LWVCC ANNUAL MEETING

Date: May 29, 2019
Time: 7:00 to 9:30 p.m.
Place: Kerem Shalom, 659 Elm Street, Concord
Speaker: Michelle Kweder, LWVMA Executive Director
May 2019,

Dear League Members, Lily Bart, Edith Wharton’s vulnerable protagonist in *House of Mirth*, confesses, “The only way not to think about money is to have a great deal of it.” Hers is a sobering reality. At the Concord Town Meeting this month, League voices (and a chorus of other citizens) reminded those gathered that many in our community suffer from financial instability and housing vulnerability. The decency of our community—to work together to provide affordable housing for our neighbors and for those hoping to live in Concord—was hearteningly in evidence.

On many issues, the League has worked to serve as an active conscience in our local communities. By supporting open meeting laws, providing voting guides and candidate forums, and by attending town committee meetings and reporting on their deliberations, we help to keep local government on their toes. As well, active League committees have studied state and national issues—from climate perils to immigration challenges—with zeal.

As the Mueller Report becomes available and we watch various states dismantle Roe vs. Wade and voting privileges for all, it is clear that our work is not even close to done. In the recent past, many of us saw signs that the country had taken a turn toward examining and providing positive work on climate issues, women’s rights, voting rights, and medical care for all. The world was not perfect, but many felt we were moving forward in healthy ways. The sobering reality of how much can be reversed in just two years has left us determined to dust off our placards and return to active duty! Heartening is the energy of young men and women who have taken up some of our most ardent concerns—from gun control to clean water—with both success and fervor. We need to embrace their activism.

This annual workbook provides a perspective on both the work we have done over the year and our hopes for conscientious work ahead. It is also an opportunity for me to thank our remarkable Board for their engagement and support over the past two years. It has been a privilege to serve as the League’s President, and I look forward to all that lies ahead for our new Board. We are reminded daily that democracy is really not a spectator sport.

Most respectfully, Diane Proctor, LWVCC President

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

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7:35  Speaker
Michelle Kweder, LWVMA Executive Director

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LWV Mission Statement
The League of Women Voters, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy.
This has been another successful membership year for our league. We have 240 members – a net increase of 11 members over last year. Many new members participated in at least one of our activities, which enabled us to increase both our programs and the level of our involvement at the local and state level. Here is a recap of our Membership activities this year:

- In September our opening Fall Gathering was attended by over 60 members who listened to an extremely informative panel on Criminal Justice: What’s New? What’s Next?
- In November we published our Annual Membership Directory.
- In January we held the Annual Winter Breakfast where Professor Aviva Chomsky spoke about the complexity of immigration issues to over 100 members and guests.
- On May 29 we will host our LWVCC Annual Meeting with Michelle Kweder, the new LWVMA Executive Director, as our speaker.
- We continue to support the LWVCC Book Group (see article in workbook).

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE
Nancy Brown, Chair

Website – In the fall we launched our new Website using the League’s MyLo platform. David Quimby, assisted by his daughter Amelia, provided invaluable support in designing the new Website, which is being maintained by Cynthia Rainey with involvement of the Communications Committee (“Communications”).

Publicity – Communications has sought to reach League members with a wide variety of communication tools, including Monday Member News, the Bulletin, emails and postcards. We have explored a variety of means to reach a broader community, including newspaper articles in both the Concord Journal (highlighted by our President’s column) and Carlisle Mosquito, thanks to Barbara Lewis, and advertisements in Action Unlimited, flyers and signs, etc.

The Bulletin – Under Karlen Reed’s leadership the Bulletin has become a much livelier and more appealing publication with color pictures of past events.

CONCORD TOWN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
Ardis Bordman, Chair

This past year the Concord Town Government Committee continued to provide meaningful information to League members about town government through our monthly meetings, articles in the Bulletin, and our First Friday speaker series (see article on page 5). The topics for the First Friday meetings were carefully selected to coincide with current town issues that benefit from a deeper understanding and to provide an opportunity for discussion that might not occur elsewhere.

The First Friday programs focused on several important issues. The affordable housing meeting provided a forum to better understand the four affordable housing articles on the annual town meeting warrant in
April. There was standing room only for the meeting about climate change action. Attendees learned about practical steps individuals can take to lessen climate change damage. The topic of town and school financial sustainability addressed what must be spent efficiently and the need to plan for lower priority but essential spending.

In our monthly committee meetings, we discussed current information from town and school boards and committees that may result in League action letters to them. Prior to Annual Town Meeting, many hours were spent gathering information about the warrant and eventually making decisions on which articles the League would support or oppose. Those decisions were based on positions of local, state or national League studies. Our Affordable Housing / Workforce sub-committee continued to conduct research and meet with local officials to assist in finding solutions to this pressing need, not only in Concord but throughout the state.

We discussed that, looking forward, the League will need to stay alert to the changes in the management of the Town. We will have a new Town Manager, and within the last few years there have been administration changes such as a new Town clerk, a new Finance Director, and a new Superintendent of the Concord Public Schools and Regional School District.

