

*LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF
CONCORD-CARLISLE*

Invites you to attend our

LWVCC ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, May 20, 2009
Hawthorne Room at Milldam Square
100 Keyes Road, Concord

7:00 PM Reception
Cool drinks, dessert and conversation

7:30 PM Program

Speaker: TBA

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

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CHAIR'S LETTER

Nancy Beeuwkes, Executive Steering Committee Chair

Dear League Friends,

As our League year comes to an end with only our Annual Meeting on May 20th remaining, I look back at what a wonderful year it has been. Your League has run several candidates forums, worked to get out the vote and to educate voters, run several interesting and educational forums, reached out to high school students and teachers, added new members, supported the State League and benefited by their educational outreach, had a lot of fun together, marveled at the amazing development of our excellent website, examined and taken positions on Town warrant articles, cheered as its Carlisle branch grew stronger, and just this week put on the best House Tour in the history of our towns! (Whew!)

I feel so privileged to work with such accomplished women, from our splendid Board to the talented long-time members who worked so hard to strengthen us financially through the proceeds of the house tour organized by Di Clymer and the community outreach organized by Barbara Anthony. Dozens of members helped in these efforts and, I think, had a great deal of fun doing it.

I hope you will attend the Annual Meeting on May 20th. We all need to approve some small by-law changes, elect new officers, and reaffirm existing programs. More importantly we must discuss and vote on what will be the work of the Concord-Carlisle League next year.

Soon I will be turning the gavel over to two very smart and talented women: Paula Vandever and Becky Shannon. They are both very enthusiastic about the possibilities for the League in the next year and will need your ideas and support. The nominating committee will present for your vote a splendid and varied Board as well.

Lastly I'd like to thank you all for your membership in the LWVCC and for your support of its work. I am especially grateful to you for your many words of encouragement and for your praise of the Board's advocacy and educational efforts during my years as president and chair.

Again my most sincere thanks,
Nancy Butler Beeuwkes
ESC Chair

ORDER OF BUSINESS

7:00 Social and Program

8:15 Call To Order

Business Meeting

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

Local Program Report

Adoption of Program

- ESC Chair's Report
- Nominating Committee Report
- Election of Officers and Directors
- Introduction of New Board
- Direction to the Board
- Any New Business
- Closing

MEMBERSHIP

Barbara Lewis, Membership Chair

This year was a very successful year for membership. We have a total membership of 160, which is an increase of 3 over last year. What is most exciting is that we were joined by 19 new members, many of whom have become involved in League activities. There are four National Members. Sixteen of our members are residents of Carlisle. This year we welcome two of our members to the rank of Honorary 50 Year Member, Carmela Arena and Erica Morrison, which gives us a total of seven.

We continued the tradition of holding an Autumn Membership Coffee in September which was at Concord Greene where we heard from Representative Cory Atkins and Senator Susan Fargo. And we had a great

turn out of 45 members for our Winter Membership Breakfast in January at the Colonial Inn, where State Senator Susan Fargo spent a generous amount of time and attention answering many questions of League members.

We are always eager to welcome new members at any time of year, so if you know of someone who would like to join the League, please bring them to my attention so that I can send them materials and encourage them to join. And as always, if you have any questions or suggestions regarding membership, call or email, Barbara Lewis, 978-287-0049, blglewis@comcast.net.

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. This year three issues were produced.

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

coordinating even more with Erin Pastuszewski, our LWVCC Webmaster, so that you will continue to have access to League information in a timely and comprehensive manner.

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!

PUBLICITY & LWVCC WEBSITE

Erin Pastuszenski, Communications Director

During 2008-2009, the League was very active and visible in the Concord and Carlisle communities. The year was filled with the busy fall election season, green initiatives programming, membership events, book group meetings, forums on Concord's finances and Carlisle's schools, local candidates' forums, voter education, House Tour fundraising, taking positions on Town Meeting articles, and more. League members and programs were seen and heard regularly in the local and regional press, on local cable television, and in our own webpages at www.lwvcc.com. There was no shortage of material for press releases and for postings to CCTV's community bulletin board and Boston.com's event listings. With some newspapers shrinking in size due to economic forces, we found getting coverage increasingly challenging, but our strong relationships with the local press stood us in good stead.

LWVCC's website (www.lwvcc.com) is perhaps our best way to reach our communities, and we strive to keep it updated and fresh. The **lwvcc.com** homepage generally highlights a Featured Event and any upcoming elections, plus

direct links to our Calendar and Bulletins. The Calendar is filled with the latest information on League events and also includes notices on voting, elections, and public hearings and meetings. We also post LWVCC Annual Meeting Workbooks, Local Program, By-Laws and other resources on our website, so League information is at your fingertips whenever you sit down to a computer. In addition, anyone interested in joining or supporting the League can find membership and donation forms at **lwvcc.com**. Please remember to use our website and refer others to it, as well.

