



**League of Women Voters of Lexington
Board Meeting
Monday, February 7, 2022
7:30 PM—8:45 PM
Video Conference via Zoom**

1. Approval of January Minutes Taylor Singh, Secretary
Approved
2. President's Report Margaret Coppe

YW Boston's Inclusivity Training: Please Come!

In furtherance of the DEI goals contained in LWVMA's 5-year strategic plan, we have engaged YW Boston to conduct a series of two inclusivity trainings for the LWVMA Board, Staff and Local League leaders. These YW Boston trainings are considered the gold standard, so we are very pleased to be able to offer this opportunity to a League leader from each League in Massachusetts.

The training series will consist of [UNDERSTANDING RACIAL EQUITY](#) (already held on Jan 12) followed by [ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGE TO ACHIEVE EQUITY](#) on Saturday, February 12 from 9:00 to 11:00 am. The trainings will be held on Zoom.

Please let Pattye Comfort (pcomfort@lwmva.org) know if someone can represent your League at these sought-after trainings.

League of Women Voters: **Empowering Voters - Defending Democracy**

3. Treasurer's Report Charles Hornig
Nothing new to report
4. Membership Report Melinda Walker
Filing deadline for PMP count
All the data was filed into the National roster by the deadline
Membership is on a steady decline since 2020
Margaret wants us to start working on direct appeal to gain members; Ingrid suggests we utilize the Community Coalition meet and greet events; Ingrid also suggested in-person garden fundraiser to offset the direct membership fee
5. Bulletin deadlines and distribution Wendy Manz

- 6 Communications Jeanne Canale
 Colonial Times 2022 Deadlines
Jeanne emailed them to all of us

- 7 Voter Service Taylor Singh, Acting Voter Service
 Candidates Night Feb 10 Virtual
 League Questions
 - a. Town Meeting
 - i. *Should the funding for the construction of the new Lexington Police station be approved by Town Meeting is this spring, what do you think is the role of town meeting members to ensure voters in Lexington support the Debt Exclusion vote in June?*
 - b. School Committee:
 - i. *The Lexington School Committee approved our current graduation requirements in March 1996. What areas of the course distribution do you believe would benefit from a review?*

- 8 First Fridays
 Forum on Ballot Referendum
 See attached list of topics
Considering adding Election Wardens to the Town Clerk First Friday

- 9. Voter Registration Eileen Zalisk

- 10 Webmaster Lisah Rhodes
Taylor has sent Lisah the responses for the Voters Guide to be added to the website

- 11 New Business
 - Next Meeting
 - March 7, 2022
 - 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
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Fri October 1, 2021	Lexington Zoning Primer	Ingrid K	
Fri November 19, 2021 (Third Friday this month)	Human Rights Committee	Ingrid K	With new (as of 7/21) Lexington Diversity Officer Martha Duffield
Fri December 3, 2021	COVID -19/Delta Variant Update in Lexington	Eileen Z	With Director of Public Health Joanne Belanger
Fri January 7, 2022	2020 US Census National State Local Results Redistricting Implications	Margaret Coppe	Senator Will Brownsberger
Friday February 4, 2022		Eileen Z	RESCHEDULED FEBRUARY 18
Friday March 4, 2022	MBTA Communities	Ingrid K	
Friday April 1, 2022	Meet New Town Clerk	Eileen Z	Overview of Role of Town Clerk 2020 Lex Election Review 2020 Lex Election Preview Local redistricting Ways to Register and Vote
Friday May 6, 2022	Lexington Warning Systems in Time of Climate Change	Margaret C (?)	With Fire Chief Derek Sencabaugh
June, 2022 DATE TBD	ANNUAL MEETING FAIR SHARE AMENDMENT	Melinda Walker	PRO JAY KAUFMAN/ RAISE UP CON TBD

FUTURE FIRST FRIDAY TOPICS

- Where have all the local newspapers gone?
Also, Minuteman, Colonia Times, Lex Observer
- Cultural District Designation

- **Sustainability**
- **How to Increase Local Election Participation**
- **Make Way for New Recreation (e.g. cricket)**