We also noted that the Town is facing a number of decision points: scattered site Town offices and locations and the efficiency thereof, financial sustainability that will allow residents to absorb inevitable tax increases, how to increase workforce affordable housing, sensible decisions about development of recreational property, watchful waiting to see if Junction Village housing will receive necessary state funding and be built, traffic congestion and costs, and implementing the recently adopted long range plan -- Envision Concord.

The League needs your energy, concern and involvement as these important decisions are considered. Our monthly meetings are usually held in one of the libraries on a Tuesday afternoon from 2-4 pm--check LWVCC Monday Member News and on our website. The Committee is actively looking for more members -- there is much to be done. You are welcome to join the group or to drop in when you can!

**FIRST FRIDAY TOWN TALKS**
Ardis Bordman, Chair & Karlen Reed

The 2018-2019 First Friday programs were widely attended with topics of town governance, affordable housing, education, climate change, and town and school fiscal sustainability.

The October 2018 meeting was “Selecting Concord’s Town Manager.” Chris Whelan, who has served Concord for 25 years as Town Manager, is retiring. Speaker Tom McKean, Chair of the Select Board, was joined by Arthur Fullman, former member of the Select Board, Finance Committee, and Light Board; Nancy Tavernier, an Acton Selectman and chair of Acton’s recent search committee for their new town manager; and Carl Valente, the newly-retired town manager for Lexington. The presentation and discussion centered on the skills and attributes needed to be a successful manager in a town like Concord. The presenters agreed that strong written and verbal communications skills were essential.

The November topic was “Affordable Housing.” The keynote speaker was Ms. Chris Kluchman, Housing Choice Program Director of the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development. Ms. Kluchman was joined by the League’s affordable housing observer, Stephan Bader; Barbara Morse, the housing representative on Concord’s Comprehensive Long Range Plan Committee; and Charles Phillips, member of the Concord Housing Foundation. Four affordable housing related articles were on the warrant for the 2019 Annual Town Meeting. The League Affordable Housing Committee continues its work.
Our January First Friday addressed “Educating the Whole Child: Creating an Inclusive and Supportive Environment” and featured a panel of school administrators from Concord middle and elementary schools and CCHS, who spoke about school programs focusing on the definition of “success,” self-confidence, mindfulness, diversity, cultural competency, and inclusiveness. The speakers were Dr. Laurie Hunter, Superintendent; Mike Mastrullo, CCHS Principal; Justin Cameron, Middle School Principal; Sharon Young, Alcott Principal; Angel Charles, Thoreau Principal; Matt Lucey, Willard Principal; Andrew Nyamekye, METCO Director; and Sherree Foye, Alcott School Counselor.

The February First Friday meeting reviewed “Climate Change: Why Do Local Actions Matter?” a timely topic given recent dire predictions of global warming. The speakers focused on the international climate reports and on 10 things we can do locally to make a more sustainable and resilient Concord. Leading the discussion were Gary Clayton, President of Mass Audubon; Kate Hanley, Concord’s Director of Sustainability; and State Representative Tami Gouveia, 14th Middlesex District.

Our March and April First Friday programs focused on the Concord Warrant Articles, and in particular on financial sustainability and the increasing tax burden on our citizens. There were many questions from the audience in preparation for Concord’s Annual Town Meeting. The panel review was led by Tom Tarpey, Finance Committee Chair; Tom McKean, Select Board Chair; Todd Benjamin, Affordable Housing Funding Committee Chair; Bob Grom, Regional School Committee Chair; and Heather Bout, Concord School Committee member.

Dunkin Donuts on Thoreau Street has again generously provided us with coffee and donut holes for these meetings. We greatly appreciate their support of our First Friday discussion series.

CARLISLE TOWN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
Cindy Nock, Chair & Barbara Lewis

The goals for this committee are to inform League members and the public about Carlisle town government operations, to increase public engagement with and participation in town government through education and advocacy, and to increase Carlisle membership in LWVCC through visibility at local events.

This year we did all of the usual League activities, including staffing an LWVCC booth at Old Home Day, placing signs in the Town center and on members’ properties in highly visible locations in town to remind citizens about elections and town meeting, observing some governmental meetings, attending the Town Caucus, and holding a Local Candidates Forum.

REGULAR FRIDAY MONTHLY MEETING
The Carlisle Town Group Initiative (TGI) group began meeting regularly on the first Friday of each month but changed to second Friday as of 2019 so as not to conflict with Concord First Friday meetings. The Carlisle meetings are held from 9-11am in the Nickles Room at Carlisle Town Hall.

ROTARY SIGN PROPOSAL
The group submitted a Rotary Sign proposal to the Carlisle Board of Selectmen (BOS). The proposal was discussed during the Feb 26 BOS meeting and was referred to the Traffic Safety Advisory Committee. We await that committee’s review. The Rotary Sign Proposal recommends to the Carlisle BOS: 1) the existing Rotary Sign Policy be updated; 2) the number of signs be increased from one to three signs allowed per week; 3) signs be placed on the three islands around the rotary rather than on the actual rotary; 4) one sign per triangular island would be permitted; 5) the Town should own and place attractive sign boards on the
islands; 6) the sign boards have protective plexiglass covers; and 7) the sign boards be anchored but moveable by the Carlisle Department of Public Works.