Your ideas and suggestions about outlets for LWVCC news and publicity are always welcome, as is your feedback about **lwvcc.com**'s content, format and ease of use. You can reach Erin Pastuszenski, Communications Director, at Communications@lwvcc.com or by clicking on the "webmaster" link on any page of our website. Thank you to all who have provided content, comments or advice for LWVCC communications this year!

BOOK GROUP

Anne Hayden, Chair

The LWVCC Book Group has now finished up its fourth year, and it is proving to be one of our successful new ventures. There are over fifty people who are on the list of participants, with between fifteen and twenty people attending each meeting. We meet bimonthly in the Trustees Room at the Concord Free Public Library on either the second or the fourth Wednesday of the month. All are welcome to participate, and attendance is kept so that I can send out email reminders of our upcoming meetings to everyone on the list.

This year we discussed *The Omnivore's Dilemma* by Michael Pollan and *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver in September (and had a potluck lunch afterwards); in November we talked about *The Nine* by Jeffrey Toobin; in February we discussed *Infidel* by Ayaan Hirsi Ali; in

March we heard author Megan Marshall talk about her book *The Peabody Sisters*; and our final meeting will be on May 13 where we will discuss works of Jared Diamond. Diamond has written three books which deal with the development of human society and our impact on the world around us: *Guns, Germs and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies* (1997) which won a Pulitzer prize, *Collapse: How Societies Choose to Fail or Succeed* (2005) and *The Third Chimpanzee: The Evolution and Future of the Human Animal* (1992).

If you would like more information about the book group and/or would like to be added to our email list, please email me (anne.hayden@comcast.net). We are looking forward to another interesting and thought-provoking year in 2009-2010.

VOTER SERVICE

CARLISLE

The League had a busier than usual year in Carlisle. Once again we had a booth at Carlisle's Old Home Day on Fourth of July weekend last summer at which we registered voters, mostly young people just turned 18 and new residents. And the League was a strong presence during back to school nights in the fall, where we received enthusiastic thanks from several Carlisle citizens who welcomed the opportunity to receive registration materials.

CONCORD

In Concord, the League devoted many resources this year to educating and engaging voters. During the weeks leading up to the November 4 election, League members distributed voter registration information and answered questions at each of the back-to-school nights. We sponsored a Candidates' Forum featuring the candidates for State Representative and worked with Concord-Carlisle Regional High School students to produce a video explaining the three ballot questions; both of those programs were later aired on our local cable station, CCTV. We worked closely and effectively with CCTV to provide a variety of public service announcements and programming related to the fall election.

During the winter and spring, we geared up for the March local election and the April Town Meeting. To help the public get ready for Concord's Town Meeting, we presented a well-attended forum in February, "Our Town, Our Schools, Our Money," which

In the spring we held a special public forum to educate Carlisle on the School Building Project that will appear on the Town Warrant and for which funding will be voted on at the town elections. The LWVCC Carlisle Candidates Forum was held in late April. It was recorded and broadcast on CCTV to inform voters about those individuals seeking election to town positions.

was taped and aired on CCTV, as well. In March, our Candidates' Forum featured all of the local candidates, and a contested seat on the Board of Selectmen boosted attendance to standing room only in the Town House Hearing Room. CCTV again ran our program repeatedly up to the time of the election, and the *Concord Journal* partnered with us for the second year in a row on an information-filled three-page Voters' Guide.

We are grateful to the many League members who worked on Concord voter service efforts this year, including Barbara Anthony, Nancy and Reinier Beeuwkes, Ardis Bordman, Pam Callahan, Sue Cannon, Louise Haldeman, Barbara Lewis, Erica Morrison, Cindy Nock, Erin Pastuszewski, Janet Rothrock, Becky Shannon, Paula Vandever and many others. We were also delighted to have Wayland League member Nancy Carapezza as the moderator for our Candidates' Forums.

OBSERVER CORPS

Louise Haldeman, Chair

The League's Observer Corps has been in abeyance this year due to the retirement of several observers and the preoccupation of the chair with various LWVMA matters. However, we are fortunate that Betsy Sluder has continued her work and has kept the Board and the membership informed of all of the Natural Resources Commission's efforts. We are also grateful to Fran Neville who has covered the Public Works Commission as often as she could.

The expansion of local cable TV coverage has given us all access to the meetings of the Selectmen and School Committee on a regular basis and their coverage of the many hearings and special meetings has also allowed us to be well informed.

However, there are a number of important Boards and Committees whose meetings are not regularly covered by the press or TV and therefore there is still a need for observers for committees such as the Board of Health, Planning Board, Recreation Committee, etc.

