

League of Women Voters of Lexington Board Meeting Monday, December 13, 2021 7:30 PM—8:45 PM

Video Conference via Zoom

1. Approval of November Minutes Taylor Singh, Secretary

Minutes approved

2. President's Report Margaret Coppe

Vision for Lexington Subcommittee on local elections Eileen Zalisk has joined the scoping group

3. Treasurer's Report Charles Hornig

Nothing of substance to report

4 Membership Report Melinda Walker

44 Members, 8 Second Household Members Melinda sent out reminder emails to 19 people

5 Bulletin deadlines and distribution Wendy Manz
Working on the December bulletin and will get it out by next week

6 Communications Jeanne Canale

Lexington Happening Event Submission Jeanne to send to League Leaders as well

7 Voter Service TBD

Candidates Night Feb 10 Virtual

Update on Candidates

People have started to ask when it is.

Margaret is a candidate and doesn't feel it is appropriate to use her name as the contact.

Taylor will assist Margaret in the emails and logistics to create this year's forum.

Taylor and Margaret will speak offline and draft and send emails to local community groups to see if they want to join us at our Candidates Night (instead of holding separate forums).

8 First Fridays

January 7 Will Brownsberger "Challenges of Redistricting in Massachusetts in 2021"

Margaret sent details about the Will Brownsberger First Friday to the state league to put on their calendar as well as Belmont League and Lexington Observer too

February 4

Forum on Ballot Referendum

See attached list of topics

Peter Koutoujian is running for re-election so we will consider asking him next year.

In discussing this forum, we tried to decipher if the February First Friday or the March First Friday would be the better date. Margaret said she will call the Town Clerk to see if we will have early voting for the March election. If Lexington will have early voting or 'no excuse absentee voting' for the March election, then the February First Friday would be preferable as Voters will not have already cast votes. Margaret will also ask if Campaign Committees have filed on either side of the referendum and if so will approach those folks to be panelists for our forum.

9. Voter Registration Eileen Zalisk

10 Webmaster Lisah Rhodes

11 New Business

Next Meeting January 3, 2021 7:30 PM Location TBD

PRELIMINARY LIST OF 2021/2022 LEXINGTON LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS FIRST FRIDAY PROGRAMS

Prepared September 28, 2021

(Eileen Gordon Zalisk based on Proposed Schedule from Ingrid Klimoff)

DATE	EVENT	ASSIGNED TO	NOTES
Fri October 1, 2021	Lexington Zoning Primer	Ingrid K	
	Human Rights	Ingrid K	With new (as of 7/21) Lexington Diversity

Fri November 19, 2021	Committee		Officer Martha Duffield
(Third Friday this month)			
Fri December 3, 2021	COVID -19/Delta Variant Update in Lexington	Eileen Z	With Director of Public Health Joanne Belanger + possible others representing bioscience + education
Fri January 7, 2022	2020 US Census National State Local Results Redistricting Implications		State League Specialist Rep of National Democratic Redistricting Committee and/or All on the Line
Friday February 4, 202	Prison Innovation and Reform With Middlesex County Sheriff Peter Koutoujian	Eileen Z	Focus on Reform programs
Friday March 4, 2022	Town Meeting Articles	Ingrid K	
Friday April 1, 2022	Meet New Town Clerk	Eileen Z	Overview of Role of own Clerk 2020 Lex Election Review 2020 Lex Election Preview
			Local redistricting Ways to Register and Vote
Friday May 6,	Lexington Warning Systems in Time of Climate Change	Margaret C (?)	With Fire Chief Derek Sencabaugh

2022			+
June, 2022	ANNUAL MEETING	Melinda Walker	PRO JAY KAUFMAN/ RAISE UP
DATE TBD	FAIR SHARE		
	AMENDMENT		CON TBD

FUTURE FIRST FRIDAY TOPICS

- Where have all the local newspapers gone? Also, Minuteman, Colonial Times, Lex Observer
- Cultural District Designation
- Sustainability
- •How to Increase Local Election Participation
- Make Way for New Recreation (e.g. cricket)