PAYT ADVOCACY PROPOSAL
The group is enthusiastic about helping to promote the “Pay as You Throw” (PAYT) plan for a better system for handling Solid Waste Management in Carlisle. Although the PAYT article was withdrawn from the Carlisle Town Warrant, the Carlisle TGI, under the leadership of Barbara Lewis, sent a letter to the editor to the Carlisle Mosquito asking residents to submit their ideas and strategies for reducing waste in their households to Barbara Lewis using email (carlisle@lwvcc.org).

CARLISLE CANDIDATE FORUM AND TOWN MEETING
Barbara Lewis attended the Carlisle Caucus held on Friday March 29, 2019 and announced the date, time and place of the League sponsored 2019 Carlisle Candidates Forum would be held Sunday, April 28, 3-5 pm in the Carlisle Town Hall. The Carlisle Town Meeting began Monday, April 29.

CARLISLE OLD HOME DAY BOOTH
Cindy Nock has reserved and will coordinate a booth for voter registration on Carlisle Old Home Day on Saturday June 22, 2019.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Edie Lipinski, Chair

This year, the Education Committee created a subcommittee to study the Concord Middle School Building Project. This subcommittee sought information from many stakeholders in town about the history of school building, the process the Massachusetts School Building Authority follows for funding school projects, and the impact the CMS building project will have on the tax payers of the town. We embraced the LWVMA’s initiative to promote civics education in our schools. And we continued to forge a collaborative relationship with the School Administration, to review the school budgets, and to monitor discussions about capital projects.

Monitoring Changes:
• Hosted a First Friday Forum showcasing innovative programs in the schools
• Discussed the work of the CMS Facilities Planning Committee

School Budget Materials:
• Followed the FY2020 budget process and learned about zero based budgeting.
• Met with administrators to discuss details of the published budget materials for both CPS and CCRSD in support of the Warrant Review for Concord Town Meeting 2019.
• Will send a letter to the School Committees and Select Board evaluating the annual budget process and Town Meeting proposals.

Exploring New Areas of Focus: Civics Education
• Committee members created and taught a lesson about the history of voting and civil engagement to all eighth grade classes at the Middle School.
• Teams from middle and high school were formed to compete in a Civics Bee

Events:
• First Friday Forum: (PreK - 12) Administrators from all five schools presented innovative programs that embrace student wellness and stress reduction, cultural competency and celebrating differences, and a new, inclusive approach to Special Education in the early years.
• Civics Bee with area towns: Concord sent teams of students from middle and high school with adult coaches to a Civics Bee hosted by the Weston LWV and joined by Sudbury, and Wayland. Concord won!

EVENTS COMMITTEE
Stephan Bader, Chair

What a busy, eventful year this was. We started off mid-September with the Fall Gathering at the Concord Greene Clubhouse for a discussion “Criminal Justice: What’s new? What’s next?” Our speakers, Judge John C. Cratsley, Di Clymer, and Colleen Kirby, helped us understand the state of the judicial process, the challenges facing judges, and the important work of the Communities for Restorative Justice in enabling youth and adults avoid incarceration.

Later that month, the LWVCC hosted Harvard Professor Cass Sunstein, who spoke on “Can our Democracy Fail? If so, what can we do about it?” Held at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, this discussion focused on the lives of ordinary people during the rise of Nazism, and highlighted three different men who chronicled their experiences in 1930’s Germany.

October was a special time because the Concord Public Works facilities provided a guided tour of critical infrastructure sites to League members. The League members saw the Cambridge Turnpike Road restoration project, Keyes Road and Walden Street parking lot repavement projects, water main replacements on Alcott Road, Sleepy Hollow Cemetery walls and road restoration, and Nagog Pond water treatment plant.

In December we held our Holiday Brunch at the home of Nancy and Reinier Beeuwkes. This year’s guest speaker, Town Manager Chris Whelan, provided the attendees with insights, sighs, and laughter about his 25+ years as Concord’s town manager. A large buffet with a wide assortment of indulgences greeted the guests. January saw the Winter Breakfast at the Colonial Inn in Concord, with Professor Aviva Chomsky at the helm. She spoke eloquently and passionately about the problems faced by immigrants today. The food was good, the setting was elegant, and the discussion was delightful.

Additionally, there were the numerous First Friday programs, the League Ballot Process Study, candidate forums, Town Meeting warrant reviews, and the award-winning Civics Bee – all of these activities involved the imaginative efforts of the Events Committee members who kept the LWVCC and the public informed and comfortably entertained. Some of these events were videotaped and can be seen on Concord’s Minuteman Media Network, www.concordma.gov/mmn, and on the LWVCC website.