The cost of the mailed report not to mention the time involved in preparation had become a problem by the end of last year. However, now that we have an excellent website it would be possible to use that as a means of making the report available very easily to both to the membership and the public at large. All we need now are more observers! Please contact Louise Haldeman if you can help, Louise4292@earthlink.net or (978) 369-8256.

WINTER FUNDRAISER

Barbara Anthony, Chair

Once again this year we sent letters out in February to our friends who are not League members asking for their financial support for our programs, and once again we have had a very heart-warming response. As of mid-April we have received \$1,025 from twenty-four donors. Many thanks to Dorrie and Cliff Bean, Jane Brooks, Nancy Brown, Bob and Marcia Butman, John Conley, Elaine DiCicco, Clyne and Gretchen Frasier, Sally Garth, Lloyd and June Grace, George

Kidder, Panjabi Manohar, Kerry Munro, Susan Perry, Pam and Gordon Pettengill, Barbara Pike, Susannah and Brooks Read, Donald and Marjory Stevenson, Eleanor Sudler, Derek and Patricia Till, Mary and Victor Tyler, Barbara Wheeler, Joe and Verona Wheeler, Herbert and Angela Wilkins, and Lissa Winstanley

HOUSE TOUR

Di Clymer, Chair

Despite the difficult economic times, our League's third House Tour on Wednesday, April 15th was a financial success. Again businesses supported the event with advertisements and donations enabling us to raise \$14,294. We are especially grateful to Barrett & Company and Concord Lamp and Shade for being Sponsors for the second time. Their major contribution got us off to a good start!

The glorious sunny day boosted attendance. Lauren Bakewell, Mary Beth Jones and Susan Livingston efficiently checked everyone in so they could enjoy another special breakfast organized by Erica Morrison with helpers Becky Blodgett, Sue Cannon, Gayle Kaufman and Rebecca Purcell. Dunkin Donuts generously donated coffee and all the coffee supplies. People's eyes lit up to see the croissants donated by Edelweiss and Nancy Beeuwkes' exceptional spring plant arrangements.

To introduce this year's theme, **Room For Us: Adapting Spaces To Your Needs**, League member Holly Cratsley, principal of Nashawtuc Architects, Inc., gave a marvelous power point presentation. Cindy Nock filmed the talk for cable TV and future viewing. Holly's remarks and pictures provided lots of ideas about adapting interior spaces.

Following the House Tour Map created by Paula Vandever, attendees visited seven homes. We appreciate the graciousness of these homeowners: Lucy and Brian Rosborough, Di and Jack Clymer, Nancy and John Huggins, Virginia and Brian Gourlie, Kristin and Jon Piper, Judy Perkins, and Charity and Tom Tremblay. Their

enthusiasm and information about their house projects delighted everyone. The following florists contributed exquisite arrangements for these homes adding another sight to see: Churchill Flowers Design Studio, Colonial Florists and Gardens, Concord Flower Shop, Rose of Sharon Flowers and Gifts, Vanash Florals, Wayside Florists, and Winston Flowers.

Sue Curtin coordinated the production of the larger than ever program book. With solicitors Judy Hill, Melissa Saalfield, Lucy Rosborough and Ardis Bordman she gathered over 70 ads and kept track of all the information. Donna Thomas designed the attractive cover and Susan Sekuler wrote all the excellent house descriptions. Ruth Lauer spent many hours perfecting the layout for the book.

Barbara Lewis rounded up 31 volunteers to staff the homes including 14 from Barrett & Company. They were cheery and welcoming sharing "talking points" about the homes. Lorna Rush, Jackie Whelan, Rebecca Purcell, Susie Baldwin, Laura McKenna, Anne Hayden, Audrey Cicchetti, Candace Sullivan, Ruth Piper, Rita Bissonette-Clark, Gayle Kaufman, and Ginny Lamere staffed both shifts.

The publicity for the House Tour was headed up by Erin Pastuszynski and Nancy Cronin. They submitted articles to various newspapers and the Adult Education Course booklet. Erin designed the flyer that Caroline McCloy and Li-Jen Lin distributed throughout the area. Nancy and Reinier Beeuwkes and Cindy Nock helped Nancy Cronin display the large billboard signs and

Gayle Kaufman staked in the balloon festooned League signs at the homes.

What a team of dedicated, creative and energized volunteers!!

The advertisers in this year's program book should be thanked many times. All the advertisers were recommended by at least one League member. It is most important for us to use their services and products to acknowledge their support. Be sure to mention their ad when you do!

