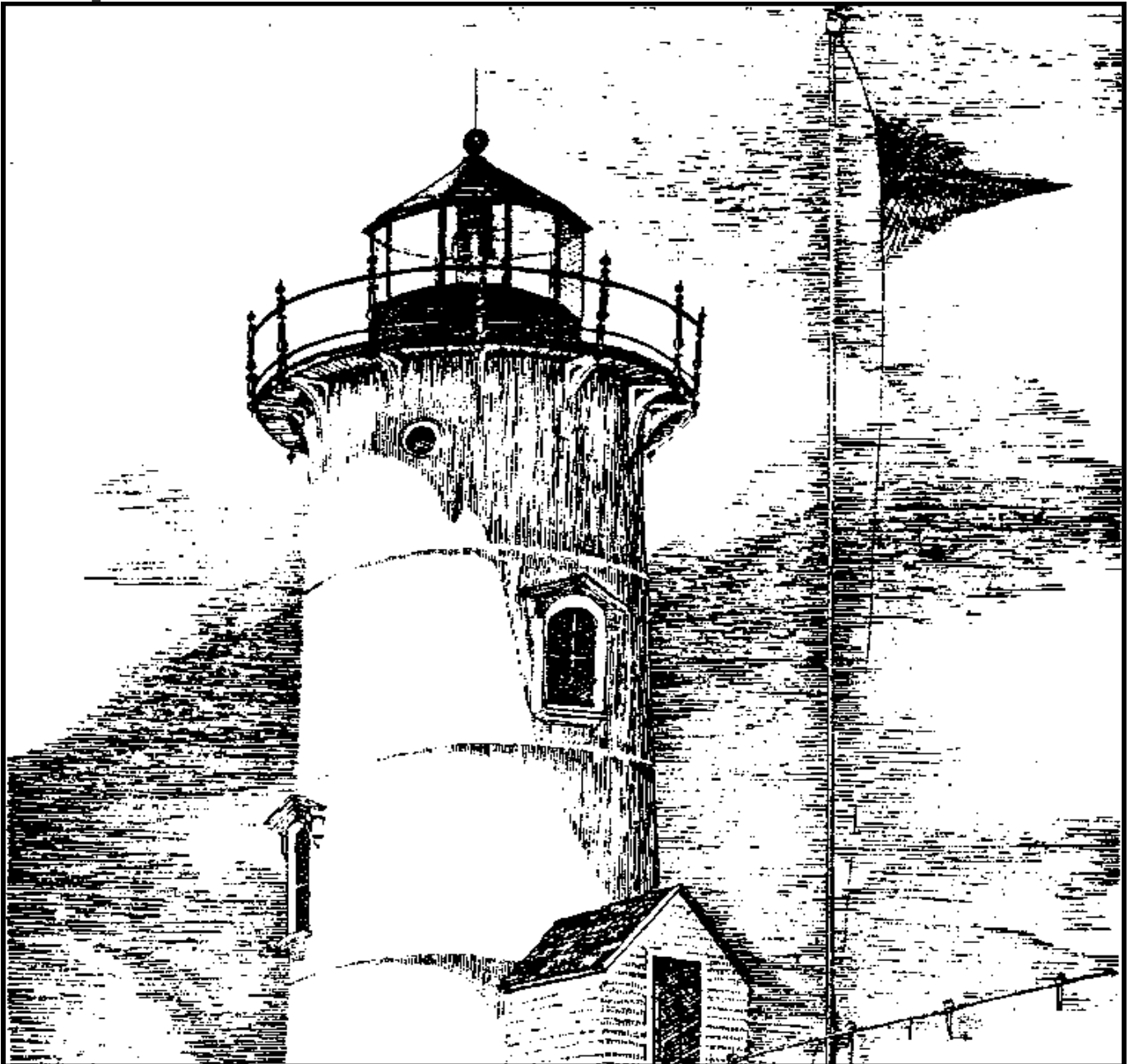


**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH
P.O. Box 450, Falmouth, MA 02541**

ANNUAL REPORT—2017

**MAY 13, 2017
Falmouth First Congregational Church**



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ANNUAL MEETING

May 13, 2017
Falmouth First Congregational Church
Falmouth, Massachusetts

ANNUAL MEETING

Treasurer
Parliamentarian
Arrangements

Annual Report
Cover Drawing
Printing

Joanne Voorhis
Joanne Voorhis
Betsy Fontes
Meg Borden
Alice Carey
Joan Kanwisher
Falmouth Printing

LEAGUE MISSION STATEMENT

The League of Women Voters, a non-partisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.