OBSERVER CORPS
Janet Rothrock, Chair & Diane Proctor, Clerk

The LWVCC’s reconstituted Observer Corps (OC) has now seen two seasons. The OC provides valuable information to the LWVCC Board and the membership-at-large through their thoughtful reports and observations of the various Town Committees. Having Observers at twenty Town committee meetings helps ensure that those committees follow Open Meeting Law procedures. Publishing reports from those committees helps to inform the readers of those reports and raises awareness of the League and enhances its reputation. Currently the LWVCC has been printing one or two OC reports in each Bulletin and these articles provide some of the most engaging pieces in the publication.
STATE PROGRAM & ACTION
Nancy Beeuwkes, Chair

This past year the LWVCC participated in the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts (LWVMA) Study of the Massachusetts ballot question process – the way an issue goes from idea to a ballot vote. This study incorporated the intersection of two key League’s areas of mission: voting and advocacy. LWVMA had not previously studied the initiative and referendum process in MA and had no positions on this aspect of voting/elections.

The scope of the study was to review the Massachusetts laws and regulations that govern statewide citizen-initiated ballot questions (initiative and referendum process); consider the consequences of current laws and regulations; and propose concrete next steps that LWVMA could take to enact change, if the study results in recommended change. The study explored fifteen questions, arranged within six major areas: 1) understanding the ballot questions, 2) signature requirements, 3) signature gathering, 4) legislative involvement and responsibilities, 5) campaign financing for ballot questions, and 6) the initiative and referendum process in Massachusetts. We held two consensus meetings on January 16, 2019 (morning and evening), and the League Board reviewed the consensus and filed its report to LWVMA on February 14, 2019. The League’s response, along with the responses from more than 25 other Massachusetts leagues, will be discussed and voted into “Program” during the LWVMA State Annual Convention, which will be held June 7-8, 2019, at the Westford Regency Hotel in Westford, MA. This consensus agreement will provide a basis for League action in the future.

LWVMA introduced a new logo and a new Executive Director, Dr. Michelle Kweder. Michelle holds a B.A. in English with a concentration in Women’s Studies from Hamilton College, an MBA from Simmons College, and a Ph.D. in Business Administration, Organizations and Social Change from the University of Massachusetts, Boston. For the past 11 years Michelle has had her own consulting practice working in partnership with numerous non-profit organizations in the Greater Boston area, and has held positions at both Simmons University and Harvard Law School. She is a resident of Somerville. She joined LWVMA on March 11, and will build on the work of our previous Executive Director, Meryl Kessler.

In December during our annual Phonathon, Board members called all Concord and Carlisle members and asked them to donate money to support the work of the State League. Members who could be reached generously gave over $6,000 to the LWVMA; more than ten percent was given back to our local League.

NATIONAL PROGRAM
Nancy Cronin, Chair

The National League of Women Voters (LWV) is continuing with its education and advocacy program “Making Democracy Work,” which includes Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Campaign Finance/Money in Politics, Redistricting. Additionally, the LWV is focused on healthcare reform, immigration, and the environment. The LWV is lobbying for passage of HR.1, the #For the People Act, which has passed the House but not in the Senate. HR.1 comprises a bold set of reforms to strengthen our democracy and return political power to the people, issues which at the LWV strongly supports. HR.1 will improve access to voting with reforms like Automatic Voting Registration and Same Day Registration, and sets limits on removing voters from voting roll. It sets forth provisions relative to campaign spending, as well as ethics in all three branches of government, including requiring presidential candidates to make public their tax returns for the last 10 years.
IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE
Nancy Cronin, Chair

The LWVCC has an Immigration Committee which has been following news about the border issues as well as learning about immigration organizations in our area. At our January Breakfast we heard from Aviva Chomsky, professor at Salem State College and author of a book called “They Take Our Jobs, and 20 Other Myths about Immigration.” Over 100 members and friends attended the breakfast where Dr. Chomsky highlighted three actions that our League could take to help immigrants in Massachusetts: work toward allowing undocumented immigrants to get drivers’ licenses and to qualify for in-state tuition at Massachusetts state colleges, and pass the statewide Safe Communities Act providing that state and local law enforcement officers do not become enforcers of federal immigration laws.

During the year the Immigration Committee met with representatives of Dignity in Asylum, a group started by two Concord women to house undocumented asylum seekers waiting until they can obtain jobs. In November we met with EnglishAtLarge, a network in 21 Massachusetts communities that helps immigrants and refugees improve their English language skills and adapt to American life. In January we met with the Director of the Massachusetts Immigrant and Refugee Advocacy Coalition (MIRA). As their name indicates, they follow legislation affecting immigrants and organize lobbying efforts by immigrants and their supporters. In May we will meet with South Sudanese Enrichment for Families, a whole-family resource dedicated to South Sudanese who have resettled in Massachusetts.

The Committee has also been working with the First Parish Immigration Justice Task Force, some of whose members provided our Committee with a program about their recent trip to the Arizona border with a group called BorderLinks and their experiences there. League members and friends are invited to join us at our meetings at 2:00 on the fourth Thursday of the month.

