

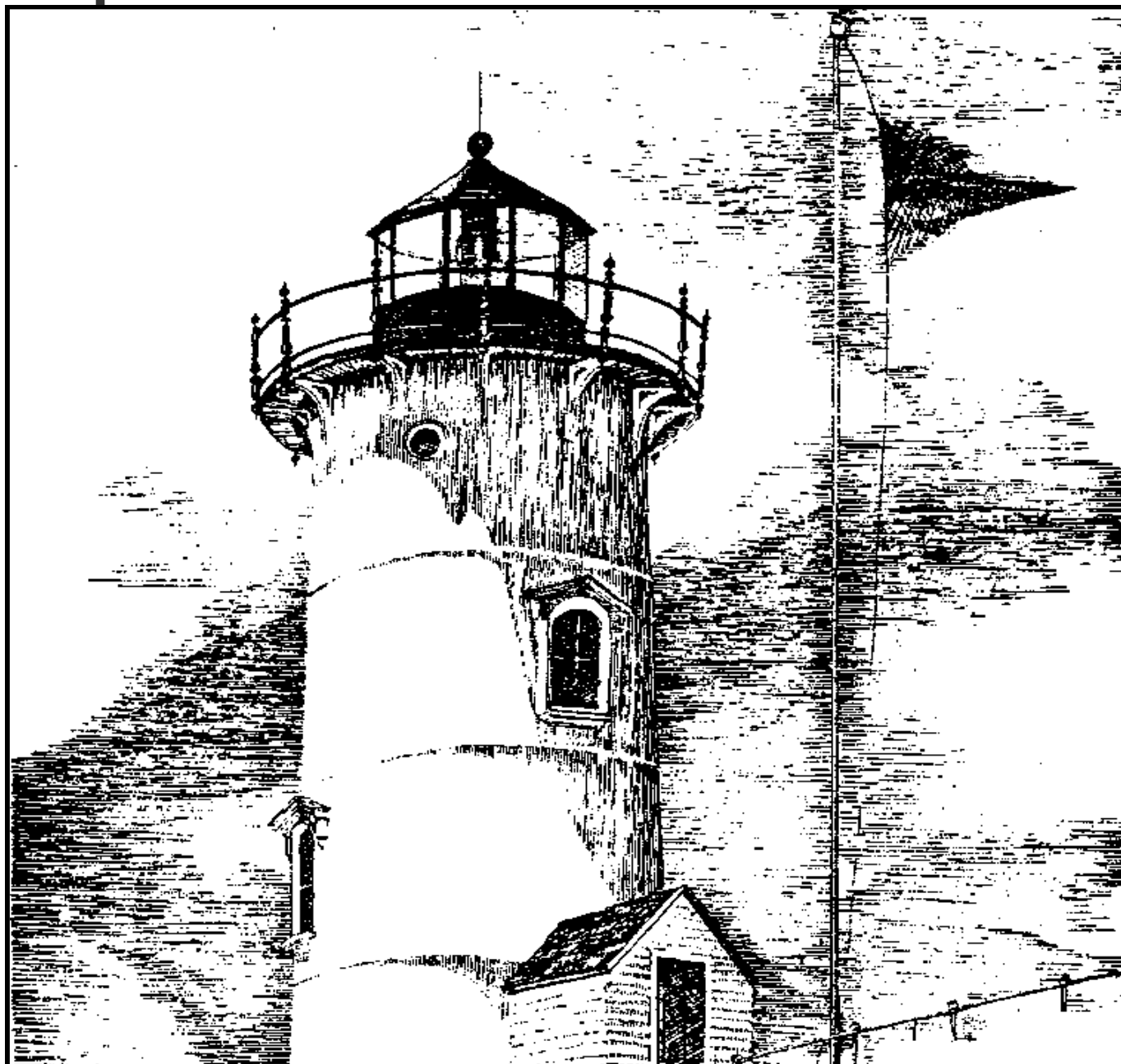
**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH
P.O. Box 450, Falmouth, MA 02541**