IN MEMORIAM

April 2016-April 2017

Charles Johnson
Anne Nelson
Barbara Peri
Deborah Senft
Mary & Redwood Wright

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STEERING COMMITTEE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS/ COMMITTEE CHAIRS

1st Vice President
2nd Vice President
Local Study
Member-at-Large
Voter Service

*Betsy Fontes
*Meg Borden
*Doris Epstein
*Sylvia Szulkin
*Alice Carey

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Treasurer
Bulletin

Joanne Voorhis
Joan Boyer/Meg Borden/Brenda Nolan

Legislative

Margaret Cooper

Membership
Development
Natural Resources
Observer Corps
Publicity
At-Large

Jacqueline Webster
Kathy Mortenson
Pam Polloni
Denise Morreale
Marcia Easterling
Barbara Fanger

OFF-BOARD SPECIALISTS

Historian
Nominating Committee
Email Communication
Web Site Coordinator

Doris Curran
Stephanie Miele
Kathy Mortenson
Joan Boyer

Rules of Annual Meeting

Composition: The annual meeting is open to members of the League of Women Voters of Falmouth and visitors. Only members have the privilege of voting.

Debate: When addressing the Chair, a member shall first state her/his name.

Motions: A motion must be 1) made; 2) seconded; 3) stated and read by the Chair 4) debated; 5) put to a vote, affirmative or negative; 6) the result of the vote declared by the Chair.

Voting: A majority vote of those present shall be required for adoption of proposed items. A hand vote may be taken if a voice vote is not decisive.



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ORDER OF BUSINESS

Call to Order	Betsy Fontes
Introduction of Parliamentarian	
2016 Annual Meeting Minutes Approval	Sylvia Szulkin
Appoint Committee to Review 2017 Minutes	
Treasurer's Report	Joanne Voorhis
Proposed 2017-2018 Budget	
Steering Committee Report	Sylvia Szulkin
Proposed Local Program	
Nominating Committee Report	Stephanie Miele
Election	Betsy Fontes
Introduction of New Board	
Direction to the Board	
PROGRAM	Sylvia Szulkin

"LEADING THE WAY: What Will it Take?"

**Dr. Susan Gardner, Karen Price, Flannery Rogers and Virginia Valiela
Moderator :Kathryn Eident, co-host of WCAI's "Morning Edition."**

Audience Comments and Questions



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MINUTES

Annual Meeting
May 7, 2016

The meeting took place at the Falmouth Historical Society. First Vice-President Betsy Fontes called the meeting to order at 11:45 AM.

Margaret Cooper introduced the keynote speaker, Jane Jackson. Ms Jackson's topic "Surprising Facts and New Perspectives for an Immigration Reform Advocate" was both timely and informative. The speaker, a BU and Smith Alumnae and former Peace Corps Volunteer in Guatemala, was able to approach the immigration statistics from a unique perspective. Ms Jackson asks if the policies and practices may be part of the problem. The League of Women Voters Position on Immigration, which came out in 2008 was handed out to the audience. The League position includes a path to citizenship. Also handed out was a chart showing some of the causes and effects of 1965 immigration reform and illegal immigration, produced by Douglas Massey, Princeton University, September, 2015. Two books mentioned by the speaker were "The Right to Stay Home", by David Bacon and "Immigration Wars- Forging an American Solution" by Jeb Bush and Clint Bolick. The main question asked was "Who Benefits from Illegal Immigration"? Is it consumers, private corporations, including private US prison systems? New legislation to expand and define the Immigration status is moving slowly through the most paralyzed and least productive Congress in history. Many in the audience participated in the question and answer session following the presentation. There was much to think about!