VOTER SERVICE
Judy Zaunbrecher, Chair

The Voter Service Committee focused on encouraging voters to participate in state and local elections by educating and registering voters and promoting elections.

The year started with two candidates’ forums for the 3rd Congressional District Democratic primary. Over 1,000 people from throughout the district attended at least one forum and many more viewed the live broadcast or the on-demand recording of these events. These forums were conducted in collaboration with other local Leagues (Acton Area, Westford, and Chelmsford).

Three additional candidates’ forums were conducted for the 14th Middlesex Democratic primary race, 14th Middlesex general election, and the Concord Town Election. All candidates on the ballot participated. The forums were well attended and videotaped for later viewing.

The League held fourteen voter registration drives at back-to-school nights, Town events, and Drumlin Farm (in collaboration with Mass Audubon). Additionally, a group of LWVCC volunteers worked with Jericho Road to conduct a voter registration drive in Lowell. These drives provided a valuable service to voters by ensuring they are properly registered to vote, educated on when, where and how to vote and what is on the ballot. Voters were keenly interested in these topics and enthusiastic about voting.

Voter registration training was conducted for the Activism Club at CCHS. Finally, the Voter Service and Communications Committees developed and implemented programs to promote voting through a public service announcement (PSA) on Minuteman Media Network promoting the March 29 Concord Town
Election and placing voting signs around Town informing voters of election and Town Meeting dates. LWVCC’s voter service efforts are successful because of the dedicated volunteers. Thank you!

**LWVCC BOOK GROUP**

Anne Hayden, Janet Miller, Diane Proctor, & Mary Sterling

This year, the LWVCC Book Group met at the Concord Main Library to discuss ten books which covered a number of the timely topics that concern all of us. The books in the first and third session complemented League programs, and the last session will be an author’s talk:

- *How Democracies Die* by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt; and *On Tyranny: Twenty Lessons From The Twentieth Century* by Timothy D. Snyder.
- *The Korean War: A History* by Bruce Cumings; and *The Orphan Master’s Son* by Adam Johnson.
- *They Take Our Jobs! And 20 Other Myths About Immigration* by Aviva Chomsky; and *Go, Went, Gone* by Jenny Erpenbeck and Susan Bernofsky.
- *The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels* by Jon Meacham; and *The Common Good* by Robert Reich.

Morning and evening meetings were held for each book. Book meetings are open to the public, and League members and their friends are encouraged to come and participate in lively thought-provoking discussions.

**LWVCC ANNUAL APPEAL**

Ingrid Detweiler, Deena Whitfield, Ardis Bordman, and Karlen Reed

The League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle encourages the informed and active participation of citizens in government, works to increase understanding of local, state, and national issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. During the past year, League volunteers registered voters, provided forums for public discussion of local issues and advocated for better communication and openness in local government.

We are most grateful to the following people who supported our work by responding to our 2018 Annual Appeal:

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**RIVER STEWARD AWARD**

Janet Rothrock, Chair, River Steward Award Nominations Committee

In 1968, the United States Congress established a National Wild and Scenic Rivers system to protect outstanding rivers from the harmful effects of new federal projects such as dams, hydroelectric facilities,
bank stabilization, and bridges. To be considered “Wild and Scenic,” a river must have at least one “outstandingly remarkable” natural, cultural or recreational value. Sections stretching 29 miles along the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers were proposed for designation as Wild and Scenic Rivers. In 1999, Congress amended the Wild and Scenic River Act to include sections of the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers because of their outstanding resources in the areas of ecology, recreation, scenery, history, and literature.

Since 2003, the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts and the Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council have presented the River Stewardship Awards to honor outstanding advocates for the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord Rivers. Winners are individuals or groups that live or work in any of the 36 watershed towns whose projects and programs promote, preserve, and protect the beauty and health of our rivers and build an environmental legacy for future generations. Their work inspires us to care for and defend our wild and scenic rivers.

Nominees will receive the River Steward Award this year at the start of the RiverFest 2019 Celebration on June 22.

WATER SUPPLY CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Janet Rothrock, LWVMA Representative

Since spring 2016, Janet Rothrock has served on the Water Supply Citizens Advisory Committee (WSCAC), a group which advises the Massachusetts Water Resource Authority (MWRA).

WSCAC represents an unusual approach for engaging citizen participation in water resource policy decisions. WSCAC advises the MWRA and the Department of Conservation and Recreation on water conservation and watershed protection strategies. Originally formed in 1977 to review a proposed diversion of the Connecticut River for water supply to the metropolitan Boston area, the MWRA subsequently implemented leak repair and demand management programs, avoiding the need for river diversion. WSCAC meets monthly to understand what the MWRA is doing, why they are doing it, and reach out to other organizations that may be interested in or impacted by the MWRA’s activities.

PLANS FOR 2019-2020

Spring is in the air once again, and a person’s thoughts turn to ... well, in this case, planning for next year. Our League has a full plate of activities and events in the offing open to all members.