ANNUAL REPORT—2015

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Falmouth Historical Society



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ANNUAL MEETING

May 2, 2015
Falmouth Historical Society
Falmouth, Massachusetts

ANNUAL MEETING

Treasurer
Parliamentarian
Arrangements

Annual Report
Cover Drawing
Printing

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

Barbara Espey
Ezra Laderman
Lilyan Saunders
Paul Ferris-Smith
Andrew Szent-Gyorgyi
Evelyn Wright



BOARD OF DIRECTORS

STEERING COMMITTEE/BOARD OF DIRECTORS

1st Vice President	Betsy Fontes
2nd Vice President	Meg Borden
Member-at-Large	Sylvia Szulkin
Voter Service	Alice Carey
Membership/Development	Doris Epstein

Treasurer	Joanne Voorhis
Bulletin	Joan Boyer
Legislative	Kathy Mortenson
Local Study	Doris Epstein
Membership/Development	Nancy Michaud
Natural Resources	Pam Polloni
Observer Corps	Denise Morreale
Publicity	Marcia Easterling

OFF-BOARD SPECIALISTS

Historian	Doris Curran
Nominating Committee	Sylvia Szulkin
Email Communication	Kathy Mortenson
Web Site Coordinator	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
“ HOMELESSNESS ON CAPE COD”	
Professor Daniel McCullough	
LWVF Civic Achievement Award Presentation	Judy Stetson
Introduction of Parliamentarian	Betsy Fontes
2014 Annual Meeting Minutes Approval	Sylvia Szulkin
Appoint Committee to Review 2015 Minutes	
Treasurer’s Report	Joanne Voorhis
Proposed 2015-2016 Budget	
Steering Committee Report	Sylvia Szulkin
Proposed Local Program	
Nominating Committee Report	Carol Chittendon
Nominations	Betsy Fontes
Election	
Introduction of New Board	
Direction to the Board	
Adjournment	



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH
MINUTES OF ANNUAL MEETING
MAY 15, 2014**

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. by Betsy Fontes, First Vice-President of the League of Women Voters of Falmouth. Pamela Polloni, Chair of the Natural Resources Committee, introduced guest speaker Gregory C. Watson, the Commissioner of the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources.

In his talk, entitled "There's Room to Grow: Agriculture in Massachusetts," Mr. Watson made reference to climate change as the greatest concern for the future of our global food system. Very small changes in temperature have a huge effect on food crops. He asserted, however, that we have the know-how to create a sustainable agricultural economy and that Massachusetts is committed to this purpose.

Given the region's small-scale farming and systemic fish scarcities, the question remains: Can New England feed itself? Not completely, it seems. But we can increase the current 8% to 50% if the right practices are followed. Improved infrastructure is needed to increase the viability of growing food locally. Modifying price regulations will allow local dairy farms to be profitable. Modifying zoning laws will encourage people to create outdoor and rooftop urban gardens. Efforts to preserve land for agricultural use must be continued. Farmers' markets which bring locally grown food directly to the consumer - thus reducing the farm's transportation costs - must be supported along with restaurants that buy locally grown products. Enlarging the diversity of New England food by including breads and flavored artisanal beers will help the region meet its 50% sustainability goal. Watson reminded his audience that no technology is entirely benign, that some efforts to reach sustainability will involve some compromises.

A lively question-and-answer period followed Mr. Watson's talk. Questions were raised about the future of farming at a time when farmlands are being abandoned because young people are not entering the trade.

Betsy Fontes opened the business portion of the meeting by introducing Megan Jones, who presented Judith Stetson with the Falmouth League's Civic Leader Award. In her presentation, Ms. Jones spoke of the exemplary contributions Judith Stetson has made for many years both to the Falmouth League of Women Voters and to the Town of Falmouth.

Betsy Fontes then introduced Joanne Voorhis, the meeting's Parliamentarian.

The minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting had been read for accuracy by Doris Epstein, Alice Carey, and Barbara Fanger prior to the meeting. A motion to accept the Minutes as written was seconded and unanimously approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by Joanne Voorhis. It was approved unanimously.

The proposed Budget was presented by Joanne Voorhis. It was approved unanimously.

The Steering Committee Report was presented by Sylvia Szulkin. She warmly greeted the newest members of the Falmouth League of Women Voters. She then thanked those League members whose careful planning made the 2014 Annual Meeting possible. She thanked Joan Houlihan and the Atria Woodbriar staff for their hospitality. She also thanked Pamela Polloni for inviting Gregory Watson to be our guest speaker.

