



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

## April 2017

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April	<b>20</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Local Study Report</b> Hermann Room, Falmouth Public Library **Meet for dinner at Gourmet Garden at 6pm**
	<b>25</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b> Falmouth Hospital Maternity Meeting Room
May	<b>Tuesday 2</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Conversation with Local Legislators (postponed from March)</b> Hermann Room, Falmouth Public Library
	<b>4</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Candidates Night</b> Hermann Room, Falmouth Public Library
	<b>13</b>	<b>11:30 am</b>	<b>Annual Meeting</b> First Congregational Church of Falmouth 68 Main St., Falmouth
	<b>16</b>	<b>7am-8pm</b>	<b>FALMOUTH TOWN ELECTION</b>
June	<b>15</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Observer Corps Reports</b> Town Hall Civil Defense Room **Meet for dinner at Gourmet Garden at 6pm**
	<b>Saturday 17</b>	<b>2:00 pm</b>	<b>Observer Corps Boot Camp</b> 40 Wild Harbor Rd., N. Falmouth
	<b>27</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>	<b>Board Meeting</b> Falmouth Hospital Maternity Meeting Room

**\* NO BOARD MEETING SCHEDULED IN MAY**

### LWVF Board of Directors 2016-2017

#### STEERING COMMITTEE

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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

Sylvia Szulkin, Chair of the Steering Committee

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Saturday, April 1 began on a wet, chilly, uninviting note. Who would attend a reception for new League members on such a day? Happily, 14 new League members and 3 prospective members embraced the invitation and joined several Falmouth board members at Jackie Webster's lovely home to enjoy each other's company. People of diverse ages and interests found they had a lot to talk and laugh about. They also generally agreed that the League offered a good opportunity to become educated and civically engaged in issues of importance at all levels of government. They knew or had heard that through the League they could make a difference in their community.



We're happy to report that several new members showed interest in joining the Observer Corps and other committees. Jackie and Kathy Mortenson will be working to match new members with committees reflecting their interests.

April, May and June will offer all our members a variety of programs. On

Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Hermann Room at the main library, the Local Study Committee will share its findings on Falmouth's needs and its vision for addressing those needs. The report caps a two-year study titled "Now and Future Falmouth." Phase two has focused on Falmouth's economy, affordable housing and civic engagement, with an emphasis on meeting goals. The audience will be invited to ask questions and offer its own ideas.

This is a public meeting. Please bring your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome to enter the discussion.

On Tuesday, May 2 the community will get a chance to join in the League's "Conversation with our State Legislators" starting at 7:30 p.m. in the Hermann Room at the main library. Thanks to the hard work of Margaret Cooper, all of our legislators—Senator Vinnie DeMacedo, Representative David Vieira and Representative Dylan Fernandes—will be present to speak about their particular legislative interests, answer our questions and hear our concerns. We're aiming for a relaxed, informal and informative exchange.

On Thursday, May 4, starting at 7:30 p.m. we'll be back in the Hermann Room for our Candidates Night. There will be contests for seats on the Board of Selectmen, Library Board, Planning Board and School Committee. Since the program will be televised, it will begin promptly at

7:30 p.m. We urge you to come early so that you can submit your questions in writing for each contest before the program begins. Many thanks to Alice Carey and her Voter Service Committee for handling the myriad details that make Candidates Night our signature event.

On Saturday, May 13, we will hold our Annual Meeting in the meeting hall at the First Congregational Church on the Village Green. The meeting will begin at 11:30 a.m. and include a business meeting, an informal buffet lunch and a roundtable discussion of leadership by several leaders from different arenas in our community. The fee for the whole event will be \$15.00. Please mail your check and the flyer included in this Bulletin to Meg Borden, our second vice-president. Meg and her committee always do a masterful job in putting together the premier social event of our League year. You are welcome to bring non-League members to the meeting. You may add their entry fee to your check or they may pay at the door.

On Thursday, June 15 starting at 7:30 p.m., we will hold our Observer Corps meeting in the Civil Defense Room in the basement of Town Hall. The dedicated Leaguers who sit in on Falmouth's board, commission and committee meetings will report on what they have observed of how these bodies carry out their designated tasks. Thank you to Denise Morreale and the observers for helping us to understand and assess how volunteer and elected boards in Falmouth make decisions that affect the well-being of their fellow citizens.

