

*LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
CONCORD CARLISLE*

Invites you to attend our

LWVCC ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 21, 2008
Hawthorne Room at Milldam Square
100 Keyes Road, Concord

7:00 PM Reception
Cool drinks, dessert and conversation

7:30 PM Program

*“Concord and Carlisle as Viewed through the eyes of
our Town Clerks”*

*Charlene Hinton, Carlisle Town Clerk
Anita Tekle, Concord Town Clerk*

8:15 PM Business Meeting
Conduct the annual business of our organization

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CHAIRS' LETTER:

Year End Thanks on Behalf of the ESC

Nancy Beeuwkes & Shawna Reid, co-chairs

Dear League Friends,

We have just come from a very energizing League Board Warrant review. This year's LWVCC Board, along with members who have expertise in all manner of Town matters, is a force to be reckoned with! Discussion was long, thoughtful and lively. Our recommendations for the Concord warrant will be emailed to you soon and put out for the public at Concord Town Meeting on April 28th (Carlisle's warrant has just arrived and we will review it shortly).

As I think back on this year's League activities, I feel really proud of the work we have done and the good times we have had together. We started in August and continued into early Fall with four terrific candidate forums for the primary and final elections for Marty Meehan's seat. These were organized by the local leagues in the 5th Congressional District, and Erin Pastuszewski represented LWVCC on the regional committee. The attendance was huge. Next Erin, with help from Shawna Reid, Lauren Bakewell and Barbara Lewis, went on to update and make user friendly our local website (lwwcc.com). We on the Board are inordinately proud of this website and hope you have visited it for the latest information on your local league, and links to your state and national league.

Barbara Lewis, membership chair, is, among her many duties, in charge of making sure we have fun. She planned a well-attended autumn member coffee in September and a delightful breakfast in January. At the breakfast we were able to hear about the work of the State Fiscal Policy Study that many of our members, ably led by Nancy Cronin, worked on. Barbara also published our lovely yellow league phone book (invaluable), and is planning a Candidate's Forum in Carlisle on May 4th.

At our Holiday party in December we learned a lot about affordable housing issues in both

Carlisle and Concord from a discussion led by Toby Kramer. Many of our members also attended consensus meetings on the state Studies of Massachusetts fiscal policy and affordable housing.

Barbara Anthony led a great National planning meeting in January; ideas from which were sent the LWVUS in preparation for the National Convention in June. Barbara Anthony also works hard every year on a mail fundraiser in the non-league community to raise money for our work and to keep the community informed on what the league is doing. She has spent years perfecting the mailing list for this outreach.

Several members, led by Nancy Cronin, spent over a year studying state and local fiscal policy. Nancy and Susan Sekuler led a long and challenging consensus meeting on this subject.

Erin Pastuszewski, assisted by Lauren Bakewell, did an impressive job of leading us in local program planning. Results of that meeting will inform our choices of issues to vote as priorities when we meet for our LWVCC Annual Meeting.

We are kept informed about Concord town committee work, and the selectmen's and school committee's decisions through the hard work of the observer corps led by Louise Haldeman. Anne Hayden continues to publish the *Bulletin* every other month as well as this handbook. We owe both of these members a big vote of thanks for this important work. Anne also organizes the league's book group, which invariably has the most interesting and often unexpected discussions of non-fiction books.

Betsy Sluder continues to work hard on promoting a wetlands bylaw in Concord (Carlisle already has one), and arranged a very informative meeting in February on this subject. In addition, Betsy is looking for members to join

in a water conservation contest, in co-operation with Concord's DPW this summer. One just has to register with her.

National universal healthcare has been Paula Vandever's passion for the last two years. Paula has been working with league members in Massachusetts and all over the country to prepare materials for leagues to use in community education on healthcare for all. Our league contributed \$1000 to underwrite this effort, which will be presented at the LWVUS National Convention in Portland Oregon this June. We are hoping to send several members to this meeting. Would you like to go? Check our website and contact Shawna or myself.

Further thanks to Ardis Bordman for being such an organized and thoughtful secretary and to Erica Morrison for feeding us so well at our public meetings and for just being always so upbeat, warm and cheerful. Thanks to Susan Livingston for keeping Nancy organized and sending out postcards to members. Not yet mentioned are Cindy Nock and Evin Phillips who offered their wise counsel to the Board and helped in the efforts already mentioned.

Before Annual Meeting please look over the budget that our terrific treasurer Lauren has prepared for you. I think her notes are very helpful. At the Annual Meeting we must approve this budget, elect officers, approve program, and most importantly establish priorities for next year's action and study from those issues identified at the local program-planning meeting. We should also have some fun and renew acquaintances. If you have suggestions for the Board please bring them to the meeting on May 21st.

Finally I would like to thank my wonderful, hardworking, funny, and very smart co-chair, Shawna Reid, for sharing the load and keeping me sane. We look forward to serving you again next year.

Nancy Beeuwkes

I would like to second Nancy's kudos to the board and add one or two of my own.

First, Debbie Barr started the River Steward Awards seven years ago and created a lovely annual Concord Rivers event. The ceremony is always festive and beautiful, whether it's on the lawn of the Buttrick Mansion with a jazz band or in the barn on the Wolbach Farm Estate at the headquarters of the Sudbury Valley Trustees. Debbie stepped off the organizing committee for the Riverfest Awards this year, and we owe her a big thanks for her vision and all the creative energy she gave to the SoAsCo Rivers Project. Thank you, Debbie Barr!

Also, thank you, thank you to everyone on the Executive Steering Committee for all your hard work and support this year! Is it really almost May? And a very special thank you to Nancy Beeuwkes for her steady guidance and powers of persuasion in all things politic!

Next year's program looks very busy, which means we are going to need you, dear members, to pick one thing you might like to do for your League. Our nominating committee will be contacting you to find out just what that one volunteer project is you want to tackle. Putting out signs, making phone calls, manning at a voter information booth or helping on a candidates night -- nothing is too little or too much!! Volunteer early and often!! Thank you for all you did this year and we hope to see you at Annual Meeting.

Shawna Reid

ORDER OF BUSINESS

7:00 Social and Program

8:15 Call To Order

Business Meeting

- Credentials Report
- Treasurer's Report
- Budget Committee Report
- Audit
- Program

Local Program Report

Adoption of Program

- President's Report
- Nominating Committee Report
- Election of Officers
- Introduction of New Board
- Direction to the Board
- Any New Business
- Closing

MEMBERSHIP

Barbara Lewis, Membership Chair

On January 31, 2008, when we finalized our membership totals for accounting with the National League, we had 119 local members (21 of which were family memberships with spouses included), 9 members registered with the National League, and 6 Honorary members, who have reached 50 years of service in the League.