She chose to delay some good news in order to present some bad news: League membership numbers have fallen. She reminded members that a robust membership is needed for the League to continue as a vibrant community organization. The good news is that the Falmouth League is celebrating its sixtieth birthday and Sylvia gave a list of all there is to celebrate:

Attendance at monthly meetings has increased. Thanks go to Marcia Easterling for making the public aware of the League's activities.

Professor Jane Scarborough's lecture on issues surrounding the Constitution drew a large attendance.

The presentation by the natural resources committee focused much-needed attention on the state of American agriculture.

The forum on civic engagement, co-sponsored with the Cape Cod League, provided the public with expert information from Harvard Professor Meira Levinson concerning the state of civic engagement in our country and also gave the view of local teachers and our state representative.

Our local study group on civic education presented a public forum on April 16th called "Getting Our Youth Into the Booth" which threw light on current activities conducted by Falmouth teachers to encourage students to engage in community affairs.

Candidates' Night held at the Morse Pond School filled the auditorium. Questions from the audience were astute and the discussion continued 1/2 hour beyond closing. The successful event was planned by Alice Carey, Judy Stetson, Doris Curran, Barbara Fanger and Sylvia Szulkin.

Social gatherings were held this past year at the Historic Society's new hall and at Dillingham Place.

The Steering Committee will continue to direct League activities. Joan Boyer has agreed to continue her good work as editor of the Bulletin and Web Master.

Sylvia reminded members that on June 19th at 7:30 at the Civil Defense Room of Town Hall, the Observer Corps, under the direction of Denise Morreale, will present their reports on the activities of various town committees.

Doris Epstein reported that the local study of civics education and civic engagement in the Falmouth Public Schools will continue for a second year. Sylvia Szulkin suggested that the wording of the study be amended to read: "An Overview of Civics Education Proposals and Programs" to reflect the new focus of the study. The amendment was seconded and approved unanimously.

Margaret Cooper, chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the slate for 2014-2015: The selection was moved, seconded, and unanimously approved. The positions are as follows:

- First Vice President: Betsy Fontes
- Second Vice-President: Meg Borden
- Treasurer: Joanne Voorhis
- Secretary: Kathryn Elder
- Membership: Nancy Michaud
- Voter Service: Alice Carey
- Observer Corps: Denise Morreale
- Legislative: Kathy Mortenson
- Outreach: Kathy Mount
- Natural Resources: Pamela Polloni
- Publicity: Marcia Easterling
- Local Study: Doris Epstein
- Nominating Chair" Sylvia Szulkin

A motion was made and seconded to accept the Nominating Committee's slate.

Betsy Fontes asked the membership for Directions to the Board. No one responded; she suggested that comments can be forwarded to the Board in writing.

A motion to adjourn was seconded and unanimously carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Barbara Kanellopoulos



TREASURER'S REPORT

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES July 1, 2014 -- April 30, 2015

Year to Date

REVENUE	FY 2012-13	FY2013-2014	2014-2015
Ads	\$ 400	425	
Annual Meeting	\$ 410	390	
Contributions - Friends	\$ 260	725	75
Contributions -Members	\$ 1,215	1597	789
Dues	\$ 3,450	3900	2675
Fund Raisers		39	20
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 5,735	7,076	3,559
EXPENSES			
Action/Program	\$ 453	1184	194
Administration	\$ 362	381	91
Web Site fee	\$ 200	238	238
Annual Meeting & Report	\$ 789	126	75
Bulletin Postage	\$ 159	41	99
Bulletin Printing	\$ 315	301	223
State Convention&meetings	\$ 419		
National Convention 2014			
Membership & Directory	\$ 268	199	182
Participation	\$ 115	115	75
Per Member Pay MA	\$ 1,800	1775	1702
Per Member Pay US	\$ 1,948	3364	2089
Publications			
Voter's Service	\$ 67	84	68
Special Projects			
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$ 6,895	\$7,808	\$5,036

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Balance Sheet as of April 15, 2015

Eastern Bank Checking Account

LWVUS Educ Fund

Total

\$8,616

885

\$9,501

J.Voorhis 4/15/2015



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PROPOSED BUDGET

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH
BUDGET FOR JULY 1, 2015 TO JUNE 30, 2016**

