



League of Women Voters[®] of Falmouth Bulletin

Summer 2024

Steering Committee Report

There was a time in the not-so-distant past that it was considered a rite of passage to vote. You became a real adult at 21, then 18, to cast a vote in a major election. Encouraging and assisting with voter registration is a major activity for the League of Women Voters (LWV). However, registering to vote is no guarantee that a person will actually vote.

Voter engagement is down. Are we overwhelmed, uninformed, misinformed, disinterested or too busy? What issues are important to us?

The LWV tries to educate and inform voters about current issues through programming and candidates' debates. How to engage the electorate is our major challenge. In September, our members' meeting will be about building trust in the voting system with featured speaker Larry Moore. Stand by for more information.

Two members of LWV Falmouth virtually attended the LWVUS convention in June. Their summary of their thoughts and



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impressions are on page 9 of this Bulletin.

This will be the first year that LWVF and LWVMA will be running in the Falmouth Road Race, August 18. The state league will be sharing proceeds with us. Thanks to Misty Niemeyer for coordinating with the LWVMA to make this happen, and league member Meghan Hanawalt for representing us as a runner. Join League members in cheering for our runners and the LWV on Sunday, August 18!

— Janet Lauer
First Vice President

Observer Corps Reports: Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) is appointed by the Select Board to consider special permits, variances, and appeals of the Building Commissioner's decisions. ZBA is also the permitting authority for developments under the 40B law for affordable housing; input from other town boards is considered, but ZBA has final permitting authority. Five members and two associate members are appointed for five-year terms. There is a Zoning Administrator and an Assistant Administrator who handle much of the paperwork. ZBA operates under the Open Meeting Law with all deliberations made in public open meetings, typically recorded and broadcast by Falmouth Community Television (FCTV), with files for each application available for review online or in the office. Normally the board meets twice a month, but has met nearly weekly this year due to the volume of applications, particularly 40B applications. All decisions of ZBA may be appealed within 20 days of publication.

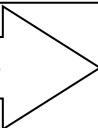
Current ZBA members are: James Morse, chair; Scott Peterson, vice chair; Susanne Murphy, clerk; Frank Duffy and Marc Finneran, voting members; and Gerald Potamis and Anthony Petrucci, alternates. Approvals require a supermajority (four of five) except for 40B and mixed-use developments, which require a simple majority (Chapter 358 of the Acts of 2020).

The majority of cases heard are special permits related to pre-existing non-conforming lots; that is, lots and buildings existing before May 19, 1959, according to the adoption (1979) or modification of the Zoning Bylaws (periodic). These are for modifications to

structures, additions, raze, and re-construct, etc., in cases where the lot size, lot coverage by structures, or setbacks, do not comply with current bylaws. A great many homes in Falmouth were built before the Zoning Code raised the minimum lot size to 40,000 square feet, and modification to any of those homes requires a special permit. In these cases, the Board's goal is to make sure the requested changes do not make the structure less compliant and do not adversely affect the neighbors. Abutters' expressed concerns or support are taken into consideration before a decision is reached. The Board often requests changes to the design to meet these goals, and applications are typically approved with conditions.

Variances are required to do something not permitted by the Zoning Code; these are rare and may be approved if a hardship can be demonstrated.

Affordable Housing developments are permitted under the 40B law which allows ZBA to negotiate waivers from any of the Zoning Code restrictions, typically density, building height, setbacks for property lines, and others. 40B developments may be proposed in any zoning district, although the law gives preference to locations close to public transit and recreational facilities. However, these developments are often complex and controversial. ZBA's strategy in the past has been to negotiate the best possible project with the developer and condition approval on any essential changes. The developer may appeal

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Observer Corps Reports: Zoning Board of Appeals, cont.

denial or conditions that are onerous to the State Housing Court, which tends to favor affordable housing needs over issues of local concern.

As of March 11, 2024, Falmouth has 8.13% affordable units among its housing stock: the threshold for permanent “Safe Harbor” from 40B development is 10%. The threshold for safe harbor is based on achievement of benchmark goals for affordable housing, where the Town can qualify for a 1-year, 2-year, or ‘permanent’ safe harbor (upon certification of attaining 10% affordable housing).