Betsy Fontes opened the business meeting by introducing Joanne Voorhis as the Parliamentarian. The 2015 Annual Meeting minutes were unanimously approved upon presentation by Sylvia Szulkin. Minutes of the 2016 Annual Meeting will be read for accuracy by Joan Boyer, Pamela Harting-Barrat and Judith Ziss.

The Treasurer's Report was presented by Joanne Voorhis. It was unanimously approved. Joanne Voorhis also presented the Proposed Budget with a change in format noting Budget/Actual figures for 2 previous years. This format shows more accurately the way in which the proposed budget was calculated. The report was also unanimously approved.

The revised proposed LWVF By-laws were presented by Meg Borden. The by-laws were published in the March Bulletin with differences and additions highlighted. The 2016 Annual Report has the proposed by-laws printed starting on page 18.

The Blue Book has been revised and will be published to the LWVF website.

Sylvia Szulkin delivered the Steering Committee Report. The report began with the introduction of our newest members. The speech was positive and celebratory considering the impressive number of members our League has in proportion to members of larger Massachusetts towns.

Sylvia noted that attendance at monthly meetings has increased. Special thanks to Alice Carey for the Annual Report, Joan Boyer for editing, and Pam Polloni and The Falmouth Historical Society for the use of the meeting room.



2016 MINUTES CONTINUED

As positive as the summary had been, the two sticky issues remaining unsolved are the recruitment of the next generation and the need for more involvement of our current members in the “nuts and bolts” of the League.

Alice Carey and Joan Boyer were applauded for their contribution as Chair of Voter Service and Bulletin Editor, respectively, as they vacate these positions. There was a special mention of League member, Kathy Mortenson. Sylvia recognized Kathy as the “utility player” who does everything and anything needed to get the job done.

At the end of the report, Sylvia asked for input and direction from the membership and encouraged one and all to read the Bulletin and send comments or suggestions to the new Bulletin editor, Jean Carleton.

Doris Epstein addressed the group as chair of the Proposed Local Program. She suggested that the proposed Local Program suggested at the February planning meeting to study possible change to Barnstable County Government structure in conjunction with the Cape Cod League be abandoned for the present. The County government has tabled its consideration for the present. Hence, “Now and Future Falmouth: Issues and Opportunities” was accepted as the 2016-2017 program. Encompassing a second year of study of the issues that affect Falmouth, the membership voted to expand the local study.

The Nominating Committee chair, Stephanie Miele, delivered the Nominating Committee Report. Members of the Nominating Committee were Marcia Easterling, Joanne Voorhis, Mary Barry, Catherine Kligler. It was noted that the League is still looking for a Voter Service Chair to replace Alice Carey. The proposed slate of LWVF Board Members as presented in the Report were elected. (LWVF Annual Report 2016 page 14).

The First Vice-President asked for Direction to the Board. With none forthcoming, the meeting was adjourned at 1:10PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Denise Morreale



TREASURER'S REPORT

Sheet1

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH
Statement of Revenues and Expenses
July 1 2016 – April 30,2017

REVENUE	FY2014-2015	FY2015-2016	Year to date FY 2016-2017
Ads	200	500	0
Annual Meeting	745	360	105
Contributions - Friends	475	250	50
Contributions -Members	1331	1320	580
Dues	3825	3675	3950
Fund Raisers	20	20	65
TOTAL REVENUE	6596	6125	4750
EXPENSES			
Action/Program	1370	35	523
Administration	205	333	0
Web Site fee	238	38	238
Annual Meeting & Report	745	732	0
Bulletin Postage	129	89	66
Bulletin Printing	296	284	233
State Convention&meetings	0	80	0
National Convention	0	0	0
Membership & Directory	224	448	415
Participation	75	75	75
Per Member Pay MA	1702	1995	2088
Per Member Pay US	2089	3875	2694
Voter's Service	68	112	80
Special Projects			0
TOTAL EXPENSE	7141	8096	6412

League of Women Voters of Falmouth	
Balance Sheet as of April 30 2017	
Eastern Bank Checking Account	\$9,636
LWVUS Educ Fund	<u>\$1,298</u>
Total	\$10,934

J.Voorhis 5/2/2017



PROPOSED BUDGET

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH
BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2017 TO JUNE 30, 2018**