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Nichols Insurance Agency....Harvard Art.....John Bakewell.....Joseph G. Hamway & Sons.....Joseph G. Perry Plumbing & Heating Inc..... JR Gallery....Lacoste Gallery.....Lawless Upholstery.....LTC Cleaning Company....Marjorie Cahn, LICSW..... Mary Chapman, GRI,CBR.....Michael G. Poisson..... Middlesex Savings Bank.....Minglewood Designs/Angela Kearney.....Nancy's Windows..... Nashawtuc Architects.....Night Designs.....NP James Insurance Agency.....Organizing Works.....Patriot Electrical.....Phillips Design.....Porta Design.....Priscilla's.....Quill and Press.....Robinson Construction.... Salon Mi & Miya.....Sanderson Piano Services..... Shannon Strings.....Stanly E. Black AIA.....Sudbury Cedar Fence.....Susan Livingston..... Swing Design.....Thoreauly Antiques.....Ultimate Bath.....Upstairs Antiques...Ventilation USA.....Vintages Adventures in Wine.....Waterman Design.....Window Trimmer.....Worcester Institute.....World of Kitchens.

ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

Betsy Sluder, Chair

I have been an observer at the bi-monthly meetings of the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) for this period and have sent informational reports to the League Observer Committee. Among the most interesting activities of the NRC has been the preparation and promotion of the Wetlands By-law for the Town of Concord. Concord is the only town in the immediate region that does not have such a by-law to protect its streams, ponds, wetlands and vernal pools. Our Committee has attended the workshops and the public hearings for the proposed wetlands by-law. It will be coming up for decision at the town meeting at the end of April, 2009.

I have participated in the meetings on the community conservation challenge for conservation in the town and with the Green Initiatives Committee chaired by Lori Pazaris.

I have been with the steering committee for the annual Riverfest celebration that has taken place every year since 2003. I have been a member of this Stewardship Committee of the Organization for the Assabet River whose primary concern is the water quantity and quality of the Assabet River. This stream has been contaminated by loads of phosphate discharged into it by the wastewater treatment plants of the city of Maynard and the town of Northborough.

The cause of preserving the natural environment in Concord is ongoing and the support of the League for wetlands protection and other related issues is of greatest importance to the Concord community.

HEALTH CARE

Paula Vandever, Chair

Health Care Reform continues to be a significant issue at all levels of government and will be of major importance in the coming years. At the state level we have now experienced two years of Chapter 58 of the Acts of 2006 of the Massachusetts Legislature. Although this law is often held up as a model that works, there are still opponents and calls for what the LWVUS position describes as “publicly financed, privately delivered” health care such as the Massachusetts Health Care Trust. The strongest complaint about Chapter 58 is that it does not address the escalating cost of health care. On the other hand, the low income residents of Massachusetts who do not qualify for the subsidized plans of Chapter 58 are often considered to bear an unequal financial burden.

This year, the LWVMA Board agreed to support the following four bills before the Massachusetts Legislature:

- *An Act to Establish the Health Care Trust (SD2127)
- *An Act Relative to Promoting the Efficient Use of Health Care Revenues (SD7111)
- *An Act to Reduce Health Care Costs and Improve Patient Care
- *An Act Restoring a Prescription Drug Safety Net for Seniors and the Disabled (SD1439)

Two bills for publicly financed, privately delivered health care at the national level are H.R 676: United States National Health Insurance Act (Rep John Conyers, D-MI) and S. 703/H.R. 1200: American Health Security Act of 2009 (Sen. Bernard Sanders, I-VT and Rep. James McDermott, D-WA). These are of importance to the LWVMA Health Care Committee. While health care reform was a priority for the LWVUS in the last Congress, the main emphasis was on the State Children’s Health Insurance Program (SCHIP) which passed in a somewhat weakened form.

The LWVUS position on Health Care comes very close to stating that health care is a human right of all American residents: “Every U.S. resident should have access to a basic level of care ...” There will be a major change in the level of discussion and legislation in the health care field in this coming year as President Obama and Congress push major reforms forward. It will be an exciting time that may bring about changes that we have not seen since the Roosevelt Administration when national health care was first endorsed. The work done at the national level will influence all levels of government spending on health care bringing change to individuals and local governments that hopefully will succeed in providing “a basic level of care” for a cost that we can afford.

STATE ACTION

Nancy Cronin, Chair

LWVCC was active on state legislative issues this year. As the November 2008 election approached, LWVCC joined the LWVMA's campaign in the opposition to Ballot Question 1, which sought to eliminate the state income tax. Our League members took action by distributing literature at Crosby's in Concord and at the Carlisle Transfer Station, by submitting letters to the editor and by displaying "Vote No on Question 1" signs on their lawns. The ballot question was defeated by voters at the polls.

Last year the LWVCC participated in the LWVMA Fiscal Policy update study and held a consensus meeting on this subject. One of our areas of agreement was that we should drop our state position opposing new local taxes by statewide mandate or local option in light of the decreases in state aid to cities and towns and the heavy reliance on the property tax. We were pleased that the LWVMA consensus announced in January 2009 reflected our League's support for allowing municipalities more options in raising revenue locally. Evaluation of any new tax options would be based on the following criteria: equitability, flexibility, and dependability.