Since June 2023, ZBA has heard 74 new applications including four 40B developments and a number of appeals of the Building Commissioner’s decisions. Most of the hearings have been dealt with effectively, but several excited intense public scrutiny and questionable behavior on the part of several board members. The Committee Handbook Code of Conduct calls upon all members to treat their colleagues, applicants, and their representatives with courtesy and respect despite differences of opinion, and to never engage in personal insults. This standard is often violated by one member in particular; several other members have done so to a lesser extent. Those interested might review the FCTV archives of the meetings on June 22, 2023 (start at 2:22 hours and for the next five minutes), April 25, 2024 (start at 2:40 hours until the end) and May 30, 2024 (start at 2:30 hours and for the next five minutes). At the hearing on May 23, 2024, Town Counsel advised that the project under discussion

was consistent with the bylaws; one member disagreed and stated that members who did not vote with him would be exceeding their authority (start at 1:10 hours).

In several particularly contentious 40B hearings, the Chair made minimal attempt to control hecklers from the audience. Members and special counsel several times engaged in shouting matches with the applicant, or posed questions/comments in sarcastic ways. One applicant suggested a Board Member had behaved so badly that he should be censured or removed from the Board; the Chair directed him to complain to the Select Board.

The Select Board should consider that option and carefully review the behavior of sitting board members before re-appointing them to another term.

***—Richard Johnson
Observer Corps***



Richard Johnson presents the Observer Corps report on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Observer Corps Reports: Affordable Housing Committee

The mission statement of the Affordable Housing Committee (AHC): “The Falmouth Affordable Housing Committee assists the Select Board in its efforts to provide a full range of housing choices for households of all incomes, ages, and abilities. The Committee works to identify our workforce housing needs, to reduce the out-migration of our younger residents, and to minimize the displacement of our elderly on fixed incomes.”

The AHC serves in an advisory capacity to support the Select Board. Its current members are Dave Garrison, chair; Jessica O’Brien, vice chair; Chinna Mapp, clerk; Gina Toriello, Pamela Harting-Barrat, and Kerry Walton. The Committee’s monthly meetings are also attended by a dedicated group of housing-affiliated administrators, interested citizens, and developers. The Falmouth housing community is invested in identifying projects, shepherding them through the rather onerous permitting process, and on to completion, ready to rent or sell.

This is my third Observer Report for the League. In my first report, I admitted to being a novice, completely at sea when it came to the housing acronyms and to the process of guiding a project from proposal to key-in-the-door. I said that it would take me two years to understand the acronyms and an additional two years to understand the process. I am now in Year Three, and I admit that I misjudged my timing in both areas. However, I remain hopeful for Year Five...

One of the acronyms that I HAVE learned is AMI. It stands for Area Median Income, and

it is the standard that is used to determine eligibility for affordable housing. The Falmouth AMI in 2022 was \$57,300. Many of the affordable projects will often be priced at 60% or 80% AMI, meaning that the eligible renters or buyers have an annual income of \$34,400 or \$45,850, respectively. But Falmouth is experiencing a serious dearth of rental units or homes for the middle level folks, known as the “Missing Middle”— people who may have two decent incomes in the \$120,000 - \$150,000 range. These are our town professionals: doctors, nurses, educators, scientists, firefighters. This slice of the Falmouth homeowner pie is losing out because they need prices that reflect 120% or 140% AMI, properties that are seriously lacking here. The Falmouth housing community is trying to encourage renovation and new builds that will serve these families and keep our community vibrant and diverse, age- and income-stable.

This past year has seen the completion of a number of affordable projects as well as an increase of proposed renovations and new builds that will get underway this year. There is a new Housing page on the Falmouth-MA.Gov website, which, among other things, gives direction to those looking for housing, explains the lottery system for new homes and how to apply, and lists the available resources for someone looking to buy or rent an affordable unit.

This year will also see the introduction of a new five-year HPP – Housing Production

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Observer Corps Reports: Affordable Housing Committee, cont.

Plan. This plan is a tool for a proactive approach to meet town needs. The HPP includes our demographic and economic profiles, the barriers to development, and a thorough needs assessment.

Also new this year is the proposal for a Real Estate Transfer Fee, the revenue from which will go directly to the Falmouth Affordable Housing Fund “to be used to acquire, create, preserve, rehabilitate, restore, and support affordable housing, both rental and for-sale units.” This spring, Town Meeting approved and authorized the Select Board to submit a Home Rule petition to the State, seeking authorization to initiate a Real Estate Transfer Fee program. There are a number of other Massachusetts towns that already have such a fee in place, so Falmouth is optimistic.