INCOME	Budget/Actual FY 2015-16		Budget FY 2016-17	Proposed Budget FY 2017-2018
Ads	\$ 425	500	\$200	\$400
Annual Meeting	400	360	400	400
Contributions – Friends	725	250	500	500
Contributions – Members	2,000	1,320	1,000	1,200
Dues	3,900	3,675	4,000	4,000
Fund Raisers	20	20	0	
Interest Income				
Transfer from Savings	660	0	2,655	2,485
INCOME TOTAL	\$8,130	\$6,125	\$8,755	\$8,985
EXPENSES	Budget/Actual FY 2015-16		Budget FY 2016-17	Proposed Budget FY 2017-2018
Action Program	\$1000	35	\$1,000	\$500
Administration	300	333	250	350
Web Site Fee	240	38	240	240
Annual Meeting & Report	400	732	400	400
Bulletin Postage	200	89	200	200
Bulletin Printing	400	284	300	350
Convention—National	400	0	400	1,000
Convention – State	0	80	400	80
Membership & Directory	200	448	300	500
Participation	115	75	115	115
Per Member Pay Mass. (PMP)	1,775	1,995	2,000	2,100
Per Member Pay US (PMP)	3,000	3,875	3,000	3,000
Voter Service	100	112	150	150
Special Projects	0	0	0	0
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$8,130	\$8,096	\$8,755	\$8,985



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PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM

**PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM
2017-2018**

LOCAL STUDY

**UPDATING OF LWVF POSITION ON
LAND USE IN FALMOUTH**

PRIORITY ACTION ITEMS

MAKING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT COLLABORATIVE

ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUALITY

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CONTINUING ACTION ITEMS

AFFORDABLE HOUSING



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Water Quality (Consensus 1980, 1995)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- Watershed protection through both outright purchase and easements.
- Minimum lot size of two acres in watershed areas.
- Ban on toxic septic system cleaners.
- Public education on use of fertilizers/pesticides/septic system cleaners.
- All efforts to speedily and completely contain and clean up the contamination plumes emanating from the Mass. Military Reservation and from other sources.
- All efforts to protect groundwater quality and quantity, including maintenance of the natural environment and open space as a means of protecting the groundwater supply.
- Efforts to upgrade and maintain Falmouth's water supply system.
- Equitable water rates, long-range planning and public education on water issues

Transportation (Consensus 1996)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- Promotion of a local transportation network and taking action on issues relating to the Steamship Authority as they affect Falmouth.
- Limitation of growth of ferry service originating from Falmouth.
- Reservation-only services, particularly for auto transport and parking.
- Use of fare structures that encourage solutions to traffic problems.
- Capping of ferry passenger parking in Falmouth at 3385 (1994 Selectmen's position).
- Links between intermodal public transportation.
- Programs that encourage passengers to leave their cars at home.
- Development of town objectives and performance standards for Steamship Authority planning and operations.
- Local governance of Steamship Authority as it exists.
- Steamship Authority compliance with local and regional land-use regulations.
- Study of alternate mainland ports for service to the Islands.

LWV of Falmouth Opposes:

- Parking away from limited access highways and in zones of contribution or water recharge zones.
- Development of a third operational slip in Woods Hole.
- Replacement of existing vessels with larger capacity vessels.

Environment (Consensus 1999; updated 2000)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- Taking action on environmental issues as they affect Falmouth and the upper Cape.
- Taking action on issues surrounding the cleanup of contaminants at the Mass. Military Reservation, groundwater protection, water conservation and air pollution.
- Ongoing monitoring of issues.
- Public education.

Town Charter (Consensus 1987; update 1989,1990,1991,1998, 2007and 2013)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- The Town charter form of government as adopted on January 1, 1991 and last amended May, 2013.



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Education (Original consensus 1975; updated 1983)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- School budget process.
- Use of subcommittees.
- Citizen participation.
- Increased effectiveness through public meetings, publicity, and early completion of budget for public explanation and resolution with Finance Committee and town administration.
- Policy review process and the procedure manual.