These numbers are down a bit from the previous year. So if you know of anyone who you think would be interested in joining the League, get in touch with Membership Chair, Barbara Lewis, so that we can send out a form and encourage that person to join.

Membership activities this year included the Autumn Coffee at Concord Greene in September, and the breakfast at the Colonial Inn in January, both of which were very successful. The presentation in January by the co-chairs of the State Fiscal Policy Study was especially interesting and drew a large number of League members.

If you have any questions or suggestions regarding membership, please contact Barbara Lewis at blglewis@comcast.net or 978-287-0049.

MEMBERSHIP BULLETIN

Anne Hayden, Bulletin Editor

The *Membership Bulletin* continues to be one of the major ways that information is transmitted to our membership. The *Bulletin's* goal is to provide both Concord and Carlisle members with a variety of materials and information about important issues at the local, state and national levels.

Over the past several years the LWVCC website has become an additional source of League and governmental information for both our members and the general public. As Bulletin editor, I look forward to

coordinating the *Bulletin* with the Website so that you will be able to have convenient access to current and factual information about Concord and Carlisle.

Many thanks to all who supplied articles for the *Bulletin* this year. Also thanks to Fran Neville who willingly produced the mailing labels, often on short notice. Please do not hesitate to contact me with your suggestions, ideas or thoughts regarding this publication. Together we can make it even better!

LWVCC WEBSITE

Erin Pastuszenski, Communications Director

While League communications this year continued largely unchanged, our website received a makeover, and we hope it has become a more useful tool for members. We obtained, with the assistance of Lauren Bakewell, a shorter domain name, so members and the general public can easily find us now at www.lwvcc.com. We also streamlined the website to make it simpler to use.

From the home page at www.lwvcc.com, one can go directly to the League Calendar or to the latest BULLETIN. The site also includes sections on Voter Information, Projects & Activities and Issues & Action, with links to relevant sections of the state and national League websites. Because it is revised frequently, the website provides between-BULLETIN updates, including any last-minute changes of date, time or location of League events.

We encourage members to bookmark the League website and refer others in the Concord and Carlisle communities to www.lwvcc.com. The website includes a membership form for those who want to join the League, give the gift of membership, or renew a membership, and community members who wish to offer financial support can find a donation form at the "Support Us" link in the sidebar. **LWVCC.com** is our primary outreach to the community, and members should visit often.

You may send comments about the website to erinpastuszenski@gmail.com, or submit them by clicking on the "webmaster" link at the bottom of any page of the site. The League expresses its gratitude to League member Li-Jen Lin, our former webmaster, who provided valuable guidance to Erin Pastuszenski when she took on that role.

VOTERS SERVICE

5th Congressional District Forums Erin Pastuszewski

In an exemplary cooperative effort, the Leagues of Women Voters in the Massachusetts 5th Congressional District joined together over the summer months of 2007 to plan a series of forums for the candidates vying to fill the U.S. House seat vacated by Martin Meehan. The LWV of Concord-Carlisle, along with the Acton Area, Andover/North Andover, Chelmsford, Harvard, Sudbury and Westford Leagues and the Haverhill Member-at-Large Unit, formed a planning committee that worked to educate voters about their choices in the September 4 primary election and the October 16 special election. Erin Pastuszewski represented LWVCC on the planning committee, and Nancy Beeuwkes and Susan Sekuler each also attended a planning meeting. Debbie Barr and Judy Hill were part of the volunteer crew at the pre-primary forum in Acton on August 21. Other LWVCC members submitted questions for the candidates.

The pre-primary forums—August 21 at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School and August 23 at Phillips Academy in Andover—were well-attended, with as many as 500 people present at each. All Democratic and Republican Party candidates participated in those forums, and two independent candidates also appeared and made brief statements. WBZ-TV's Jon Keller moderated the first forum, and WBZ-

TV news anchor Lisa Hughes moderated the second. The August 23 forum, which focused on foreign policy, was webcast on WBZ's web site and replayed on our local cable TV station. The League's pre-primary forums garnered high praise for their inclusiveness, their professionalism, and the high quality of the League-prepared questions posed to the candidates.

The League also sponsored two pre-election forums. The first was held on September 25 at Acton-Boxborough Regional High School. Though the two major party candidates decided not to participate, the League moved ahead with the forum featuring two independent candidates and one Constitution Party candidate, providing a unique venue for the lesser-known contenders to present themselves to the voting public.

The second pre-election forum, featuring all five candidates vying for the 5th Congressional District seat, was held on September 27 at Andover High School. Emily Rooney, host and executive editor of *Greater Boston* on WGBH television, moderated. The forum was filmed and replayed on our local cable station.

LWVCC was proud to play a role in educating voters about the candidates running in last fall's special election, and we hope to find other ways to collaborate with neighboring Leagues in the future.

CARLISLE VOTER SERVICE

Carlisle Candidates Forum – 2008 Elections
Barbaral Lewis

This year the LWVCC is once again hosting a Candidates Forum to be held on Sunday, May 4, from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Carlisle Town Hall. The Carlisle Mosquito has given this event wonderful promotion, and there are three contested races, so a good turn out is expected at the Forum and at the polls. The Forum will be recorded and aired on CCTV Channel 8 as in years past.

In addition to the LWV Forum, the voters of Carlisle have the benefit of a new program that was created by LWVCC to introduce the candidates and their messages. All the candidates were invited to come to Town Hall to have their two minute statement recorded, which was then combined with all

the other statements into a program. League member Barbara Lewis recorded an introduction to the program and a closing statement, and used this time to speak about the League, thank those involved, and encourage everyone to attend the upcoming Forum, Town Meeting, and to vote on May 13.

This first time effort of producing the Candidates Program went very well. Eight candidates of thirteen participated, CCTV volunteers did the filming and editing, and the result is an interesting and informative program that will benefit the voters of Carlisle in their decision making, along with the LWVCC Forum and the coverage in the Mosquito of the Candidates and the election.

**LWVCC Invites you to attend
2008 CARLISLE CANDIDATES FORUM
Sunday, May 4, 2008
3:00 – 5:00 PM
Carlisle Town Hall
The forum will also be televised on CCTV Channel 8.**

BOOK GROUP

Anne Hayden, Chair

The LWVCC Book Group is thriving! We have over thirty members and our meetings average 15-20 participants each session. We meet bimonthly at the Concord Library in Concord Center. This book group is open to all League members and their friends and one can participate as often as one is able.