2020 marks the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the League of Women Voters and the ratification of the 19th Amendment. Plans are underway to mark the occasion. Please watch MMN and the Bulletin for opportunities to participate in this effort.

The League’s positions, reached through study and consensus, form the foundation of what we do. They give weight and depth to those moments when the League advocates in support or in opposition. They inform the work of all our committees and help us educate ourselves and the public. It is important, therefore, to review our positions periodically and decide which are still useful, which have
outlived their time, and where revision or new study might be warranted. A committee will be formed to carry out a detailed review of local positions.

The Concord and Carlisle Town Government Committees will continue their work keeping watch on the governments of the two towns. In Concord, the next year will bring a new Town Manager. There is movement in town to encourage a longer range look at the capital needs of the town, including the schools. The Concord Town Government Committee will help our League to stay abreast of developments.

The Carlisle Town Government Committee will continue to explore means of keeping the public informed of town affairs. A joint fact-finding group (Acton Area and Concord-Carlisle) is forming to deepen local understanding of the complex water resource situation at Nagog Pond. After the fine First Friday on Climate Change in February, there is considerable interest in reactivating a committee on the environment.

Fresh off a successful first foray into the world of Civics Bees, the Education Committee will be expanding and improving LWVCC’s participation for next year. They will also be following developments around the Concord Middle School closely, to help our League and the community stay informed.

The Immigration Committee will be expanding its knowledge of developments regarding immigration and seeking ways to disseminate that information. They hope to encourage discussion and engage in advocacy of League positions related to immigration.

Last year’s new initiatives will continue, looking to broaden and deepen civic engagement and civics education in the work of all committees, and to provide a program touching on national and/or international issues at least once during the year.

The Communications Committee, Voter Service and Events will all have need of members to carry out their tasks. And our reinvigorated Observer Corps has openings in several areas – a wonderful way to learn about town government first hand. All the many activities undertaken by our League are only possible because of the energy and enthusiasm of our members. I hope that next year holds appealing opportunities for all.

Julie Rohwein,
LWVCC President-Elect

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

Next year we hope to expand the Membership Committee. If you are would like to help with any of the membership events, please contact Anne Hayden at Membership@LWVCC.org and learn more about our activities.

**COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE**

**Website** - The website is up and running and now we need to focus on how to keep it relevant to League members and the general public. Unless there is oversight, items quickly become out of date. One approach would be to enlist two or three Communications members to review the website on a regular basis and not only make sure that the information is up to date, but to work on improving and enhancing various sections of the website. Additionally, we can ask each League committee chair (or his/her designee) to provide website updates at least monthly. Communications may be able to find guidance for website maintenance and enhancement from LWVUS and LWVMA as well as other local Leagues. At the same time, we need
to define the role of the Webmaster and ensure that there is adequate backup for Cynthia Rainey who manages not only the website, but also Facebook and Monday Member News.

**Publicity** – We will continue to publicize League events and will be open to experimenting with new tools and approaches. Assessing whether ads, fliers, etc. are effective will help Communications determine which tools to use for particular events and when it is appropriate to pay for publicity, such as ads. Communications will explore ways to ensure that League events will be immediately recognizable and properly branded.

**The Bulletin** – Communications will review the Bulletin and determine how it might be even better, considering its timing, type and quality of articles, and style. A subcommittee will be created to provide support, which will include reviewing the Bulletin before it goes to print, and preparing a survey for Annual Meeting that explores how our members want to receive communications. Communications anticipates seeing four publications in the upcoming year: three Bulletins and the Annual Meeting Workbook. The schedule will be discussed during the June Communications meeting.

**Facebook** – Greater attention is needed to enhance our Facebook presence and encourage Facebook users, both League members and others, to “friend” our page. Communications will explore materials available from State and National as well as other local Leagues in Massachusetts for guidance on how to use communication tools, such as Facebook and Twitter effectively.

**Committee meetings** – As the League progresses through its calendar year and Town Meeting schedule, Communications must be aware of updates and breaking events. Towards that end, Communications will strive to keep members informed about upcoming events. Furthermore, the Communications chair will refresh the committee membership list to optimize participation and effectiveness. One method to revitalize the committee membership will be to ask, at Annual Meeting and via Monday Member News notices, for interested persons to submit their names.

**CONCORD TOWN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**

The committee will continue to focus on educating League members and the public about town government operations and promoting increased participation of citizens. This includes the Open Meeting Law, Public Records process, budget process of town and schools, efficiency, staffing, transparency, accountability, and timely access to public information, current and on line. All League advocacy is based on local, state, and national positions.