Finally, a tribute to The Bulletin's editorial team—editors Brenda Nolan and Denise Morreale and proofreaders Kathy Mortenson and Joan Boyer. If you think their work easy, please join them for an issue or two...or more. They'd welcome your help. If you've enjoyed reading the Bulletin, please let them know by dropping them a line.

Hoping to see you all soon.

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS**

***joining us in March:***

Jenifer & Alan Alai,  
Laura Brothers,  
Maggie Sweasy

**Save the Dates**

Saturday June 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm, OBSERVER CORPS BOOT CAMP, 40 Wild Harbor Rd., North Falmouth. We will cover material published in Observing Your Government in Action and A Guide to Open Meeting Law. Both of these guides are available in PDF form. The first publication is available at LWV National website, and the second is available at the LWV MA website. There will be no marching or heavy lifting.

## **LEAGUE CONVERSATION WITH LOCAL LEGISLATORS MAY 2**

Margaret Cooper

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Please mark your calendars for TUESDAY (not our traditional Thursday), May 2, at 7:30 pm in the Hermann Room of the main library in Falmouth for our annual conversation with state legislators. State Senator Vinny deMacedo (R) and Representatives Dylan Fernandes (D) and David Vieira (R) will be available, as usual, to share information about what is going on at the State House and also, more specifically, what they are doing. Bring your questions and concerns to contribute to the dialog. Also bring your friends as the public is urged to attend.

State Senator Vinny deMacedo's (R) district includes: Plymouth, Kingston, Pembroke, Bourne, Falmouth and Sandwich. His committee assignments:

- [Ranking Minority, Joint Committee on Ways and Means](#)
- [Ranking Minority, Senate Committee on Ways and Means](#)
- [Joint Committee on Community Development and Small Businesses](#)
- [Joint Committee on Financial Services](#)
- [Joint Committee on Marijuana Policy](#)
- [Joint Committee on Tourism, Arts and Cultural Development](#)
- [Senate Committee on Personnel and Administration](#)
- [Senate Committee on Rules](#)
- [Senate Committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets](#)

State Representative Dylan Fernandes' (D) district includes: Martha's Vineyard, Nantucket and part of Falmouth. His committee assignments:

- [Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture](#)
- [Joint Committee on Mental Health, Substance Use and Recovery](#)
- [Joint Committee on Municipalities and Regional Government](#)
- [House Committee on Redistricting](#)

State Representative David Vieira'a (R) district includes: Mashpee and some precincts in Bourne and Falmouth. His committee assignments:

- [Joint Committee on Public Safety and Homeland Security](#)
- [Joint Committee on Rules](#)
- [House Committee on Bonding, Capital Expenditures and State Assets](#)
- [House Committee on Rules](#)

## LOCAL STUDY REPORT HIGHLIGHTS VISION FOR FALMOUTH

Doris Epstein, Committee Chair

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On Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Hermann Room at the main library, the Local Study Committee will share its findings on Falmouth's future needs and its vision for meeting those needs. The report caps the second phase of a two-year study titled "Now and Future Falmouth." Phase two has focused on Falmouth's economy, affordable housing and civic engagement, with an emphasis on meeting goals.

This is a public meeting. Please bring your friends and neighbors. Everyone is welcome to enter the discussion.



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## LWV Natural Resources

Pamela Polloni

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Our Committee 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.) I agreed to join the new Environmental Action steering committee to keep us in the loop.

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<sup>th</sup>, and EEA members were encouraged to attend. Kathy Mortenson and I attended from LWVF. The morning keynote speaker was Kandi Mossett, a member of the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation of North Dakota. She is a recognized "environmental justice hero on the frontlines of the fight to stop the Dakota Access Pipeline." 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. Helping the audience realize that 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.



The EEA Steering Committee applied for and has received a grant to support a series of regional forums. Five are planned for this year, and Falmouth’s would be the fifth, in November. The LWVF Board will consider plans at our April Board meeting.

