

Hingham Voter

Summer 2018

celebrating 85 years



A note from the Chair

Many thanks to all of you who attended our Annual Meeting on May 3. Our enthusiastic speaker Freddie Kay, founder and president of the Women's Suffrage Celebration Coalition of Massachusetts, provided a fascinating timeline of the many women who worked endlessly to pass the 19th amendment. She left us all with a feeling of pride for what has been accomplished and determination to stay focused on the work that remains.

A power point presentation of pictures was used to review the year. Included were important and informative meetings and forums in member's homes, a co-sponsorship for the program On the Path to 100% Renewable Energy, the creation of the Well Informed Voter Calendar, a newspaper article encouraging attendance at Town Meeting, a visit to the Hingham Heritage Museum where our archives are preserved, a night of candidates, review of the Town Warrant, a couple of Day on the Hill visits, a new website, our annual State of the State, voter registering of high school students in Hingham and Cohasset, and recognizing voters at the polls with I Voted Today stickers. For me the most gratifying part of the evening was watching members stand and be recognized for their part in making this such a successful and meaningful year...a year where everyone was involved in some way.

The business of the League continued with the acceptance of the treasurer's report and budget, an update on our Local membership, and a look ahead at opportunities to contribute to our League.

Before adjourning, a new slate was presented and accepted.

This has been a busy year for sure but there is more work and fun ahead. Rest and enjoy your summer with family and friends. September promises to bring another year of opportunities!

Journey safely,

Elizabeth

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan political organization that encourages active and informed participation of citizens in government.

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Welcome New Members

How exciting to welcome Paula Bagger, Wendy Ellison, Dr. Sherry Johnson, Nancy Perry, Mona Pohl, Sarah Seddon Jenner, Judie Shapiro, Caitlin Shea, Beth Sullivan, and Katie Sutton to the League of Women Voters Hingham. We look forward to seeing you in September.

Warrant Review

On February 28, Advisory Committee Chair Lucy Hancock presented the Warrant Review. Several of our League members attended to support the event and to learn about issues facing Town Meeting. Harbor Media recorded the event for viewing by the community in preparation for Town Meeting and local elections.

State of the State

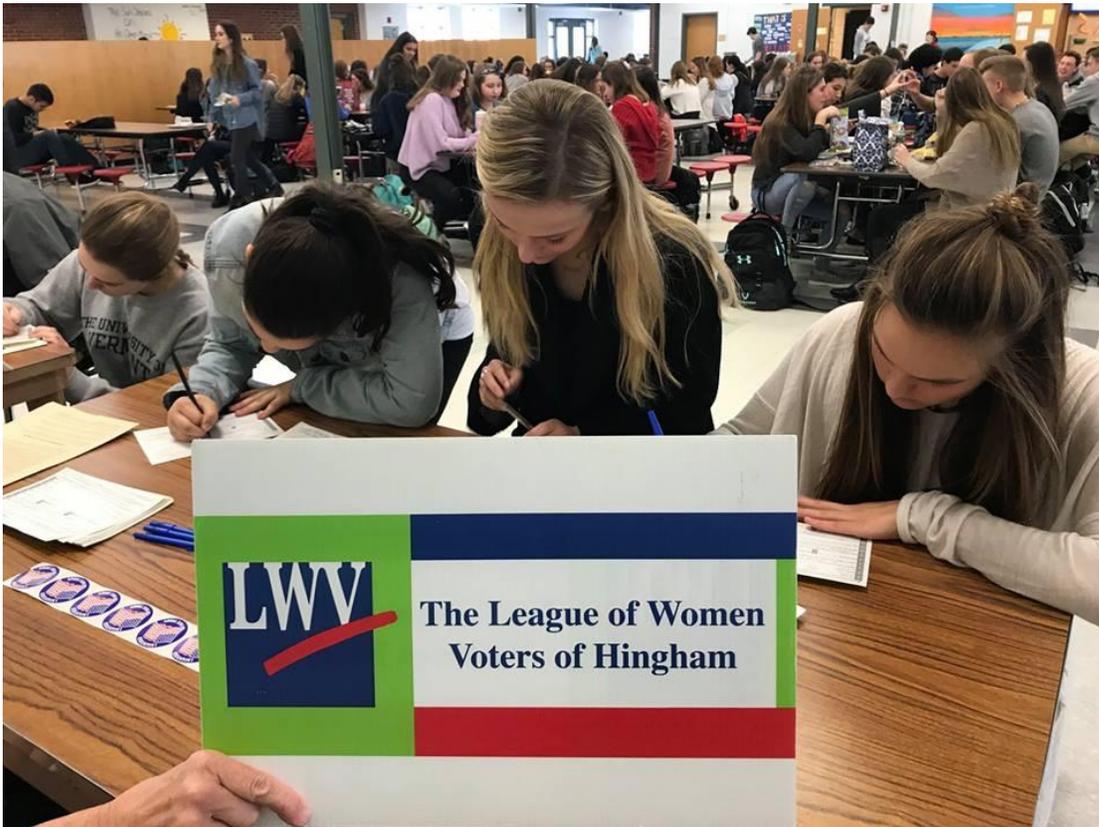
Standing room only was the scene on March 19 at Kate Boland's home as League members and guests came to hear from our elected state officials. Senator Patrick O'Connor and Representatives Joan Meschino and James Murphy shared and discussed their Legislative priorities and goals for the coming year, highlighting bills that they had sponsored or co-sponsored. They stressed the collegiality they share as important issues affecting the South Shore are addressed. Time was allotted for questions and answers and the representatives stayed after the meeting to continue the one-on-one dialogue. The State of the State remains one of our most popular meetings.



Registering Voters

In addition to registering 95 students to vote Lisa Stein and her team passed out I Registered Today stickers to the students at Hingham and Cohasset High School.

Nationwide, we have seen an increase in the number of people at voter registration tables. Hopefully, we will also see an increase at the polls!



Did you know...

Recently, 149 LWV Leagues across the US registered 5,451 students in 10 Days! WOW!

Candidates Night

Thanks to the hard work of Chris Wilk LWV Hingham had another great Candidates Night. The audience was packed with citizens eager to hear from those seeking office. A total of fourteen candidates for uncontested and contested races participated in the forum. Elizabeth Foster-Nolan once again was the perfect moderator for the evening.



At the Polls

The LWV Hingham did not disappoint voters at the polls on April 28. Thanks to the organization of Nina Wellford-Price League members were at the exit doors offering I Voted Today stickers to those who voted. It was especially rewarding to see our recently registered high schoolers exercising their right to vote for the first time.



Annual Meeting

Seen here visiting with Roy Harris, Turner and Joan Bledsoe were recognized for their tireless efforts in renewable energy. It was a pleasure to have them as our special guests for the evening.



Guest speaker Freddie Kay enjoys discussing the Women's Suffrage Celebration Coalition with guests.



Cathy Salisbury is recognized for her years of involvement in the League. She is stepping off the Steering Committee for next year but will continue to be active in the League's many activities.



Upcoming July 4th Celebrations

Road Race 7:00 AM

Parade 10:00 AM

Fireworks July 1