INCOME	Budget FY 2013-14	Budget FY 2014-15	Budget FY 2015-2016
Ads	\$ 425	\$400	\$425
Annual Meeting	600	600	400
Contributions – Friends	500	650	725
Contributions – Members	1500	2000	2,000
Dues	4100	3500	3,900
Fund Raisers	100	100	20
Interest Income			
Transfer from Savings	2,170		660
INCOME TOTAL	\$9,395	\$7,250	\$8,130
EXPENSES	Budget FY 2013-14	Budget FY 2014-15	Budget FY 2015-2016
Action Program	\$500	\$700	\$1000
Administration	225	100	300
Web Site Fee	200	240	240
Annual Meeting & Report	1000	400	400
Bulletin Postage	185	140	200
Bulletin Printing	350	355	400
Convention—National	750	400	400
Convention – State	140	400	
Membership & Directory	270	250	200
Participation	115	115	115
Per Member Pay Mass. (PMP)	1850	1655	1,775
Per Member Pay US (PMP)	2700	2395	3,000
Publications	25		
Voter Service	85	100	1 00
Special Projects	1000		
EXPENSE TOTAL	\$9,395	\$7,250	\$8,130



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PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM

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**PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM
2015-2016**

LOCAL STUDY

"NOW AND FUTURE FALMOUTH: ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES"

(as adopted at LWVF Annual Meeting, May 2, 2015)

PRIORITY ACTION ITEMS

ENVIRONMENT

WATER QUALITY

THE EFFECTIVENESS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CIVIC EDUCATION AND ENGAGEMENT

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.



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**Carol Chittenden, Chair
Marcia Easterling and Sylvia Szulkin, Board Representatives,
Carol McKeon and Marilyn Zacks**

Officers Continuing (2015-2016)

President – No Candidate
1st VP - Betsy Fontes *
2nd VP – Meg Borden *
Secretary – Kathryn Elder
Treasurer - Joanne Voorhis

Directors Elected for 2 year term) (2015-2017)

Marcia Easterling (Publicity)
Doris Epstein (At Large) *
Denise Morreale (Observer Corps)
Sylvia Szulkin (At Large)*

Directors Continuing (2015-2016)

Alice Carey (Voter Service)*
Kathy Mount (Outreach)
Pamela Polloni (Natural Resources)

Directors to be appointed for 1 year term (2015-2016)

Joan Boyer (Bulletin & Webmaster)
Margaret Cooper (Legislative)
Jacqueline Webster (Membership)

Steering Committee Appointee Continuing (2015-2016)

Meg Borden

Nominating Committee Chair for 2015-2016

Stephanie Miele



* Steering Committee

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Membership

Nancy Michaud, Membership Chair

Membership in the League of Women Voters of Falmouth means every member belongs to the national, state and local leagues.

The League of Women Voters of Falmouth has 106 members. The Board once again has voted to keep annual dues for the 2014-2015 year at \$50. From the dues collected the League of Women Voters of Falmouth pays to the LWWUS dues of \$31 per member and to the LWWMA dues of \$23 per member. Though our set rate does not cover the membership dues paid out to the national and state Leagues, our members have continued to be very generous in donating to the League in order to cover the increased dues of the national and state Leagues.

We have 6 honorary members in our League. A 50 year member has paid dues for 50 cumulative years. These years do not need to be consecutive. Honorary members are excused from paying dues. Please contact the membership chair if you think you joined the League around 1964 or earlier.

New Members:

The following people have been welcomed as new members of the League of Women Voters of Falmouth in the past year.

Mary Barry
Nancy Betz
Barbara Clements
Rhonda Davis
Sandra Dethlefsen

Judy Ernst
Catherine Kligler
Naomi Lau
Annmarie Liptak
Lois Garrett Logan

Lois Garrett Logan
Carol McKeon
Jack Michaud
Lena Miremonde
Anne Pomper
Jessica Wasseth-Flynn

DEVELOPMENT

Kathy Mortenson, Development Chair

The League of Women Voters of Falmouth has had the support of 10 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



LOCAL PROGRAM:

LOCAL STUDY: Civic Education: An overview of Civics Education Proposals and Programs
Doris Epstein, Local Study Chair

Our appetites having been whetted by what we learned last year about what was being taught in the Falmouth schools regarding Civics Education and Civics Engagement, we moved on to discover what is taught elsewhere. As one might expect, there is world-wide interest in teaching the next generation how government works and, in many places, how to participate in voting. This was eye opening.