The book group reads non-fiction books including biographies, current issues and history. In November 2007 we hosted an author who had formerly worked for the CIA for a discussion of his recently published book about that organization. Afterwards we all had lunch together, which was an energizing plus as it enabled us to further discuss this timely topic with each other and our visiting author.

This year's books included *A Team of Rivals* by Doris Kearns Goodwin, *Skating on the Edge: A Memoir and Journey Through a Metamorphosis of the CIA* by Carlos Luria, *American Bloomsbury* by Susan Cheever, *Overthrow* by Stephen Kinzer, and *Benjamin Franklin* by Walter Isaacson. (See box below for information on the May meeting.)

Our first meeting for next year will be in September 2008. We will be discussing *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollen and *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver. There will be a pot luck luncheon afterwards. If you are interested in participating in this program, please contact Anne Hayden at anne.hayden@comcast.net or (978) 369-8526.

LWVCC Book Group Meeting
Wednesday, May 28, 2008
Trustees Room, Concord Library – 10-11:30 AM

Benjamin Franklin: An American Life
By Walter Isaacson

League Members and their friends are invited to attend.

OBSERVER CORPS

Louise Haldeman, Chair

For many years, the Observer Corps has been an important service which the League has provided to Concord as it covers many Boards and Committees which receive little attention otherwise. Unfortunately, the number of members willing to be observers has declined and several committees are now not covered. The sudden death of long time Board of Health Observer, Elsie Bracco, was a great blow to the small but stalwart crew of remaining observers. The other observers are Betsy Sluder for Natural Resources; Cub Lauderdale for the Selectmen; Erica Morrison for the Historical Commission; Fran Neville for the Department of Public Works; and Tom Sisson for the Light Board. More observers are needed!

Recent practice has been to issue a report quarterly and it has been mailed to all members as well as several town officials. Unfortunately, the Observer Corps has been in a state of suspended animations for most of the past season due to other circumstances, primarily the chair's duties as a leader of the anti-casino battle, and no report has been issued for several months. We hope to be able to publish again in the near future but it is clear that without more help, the practice of sending a report by mail will need to be discontinued. In the future, the report will be placed on the website and thus be available to anyone.

CASINO GAMBLING: THE BATTLE IS WON BUT THE WAR CONTINUES

Louise Haldeman

Last fall Governor Patrick proposed the idea of three resort style casinos in Massachusetts as a means of boosting revenues in the state. While many aspects of the proposal seemed attractive, it was quickly obvious that no real cost/benefit analysis had been done and that the predictions for both the number of jobs which would be created and the amount of revenue to be made were highly exaggerated while the costs in social services and infrastructure were severely underestimated.

Knowing that no state has ever solved its fiscal problems through the introduction of casino gambling, the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts has been in the forefront of the attempt to defeat the proposal in the Legislature which has in fact happened. However, the battle is far from over. There will be a move soon in the Senate to allow slot machines at the race tracks. Not only would such a move be a bridge to casinos but it would also open the door for tribal casinos.

Backers of the Governor's proposal have argued that tribal casinos were inevitable

and therefore it would be better to have the state licensing them and receiving some revenue. While there is and was some logic to this, it was based on a false assumption. *Tribal casinos are not inevitable as long as the state continues to ban Class 3 gambling which includes slot machines and table games such as black jack, roulette, etc.*

Under the Indian Gaming Law a recognized Indian tribe can do *on its own land* anything which is legal in the state. Currently class 3 gambling is not legal and as long as it isn't, the tribes remain bound by what is legal such as bingo parlors.

Unfortunately, many members of the Senate and House do not understand the fine points of all this and there is a real chance that so called "racinos" may slip by. Pennsylvania managed to pass casinos over a 4th of July weekend a few years ago. We must not let this happen here. Massachusetts like all states is facing severe financial problems and it is tempting to look for a quick fix but there is no such thing to be had.

STATE ACTION

Nancy Cronin, Chair

The LWVCC participated in two state studies this year, Affordable Housing and Fiscal Policy. Leagues held the Affordable Housing consensus meetings together in various regions of the state rather than individually. Several LWVCC members attended our regional meeting in Chelmsford. The consensus question was: “What changes to Massachusetts laws are needed to more successfully encourage the production and retention of affordable housing?” Discussion was limited by the size of the group and depended on the skills of the moderator. At this time the LWVM committee is working to complete the consensus.

The Fiscal Policy update study concerned financing local government. LWVM has many positions on this issue, having studied various aspects of fiscal policy over the years. The update was begun because many communities are having difficulty funding essential services with the property tax and with decreased state aid. Statewide the cost of health insurance for municipalities has increased 63% since 2001, local budgets have increased 15%, and state aid has decreased 1%.

Concord and Carlisle members completed the LWVM questionnaire about local

finances for each of our towns and reported the results to the state League committee. On January 23rd we held a very successful member breakfast at the Colonial Inn where our speakers were the co-chairs of the LWVM Fiscal Policy committee. On February 13th our well-attended consensus meeting was held at the home of Cynthia Deysher. The League currently has a position opposing local option taxes, and this was the focus of much of the discussion. We have reported our results to the LWVM and will learn the final consensus after all Leagues have reported by the end of May.

The other major state action issue was the proposal by Governor Patrick to establish casino gambling in Massachusetts. Louise Haldeman headed the LWVM committee which actively opposed this legislation. Her report appears elsewhere in this workbook.

Nine LWVCC members attended the annual LWVM ‘Day on the Hill’ on March 19th. Casino gambling was the hot issue of the day, and our speaker was Representative Daniel Bosley who substituted for House Speaker DiMasi who was busy rounding up opponents to the casino gambling proposal which was voted down the following day.

HEALTH CARE

Paula Vandever, Chair

Making Health Care a LWVUS Program

Two years ago, Nancy Beeuwkes, Shawna Reid and Paula Vandever attended the 47th National Convention of the LWVUS in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Like many local Leagues from across the country the LWVCC had sent specific proposals for National Program Planning. We had advised National to adopt Civil Liberties and Health Care as recommended proposals for the up-coming two years. Other Leagues sent proposals and the LWVUS Board selected one for their recommendation—Immigration. At Convention, there were caucuses held to sway voting delegates to select the national Board's recommended study, Immigration, or one of about 50 other non-recommended studies introduced from some of the 861 Leagues attending the Convention. After much debate on the various suggestions, the LWVUS Board's recommended study on Immigration was the one selected. Health Care Reform did receive much attention and was one of the most popular of the non-recommended items.

