

Our Steering Committee met this past Tuesday and we have a few updates to share.

We will be sharing meeting minutes and agendas to keep you all in the loop and encourage members to come to meetings. We hope to have more regulars!

Approved Minutes - March 14 Steering Committee Meeting

UPCOMING EVENTS:

APRIL

- Walk & Talk TOMORROW!! Saturday, April 15, 10:30 AM, Vineyard Hill, 656 Asbury St, Hamilton. Meet Dacia in the parking lot and enjoy fresh air and conversation for an hour!
- New Member Get-Together Wednesday, April 26, 6:00 PM, Dacia's home, 12 Puritan Rd., Wenham

MAY

• Book Group Tuesday, May 16, 7:00 PM, Wenham COA, 10 School St.

JUNE

• Annual Meeting Monday, June 12, 6:00 PM, SAVE THE DATE for this important business AND social gathering!

WHAT'S NEWS:

CANDIDATES NIGHT/TOWN ELECTIONS - Our Zoom event went well and was viewed close to 200 times. Congratulations to all our new elected officials and a big THANK YOU to Amy Smith of LWV North Shore for serving as moderator!

NEW MEMBER GET-TOGETHER! - New(ish) to the League? Looking to reconnect with some League basics and meet folks? Join us on Wednesday, April 26 at 12 Puritan Rd in Wenham (Dacia's home!) for a light dinner, drinks, and discussion of how the League works. The Steering Committee will be well represented, have a short presentation, and be happy to answer any questions. Evites have gone out to all members who have joined since January

2022. All members who have not been to this kind of "orientation" are encouraged to come along; all interested members welcome!

Source the second selection: Michelle Obama's *The Light We Carry: Overcoming in Uncertain Times*. Grab a copy and join us! (We have one copy left for \$20; email MJ Brown if you'd like to purchase!)

ONGOING INITIATIVES:

There are ways to get involved with the League that fit every schedule. If you want to be a part of any upcoming efforts, or have an interest in joining the Steering Committee or a subcommittee, please let us know. You can reply to this email, or contact us at LeagueHW@gmail.com.

→ **Speaker/Forum Series** - This is such an exciting initiative and a chance to get in on the ground floor of something we really hope has a long life in the community! We have been awarded a generous grant by the Local Cultural Council and are working in partnership with the HW Library to create a speaker series on topics of local interest. We now have dates and topics lined up. Events will be held the third Thursday of the month in the big meeting room at the Library:

- 9/21 Civics 101
- 10/19 Local Print Journalism as a Cornerstone of Democracy
- 11/16 Sustainability
- 1/18 Affordable Housing
- 2/15 Media Literacy
- 3/21 Water Resources & Conservation

Have speaker or promotion ideas? Want to help organize or take the lead on an event? Let us <u>know your thoughts</u>.

 \rightarrow **Book Group** - Have a good read you'd like to share and discuss with a group of smart, friendly, and engaged Leaguers? <u>Let us know</u>. We'd love to crowd-source our next reads!

→ Walk & Talk - We usually meet at 10:30 on the third Saturday of the month and walk for about an hour, enjoying some of the natural beauty around the area as well as each others' company! Our next walks are Saturday, April 15 at Vineyard Hill, 656 Asbury St in Hamilton, and May 20, location TBD. Have a favorite walk location? <u>Share it with us</u> and maybe we can enjoy it together.

OTHER IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

* Steering Committee Meetings (generally second Tuesdays of the month) -Members are always welcome at Steering Committee meetings. Our next meeting will **be May 9, 6-8:00 PM at The Community House in Hamilton.** Please reply to this email or contact MJ (mj_brown@comcast.net or 978.290.0928) for more information.

Know someone who would like to join the League, let us know or simply have them join online!

You can also encourage folks to <u>sign up for our periodic email updates</u>. Thanks for helping build our community!