The Affordable Housing Committee is seeking to become more proactive and more creative as it works to help provide a wider base of housing for our community. Workforce housing is the most immediate need, and wastewater concerns present the most immediate barrier to building expansion or renovation. The Committee has dedicated itself to encouraging, researching, and funding a wide variety of housing proposals to provide a welcoming and stable community for the citizens of Falmouth.

Finally, I LOVE to end on a high note, so I want to make mention of the long-time-incoming ZBA approval of developer Michael Galasso’s project to convert the former Royal Nursing Home on Main Street into workforce housing. The proposal cites 30 year-round apartments, all rented as affordable. In addition,

there will be 37 single occupancy rooms to be rented month to month for seasonal workers.

It's all about patience and perseverance.

**— Lynne Rozsa
Observer Corps**



Lynne Rozsa listens thoughtfully to questions from the audience about affordable housing in Falmouth.

New Members

Please welcome our new members:

- Diane Weisman
- Elizabeth Hansen
- Danielle Betancourt
- Lisa Halvorson
- Robin Brown
- Gregory Lauer
- Terry White

Observer Corps Reports: Board of Health

There has been a change in personnel this year on the Board of Health (BOH). Chairperson Diana Molloy, who had served as chair since 2017, resigned from the Board at the beginning of the year. She had recently moved to Bourne and would have been allowed to serve out her term but decided to leave with only 6 months remaining. Subsequently, the Board elected member Kevin Kroeger as chair, and Amy Roth as vice-chair. Diana's resignation left a vacancy that was filled by past board member Jed Goldstone. In April, Board member John Waterbury decided to retire from the Board. His place was filled by Dr. George Topulos.

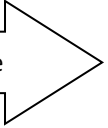
The Board has spent a great deal of time since the spring of 2022 formulating new septic regulations, which went into effect on February 1. These regulations serve as a supplement to the regulations that the state sets for septic systems. Under the new regulations, any cesspool discovered during a Title 5 inspection would automatically fail and would need to be replaced with a system that is compliant with Title 5. (A cesspool is out of date and noncompliant with Title 5 because it is old technology and inefficient. If it exists it is automatically noncompliant.)

The Board held three public hearings, during which there was little opposition to the regulations. There are certain circumstances that require inspections: desire to sell a home, condominiums with five or more units that require an inspection every three years, and adding bedrooms. The new regulations also require property owners who wish to install innovative/alternative septic systems (I/As) to sign a certificate of understanding that ex-

plains the responsibilities of the property owner when it comes to maintaining and monitoring the I/A septic system. Unfortunately, this letter is 17 pages long.

The Board would like to see realtors become involved in educating new owners about the responsibility of having an I/A system, which must be inspected four times a year. If a system has consistent good results, the homeowner can apply to have the system tested twice a year instead of four times. Operators and maintenance providers will now have to get a license from the Board of Health. If they are found to be out of compliance, they could face fines or license revocation. Also, engineers will have to identify an area on septic system design plans where an I/A could theoretically fit, as board members are anticipating the possibility that more properties might need I/As in the future.

Another topic that has concerned the Board is the drafting of regulations for single-use plastic. Amy Roth and health agent Scott McGann have been part of a working group on developing regulations for plastic use in Falmouth restaurants. They are planning to send the draft regulations to restaurants in advance of the listening session where residents and business owners will be able to offer feedback. The working group was formed after a petition to ban single-use plastic in food service in town failed at the Town Meeting in April, 2023. This is extremely complicated because a restaurant can have 12 different types of plastic containers that don't meet the standard. Is that 12 violations

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or only one violation? Tentatively, restaurant owners can get permission from the health department during inspections to use certain plastics, but they must demonstrate that they tried to find a plastic alternative and that using that alternative would not be feasible for the restaurant. The question arises as to whether or not it would be legal to withhold a restaurant permit on condition of plastic compliance because restaurant permits are part of the state code. Board member George Heufelder believed that it would be allowed because the Board took similar action when it came to smoking.

Another ongoing problem has been from a tenant at 35 Parker Road, Unit 12, who has had astronomical electric bills since she moved in. According to the owner, there was an understanding that the electricity would be in his name, not in the tenant's name. He maintains that he has tried but has had difficulty changing the name. Unfortunately, there is no written documentation about any agreement as to whose name should be on the bills. There has been a lack of cooperation from the landlord in getting to the bottom of this problem. The thought is that there is a commingling of electrical use and that other tenants have appliances that are feeding from her meter. The town electrical inspector suggests that the tenant hire an electrician to look into this. There have been other infractions that have been slow to be resolved. The property owner will be responsible for paying fines for not obeying orders issued by the Board of Health. Ultimately, this case will probably have to go to court. The Board went into executive session on

May 13 to discuss strategy with respect to potential litigation. They cited in the agenda that "litigation is clearly threatened and discussion in an open session will have a detrimental effect on the litigating position."