At our February 2009 state program planning meeting we recommended a new study on methods to decrease carbon dioxide emissions in the state such as a cap and trade program or a carbon tax. We recommended that the top action priority for the LWVMA

in the coming year should be the issue of climate change. Second only to that was our concern for meeting basic human needs during this extended economic downturn. Health care continues to be one of our top priorities. Local League recommendations will be reviewed by the LWVMA board, and proposals will be voted on by the delegates to the LWVMA convention in May.

On March 4th a strong delegation of LWVCC members attended the League's annual Day on the Hill. We were treated to an excellent panel discussing "Aiming for Transparency: Restoring the Public's Trust" with Judith Meredith, Executive Director of the Public Policy Institute; William Keating, Norfolk District Attorney and former State Senator; Janet Domenitz, Executive Director of MassPIRG ; and Pam Wilmot, Executive Director of Common Cause Massachusetts.

Following the panel discussion, the LWVMA specialists (including our own Louise Haldeman, League casino gambling specialist) explained the League's priority legislation in a number of areas, including ethics and lobbying, election day registration, single payer health care, diversion from prison to drug treatment, and opposition to casino gambling. We ended the morning with an enjoyable lunch at a restaurant nearby with State Representative Cory Atkins.

GREEN INITIATIVES

Lori Gill-Pazaris, Chair

As 2008 drew to a close, the promise of a new administration brought renewed hope that environmental issues would garner the attention they need. On November 12, 2008 LWVCC co-sponsored a Public Forum on Responding to Climate Change at the Alcott Auditorium.

The forum featured four distinguished panelists: State Senator Pamela P. Resor, Chair of the Joint Committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture and Co-Chair of the Senate Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change; Peter Del Tredici, Ph.D., Arnold Arboretum Botanist and Harvard University Lecturer; Brian Crouse, Concord Comprehensive Sustainable Energy Committee; and Andy Proulx, P.E., LEED AP, EnergySavvy, Inc. and AGP Energy Solutions. Forum co-sponsors included the League, Concord Climate Action Network (ConcordCAN), Carlisle Climate Action, Concord Land Conservation Trust, Concord Conserves and the Sierra Club.

Panelists addressed the question, “How do we stop climate change and promote energy efficiency during this time of economic challenge? Senator Resor spoke about Massachusetts’ leading edge legislative action on energy and climate change. She discussed the green communities and global warming solutions acts, MA participation in the regional greenhouse gas initiative and green jobs. Mr. Crouse talked about the energy challenges facing our local communities, with a focus on sustainability planning in Concord. The renowned Dr. Del Tredici looked at our changing landscape in his presentation, “Our Brave New Ecology.” He encouraged participants to compost.

Finally, Mr. Proulx focused on meeting our home and local energy challenges. The event generated important discussion and gave participants ideas on actions individuals and households can take.

In February, Concord-Carlisle joined with thousands of Americans across the country to put the best solutions to climate change and energy policy at the top of President Obama’s agenda during his first 100 days in office. The “National Teach-In on Clean Energy and Climate Change” took place at CCHS. Local residents heard presentations from Representative Cory Atkins, who discussed MA climate legislation and Keith Bergman, a trained Al Gore’s Climate Action Project leader, who presented information on Gore’s plan to re-power America with production of 100% of our electricity from carbon free sources within ten years. Pamela Hathaway, Concord’s Sustainable Energy Committee Chair shared her perspective on addressing climate change on a personal level. She was followed by CCHS graduate, Mike Meldonian, from OXFAM. After these excellent presentations, attendees broke into small groups to brainstorm climate and energy priorities for the Obama administration. This was one of many Teach-Ins that took place across America. The Concord-Carlisle Teach-In was co-sponsored by Carlisle Climate Action; ConcordCAN; the Concord-Carlisle League of Women Voters; the Green Sanctuary Committee of First Parish, Concord; and the First Religious Society of Carlisle among others.

Bulleted below are the major themes from Concord's Teach-In:

- International agreement on carbon reduction standards is critical for human survival. These standards should reflect the best advice of climate scientists as to what is needed to ward off environmental and economic catastrophe.
- The International Panel on Climate Change conference in Copenhagen in Dec., 2009 is extremely important; and the administration is urged to take a strong leadership role in that conference.
- Legislation is required that encourages, mandates, and funds energy conservation and energy efficiency measures at all levels. The administration is urged to set an example by making all federal buildings and

vehicles energy efficient and issuing a call to action to all citizens and local governments to take responsibility for conserving energy.