Land Use (Consensus 1972, 1973, 1974; updated 1981 and 1991)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- Motels/hotels in General Residence and Business zones only.
- Apartments in all Residential and Business zones by special permit.
- Lower density for motels, hotels, and apartments.
- Additions to cluster zoning by-law:
 - A. Allow condominium apartments as 40% of units.
 - B. Mandatory that deeded neighborhood associations maintain open space and an easement to the Town to preserve that land in perpetuity for conservation or recreation.
- Open space preservation by:
 - A. Outright purchase.
 - B. Conservation easement.
- Local zoning to allow multi-family housing:
 - A. Overlay district.
 - B. Special permit from Planning Board.
 - C. Conversion of existing buildings.
- Village centers or malls set back off the road.

LWV of Falmouth Opposes:

- Business growth along highways.

Affordable Housing (Consensus 1986; updated 1987)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- Local/county government involvement in development of affordable housing.
- Government collaboration with the private sector.
- Changes in zoning to permit affordable housing provided ecological needs, safety and parking are taken into consideration.
- Use of town-owned lands and structures to provide affordable housing.

Falmouth Town Budget (Consensus 1983)

LWV of Falmouth Supports:

- Budget that considers future needs and goals.
- Town Meeting warrants that are clear, timely, and complete.

LWV of Falmouth Opposes:

- Bonding used for local operating expenses.



NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

**Stephanie Miele, Chair
Mary Barry , Marcia Easterling,
Kathy Mount and Joanne Voorhis**

Officers and Directors to be elected for 2 year term (2017-2019)

First Vice President Betsy Fontes*
Joan Boyer (Webmaster)
Doris Epstein (At Large) *
Denise Morreale (Observer Corps)
Sylvia Szulkin (Steering Committee Chair)*
Jacqueline Webster (Membership)

Officers in Place (2016-2018)

2nd VP – Meg Borden*
Secretary- Catherine Kligler

Officers and Directors to be elected for 1 Year Term

Olivia White (At Large)
Joanne Voorhis (Treasurer)

Directors Continuing for 2017-2018

Alice Carey (At Large)*
Margaret Cooper (Legislative)
Barbara Fanger (At Large)

Since this report was published, Olive Ann Hobby has agreed to join the Board as Publicity Chair

Members of the Nominating Committee for 2017/2018

Mary Barry, Marcia Easterling, Kathie Mount, and Stephanie Miele, Chair.

Submitted by,
Stephanie Miele



DEVELOPMENT

Kathy Mortenson, Chair

The League of Women Voters of Falmouth has had the support of 7 Friends this year. With the generous support of Friends, the League is able to offer quality programs and information to the citizens of Falmouth. We welcome new Friends who will receive the Bulletin and notifications of League programs.

Five local companies paid for advertisements in the Bulletin.

FALMOUTH LEAGUE FACEBOOK PAGE AND WEBSITE

Joan Boyer

We are excited to announce the creation of a new Facebook page for League of women Voters of Falmouth. It is found at www.facebook.com/LWVofFalmouthMA/ or go to our webpage at www.lwvf.org and click on the “Find us on Facebook” icon at the bottom of the left column. Thank you to Penelope Duby for her hard work in putting this up.

Go there and “like” the page. This dynamic new addition to disseminating information to our members, prospective members and the Falmouth Community at large contributes to our mission. Announcements, opinions and calendar events will be included. Send any suggested topics for inclusion to Alice Carey, Joan Boyer or Penelope Duby. Also, please post your comments on any of the material you see there.

If you click on the “Learn More” area under the picture on Facebook, you will land on our website at www.lwvf.org. The Bulletin is placed on our site monthly. Also, there is a lot of in-depth information about the League. The website averages 159 visits per day.

LEGISLATIVE

Margaret Cooper, Legislative Chair

The annual conversation with our three state legislators was postponed twice. First, it was scheduled for March 14, which is a Tuesday, but our usual Thursday was not acceptable as the state Senate meets then. However, a nor-easter caused us to postpone it until April 22nd. Because of a schedule conflict with popular religious events in town the event was postponed again to May 2nd. Meg Borden moderated the meeting and all three legislators attended on that date: State Senator “Vinny” deMacedo, and state Representatives David Vieira and Dylan Fernandes. The Hermann Room in the main library was filled to capacity for what proved to be an informative and lively dialogue involving issues of concern to Falmouth residents.