A group of about 15 League members from across the country that had worked on health care decided to continue after Convention and meet monthly via phone conference call and by regular e-mails to strategize how to influence the LWVUS Board to consider Health Care for the purposes of education and advocacy. This group, which named itself "Health Care Reform for the U.S.," (HCR4US), created a website, contacted Leagues across the country and was able to recruit about 300 individual League members from about 46 states. It is a group of individual LWV members rather than any

formal type of identified League committee. During the past two years, working closely with the LWVUS, HCR4US was able to convince the national League Board to make health care reform one of its eight top priorities. But the main goal of the group is to encourage the national League to assist local Leagues to thoroughly understand the national League's Health Care Position and to encourage advocacy to support this position as health care bills come before local, state and national Leagues.

Through the efforts of both the HCR4US and the nearly one-third of local Leagues that participated in this year's National Program Planning and recommended health care for national program, the LWVUS board voted to recommend Health Care as a Proposed National Program for the up-coming 48th National Convention this June in Portland, Oregon. The idea will be to set up a committee to devise a health care education plan that local Leagues can use when necessary. This is not a new study, but rather a taskforce will be established to carry out the goals of the existing National Health Care Position of 1993, if this recommended item is passed by the voting delegates at the convention. What exciting times. We see democracy in action in the LWV itself for the purpose of influencing politics in the cities, states and the U.S. Our national conventions look amazingly like our country's political conventions. The League can and does make a difference. It has been an honor to work with the dedicated women and men of the LWV this year.

ENVIRONMENT

Elizabeth Sluder, Chair

The year 2007 has been a busy one.

1. Observer Corps – The League has been attending the public meetings of the Natural Resources Commission and taking notes on its proceedings. The meetings take place on the first and third Wednesday evening in the month. The notes along with the officially adopted minutes form the basis of reports sent to the LWV Observer Corps.
2. The League has been attending the conservation coffee meetings of Concord residents that take place at 7:30 a.m. on the first Tuesday of the month. Sometimes there are changes in the regular date.
3. The League has been supporting the adoption of a town wetlands by-law and has attended workshops of the Natural Resources Commission dedicated to preparing this local law. It is presently scheduled to come before the Town Meeting in 2009. Carol Dwyer has been of great help to the Chairman in this effort. Many thanks!!
4. The League has co-sponsored with the River Stewardship Council, an award program that is part of the Riverfest celebration in June. The purpose is to reward community efforts to protect the vitally important rivers' basin on the Assabet, Concord, and Sudbury Rivers that flow through the region. This was the sixth year of Riverfest. The Concord-Carlisle League has worked with Leagues in Bedford, Acton, Sudbury, and Wayland in this effort.
5. The environmental chairman is participating on the Stewardship

Committee of the Organization of the Assabet River (OAR) in seeking to protect this river from the impact of phosphate discharges from the towns that border its flow. At this time the towns have met EPA standards for phosphates discharge, but two of the municipalities in the Assabet River basin wish to expand their public sewage systems to accommodate population growth. This would mean a greater volume of phosphate-contaminated water into the Assabet River. Phosphate causes algae scum to form on the river during the spring, summer, and early fall. This scum smothers the fish and smells foul as the lower layers of the vegetative growth rot for lack of sunlight. It makes boating disagreeable to navigate and is no good for swimming.

6. The environmental committee has been monitoring progress in the restoration of the Chamberlin mini-park in downtown Concord. To date the upper and higher part of the land has been cleaned up and refurbished with new benches and neatly trimmed trees that were in need of saving. The lower wetland part of the land that borders Mill Brook needs more work, but the human-engendered trash has been removed. As of 2008 the work by the NRC on the park will continue. This park is generously financially endowed to cover the costs of the work.

Conclusion

Problems with protecting the natural environment and beauty of Concord will be forever with us.

Constant vigilance is essential. It is an ongoing challenge.

2007 Water Conservation Challenge

Debbie Barr

WHAT IS IT?

“The Community Conservation Challenge is an innovative project created by the Concord Public Works and funded in part by the Massachusetts Environmental Trust to raise awareness about the importance of water conservation, and provide an extra incentive for water customers to become more water-efficient. Participating groups also earn money for their conservation efforts.

Teams try to reduce water use from previous summers. Members aggregate water use is tracked from May through October, and compared to the team’s three-year average of water use from a similar period. Every percentage point reduction in water use during May through October will earn the group \$2/person.”

THE LWVCC TEAM

The LWVCC and nine other groups joined the Water Conservation Challenge in May 2007.

LWVCC team members were Debbie Barr, Nancy Beeuwkes, Nancy Birchard, Don Bracco, Maribeth Clemm, Nancy Cronin, Louise Haldeman, Anne Rarich, Janet Rothrock, and Shawna Reid.

Other teams were The Willard Aqua-Nauts; West Concord Woman’s Club, Public Works Commission/Planning Board, Organization for the Assabet River, Elm Park Neighbors, Concord Family Network, CCHS Earth Science, Boy Scout Troop 132, and the Board of Selectmen/Finance Committee.

TEAM RESULTS

Mid-way through the Challenge, the LWV team had reduced water use by 5%; however, water use increased at the end of the summer, perhaps due to dry weather through the fall. The LWVCC team ended up with a 4% overall increase in water consumption.

However, Joanne Bissetta, Water Conservation Coordinator, reported that overall residential water use was up 26% for this fiscal year. Given the sizeable increase in town water consumption, she was pleased with the 3% overall reduction in water use by Challenge teams, which saved over 170,000 gallons of water. Ms. Bissetta reports that from May to October, participating families had 10 toilets replaced, 12 had indoor water use audits, and five had irrigation systems audited.

Congratulations to Shawna Reid, the biggest saver of water on the LWVCC team, whose household water use was reduced by 35%, saving 18,700 gallons of water. She was honored at the Water Challenge recognition ceremony at the DPW. In addition, one team member replaced two leaky toilets, and three team members had water use audits.

The Conservation Challenge will be offered again this summer, with the opportunity for more Concordians to actively find ways to save water.

Thank you to the LWVCC members who participated in the Conservation Challenge. We encourage more members to participate on team LWVCC team this summer!