- The federal government should strongly prioritize "clean" renewable or alternative energy, throwing government support and subsidies to these forms of energy. Many Teach-In participants felt that something resembling a "Manhattan Project" on alternative energy is essential, with strong support for new ideas and research a new energy infrastructure, and large scale creation of "green jobs."

While Teach-In themes and action proposals were diverse, the overriding conclusion from the event was the need for immediate action on climate change and energy issues at all levels: federal, state, local, and personal.

Summary of Domestic Violence Prevention activities – 2008-2009

*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**, , **Concord-Carlisle Domestic Violence Roundtable** (Roundtable), **Domestic Violence Services Network** (including **DVVAP** and the **Network for Women's Lives**), 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 serves victims of domestic violence, as well as child and elder abuse, in **50 locations around the western suburbs**. Wooden boxes located throughout area community (libraries, schools, faith communities, etc.) contain general information on domestic violence and related issues as well as information to help victims keep safe (safety planning, support resources, and hotlines). Please notify Nancy James 978-369-2771 if you notice boxes in disarray or needing materials.

Domestic Violence Services Network is the collaborative effort of the former **Network for Women's Lives** and **DVVAP** publishing valuable information on websites under both www.dvwap.org and www.networkforwomenslives.org offer education and training programs as well as tips on domestic violence prevention and safety. Services include: **Advocate Training** for direct service to domestic violence survivors via phone and at Concord District Court. DVVAP@Concordnet.org or 978-318-3421.

Public School Domestic Violence Education Program: collaborating with area schools and parent/community groups to educate students about teen dating violence issues, healthy relationships, and issues of bullying with non-violent solutions to problems

Support Groups for Women with Controlling Partners: These programs help women achieve safety and self-care, understand the more insidious and coercive behaviors of an abuser, and examine how the control affects their lives. The sessions are led by trained social workers who have been working in the field of domestic violence. For more information, call (978) 287-4089.

Clergy Symposium: Practical guidance and discussion is provided to clergy who counsel affected members of their faith communities in dealing with domestic violence issues. The Symposium Committee determines agenda, speakers, publicity, and local arrangements and facilitates the symposium. The May, 2009 program features Rev. Dr. Anne Marie Hunter from **Safe Havens Interfaith Partnership Against Domestic Violence**, a national interfaith organization dedicated to strengthening the capacity of faith communities to engage in a coordinated effort to end domestic violence.

DV Hotline Tear-off Notes: An easy-to-conceal tear-off sheet placed in private areas like restroom stalls, contain state hotline numbers and information about healthy and unhealthy relationships.

"The Safety Net:" is a quarterly newsletter both mailed and found in Rachel's Boxes.

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 **Acton Area NOW** chapter contact is actonareanow@aol.com and wider state and national sites at www.massnow.org and www.now.org.

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

By: Nancy P. James
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BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ardis Bordman and Erin Pastuszenski

The By-Laws Committee reviewed the LWVCC By-Laws and presented a report to the Board of Directors in March. At the Board's meeting on April 1, 2009, the Board voted to recommend that the By-Laws be amended in several respects as presented below, effective upon approval by the members at the 2009 Annual Meeting. The text of the amendment below includes new words in **bold** and deleted words in [~~brackets-strikethrough~~]. After each numbered amendment, an explanation of the change is included in italics.

Proposed 2009 Amendment to the By-Laws of the League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle

1. Amend Article V, Section 5, by adding a new clause at the end of the first sentence and adding two new sentences at the end of the section so that the section will read as follows:

“Meetings. There shall be at least nine (9) regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually, **which shall be open to all members of the League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle.** The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board. **Special meetings may be conducted by electronic means, such as telephone conference call, video conferencing or email. The use of electronic meetings shall be reserved for those issues needing a decision before an in-person meeting is scheduled, and all members of the Board must have access to the electronic media used.”**

- o *The change to the first sentence states established policy and practice on open board meetings. The two sentences added at the end were, in part, borrowed from the LWVUS by-laws and, in part, derived from LWVUS guidelines on decision making by electronic means.*

2. Amend Article V, Section 6, by adding two new sentences at the end so that the section will read as follows:

“Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum, and a majority of the members in attendance at any Board Meeting shall, in the presence of a quorum, decide its action. **Any one or more members of the board may participate in a meeting by means of conference telephone or other similar equipment allowing all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other at the same time. Participation by such means shall constitute presence in person at a meeting.”**

- o *The new language was borrowed from the LWVUS by-laws.*

3. Amend Article VI, Section 1, by deleting the words “except that this by-law shall not be in full force until July 1, 1989 and that the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1988 shall terminate on June 30, 1989” so that the section will read as follows:

“Fiscal Year. The fiscal year of the League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle shall commence on the first day of July in each year and shall end on June 30 of the following year[~~except that this by law shall not be in full force until July 1, 1989 and that the fiscal year beginning April 1, 1988 shall terminate on June 30, 1989.~~”

- *This amendment deletes outdated language from the 1989 change in fiscal year.*

4. Amend Article VI, Section 2(b), by replacing the words “six (6)” by the words “seven (7)” so that the section will read as follows:

“(b) Any member who fails to pay dues within [~~six (6)~~]**seven (7)** months after they become due shall be dropped from the membership roll.”

