbors and remind everyone you know to VOTE.

## **A MESSAGE FROM LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS U.S.**

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We're just over five weeks until election day and millions of Americans miss the chance to vote because they missed their state's voter registration deadlines, or didn't have access to clear information about how to register. We're determined to change that.

As we head into October and Voter Education Month, take a few minutes to look through this Elle.com article, *How to Participate in Politics, No Matter How Much Free Time You Have*, which outlines how readers can get involved in the election this year—whether someone has 5 minutes or 5 hours to give. Additionally, we're partnering with ProPublica on their *User's Guide to Democracy*, a series of messages made available to their hundreds of thousands of readers nationwide. ProPublica will be incorporating VOTE411.org's candidate and other voting information into personalized messages to voters in the lead-up to Election Day.



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# Falmouth Jewish CONGREGATION

**Come learn about Ballot Question 1 and Question 2  
SUNDAY OCTOBER 28<sup>th</sup>  
2-4pm**

**Falmouth Jewish Congregation (FJC) –Speen Hall  
7 Hatchville Road, East Falmouth**

**Make an informed choice on Nov 6!**

**Question 1: Initiative to establish patient assignment limits for registered nurses in hospitals**

Massachusetts Nurses Association will present on “Why vote Yes”.  
Coalition to Protect Patient Safety will present on “Why vote No”.

**Question 2: Initiative to establish an independent, non-partisan Citizens Commission to pursue a Constitutional amendment regarding corporate personhood and political spending**

Jane Scarborough, former Associate Dean of Northeastern University School of Law and retired Professor of Constitutional Law, will present the issues involved.

**Question 3: Concerns the repeal of the 2016 state law that bans discrimination against transgender people in public places. FJC has already addressed this question during our Aug 23 forum. A “YES” vote will retain the current non-discriminatory law.**

*Light Refreshments will be served following the presentation.*

**PLEASE NOTE:** On site parking available. All FJC venues are handicap accessible.



# RESTORATIVE JUSTICE PRACTICE

Joanne Treistman

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The panel presentation at the Hermann Foundation Room at the Falmouth Public Library on Saturday, September 22 was an eye opening, heart warming experience for the participants and the presenters.

For the curious and the uninitiated, it presented the basic concepts of Restorative Justice, communication improvement, social justice and building community.

The presenters Janet Connors, Bob David, and Chandra Banks were open, engaging and very effective. All of us walked away with a better understanding of Circles, repair, relationships and true community.

Creating a Listening Community: Restorative Circles Facilitator Training will be held on October 26-28 at the North Falmouth Congregational Church. For more information and to register contact Brenda Nolan at [nolanbab@icloud.com](mailto:nolanbab@icloud.com).

As an introduction to the training, there will be a conversation with the trainer, Sarah-Elizabeth Anderson MA, LMT, exploring how reflective listening can be used to prevent and heal rifts in our communities when conflicts arise. This conversation is free and open to the public at the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Falmouth, 840 Sandwich Rd., East Falmouth, MA on Sunday October 14<sup>th</sup> from 4-5:30 with Q & A from 5:30-6. Light refreshments will be served. Contact Joanne Treistman for more information.

## LWVF FRIENDS 2018

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Sally Fritz  
Barbara Douglass  
Christina Jacobi  
Winnie and Bill Mackey

Robert and Barbara Schneider  
Freddy Valois  
Helen Wilson

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*Alex Giss*





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## **CANDIDATES NIGHT**

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2018  
Falmouth High School Auditorium 7:00 P.M.

### **MEET THE CANDIDATES**

#### **BARNSTABLE COUNTY COMMISSIONER**

Ronald Bergstrom                      Leo Cakounes

#### **GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL, FIRST DISTRICT**

Joseph Ferreira (D)                      Thomas Keyes (R)

#### **SENATOR IN MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE**

Vinny deMacedo (R)                      Debra Rudolf (D)

#### **REPRESENTATIVE IN U.S. CONGRESS, NINTH DISTRICT**

William Keating (D)                      Peter Tedeschi (R)

### **ASK A QUESTION**

*Submit YOUR question to the candidates in one of three ways:*

- 1. by e-mail to [league@lwvf.org](mailto:league@lwvf.org) no later than October 15*
- 2. on a note card provided by the League before the program begins*
- 3. from the floor as time permits.*

*The League reserves the right to edit questions.*

This program may be viewed in Falmouth on FCTV – Public Channel 13 or online at  
[www.fctv.org](http://www.fctv.org).