RIVER STEWARD AWARD PROGRAM

Elizabeth Sluder

There is one yearly event that I look forward to, which is Riverfest. The Leagues in the towns within the three river basin (the Assabet, the Sudbury, and the Concord) celebrate its wild and scenic beauty. The Leagues are Bedford, Carlisle, Concord, Sudbury, Framingham, Wayland, and Acton. The Leagues work with the Suasco River Stewardship Council in giving deserving people and institutions in these various town awards for their contributions to preserving the integrity of the rivers. They are an outstanding feature of our local landscape.

Lee Steppacher of the National Park Service is the invaluable advisor and coordinator of Riverfest.

The awards are given out at a reception held at the Visitors' Center of the Minutemen National Park at the Old North Bridge on the Friday evening before the Riverfest weekend in June. On Saturday and Sunday the towns have their celebrations on the river. Much fun!

WINTER FUNDRAISER

Barbara Anthony, Chair

2008 ANNUAL APPEAL LETTER TO LEAGUE FRIENDS

In February we mailed an appeal to our many local friends who are not LWVC-C members asking for their financial support of our work. As of April 15 we have received gifts totaling \$970. It is heart-warming to have received these prompt responses.

Thank you to Cliff and Dorrie Bean, Susan and Walter Birge, Agnes Brengle, Nancy

Brown, Elaine DiCicco, Winifred Ferguson, Cline and Gretchen Frasier, Sarah Garth, Lloyd and June Grace, George Kidder, Susan Perry, Barbara Pike, Helen Santis, Judith Shanley, Gordon and Joy Shaw, Victor and Mary Tyler, Herbert and Angela Wilkins, and Anne Winslow.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PREVENTION

Nancy P. James

Summary of Domestic Violence Prevention activities — 2007-2008

Introduction: national and state League chapters have made a significant commitment to domestic violence prevention. Our newsletters will now contain a report each month on the activities within Concord and surrounding towns about this issue. Included in these reports will be Rachel's Box Project, the Network for Women's Lives (Network), Concord-Carlisle Domestic Violence Roundtable (Roundtable), Domestic Violence Services of Central Middlesex (including DVVAP), and a men's group Men Against Domestic Abuse and Control, which meets in Carlisle. New areas including National Organization for Women (NOW)

Rachel's Box Project hosted its **2nd Decade Celebration** at the Trinitarian Congregational church on September 18, 2007. *Rachel's Box Project*, an active part of the Concord area domestic violence prevention efforts, held a second-decade rededication, recommitment, and anniversary gathering with Concord's Chief of Police Leonard Wetherbee, Senator Pamela Resor, The Reverend Doctor John Lombard, and others offering words of support. *Rachel's Box Project* acknowledged the early assistance and ongoing encouragement from the **Concord-Carlisle League of Women Voters**.

Network for Women's Lives *The Network continues its primary mission to provide education and outreach with special programs and events. This past year The Network was visible in the community at fall town days in West Concord, West Acton, Bedford, and Maynard as well as the 2007 World Day for Prevention of Child Abuse: assistance for anti-bullying programs with middle school and high school youth and parents: benefit productions of "The Vagina Monologues," "A Memory, A Monologue, A Rant and A Prayer" as well as a presentation of the documentary VDAY: Until the Violence Stops: Support Groups for Women with Controlling Partners continues to be supported as well as numerous programs in the western suburbs. For information, please contact MJ Nichols at MaryJTN@aol.com. The Networks web site is www.networkforwomenslives.org take a minute, please, to look at the site.*

Domestic Violence Services of Central Middlesex (DVS) originated as the **Domestic Violence Victims' Assistance Program (DVVAP)** to meet concerns identified by the Concord Police Chief, Len Wetherbee. DVVAP addressed: 1) follow up on domestic violence incidents to see how the victims fared, 2) understanding why victims repeatedly returned to their abusers, and 3) helping victims leave abusive situations. As the needs and services of DVVAP grew to jurisdictions beyond Concord, **Domestic Violence Services of Central Middlesex, Inc.** was formed to serve Central Middlesex County. **DVS**, in partnership with the police departments in its eight collaborating towns (Acton, Bedford, Boxborough, Carlisle, Concord, Lincoln, Maynard, Stow, and Wayland) and Hanscom Air Force Base, provides outreach and direct support to victims of domestic violence. Included in **DVS** is **Court Support Program**, for which advocates volunteer over 2,000 hours annually through regularly scheduled training programs. Call the DVVAP office 978-318-3421 for volunteer information or DVVAP@concordnet.org. The toll-free assistance number is 888-399-6111.

National Organization for Women(NOW) **NOW** has long advocated on domestic violence prevention issues. On the **NOW** website valuable information can be found under the heading **NOW and**

Violence Against Women. The local **ActonArea NOW** chapter contact is Alison Morgan actonareanow@aol.com and Massachusetts Chapter, 1105 Commonwealth Avenue, Suite 201, Boston, MA 02215 Phone: 617-254-9130 www.massnow.org and national site www.now.org.

Other Domestic Violence Prevention Programs *Churches and community groups address matters of abuse pertaining to their organizational focus (elder abuse, child abuse issues, etc.) Interested League members can find a host of programs within our community.*

The Board of the Concord-Carlisle League of Women Voters offers continued support of our mission and carries a newsletter page in every issue on local domestic violence prevention activities.

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Lauren Bakewell, Treasurer

Members who need a copy of the Treasurer's Report, which was mailed to all members with the 2008 Annual Meeting Workbook in April, should contact the webmaster at wm@lwgcc.com.

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM

MAINTAIN ALL CURRENT LOCAL POSITIONS with these proposed wording changes (new words in **bold**; deleted words in [~~brackets-strikethrough~~):

6.2 Support efforts to prevent juvenile crime by identifying youth needs and concerns, and coordinating the development and implementation [~~for~~] **of** services for youth, **including the Restorative Circle program.**

13.4 Support a land transfer tax. (**Note: This position was adopted prior to Concord's and Carlisle's approvals of the Community Preservation Act real estate property tax surcharges.**)

16.1 Support a [~~solid~~] **solid** waste disposal method that is safe and protects the health of the community and the environment; any method must be economically feasible and well managed.

Re-number 16.6 and 16.7 as 16.5 and 16.6, respectively.

STUDIES: None proposed

RECOMMENDED INITIATIVES:

EVALUATION OF SINGLE-TOWN POSITIONS

Form a committee to (1) identify any LWVCC positions now limited to just one of the two towns (Concord or Carlisle) that could be applicable to both Towns under existing positions and (2) propose appropriate modifications to such positions for consideration by the members at an annual meeting.