- *This amendment conforms the Bylaws to current practice of dropping non-renewing members at the end of January (seven months after dues become due on July 1), rather than at the end of December.*

5. Amend Article VII, Section 1, by replacing the words “five (5)” by the words “three (3)” so that the section will read as follows:

“Membership Meetings. There shall be at least [~~five (5)~~]**three (3)** meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.”

- *This amendment gives the Board added flexibility in scheduling membership meetings. Five actual membership “meetings” a year may not always be feasible.*

6. Amend Article IX, Section 3(a) by replacing the words “sent in by the voting members two (2) months prior” by the words “either submitted in writing or made at a program planning meeting by the voting members at least two (2) months prior” so that the section will read as follows:

“(a) The Board of Directors shall consider the recommendations [~~sent in by the voting members two (2) months prior~~]**either submitted in writing or made at a program planning meeting by the voting members at least two (2) months prior** to the Annual Meeting and shall formulate a Proposed Program.”

- *This amendment clarifies the methods of making program recommendations to the Board and the time by which they must be made.*

7. Amend Article XII, Section 1, by replacing the word “two-third” with the word “two-thirds” so that the section will read as follows:

“Amendments. These By-Laws may be amended by a [~~two-third~~]**two-thirds** vote of the voting members at the Annual Meeting, provided the amendments were submitted to the membership in writing at least two (2) weeks in advance of the meeting.”

- *This amendment corrects a typographical error.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Lauren Bakewell, Treasurer

League of Women Voters Concord-Carlisle Treasurer's Report May 2009

AVAILABLE FUNDS:		2008-09	Notes:	2009-2010	Notes:
Bank Balance - Checking		\$42,169	As of April 30, 2009	\$42,000	Est. Balance July 1, 2009
Certificate of Deposit		\$5,625	Matures 8/2009	\$5,700	Rollover again
Sharfman Fund (LWVMA)		\$0		\$0	

TOTAL AVAILABLE FUNDS :

\$47,700

Approved Budget July 2008-June 2009

Proposed Budget July 2009 - June 2010

REVENUE	Thru May 09		08 - 09 Explanatory Notes	FY09-10	
	FY08-09 Budget	FY08-09 Actual		Proposed	09 - 10 Explanatory Notes
Dues	\$7,000	\$7,280		\$7,200	
Fundraiser House Tour	\$8,000	\$14,990		\$0	
Fundraiser Non-Member Appeal	\$1,000	\$1,025		\$1,000	
Contributions:					
Phonothon	\$300	\$483		\$300	
Member Contributions (form)	\$3,000	\$3,340		\$3,000	
TOTAL REVENUE	<u>\$19,300</u>	<u>\$27,118</u>		<u>\$11,500</u>	

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EXPENSES	FY08-09 Budget	FY08-09 Actual	Explanatory Notes	FY09-10 Proposed	09 - 10 Explanatory Notes
Administration					
Annual Meeting	\$100			\$100	
Officers Descretionary fund	\$400	\$309.00	CCTV, Honorary Gifts and OHD	\$400	
Insurance (liability)	\$350	\$333.00		\$350	
Supplies	\$100	\$0.00		\$100	
Assessments					
State	\$3,000	\$2,868.00		\$3,100	
National	\$3,400	\$3,623.00		\$3,800	
Membership					
Membership Mtgs	\$300	\$290.69	Fall Coffee, Holiday, Jan Breakfast	\$300	Fall Coffee, Holiday, Jan Breakfast
Membership mailings	\$100	\$70.00		\$100	
Membership Directory Printing	\$250	\$262.00		\$275	
Membership postage	\$50	\$39.00		\$50	
Membership Honorary Gifts	\$0	\$0.00	New for 09/10	\$150	Expect 2-3 in 09/10
Conventions and Conferences					
National Convention (even yr)	\$0	\$0.00		\$3,000	In Atlanta
State Convention (odd yr)	\$380	\$400.00	For 8 attendees	\$0	
State Fall Conference	\$120	\$120.00	Cost \$400 was subsidized	\$400	For 8 attendees
State Spring Council (even yr)	\$0	\$0.00		\$300	
Fundraiser Annual Appeal Letter	\$200	\$210.00	Printing and Postage	\$200	
Fundraiser House Tour	\$300	\$696.09		\$0	
Website	\$250	\$160.00	LEW and Hosting	\$210	
Postage					
Permit	\$180	\$180.00		\$180	
Bulk Mailings	\$570	\$220.00		\$250	
1st Class	\$50	\$45.00	For Misc. stamps	\$50	
Box 34	\$84	\$86.00	Annual Fee	\$86	

