

MARBLEHEAD LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Observer Corp Report Form

League Observer: Nancy Powell
Disability Commission 1/23/20

Members in Attendance: Laurie Blasdel, Sue Harris, Katie Farrell, Preston Ford,
Andrea Mountain, Cheryl LaLonde, Sam Marino

Guests Present: Kathy St Clair

Meeting was posted at least 48 hours in advance.

Meeting was held in handicapped accessible location: Marblehead Community Center

The public was allowed to participate in the meeting.

The minutes from the previous meeting were posted on the Town of Marblehead website.

Issues on the agenda that are relevant to League positions and programs included: working to enhance inclusivity for elderly and disabled people in Marblehead.

The meeting at the Community Center was called to order at 4:15pm.

The Committee continued discussing the need to make Marblehead sidewalks safe and accessible for all. Problems exist town-wide but the well-travelled downtown area is especially difficult to navigate due either to narrow sidewalks, lack of curb cuts, and/or tree roots. Marblehead's new Tree-Warden has been supportive. Finding funds is a challenge.

Several members put forth ideas for both building public awareness and inviting input. They have designed a FB page Marblehead Sidewalks <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1731478693649918/> and an Anything Marblehead 01945 page where concerned citizens can upload photos showing areas they consider especially problematic. Rules for these sites have been created and the sites are being monitored.