An item that has been on the agenda frequently is the AutoCamp at 836 Palmer Avenue. After years of trying to get its wastewater system into compliance with the BOH, a representative from AutoCamp requested permission to begin discharging treated wastewater into its new and improved leaching fields. Based on past history, the Board decided that it needed to see lab-certified test results and sturdier piping before granting permission to discharge. The AutoCamp did ultimately provide solidly low numbers for nitrogen. The Board allowed them to discharge into their leaching fields, provided they text twice per week for at least



Mehgan Palanza presents Stephanie Miele's report on the Board of Health meetings.

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Reminder to Pay Membership Dues for 2024-2025

To all members who haven't yet paid their membership this year, please pay your membership dues ASAP! We have just over 50% of members renewed, so we still have a ways to go, please help us to complete our Membership renewals for the year.

Go to our website at www.lwvf.org and click on the JOIN or RENEW button. Instructions on how to register online and either pay online or mail in a check are included. Checks can be mailed to the address below; however, a registration/renewal form must be submitted online. If you are unable to submit via computer, email or call Misty Niemeyer for a paper version of the form to include. Please consider registering/renewing online as it eases the burden of the Membership Committee and ensures your information is correct for the Membership Directory.

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Membership Dues must be paid by June 22nd, 2024!

Individual memberships have increased this year, as voted on by the Board and membership at the Annual Town Meeting on May 18th, 2024. See dues rates below:

Current Membership Dues (as of May 18, 2024):

Individual Membership = \$65 **increased*

Individual Membership via PayPal = \$68

Additional Household Member = \$25 (same rate), **Household Membership = \$90**

Household Membership via PayPal = \$93

Affordable Membership option = \$25

Student Membership = waived for Full/Part-time students - **please register online each year to update your information & membership**

We want to ensure that the league is accessible to all, money is allocated annually for scholarships, and the membership fee should not prevent anyone from joining or renewing. Please reach out to Misty Niemeyer.

Membership Fees Paid to National & State League

LWVUS – Individual = \$32

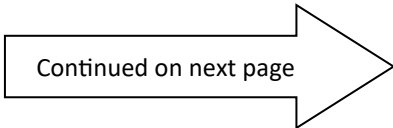
LWVMA – Individual = \$23

Total LWVUS & LWVMA = \$55

LWVUS & LWVMA – Additional Household member = \$25

LWVUS & LWVMA – Student = Waived

The new membership dues now cover the dues paid to the LWVMA and LWVUS, plus a very small additional amount. Primary funding to cover operating costs, programs, and scholarship memberships is raised through donations, bulletin advertisements, and event charges.

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A Call to Support Our Falmouth Road Race Team

We are less than 6 weeks away from the Falmouth Road race on August 18, and our team has raised almost \$4,000 so far, but we still have a ways to go. We are asking if possible that every member considers making a small donation, even just \$5 or \$10 each can go a long way. Our team now consists of Brian Harrigan, a family friend of Board Member Felicia Bordick; Mae A., the granddaughter of Board Member Felicia Bordick; Board Member Meghan Hanawalt; Anne West, who represents the LWVMA, and Tanya Roy, the Treasurer and Board Member of the LWVMA, and member of the Wellesley League. Go team LWV!

Please also share the team link via email, word of mouth, Facebook, or Instagram to help our incredible team fundraise and help each of our runners meet their goals! Each runner needs to raise a minimum of \$1,000, but we have a lofty team goal of over \$10,000 to help support our efforts.

In order to help runners meet their goals, please donate to individual runners vs. donating to the whole team, see their individual links below. Their success is our success! Let's start supporting and routing our team now –

Meghan Hanawalt:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/83188/the-2024-asics-falmouth-road-race/pledge/participant/26757257>

Mae A.:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/83188/the-2024-asics-falmouth-road-race/pledge/participant/25382842>

Brian Harrigan:

<https://raceroster.com/events/2024/83188/the-2024-asics-falmouth-road-race/pledge/participant/25719719>

Tanya Roy:

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Anne West:

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Membership Dues, cont.