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EXPENSES cont.	FY08-09 Budget	FY08-09 Actual	Explanatory Notes	FY09-10 Proposed	09 - 10 Explanatory Notes
Printing/Copying					
Annual Mtg Workbook	\$450	\$450.00	Estimate, actual tbd	\$450	
Member Bulletin	\$750	\$433.00	Oct., Jan and March	\$500	
Observer Report	\$300	\$0.00		\$150	
LWV Materials	\$200	\$0.00		\$100	
Misc	\$100	\$73.54	Postcards	\$100	
Local Signs	\$100	\$0.00		\$100	Replacements as needed
Carlisle Publications	\$500	\$0.00	Know Your Town Reprint	\$500	Need to do this in 2009/10
Book Group	\$0	\$100.00	March speaker cost \$100	\$100	For 1 big mtg with speaker
Riverfest					
Riverfest Award	\$125	\$0.00		\$180	
Riverfest Printing	\$35	\$0.00		\$35	
Forums and Action	\$1,000			\$3,000.00	For Lori's Program Committee
Education/Communication		\$25.00	Teach-In		
Voters Service		\$0.00			
Advocacy/Issues		\$0.00			
Publications State/National	\$100	\$0.00	As needed	\$100	
Memorial Funds	\$300	\$0.00	As needed	\$300	
Donation to LWVMA	\$0	\$0.00		\$1,000	New this year
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>\$14,144</u>	<u>\$10,993</u>		<u>\$20,016</u>	
REVENUE over EXPENSES	<u>\$5,156</u>	<u>\$16,125</u>		<u>-\$8,516</u>	

PROPOSED LOCAL PROGRAM

MAINTAIN ALL CURRENT LOCAL POSITIONS

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.

CITIZEN EDUCATION SERIES PERTAINING TO SUSTAINABILITY, TO INCLUDE ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING TOPICS:

- Economic Policy
- Energy Policy
- Land Use
 - Farming
 - Open Space
 - Housing
 - Growth
- Waste Management
- Transportation *
- Regionalization of Services
- Public Policy and Personal Choices

Note: A committee will be responsible for organizing several open meetings and selecting speakers to present information on any of the above topics. We will also include information in the bulletin and our website, and film the meetings for CCTV. We will collaborate with other groups who share our goals of protecting the environment and reducing carbon footprints, with approval of the Board of Directors.

*Transportation may be voted as a State League study in May 2009.

LWV CONCORD-CARLISLE LOCAL PROGRAM 2008-2009

Summary of Positions

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| 1. Town Government | 11. Housing |
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| 4. Recreation | 14. Land Use |
| 5. Animal Control | 15. Agricultural Land Use |
| 6. Crime Prevention | 16. Environmental Health |
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| 10. Town Facilities | |

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 of services for youth. (Modified 2008)

- 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.) (Modified 2008)
- 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 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

- 16.5 Support improvements needed to maintain present systems at their peak performance.
- 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 Reaffirmed at 2008 Annual Meeting

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Carol Bowen, Mary Chapman, Judy LaRocca, 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 2009-2010.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Becky Shannon	Co-Chair
Paula Vandever	Co-Chair
Cindy Nock	Vice President
Lori Pazaris	Vice President/Green Initiatives
Ardis Bordman	Recording Secretary
Lauren Bakewell	Treasurer
Erin Pastuszanski	Communications
Barbara Lewis	Membership

DIRECTORS WITH PORTFOLIO:

Nancy Cronin	State Action
Louise Haldeman	Observer Corps
Anne Hayden	Bulletin
Erica Morrison	Hospitality
Launa Zimmaro	Carlisle Affairs
Betsy Sluder	Environment
Judy LaRocca	CCTV Liaison
Nancy Beeuwkes	League Events Coordinator (Local, State, National)

DIRECTORS AT-LARGE:

Barbara Anthony
Evin Phillips
Susan Sekuler

OFF BOARD ADVISORS:

Di Clymer	Fundraising
Sue Curtin	Education Specialist
Nancy James	Domestic Violence/Rachel's Box
Toby Kramer	Affordable Housing/Planning
Jan McGinn	Concord School Committee Liaison
Virginia McIntyre	Town Affairs, Concord
Fran Neville	Auditor
Sarah Rolley	Carlisle Voters Service
Judith Sprott	Wastewater Planning
Marian Thornton	Open Space/Concord Land Conservation Trust

2010 Nominating Committee – off Board members

Carol Bowen, Mary Chapman, Janet Rothrock