This year, the Town Government Committee will:

- Continue First Friday speaker series.
- Continue to monitor local government meetings and urge timely posting of agendas with attachments and meeting minutes, including executive session minutes.
- Encourage more dissemination of information from the LWV Observer Corps.
- Develop a working relationship with the newly-appointed Town Manager.
- Lobby for increased videotaping of all town board and committees and improving acoustics, especially for meetings held in the Keyes Road and Town House meeting rooms.
- Monitor the implementation of the Envision Concord long range plan focusing on areas related to League positions.
• Continue Affordable Housing sub-committee study and research. Focus on next steps to implement Envision Concord affordable housing goals including zoning bylaw changes. Continue to educate the public about local affordable housing needs. Collaborate with existing town housing related committees.
• Continue to monitor and evaluate town and school budgets to reflect concerns about increasing costs and tax rate increases.
• Study and review the Community Preservation Act legislation and the local Community Preservation Committee process. Develop an understanding of apportionment of financial resources.
• Conduct a fact finding group with the LWV of Acton Area on Nagog Pond and its associated aquifers. Educate members about the findings from the fact finding group.
• Study the soon to be released (Spring) municipal facilities report and monitor the planning process related to possible renovations / replacement of buildings and the financial implications.
• Review the Concord Town Government Study Committee chart of priorities (2014). Advocate for a budget bylaw as recommended by that study committee by a vote of high level of interest.
• Consider re-establishing a League committee focused on the environment.

CARLISLE TOWN GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE
We will continue to do all of the usual local League activities including staffing an LWVCC booth at Old Home Day, placing signs in the Town center and on members’ properties in highly visible locations in town to remind citizens about elections and town meeting, observing some governmental meetings, attending the Town Caucus, holding a Local Candidates Forum, and holding our monthly second Friday TGI group meetings. The group has expressed interest in the following for next year:
  • Producing a one page document describing what we get for our tax dollars,
  • Exploring ways to educate citizens and residents about Town Government,
  • Follow the LWVCC proposal for Rotary Signs,
  • Follow the PAYT and waste reduction proposal,
  • Follow the advancement of affordable housing, and
  • Focus on and support ways that the Town and its residents can mitigate emissions on a personal and town-wide basis, given the grave and growing threat of climate change. We will support Town policies, programs, public forums, and other means of public awareness and education that advance this objective.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Looking ahead to 2019-2020: Education and/or advocacy can be accomplished through a variety of vehicles such as informational forums, educational publications (including on-line information or publications), and letters to the editor and/or School or Town Boards and Committees.

The Education Committee will continue to inform League members and the public about the operation of the Concord Public Schools, PreK - 12. We will rely on strong support from our LWVCC observers who attend both CPS and CCRSD School Committee meetings and our Committee liaisons who provide crucial insights about complex school issues.

Areas of focus will include:
  • civics education and civic engagement especially among our school aged population
  • the fiscal management of the school budget process
• continued participation in the Concord Middle School building project in terms of ensuring an open process with a focus on fiscal, environmental and educational sustainability
• future capital projects proposed for the CCHS campus

Next year we hope to:
• Expand our participation in a Civics Bee, either with area towns or within Concord.
• Host speakers that might be suitable for a First Friday Forum (as organized by the Town Government Committee.)
• Collaborate with 8th grade teachers on civics education, with special attention to the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th amendment.

EVENTS COMMITTEE
For the upcoming year, we anticipate holding a Fall Gathering, a Holiday Brunch, and a Winter Breakfast, as in past years. The Events Committee will continue to support the other League committees and their various activities. Our group can always use an extra hand to set up chairs, bring refreshments, help with clean-up, etc., so please let us know if you would like to help.

OBSERVER CORPS
Our goals for the upcoming year include printing more reports in the Bulletin, publishing a report from each committee at least once per year, and printing reports of high interest committees more often. Posting some or all reports online is a longer term goal. There are currently a few vacant Observer positions and there is always need for substitute Observers to fill in when regular Observers are not able to attend meetings.

All LWVCC members are welcome to attend the monthly evening Observer Corps gatherings, usually held at Diane Proctor’s home, a convivial setting, conducive to good, direct talk about how our Town is being run. We have a good group of volunteers for this project and welcome all those who would like to join us as observers to specific committees, substitute Observers, or at monthly meetings to discuss the hot topics of the day.

STATE PROGRAM & ACTION
The 2019 LWVMA Convention, “100 Years: Looking Back, Moving Forward,” will be held June 7 and 8, 2019 at the Westford Regency Inn and Conference Center in Westford, MA. The Convention brings local League delegates together to hear distinguished speakers, approve program for the next biennium, elect a new board of directors, approve the budget, and network with leaders from across the state. We will be sending voting delegates and encourage other members to come as observers. Noted environmentalist Bill McKibben will be the keynote speaker at the Friday night banquet. Evelyn Brooks Higginbotham will be the featured speaker at the Saturday lunch.

This fall we look forward to participating in the LWVMA’s Day on the Hill, an annual event at the Massachusetts State House. Each year, LWV members from around the state join together to discuss upcoming legislation and advocacy. A keynote speaker addresses an area or areas of focus. The LWVMA specialists prepare a packet of materials for members to use to encourage their legislators to take action on selected legislation. League members discuss the League legislative priorities with their individual Senators and Representatives after the morning program.
NATIONAL PROGRAM & ACTION

The National League of Women Voters (LWV) will continue its education and advocacy program “Making Democracy Work,” which includes Voting Rights, Improving Elections, Campaign Finance/Money in Politics, and Gerrymandering/Redistricting. The LWV’s major priorities will continue to be expanding voter access, fair redistricting, campaign finance reform, work on climate change, health care reform, and immigration.