Membership

Jacqueline Webster, Membership Chair

Membership in the League of Women Voters of Falmouth (LWVF) means that each of our members belongs to the national, state and local leagues. Annual dues for the Falmouth League are set at \$50. From these dues, the LWVF pays to the LWVUS dues of \$32 per member and to the LWVMA dues of \$23 per member.

Although the membership dues of LWVF do not cover the dues paid to the national and state leagues, our members have been generous in donating to the LWVF in order to enable us to pay the national and state dues. Belonging to the national and state leagues and interacting with other local leagues is very beneficial in informing and organizing our local LWVF.

The League of Women Voters of Falmouth currently has 118 members, including 5 life members, who are excused from paying dues. A life member is defined as anyone who has paid membership dues for 50 cumulative years; these years do not need to be consecutive.

Please let us know if you should be listed as a life member.

Welcome to the following members who have joined LWVF during the past year:

Pam Abrams-Warnick,	Clara Hurlburt	Shirley Nisbet
Jenifer & Alan Alai,	Aileen Jenson	Meghan Palanza
Wendy Bone,	Richard Johnson	Deborah Scanlon
Laura Brothers,	Judith & Mark LeBeau	Nancy Serotkin
Liz Brown,	Nancy McCadden	Maggie Sweasy
Rhona Carlton-Foss,	Rebecca McCullough	Suzanne Thomas
Mariam Cronin,	Bill & George Armstrong	Mary Anne Threadgold
Anne Dewees,	Marilyn McMillan	Tanya White
Lisa Errico,	Maria & Alan Moniz	Nancy Wilde
Jane Holtz,	Kirsten Moritz	Shirley Wozena
Rosemary Hoskins,		

Their enthusiasm and energy will sustain our work in safeguarding democracy and improving our civic affairs.



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LOCAL STUDY

Doris Epstein, Local Study Chair

Learning is almost always interesting and or exciting and or fun, and it describes well the experiences of the Local Study Committee as we studied the topics of Civic engagement, Economic Opportunities and Affordable Housing during the past year. Participants included Alice Carey, Penny Deuy, Diris Epstein, Sylvia Szulkin and Olivia White, all of whom attended regular community meetings on the subjects mentioned to find answers to the usual questions of who does what for the town: goals, progress, problems and successes in the three areas.

Our public LWV meeting on april 20, 2017 provided a panel of experts who presented their material as well as answering questions from the large audience. A detailed handout presented background information on the Economic Development and Industrial Corp. (EDIC) a non-profit whosse mission is to increase business and industrial investment, expand opportunities in commercial and industrial enterprises, provide funding assistance, and increase job opportunities.

Affordable Housing material clarified the functions of six agencies concerned with housing needs: Falmouth Housing Authority—state and federally funded; Falmouth Housing Corporation—quasi-fun\public non-profit; Falmouth Affordable Housing Committee—created to advise town government on housing needs; Habitat for Humanity—nationwide private non-profit builders; Falmouth Community Preservation Committee disburses state funds for openspace/recreation. Falmouth Community Engagement noted an increase in citizen participation in local government and more positive and productive communication between residents and Town Hall; great efforts of our Town Clerk to get out the vote; School Department ongoing promotion of civic engagement and great outpouring of citizens in response to Engage Falmouth regarding local causes in today's political climate.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Pam Polloni, Natural Resources Chair

Our committee chair has recently joined the Massachusetts LWV (LWVMA) Environmental Action and Advocacy (EEA) Steering Committee. LWVMA put out a call to the local leagues and assembled a group under two league legislative activists, Karen Price and Launa Zimmaro. Falmouth's Natural Resources Committee had worked with Launa to update the bottle bill when the League and other groups working together had generated a lot of support from legislators and had gathered enough signatures to get an update on the ballot. (With stiff opposition from the bottling industry we weren't successful getting a bill passed either way.) Pam agreed to join the new EEA Steering Committee.