EDUCATION ON GREEN INITIATIVES

Support education efforts about green initiatives, including green buildings and energy conservation, using existing positions (e.g., growth, environmental health, bike paths, agricultural land use, Town facilities, etc.). Such support and action could include information in the bulletin, open meetings, and collaboration with other groups that share the goals of protecting the environment and reducing carbon footprints.

EXPLORATION OF TOWN PLANNING

Review and study the town planning process and issues in Concord and Carlisle. This initiative could include one or more open meetings on town planning issues, member and community education about town planning, and action based on our League's existing related positions (e.g., long range planning, town facilities, housing, growth, land use, etc.).

LWV CONCORD CARLISLE LOCAL PROGRAM 2008-2009

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Detailed Positions

1. Town Government, Concord

The League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle supports a local government which is based on the fullest possible participation of informed citizens in its policy and decision making processes. The League finds that Town Government as now practiced in Concord is both democratic and effective. To make it more responsive, open, and fair, we would support the following improvements:

1. 1. 1 Increased communications between:
 - a) committees and their appointing authorities, including periodic review and supervision, as well as more explicit definition of committee's charges
 - b) committees and the public
 - c) committee chairmen and members, including once yearly training/orientation sessions, and detailed and written orientation information for new members. (Modified 2001)
1. 1. 2 Increased citizen participation through:
 - a) more publicity of hearings
 - b) early notices of committee meetings and hearings with agendas
 - c) use of all available media to inform public on town affairs
 - d) distribution of town information package to newcomers
 - e) wider distribution of green cards.
- 1.1.3 Committee procedures made more effective by:
 - a) specific term lengths for committee members
 - b) use of sub and ad hoc committees for specific studies and to relieve overburdened committees
 - c) informative minutes, publicly available
 - d) termination process for unneeded committees
- 1.1.4 Adequate clerical and financial support with information given to committees by the Town Manager on services available.
- 1.1.5 Fair and responsible appointment process strengthened by:
 - a) expanding use of green cards, with regular updating and review by citizens and the Town Manager's office.
 - b) posting vacancies with at least two weeks between posting and appointment
 - c) flexible, informal interviews with prospective appointees
 - d) prompt appointments
 - e) reasonable use of recommendations from committee members

- f) geographical distribution of committee members for those committees whose functions warrant it.
 - g) use of the following criteria in appointing committee members: availability for attendance at committee meetings; eagerness to serve; expertise; work and/or volunteer experience; ability to work with others; stamina (not in order of priority).
- 1.2 League members were firm in opposition to:
- a) use of green cards as an exclusive source of appointees
 - b) use of a search committee to nominate appointees
 - c) election of more town committees (adopted March 1977, reaffirmed 1999)
- 1.3 The League supports the continuation of the Town Meeting as the primary deliberative and legislative body of the Town (adopted Feb. 96, reaffirmed 1999)
- 1.4 The League supports open Town Meeting as currently practiced with voting on Town Meeting issues taking place within the sessions of the town meeting. (Adopted Feb. 96, reaffirmed 1999)
- 1.5 The League believes that it is the obligation of the Town to provide all citizens seeking to attend Town Meeting, the opportunity to participate. If it should become impossible, on a regular and frequently recurring basis, to accommodate all of the persons wishing to attend Town Meeting, then the League would support a representative form of town meeting as an alternative to the present open Town Meeting. (Adopted Feb. 96, reaffirmed 1999)
- 1.6 The League opposes any change in Town Meeting Voting that would separate the vote from the deliberative process. (Adopted Feb. 96, reaffirmed 1999)
- 1.7 The League opposes any voting method that would constrain participants from having full access to information about the questions on which they are voting. (Adopted Feb. 96 reaffirmed 1999)
- 1.8 To further ensure that the residents of Concord are informed participants, the League urges that the Town take greater measures to:
- a) Increase the understanding of citizens about their local government.
 - b) Offer a fuller explanation of committee and board duties along with the Green Cards. Advertise committee vacancies promptly and widely.
 - c) Give wider distribution to the Town Report. (Adopted Feb. 1996, reaffirmed 1999)

Town Government, Carlisle

That the town of Carlisle should continue its present form of government, strengthening its effectiveness by improved communication and cooperation among boards and by the use of administrative and technical support when needed.

- 1.9.1 Support the use of administrative and technical assistance to foster the effective use of volunteers' time and expertise.
- 1.9.2 Support an annual meeting, chaired by the Selectmen at which all town committees present their accomplishments and goals.
- 1.9.3 Support issue-oriented meetings as needed, among pertinent boards. The ultimate responsibility for these meetings lies with the Selectmen.
- 1.9.4 Support timely distribution of pertinent information by committees to townspeople. (Adopted 1980, amended 1983, reaffirmed 1999)

2. Education

Concord and Carlisle in pursuit of quality education in the public schools:

- 2.1 Support a school organization that encourages the following: stability—requiring few major changes and little redistricting in order to preserve a sense of school community; low pupil-teacher ratios with the lowest in the primary grades; respect for parental preference among a range of teaching styles; broad uniform program aims; sound fiscal management. (Reaffirmed 1999)
- 2.2 Support for a system of guidance and social work that allows for department flexibility and staff mobility and interaction, particularly with the elementary schools. (Adopted July 1980, reaffirmed 1999)

- 2.3 Support for a system of guidance and social work which has as its primary role maintenance of the climate of learning of the student body as a whole and the consideration of the needs of the individual student; and which communicates openly with parents and provides information through channels such as workshops, written material, PTG meetings, etc. (Reaffirmed 1999)
- 2.4 Support additional, vocational education in the school system. An ideal system would include a) adequate up to date facilities; b) flexibility in time, choice, program, and amount of concentration on vocational or academic courses by each student; c) coordination with instruction in the Concord and Carlisle systems; d) full use of facilities for the whole community after regular school hours, evenings and summers; e) expansion of an improved work-study program; f) career awareness beginning in the elementary grades. (Reaffirmed 1999).
- 2.5 Support at Concord-Carlisle High School a curriculum development process utilizing inputs by departments, cooperation between departments, citizen input, and administrative and school committee review. Curriculum to afford flexible scheduling of student and teacher time to create opportunities for course options. Curriculum to emphasize interdepartmentally a sampling of many areas; development of analytic skills, written and oral communication skills; preparation for citizenship; and requirements for graduation in courses in many disciplines. (Adopted 1971, amended '78,'79,'83,'85 and Reaffirmed 1999)
- 2.6 Support a program of staff development and teacher evaluation to be reviewed regularly by the School Committees (adopted 1971, modified and reaffirmed, 1999)
- 2.7 Support the availability of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for students of Concord-Carlisle High School and at the Concord and Carlisle Middle Schools. (Adopted 1971, reaffirmed 1999, amended 2001)
- 2.8 Support a budget that includes adequate funding. (Adopted 1971 modified and reaffirmed 1999)
- 2.9 Support efforts by the schools and the parents associations to improve communications with the community. (Adopted 1971 reaffirmed 1999)