Topics include:

Worcester	April 26	On the Path to 100% Renewable Energy
Boston	May	Impact of Sea Level Rise on Coastal Communities and Beyond
Winchester	June or Sept.	Designing Energy Systems for Health
Lexington	October	Greening the Grid
Falmouth	November	Local Environmental Action – Coastal Issues (to be determined)

## **The League of Women Voters of Massachusetts Convention 2017**

*The Future of Democracy: Facing the Challenges*

The 2017 LWVMA Convention “**The Future of Democracy: Facing the Challenges**” will be held April 28-29 at the Sheraton Hotel in Framingham, MA. Convention brings local League delegates together to hear distinguished speakers, approve program for the next biennium, elect a new board of directors, approve the budget, and network with leaders from across the state.

**Get hotel information and register today at:**

<https://lwmvma.org/2017-lwmvma-convention/> Tel. 617-523-2999

## League of Women Voters of Falmouth Nominating Committee Report 2017

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Stephanie Miele, Chair  
Marcia Easterling, Joanne Voorhis, Board Representatives  
Mary Barry and Kathie Mount

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

First Vice President Betsy Fontes\*

### Officers in Place (2016-2018)

2nd VP – Meg Borden\*

Treasurer- Joanne Voorhis

Secretary- Catherine Kligler

### Directors to be elected for 1 Year Term

Olivia White (At Large)

### Directors Continuing for 2017-2018

Joan Boyer (Webmaster)

Jacqueline Webster (Membership)

Doris Epstein (At Large) \*

Denise Morreale (Observer Corps)

Sylvia Szulkin (At Large)\*

Alice Carey (At Large)\*

Margaret Cooper (Legislative)

Barbara Fanger (At Large)

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

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	BUDGET/ACTUAL		BUDGET	Proposed
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	Budget
				FY 2017-18
<b>INCOME</b>				
Ads	425	500	\$200.00	400
Annual Meeting	400	360	\$400.00	400
Contributions-Friends	725	250	\$500.00	500
Contributions-Members	2000	1320	\$1,000.00	1200
Dues	3900	3675	\$4,000.00	4000
Fund Raisers	20	20	\$0.00	
Interest Income				
Transfer from savings	660	0	\$2,655.00	2485
<b>INCOME TOTAL</b>	<b>8130</b>	<b>6125</b>	<b>\$8,755.00</b>	<b>8985</b>

	BUDGET/ACTUAL		BUDGET	Proposed
	FY 2015-16		FY 2016-17	Budget
				FY 2017-18
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Action/Program	1,000	35	\$1,000.00	500
Administration	300	333	\$250.00	350
Website Fee	240	38	\$240.00	240
Annual Meeting & Report	400	732	\$400.00	400
Bulletin Postage	200	89	\$200.00	200
Bulletin Printing	400	284	\$300.00	350
Conventional-National	400	0	\$400.00	1000
Convention-State	0	80	\$400.00	80
Membership & Directory	200	448	\$300.00	500
Participation	115	75	\$115.00	115
Per Member Pay Mass. (PMP)	1775	1995	\$2,000.00	2100
Per Member Pay US (PMP)	3000	3875	\$3,000.00	3000
Voter Service	100	112	\$150.00	150
Special Projects	0	0	\$0.00	
<b>EXPENSE TOTAL</b>	<b>8130</b>	<b>8096</b>	<b>\$8,755.00</b>	<b>8985</b>



# **League of Women Voters of Falmouth Annual Meeting**

## **2017 Annual Meeting and Buffet Lunch**

**Saturday, May 13, 2017 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**First Congregational Church of Falmouth  
68 Main Street, Falmouth MA.**

### **“Leading the Way: What Does It Take?”**

**There will be a panel, with participants from the community, answering questions about the models for leadership in our contemporary civic and political environment.**

**\$15.00 per person. Make checks payable to LWV Falmouth and mail to:**

**Joanne Voorhis  
League of Women Voters of Falmouth,  
P.O. Box 450,  
Falmouth MA 02541**

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**#People \_\_\_\_\_ Amount enclosed(\$15 per person) \_\_\_\_\_**