The EEA Steering Committee has participated in one LWV webinar on Carbon Pricing <https://priceoncarbon.org/general/oreskes-nails-it/> and will be holding monthly teleconferences. The LWVMA supported the 30th Local Environmental Action Conference at Northeastern University on March 5 and Kathy Mortenson and Pam attended from LWVF. The morning keynote speaker was Kandi Mossett, a member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation of North Dakota. Kandi presented a powerful message revealing the devastating recent history of her peoples, three tribes whose home, even under treaty, once included a much, much larger area of rich agricultural land along the Missouri River. This land is now subject to subdivision by oil fields, roads, and hydraulic fracturing for gas extraction and the tribes have lost jurisdiction.

While water is designated "natural resource," Kandi declared, "Water is life!" Even here in Massachusetts, where water is plentiful, we must all recognize that water is critical to our lives and to the living environment of our surroundings. Falmouth League continues to work toward water resource protection.

The EEA Steering Committee applied for and has received a grant to support a series of five regional forums on Climate and Energy Solutions. Falmouth's will be the fifth, November 4 on the topic of Local Environmental Action – Coastal Issues, and five members have offered to help with the planning.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

PUBLICITY

Marcia Easterling, Publicity Chair

This year has been an especially busy year for the League because of the primary election in early September followed on October 26 by Candidates Night and then by the General Election on November 8. In hindsight, the public program the League presented on September 15 seems particularly apt.

Dr. Jane Scarborough spoke at a very well attended meeting in the Hermann Room at the Falmouth Public Library on "The Electoral College: Is This Any Way to Elect a President?"

New this year was the active collaboration between LWVF and FCTV for major League presentations of interest to the entire community which this year included the Candidates Nights in November and May.

In January, the League presented the Charter School Consensus questions to attending members and later submitted the answers to the State League. The annually scheduled meeting in March with our local legislators had to be postponed because of a predicted blizzard which never materialized. This meeting was postponed to April and then again to May 2 when Senator Vinny De Macedo (R), and Representatives Dylan Fernandes (D) and David Vieira (R) were able to attend. Of course, these changes created publicity challenges, but Margaret Cooper ably undertook the May publicity needs when Marcia Easterling was out of town for several weeks.

On April 20 the Local Study Committee completed its two year study of Falmouth today and a vision for the future and presented its findings in a public meeting in the Hermann Room of the Falmouth Public Library which was very well attended.

Notices of the May Candidates Night on May 4 and the Annual Meeting Saturday, May 13 were sent to the appropriate local media. This year the subject of the Annual Meeting is leadership and the featured event is to be a roundtable discussion of leadership in contemporary America, titled "Leading the Way: What Does It Take?"

All of the following local media received League PSAs and/or articles about almost every League-sponsored public event and program: THE FALMOUTH ENTERPRISE, the FALMOUTH BULLETIN, WCAI, FCTV, Cape Cod Times, and Cape Cod Today. The PLYMOUTH ENTERPRISE and the SANDWICH ENTERPRISE also received League publicity because of the participation of Senator Vinny deMacedo in the Legislative meeting.

After eight years as Publicity Chair, I am stepping down but looking forward to assisting the next publicity chair in any way I can and to participating in League activities. Being part of the Falmouth Board of the League has been an invaluable experience through which I have learned so much about the town of Falmouth and met such dedicated, active women.



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COMMITTEE REPORTS

OBSERVER CORPS

Denise Morreale, Observer Corps Chair

Considered the eyes and ears of the League, the Observer Corps is dedicated to ensuring compliance with the Open Meeting Law. In this year of increased awareness of the need for civic engagement, there are many opportunities for League members to join the Observer Corps and become part of this important team.

On June 15th, the following members of the Observer Corps will present their annual reports at the LWV monthly meeting in the Town Hall Civil Defense Room. This informative presentation gives us a glimpse of the workings of our town government.

Should you be interested in joining the Observer Corps, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Board of Selectmen Kathleen Murray
Board of Health Stephanie Miele
EDIC Carol Chittendon

VOTER SERVICE

Alice Carey, Voter Service Chair

Town Meeting attendance continues to be an LWVF responsibility and sincere thanks is due to those members who so generously volunteer their time and energy to this endeavor.

The LWVF Fall Candidates Forum was held on Wednesday, 10/26/2016 at Falmouth High School. Candidates included those running for State Representative for Falmouth, Barnstable County Commissioner, Barnstable County Sheriff and the Falmouth Representative on the County Assembly of Delegates.