3. Public Health: Condom Availability

The Concord-Carlisle League of Women Voters recognizes that AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) has become a major health problem in this country, particularly for young adults and is now the leading cause of death for men between the ages of 18 and 40 and the fourth leading cause of death for women in the same age category. The League also recognizes that sexual intercourse is the most frequent mode of transmission for HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus), although there are other ways in which the disease may be transmitted.

Because of the potential threat to the young people of our community, the League urges the citizens of Concord and Carlisle, in conjunction with their Boards of Selectmen, The Regional School Committee, The Boards of Health, and other public and private agencies to embark upon a program of making condoms available to young people under conditions that include counseling and education as to inherent risks. This program should be undertaken in the knowledge that while properly used, condoms reduce the risk of AIDS, hepatitis B, other venereal diseases, and unplanned pregnancies, they do not remove all risk. The League believes that recognition of such risk falls on the individual. Every individual engaging in sexual intercourse must assess the risks involved and assume responsibility for his/her actions. (Approved by Board January 1995 reaffirmed 1999, language updated 2002)

4. Recreation, Concord

- 4.1 Support a comprehensive public recreation program in Concord.
- 4.2 Support a master plan for recreation in Concord.
- 4.3 Support the acquisition of land to meet the active recreational needs of the Town.
- 4.4 Support the development and maintenance of public swimming facilities, and the improvement of natural bodies of water. (Modified 2007)
- 4.5 Support the improvement and extension of Concord's present bike/foot path system including the preparation of a long-range construction plan.

- 4.6 Support the additional facilities for bicyclists, including a bike/foot path map, marked paths and street crossings, and safe racks well-placed around Town.
- 4.7 Support recreational activities on conservation lands that do not alter the integrity of the land for conservation purposes.
- 4.8 Support the increased distribution of information on conservation lands to townspeople.
- 4.9 Support making information on conservation land available upon request to visitors to Concord. (Reaffirmed 1999, amended 2000)

Bike Footpaths Carlisle

- 4.10 Support the development of bike/foot ways in Carlisle and the promotion of bicycle and pedestrian safety.
- 4.11 Support a pilot project for the development of bike/foot ways (1982, reaffirmed 1999)
- 4.12 Support a master plan for bike/foot ways for all existing town roads.
- 4.13 Support the Planning Board regulations requiring developers to build bike/foot paths in all new developments. (Adopted 1973, amended, 1980, 1982, reaffirmed 1999)

5. Animal Control, Concord

- 5.1 Support a dog control by-law that: is consistent and easy to understand; defines “under control by owner”; prohibits dogs from school property during classroom hours except with express permission of the principal; included a limited leash law for the business areas of Concord, school property outside of classroom hours, and town playgrounds; includes a “pooper scooper” provision for the business areas of Concord, playgrounds, and school property
- 5.2 Support enforcement of Concord’s animal control by-law that: is based on a complaint responsive system; includes limited patrolling by dog officer in problem areas such as playgrounds, business districts, and school property plus areas that have a high number of complaints; encourages dog licensing by charging higher fines for unlicensed dogs; encourages citizen participation by expedient and appropriate response to legitimate dog-related complaints.
- 5.3 Support license fees to be set at a level to encourage neutering. (Amended 2000.)
- 5.4 Support an innovative approach to dog licensing that: encourages licensing by mailing reminders to owners of all dogs reported on the Town census; follows up on known unlicensed dogs; has mail-in license forms; has a flexible licensing schedule—perhaps every three years when dog is due for rabies shot; encourages prompt licensing by charging late fees.
- 5.5 Support educational activities such as: information packets prepared by the town and widely distributed to town citizens explaining law and responsibilities of dog owner; community programs on animal care, possibly through the schools. (Adopted May 1985, reaffirmed 1999)
- 5.6 Support the immunization of cats against rabies (in accordance with state law) and strongly urge the immunization of all domestic animals against rabies and other contagious and potentially life-threatening diseases.

6. Crime Prevention

- 6.1 Support efforts to heighten public awareness about crime prevention, including educating citizens to report suspicious incidents to the police, and establishing neighborhood groups both to prevent crime and as a method of developing a stronger sense of community.
- 6.2 Support efforts to prevent juvenile crime by identifying youth needs and concerns, and coordinating the development and implementation [fœr] of services for youth, **including the Restorative Circle program.**
- 6.3 Support police Department crime prevention efforts, particularly educational programs in the schools and in the community at large, including an active “Operation identification” program.
- 6.4 Support increased use by the Concord district court of restitution and alternative sentencing, including the community service work program in Concord.

- 6.5 Support effective methods of identifying and publicizing the costs of vandalism to Town property.
- 6.6 Support effective methods of supervising heavily used Town conservation land. (Adopted December 1980, reaffirmed 1999)

7. Tourism Concord

In order to provide a pleasant experience in Concord for visitors to the revolutionary and literary sites and to maintain and improve the quality of life for residents in Concord, the League

- 7.1 Supports visitors' services with adequate public parking and toilet facilities located in the vicinity of the Milldam and at the West Concord shopping district. (Revised 2001)
- 7.2 Supports improved directional signs. Mini- informational maps of the vandal-proof roadside type are especially needed.
- 7.3 Supports public or private groups publishing maps or tapes which will direct visitors taking walking or biking tours of the Town. (Reaffirmed 1999)

8. Hanscom Field

- 8.1 Oppose extension of Hanscom field into a major airport
- 8.2 Support maintenance of general aviation activity at Hanscom Field at no higher than the 1973 level.
- 8.3 Support the participation of Concord and other Towns in the solution to problems associated with Hanscom Field

9. Long Range Planning

- 9.1 Support of local and regional long-range planning. Cooperation in the development of comprehensive planning criteria for the towns. (Reaffirmed 1999)