Getting your membership dues paid on time helps minimize the workload on our committee, allowing them to focus on recruitment and membership engagement. So please get your renewals ASAP, and if you know of potential new members, please encourage them to join, or contact me, and I can reach out.

Thank you all. We cannot do this amazing work without you. We are grateful to have you as a part of the league, and we look forward to what this next year brings!

Please reach out with any questions! Thank you.

—Misty Niemeyer
Membership Chair

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LWV 2024 National Convention

Greetings, League members!

Earlier today, we concluded the 56th Biennial LWVUS National Convention. It was a jam-packed four days of learning, business, and fellowship. We welcomed 1,279 attendees from all 50 states, DC, and the Virgin Islands both in-person in DC and online.

Thank you to everyone who participated in this historic event!

You'll be able to view a day-by-day recap of each day's events on the League Management Site in the next League Update.

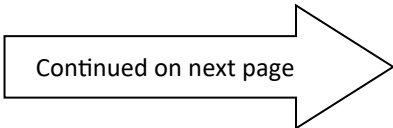
Here are just a few highlights from a dynamic week:

- The League sent 230 members to Capitol Hill for Lobby Day to advocate for the *John R. Lewis Voting Rights Advancement Act*. In all, 20% of Congress heard directly from the League in one day!
 - LWV was proud to host an all-woman panel for Turn Up for One Person, One Vote, a discussion about the movement to abolish the Electoral College. Moderator Celina Stewart, LWVUS chief counsel, was joined by experts Carolyn Dupont, Keesha Gaskins-Nathan, and Na'ilah Amaru.
 - Together, we honored the life of late LWVUS Board President Dr. Deborah Ann Turner, with sentiments from her niece and a tribute video.
 - LWVUS Board president Sania Irwin gave remarks highlighting the power of women to persevere and make a difference in democracy.
- Sania announced LWVUS's incoming CEO as Celina Stewart, current chief counsel, who shared about her vision for her leadership in the next era of the League's story.
 - Convention attendees heard a keynote address from Delegate Kim Teehee, director of government relations for the Cherokee Nation who shared that, "The Cherokee Nation has always believed that this country is stronger when more people have a voice, and the League of Women Voters has been a critical partner in moving towards this better future."
 - 2024 – 2026 Board president Dianna Wynn kicked off her presidency, saying, "A bigger, bolder, more powerful League of Women Voters can shape the future of our democracy."
 - Our newly-elected president Dianna Wynn closed the 2024 Convention, telling attendees to stay tuned for an announcement soon about our host city for the next Convention in 2026.

Thank you to all of our delegates, observers, members, and staff who turned up and turned out for Convention 2024. We accomplished a lot together this biennium. Together, we are ready to empower voters this election year.

In League,

Kelly McFarland Stratman
Chief of Staff, Interim co-CEO
League of Women Voters of the US

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***LWV 2024 National Convention, cont.
Member Observations
on Virtual Attendance***

The platform used to host virtual delegates was very user friendly. I was impressed by how easy it was to vote (Meghan helped me with that)! The passion, the depth of knowledge and experience of candidates, presenters and Leagues and League Leadership gives me great joy and a sense of pride. There was very spirited conversation about a number of different topics and the plenary sessions were handled well.

—*China Mapp*

Even though I was a virtual participant, it felt like I was in the room. I welcome the opportunity to attend and share in person in the future.

Attending virtually was super easy. In-person attendees received a packet of information that we needed to find online.

The plenary sessions were long and productive. I learned so much more about the LWV by attending, thank you so much. The recap of business is in Kelly Stratman's column on Page 10.

I attended a few sessions that were well-run, thoughtful and informative. The one I learned the most at was the Moonshot one - and the work of the National Popular Vote:

<http://www.nationalpopularvote.com>

—*Meghan Hanawalt*

***Observer Corps Reports:
Board of Health, cont.***

the next two months and show certified lab results. One Board member did point out that as problematic as the AutoCamp system has been, it is far superior to the previous campground, which had no treatment system at all.

Two Falmouth shops were brought before the Board for violating the regulation of the Board of Health restricting the sale of tobacco products. The Teaticket Market had a second violation within 36 months. They claimed to be short-staffed, and an underage purchaser accidentally got through the check-out. They explained how they hire a company that performs sting operations for them but this incident, unfortunately, was caught by the town and not by their company. They were fined and their license was suspended for seven days.