Mindy Todd, host of "The Point" at WCAI, was Moderator of the event.

4/4/2016 was the date of the LWVF Spring Candidates Night held at the Falmouth Public Library Heather Goldstone of WCAI was the moderator.

Three candidates vied for two Town Selectman openings; four candidates sought the three positions open for Library Trustee; five candidates competed for three School Committee positions and four candidates pursued two seats on the Planning Board. There was also one uncontested candidate for a one year term on the Planning Board.

Sincere thanks are due to FCTV, Peter Cook at Falmouth Public Library and to the very large audiences that attended and provided additional questions for the candidates at both events.

The committee will continue to look for new ways to keep the candidates nights lively and informative and welcomes feedback from all League members. **Falmouth Town Election will be held on Tuesday, May 16 ,2017**

Committee: Mary Barry, Marcia Easterling, Barbara Fanger, Judy Stetson, Sylvia Szulkin and Joanne Triestman



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CIVIC LEADER AWARDS

2003	Margaret Russell
2004	Mary Pat Flynn
2007	Virginia Valiela
2008	Peter Kirwin
2009	Judith Fenwick
2011	Ruth Brazier and Virginia Gregg
2012	Doris Epstein
2014	Judy Stetson

CIVIC ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS

2010	Priscilla Roslansky
2015	Jayne Abbott



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH

2016-2017 MEETINGS

AUGUST 16	Porch Party at Judy Stetson's House
AUGUST 30	LWVF Candidates Night for Falmouth Selectman
SEPTEMBER 15	Jane Scarborough: "The Electoral College: Is This Any Way to Elect a President"
OCTOBER 26	LWVF Candidates Night
NOVEMBER 17	LWVMA Charter School Informational Meeting
JANUARY 19	LWVMA Charter School Consensus Meeting
FEBRUARY 16	Local Program Planning
MARCH 14	CANCELLATION DUE TO WEATHER CONDITIONS
APRIL 20	NOW AND FUTURE FALMOUTH: Issues & Possibilities
MAY 2	Conversation with Local Legislators
MAY 4	LWVF Candidates Night
MAY 13	Annual Meeting
JUNE 15	Observer Corps Reports



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PAST PRESIDENTS

1953-1955	Janet Litzkow Bosworth
1955-1957	Polly Corcor
1957-1959	Ruth Burrough
1959-1961	Carol Waller
1961-1963	Janet Litzkow Bosworth
1963-1965	Joanne Voorhis
1965-1967	Elizabeth Stanbrough
1967-1969	Megan Jones
1969-1971	Dorothy Hahn
1971-1973	D'Maris Mangelsdorf
1973-1975	Heather McMurtrie Paine
1975-1977	Victoria Lowell
1977-1978	Susan Goux, Virginia Gregg, Judith Stetson
1978-1979	Judith Stetson, Virginia Gregg, Mary Lou Montgomery
1979-1980	Judith Stetson, Mary Lou Montgomery
1980-1982	Elizabeth Phelps
1982-1984	Janet Fredericks, Elaine Tripp
1984-1988	Judith Coleman
1988-1990	Jean Halvorson
1990-1994	Deborah Hitchings
1994-1998	Lillian Spongberg
1998-1999	Helen Warren , Doris Curran Joan Boyer, Monica Riley
1999-2001	Helen Warren
2001-2005	Deborah Siegal
2005-2009	Joan Boyer
2009-2011	<u>Steering Committee:</u> Joan Boyer, Betsy Fontes, Kathy Mortenson, Sylvia Szulkin, Joanne Voorhis
2011-2013	<u>Steering Committee:</u> Alice Carey, Betsy Fontes, Kathy Mortenson, Barbara Kanellopoulos, Sylvia Szulkin
2013-2014	<u>Steering Committee:</u> Alice Carey, Doris Epstein, Betsy Fontes, Barbara Kanellopoulos, Sylvia Szulkin
2014-2018	<u>Steering Committee:</u> Meg Borden, Alice Carey, Doris Epstein, Betsy Fontes, <u>Sylvia Szulkin</u>