Closer to home we learned in the fall of 2014 of a Cape-wide educators' workshop to share ways of handling civics education. At this gathering there were representatives from the new Edward M. Kennedy Institute. Opening in Boston on March 31, 2015, it houses a replica of the U.S. Senate Chamber where young people can experience the enactment of legislation as it happens in Washington. Four members of the League's Local Study Committee attended a "Sneak Peek" at this impressive facility organized for friends and families on March 7, 2015.

Also on the Cape, a new mini-grant program open to all Cape Cod Middle and High Schools was established by the League of Women Voters of Cape Cod. We in Falmouth joined this initiative by contributing \$1,000. Annual grants will be given selectively to programs stressing "action" civics projects. The LWVF requested that special attention be given to those programs which would attract students unlikely to continue education beyond high school.

The LWVF April Membership meeting held on April 16 at the Falmouth Public Library and open to all Falmouth citizens presented our findings in several forms:

- Dr. Felicia Sullivan of Tufts University Center for Information and Research on Civic Learning and Engagement (CIRCLE) discussed their findings. Supplementary materials were available for audience members.
- Karen Mazza of CCLWV described the new LWV Civic Education Fund.
- A short video and printed materials from the EMK Institute were also available

Publicity for the meeting was extensive: newspapers, radio, TV, e-mail invitations to school and government personnel as well as posters distributed for organizations' bulletins.

Committee: Alice Carey, Marcia Easterling, Ann Pomper, Judy Ziss

Part-timers: Helene Anderson, Doris Curran, Barbara Fanger, Sylvia Szulkin

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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, October 22, 2014

Candidates running for office on November 4 included:

Barnstable County Commissioner – Leo Cakounes and Mark Forest

Barnstable District Attorney – Richard Barry and Michael O’Keefe

MA State Senate – Vinny Demacedo (R) , Heather Mullins (L) and Matt Patrick (D)

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

May 6, 2015 will be the date of the LWVF Spring Candidates Night held at the Morse Pond School.

Sean Corcoran of WCAI will be the moderator.

Two candidates will vie for one Town Selectman opening; four candidates will seek the three positions open for Library Trustee; seven candidates are competing for five School Committee positions and three candidates will pursue two seats on the Planning Board. There will also be one uncontested candidate for the Falmouth Housing Authority.

Sincere thanks are due to FCTV , the Morse Pond staff and to the very large audiences who attended and provided additional questions for the candidates on both occasions

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 19, 2015

Committee: Doris Curran, Barbara Fanger, Marcia Easterling, Judy Stetson, Sylvia Szulkin

OBSERVER CORPS

Denise Morreale, Observer Corps Chair

The Observer Corps is dedicated to supporting compliance with the Open Meeting laws. There are many opportunities for League members to join the Observer Corps and become part of the team. On June 18th , the following members of the Observer Corps will present their annual reports at the LWV monthly meeting at the Town Hall Civil Defense Room.

Board of Selectmen

Kathleen Murray

Board of Health

Stephanie Miele

Planning Board

Fran Lightsom

EDIC

Carol Chittendon



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NATURAL RESOURCES

Pamela Polloni, Natural Resources Chair

After the 2013 effort to gather sufficient certified signatures to put the Bottle Bill Update on the 2014 ballot, Falmouth League members again were asked to join the Bottle Bill Coalition in late May and June to help gather an additional 17,000 certified signatures required before the bill could go on the November ballot. Unfortunately, after the Coalition had surpassed the goal with many more signatures, opponents of the Update managed to use a well-funded TV campaign of misleading advertising to turn majority support around and defeat the bill. It was a lesson for us all of the difficulty in enacting an initiative petition.