## RESPONSIBILITIES OF OFFICE

**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:** Also referred to as a congressman or congresswoman, each representative is elected to a two-year term serving the people of a specific congressional district by introducing bills and serving on committees, among other duties. The number of voting representatives in the House is fixed by law at no more than 435, proportionally representing the population of the 50 states. Currently, there are five delegates representing the District of Columbia, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. A resident commissioner represents Puerto Rico.

**MA. GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL:** The Massachusetts Governor's Council, also known as the Executive Council, is composed of [eight individuals](#) elected from districts, and the Lieutenant Governor who serves ex officio. The eight councilors are [elected from their respective districts](#) every two years. The Council meets weekly to record advice and consent on warrants for the state treasury, [pardons and commutations](#), and recording advice and consent to gubernatorial appointments such as judges, clerk-magistrates, public administrators, members of the [Parole Board](#), [Appellate Tax Board](#), [Industrial Accident Board](#) and [Industrial Accident Reviewing Board](#), [notaries](#), and [justices of the peace](#).

**MA SENATE:** The Senate is comprised of 40 members, with each Senator elected to represent a district consisting of approximately 159,000 people. As required by the Massachusetts Constitution, the Senate meets every 72 hours, year-round in either formal or informal session to consider legislation. The Massachusetts Senate is led by the President of the Senate who is elected by the members of the body at the beginning of each two-year legislative session. The Massachusetts Legislature, known as the General Court, has been meeting since [1713](#).

**BARNSTABLE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:** There are [three Barnstable County Commissioners](#). They are elected at large on a partisan basis for four-year, staggered terms. Their responsibilities include: direction of County agencies; preparation of budgets for submittal to the Assembly of Delegates; care of County property; supervision of revenue collection and fund disbursement; reporting on financial and administrative condition of the County; proposal of measures for Assembly in action; power to veto ordinances; appointment and removal of County Administrator and all County employees.

## NEW LWVF BOARD MEMBER DESCRIBES FOLLOW-UP COORDINATOR ROLE

Meghan Hanawalt

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The LWVF Follow-up Coordinator role is to:

- 1) provide a mechanism and process to organize the Annual Meeting Table Talk suggestions. The first step here is to inventory and group the suggestions, assigning priority, level of effort and timeframe to these to share with the League.
- 2) build on the Leagues' institutional knowledge by capturing, memorializing and sharing as much of this vast wealth of knowledge as possible.



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#### 2018 Ballot Questions

**QUESTION #1:** *Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 2, 2018?*

- A YES VOTE would limit the number of patients that could be assigned to one registered nurse in hospitals and certain other health care facilities.
- A NO VOTE would make no change in current laws relative to patient-to-nurse limits.

**QUESTION #2:** *Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives on or before May 2, 2018?*

- A YES VOTE would create a citizens commission to advance an amendment to the United States Constitution to limit the influence of money in elections and establish that corporations do not have the same rights as human beings.
- A NO VOTE would not create this commission.

**QUESTION #3:** *Do you approve of a law summarized below, which was approved by the House of Representatives and the Senate on July 7, 2016?*

- A YES VOTE would keep in place the current law, which prohibits discrimination on the basis of gender identity in places of public accommodation.
- A NO VOTE would repeal this provision of the public accommodation law.

**EARLY VOTING IN FALMOUTH** in the Old Water Department at Town Hall, 59 Town Hall Square, Falmouth, MA from October 22-November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8am-4:30pm on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays; 8am-8pm on Tuesdays; and 8am-4pm on Saturday October 27<sup>th</sup>. Town Clerk's Office: 508-495-7350