10. Town Facilities

- 10.1 Support for the re-use of surplus buildings: (a) consistent with the character of the neighborhood; (b) consistent with the current zoning; and (c) consistent with the preservation of architectural features.
- 10.2 Support for the reuse of surplus buildings which: (a) use private funding whenever possible; (b) satisfy a need within the community; (c) are sound economic investments for the community; and (d) which are planned to be self-supporting when possible.
- 10.3 Support for rehabilitation of Stow Street surplus buildings for: (a) elderly housing; (b) low income and family housing; (c) recreation; and (d) education.
- 10.4 Oppose extensive retail or commercial development on Stow Street. (Reaffirmed May 1999)

11. Housing, Concord

- 11.1 Support housing at all income levels in Concord. In particular, there should be a supply of low and moderate income housing in Concord to ensure inclusion of the elderly, those on fixed incomes, young people, families, disabled/handicapped persons, teachers, and town employees.
- 11.2 Support the following criteria to support implementation: (a) sound planning should be the basis of such development; (b) private and public efforts to provide such housing should be encouraged, especially if they provide economic mix within neighborhoods; (c) low rise, low density, multi-family dwellings would fulfill the Town's need and would be most in keeping with the desire to preserve the "open land" character of Concord. (Revised and reaffirmed 1999, modified 2007)

Housing, Carlisle

- 11.3 Support mixed income housing (low, moderate, and fair market) in Carlisle with priority to housing needs for the elderly. We recommend that consideration be given to rehabilitation

and/or conversion of existing buildings and new construction of housing units that will be in keeping with the rural character of Carlisle. We further recommend the use of rent subsidies and tax abatements where applicable. (Adopted 1978, reaffirmed 1999)

12. Growth

- 12.1 Support development of a land use plan in Concord that 1) has land capacity as a key component, 2) defines specific principles and policies, and 3) utilizes appropriate data maps.
- 12.2 Support positive action towards the achievement of Concord town planning goals in the conversion of any municipal buildings.
- 12.3 Support the regular updating of the Concord accessory apartment conversion bylaw as a means to provide housing alternatives within existing housing stock. (Modified and affirmed 1999, modified 2007)

13. Land Acquisition and Management, Concord

- 13.1 Support Town acquisition of land for
 - a. affordable housing, including subsidized housing
 - b. municipal use
 - c. stewardship of our historic and literary past
 - d. recreation-active and passive (conservation)Decisions about purchases should be made by weighing acquisitions against an overall plan with attention to balance, location, and possibilities for multiple use. (Modified 2007)
- 13.2 Support land taking by eminent domain only as a last resort and when it satisfies the public need and the public good; this could also be useful in clearing title to a property when ownership is unclear. (Modified 2007)
- 13.3 Support the concept of land banking
- 13.4 Support a land transfer tax. **(Note: This position was adopted prior to Concord's and Carlisle's approvals of the Community Preservation Act real estate property tax surcharges.)**
- 13.5 Support the principle of acquiring land with the intention of later leasing or selling parts of it if the intent to do so was made clear at the time of purchase or if the land was found to be surplus to Town needs.
(Criteria to be considered for Town land acquisition include the ability to be developed, location, linkage, potential uses, preservation, access, public safety and health. Each parcel of land is unique, therefore it is difficult to establish priorities in criteria for purchase, but the ability to be developed may be the most important.) (Adopted 1987, reaffirmed 1999, modified 2007)

14. Land Use

- 14.1 Support the protection of wetlands and lands in the flood plain through strong enforcement of legislation regulating wetlands, flood plains, and conservation lands; through such methods as percolation tests and Town acquisition of such Concord lands.
- 14.2 Support acquiring open land in densely populated areas of Concord. Support visibility of land as an important criterion of Town Acquisition.
- 14.3 Support a mix of housing to meet the needs of a variety of age and income levels.
- 14.4 Support strategic land management to achieve: preservation of open space, a diversity of housing types, and land for municipal uses

15. Agricultural Land Use

- 15.1 Support preservation of farmland in Concord by the following methods: The Farmland Assessment Act, conservation restrictions, purchase of development rights, land trusts, and tax reform.

- 15.2 Support Concord acquisition of farmland where other methods of preservation could not be used and the alternative would be the likely loss of the land to development.
- 15.3 Support the agricultural use of MCI-Concord agricultural land, and public education on the problems and potentials of farming in Concord (Reaffirmed 1999)

16. Environmental Health

Solid Waste Disposal

- 16.1 Support a ~~solid~~ **solid** waste disposal method that is safe and protects the health of the community and the environment; any method must be economically feasible and well managed.
- 16.2 Support improved methods of operation at existing landfill sites.
- 16.3 Support regionalization of solid waste disposal facilities
- 16.4 Support recycling education programs in the schools

Sanitary Sewage Facilities

- ~~[16.6]~~ **16.5** Support improvements needed to maintain present systems at their peak performance.
- ~~[16.7]~~ **16.6** Support first priority for tie-ins for those areas contiguous to the existing collection line, which are in dire need of service. (Reaffirmed 1999)

17. Wetlands

- 17.1 Support preservation and/or acquisition of wetlands and related uplands in the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord River Basin as well as other actions by appropriate federal state and local agencies.
- 17.2 Support the preservation and/or acquisition of the wetlands and related uplands in the Shawsheen River basin in Concord (Elm Brook). (Reaffirmed 1999)
- 17.3 Support strengthening Concord flood plain and wetland bylaws. (adopted March 1981, reaffirmed 1999, moved from 12.4 2007)

18. SUASCO River Basin

The SuAsCo River Basin Group represents nine Leagues in the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord River Basin. The SuAsCo River Basin Group allows the Leagues to approach water resource problems on a regional basis.

- 18.1 Support (a) comprehensive long range planning and coordinated action for use of water and related land resources in the SuAsCo Basin (b) measures to protect and maintain water supply, flood control, fish and wildlife, state and local agencies to accomplish the above; (c) adequate funding for federal, state and local agencies to accomplish the above; (d) federal, state, and local action to achieve flood plain zoning, stream encroachment planning, conservation easements, and the improvements of river flows.
- 18.2 Oppose high power transmission lines running overhead through areas zoned for residence. (Reaffirmed 1999)

LWVCC Program as Modified and Reaffirmed at 2007 Annual Meeting

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Judy LaRocca, Chair, Ardis Bordman, Mary Chapman, Barbara Lewis, Janet Rothrock

The Nomination Committee is pleased to present to the Annual Meeting the slate of candidates for the Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters for Concord Carlisle for 2008-2009.

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