To follow up on the inspiring Annual Meeting presentation by Agriculture Commissioner Greg Watson who gave the Massachusetts perspective on maintaining regional agriculture, we planned a members meeting focused on local farming. The League board wanted to know more about what's happening with local sustainable food production and markets in Falmouth. With help from Patricia Gadsby, Falmouth Farmers Market organizer, and one of the market producers, Dan Silva, we engaged local farmers in the discussion. Our September 18th meeting brought out League members and guests interested in the future of farming in our town. Edward DeWitt, Association to Preserve Cape Cod's Executive Director, gave us an update on APCC's study of agricultural land use on Cape Cod, <http://apcc.org/agriculture/index.html>, which recommended that the Regional Policy Plan include as a goal no net loss of farmland. He reminded us that Falmouth has areas of prime soils and a history of farming, but much of our farmland has been developed or let go from agriculture. There is renewed interest in preserving and returning to farming what is left of useable farm acreage, but farmers are aging, and access to land is expensive here. Noelle Fogg, Farmland Matching Service Coordinator for Tufts University Friedman School of Nutrition's New Entry Sustainable Farming Project, presented information about the Project <http://nesfp.org>, which connects prospective farmers with available land and provides additional support through training and equipment sharing. This program has already benefited new farmers in eastern Massachusetts. The discussion included comments from several farmers that support is needed for local agriculture. By joining or buying from their markets or by participating and learning the work of farming and growing food, we all can participate. Several League members remarked that they would take what they'd learned to heart, noting that "It takes a village to support a farmer".

Committee Members: Jayne Abbott, Joan Boyer, Ruth Brazier, Ginny Gregg, Kathy Mortenson



LEGISLATIVE

Kathy Mortenson Legislative Chair

The LWVMA held positions on 3 of the 4 questions on the November 4, 2014 ballot. The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts was one of a coalition of groups actively supporting the YES on 2 campaign. Question 2 would have expanded the Beverage Container Deposit Law. Question 2 did not pass. State Representative David Vieira joined 40 members and citizens in an informal conversation about his work at the Massachusetts State House at the League's March 19th meeting held at the Falmouth Public Library's Hermann Room. Representative Tim Madden had planned to attend but bad weather that afternoon on Nantucket, where Rep. Madden lives, forced the ferry cancellation from Nantucket. Some of the questions were about health insurance changes in Massachusetts and preschool education.

PUBLICITY

Marcia Easterling, Publicity Chair

This has been a very busy year for League public programs which thus generated much publicity.

In September Pam Polloni chaired the Natural Resources presentation with a focus on local agriculture. This was very well attended. In November the League hosted a meeting with Dr. Jane Scarborough on the Supreme Court and the Hobby Lobby Case. The scheduled Local Planning meeting in January had to be cancelled because of treacherous icy conditions as was the Board meeting because of the long-to-be-remembered Blizzard of 2015. There was excellent attendance in February for the Restorative Justice program. There was a good crowd for the March meeting with our local legislators. Unfortunately bad weather cancelled the ferry from Nantucket so Tim Madden could not attend. David Vieira, however, more than held his own, answering many questions from the audience. The final public meeting of the year occurred in April on the subject of civic education and engagement and how Tuft University's CIRCLE program, the newly established and opened Edward M. Kennedy Institute and the Cape Cod Foundation-League of Women Voters collaboration are all addressing the vital need to engage larger numbers of voters, especially younger voters in active citizenship participation.

Finally, notices of the May LWV events, Candidates Night and the Annual Meeting, were sent to the appropriate local media.

This year all of the following local media received League PSAs and/or articles about the programs: THE FALMOUTH ENTERPRISE, the FALMOUTH BULLETIN, WCAI, FCTV, Cape Cod Times, Falmouth Patch, Cape Cod Today and Cape Classical 107.5.



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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

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LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF FALMOUTH

2014-2015 MEETINGS

SEPTEMBER	What's the Future of Farming in Falmouth
OCTOBER	Candidates Night
NOVEMBER	Current Constitutional Crisis -The Roberts Court
JANUARY	State and Local Program Planning (held in February due to weather cancelation)
FEBRUARY	Restorative Justice
MARCH	Legislative Program
APRIL	Local Study: Civic Education Forum
MAY	Candidates Night
JUNE	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
2014-2016	<u>Steering Committee:</u> Meg Borden, Alice Carey, Doris Epstein, Betsy Fontes, Sylvia Szulkin