The Falmouth Smoke Shop was brought before the Board for their fourth violation in 36 months. However, there is a discrepancy over a transfer of ownership within the family, which carries over from last year. More paperwork is needed to resolve this. In the end, it could come down to only one violation under the new ownership.

The Board is always professional, patient, and courteous to members of the community who appear before it. The members of the Board work well together and discussions are always thorough.

—*Stephanie Miele*
Observer Corps

“We the People” at Arts Alive

Members Carol McKeon, Marcia Easterling, Olivia White, and Felicia Bordick were among the League members who helped with the booth.



Together we enjoyed a lovely time interacting with people who stopped by our booth at Arts Alive. Thank you to everyone who participated, thank you for your contributions — it was a group effort. Special thanks for those who made it possible to display the poignant mural drawn by Jackie Reeves and painted in by community members in 2020. This mural and the other two need a permanent home and I think we could make that happen.

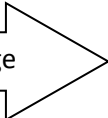
The fourteen drawings by the Falmouth High School students of art teacher Jane Baker were on view at the main branch of the Falmouth Public Library. Each of these impressive and diverse pieces of art are depictions of voting rights as related to the US Constitution.

Three students won prizes from the League for their thoughtful work. Alexis Christian won a first place award of a \$100 gift card; Lillian D’Agostino and Roma Petrosyan also received gift cards of \$75 and \$50 for their second and third place awards. The students, with their artwork and teacher Jane Baker were featured in *The Falmouth Enterprise*.

**— Felicia Bordick
Voter Service**



Left: Talented students from Falmouth High School interpreted the Constitution in these colorful works

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“We the People” at Arts Alive, cont.



The mural by Jackie Reeves below stresses the importance of all groups in society participating in voting if we are to maintain a truly democratic government.

Portuguese Translations of League Documents Available

A native speaker has graciously volunteered to translate a few key materials from our web site into Portuguese. The LWVF’s Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging committee urges you to consider using these in tabletop stands or as handouts if you are holding a League event at which some attendees may be more comfortable reading Portuguese than English.

The three documents available now include the national LVW mission from the front of our web page at <https://www.lwv.org/> and the DEI statement at https://www.lwv.org/league-management/diversity-equity-inclusion/diversity-equity-and-inclusion-policy#_blank; the statement was revised in January and was printed in the LWVF annual report in May.

The third item is the copy for a PSA discuss-

ing the Leagues’ Vote411 website that provides a robust array of tools to help people find information on polling places, voter registration, voting timing, and more. It offers English and Spanish options. Here is the PSA that we have translated:

Your voice, your vote. In our democracy, they matter and make our community and our country stronger.

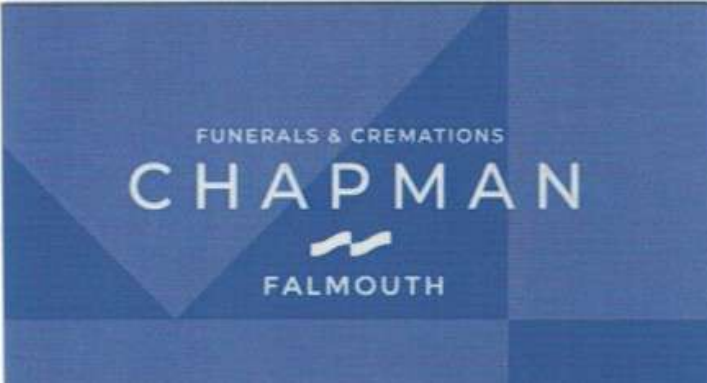
So, make yours count. Get registered, learn the issues, know the candidates, and vote.

Visit VOTE411.org for registration and election information.


If you want copies of these, please contact our DEIB chair Don Gibbons at dongibbons49@yahoo.com or Eileen Mattingly at eileenmattingly@yahoo.com.



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New URL for Our LWVF Website
 Our new website address for the League of Women Voters of Falmouth is now:
<https://my.lwv.org/massachusetts/falmouth>
 Please change your bookmarks.

Make your voice heard today!

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Meeting and Event Calendar

No meeting in July

August 27, 7 p.m. Board meeting, Gus Canty, Room 3

September 26, 7 p.m., Membership meeting on Hermann room at Falmouth Library
building trust in the voting system with guest speaker Larry Moore

September 24, 7 p.m. Board meeting

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