IMMIGRATION COMMITTEE

Here are some actions that the Immigration Committee plans for the coming year:

- Put Aviva Chomsky’s speech on the LWVCC website
- Make a list of Quick Facts about immigration- put it on the website
- Make list of books and films
- Make list of various waves of immigration and responses
- Write Governor and legislators about drivers’ licenses for undocumented immigrants
- Suggest a book on immigration to the LWVCC book group
- Lobby our state legislators about the Safe Communities Act – work with MIRA on this
- Appoint a member to keep our section of the website up-to-date
- Check with ACLU about a speaker on their current key immigration court cases
- Continue to work with First Parish Immigration Justice Task Force and Indivisible Action
- Speaker on the history of immigration in the U.S.

VOTER SERVICE COMMITTEE

Voter Service will focus on preparing for the anticipated busy 2020 fall election season and updating our voter registration materials to reflect the anticipated implementation of the new statewide Automatic Voter Registration system. Additionally, Voter Service will look for opportunities to partner with other leagues involved in voter registration at Naturalization Ceremonies to assist these new U.S. citizens to register to vote.

Voter Service and the Communication Committee will work together to update and replenish the Leagues’ Get Out the Vote signs and develop additional ways to promote participation in elections, such as PSAs and increased use of social media. In the spring, Voter Service will provide both a Voters’ Guide and get to know your candidates event for Concord Town Election. We will continue to conduct the summer and fall voter registration drives and provide voter registration training to students. This upcoming year will provide ample opportunities to volunteer. The Committee looks forward to working with League members to get out the vote in Concord and Carlisle.
# NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Deena Whitfield, Chair, Janet Beyer, Anne Hayden, Karlen Reed, & Anita Tekle

## LWVCC

**Proposed Slate**

**2019-2020**

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**NEW INITIATIVES 2019-2020**

MAINTAIN ALL LOCAL POSITIONS with no changes.

NO NEW STUDIES

RECOMMENDED NEW INITIATIVES:

1. Detailed Review of Local Positions.

2. Celebration of 100th Anniversary of the Founding of the League of Women Voters and the Ratification of the 19th Amendment.

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**LWV CONCORD-CARLISLE LOCAL POSITIONS**

Summary of Positions

1. Town Government  
2. Education  
3. Public Health/Condom Availability  
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1. **Town Government, Concord**

The League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle supports a local government which is based on the fullest possible participation of informed citizens in its policy and decision-making processes. The League finds that Town Government as now practiced in Concord is both democratic and effective. To make it more responsive, open, and fair, we would support the following improvements:

1.1 Increased communications between:
   a) committees and their appointing authorities, including periodic review and supervision, as well as more explicit definition of committee’s charges
   b) committees and the public
   c) committee chairmen and members, including once yearly training/orientation sessions, and detailed and written orientation information for new members. (Modified 2001)

1.1.2 Increased citizen participation through:
   a) more publicity of hearings
   b) early notices of committee meetings and hearings with agendas
   c) use of all available media to inform public on town affairs
   d) distribution of town information package to newcomers
   e) wider distribution of green cards.

1.1.3 Committee procedures made more effective by:
a) specific term lengths for committee members
b) use of sub and ad hoc committees for specific studies and to relieve overburdened committees
c) informative minutes, publicly available
d) termination process for unneeded committees

1.1.4 Adequate clerical and financial support with information given to committees by the Town Manager on services available.

1.1.5 Fair and responsible appointment process strengthened by:
a) expanding use of green cards, with regular updating and review by citizens and the Town Manager’s office.
b) posting vacancies with at least two weeks between posting and appointment
c) flexible, informal interviews with prospective appointees
d) prompt appointments
e) reasonable use of recommendations from committee members
f) geographical distribution of committee members for those committees whose functions warrant it.
g) use of the following criteria in appointing committee members: availability for attendance at committee meetings; eagerness to serve; expertise; work and/or volunteer experience; ability to work with others; stamina (not in order of priority).

1.2 League members were firm in opposition to:
a) use of green cards as an exclusive source of appointees
b) use of a search committee to nominate appointees
c) election of more town committees (Adopted March 1977)

1.3 The League supports the continuation of the Town Meeting as the primary deliberative and legislative body of the Town (Adopted February 1996)

1.4 The League supports open Town Meeting as currently practiced with voting on Town Meeting issues taking place within the sessions of the town meeting. (Adopted February 1996.)

1.5 The League believes that it is the obligation of the Town to provide all citizens seeking to attend Town Meeting, the opportunity to participate. If it should become impossible, on a regular and frequently recurring basis, to accommodate all of the persons wishing to attend Town Meeting, then the League would support a representative form of town meeting as an alternative to the present open Town Meeting. (Adopted February 1996.)

1.6 The League opposes any change in Town Meeting Voting that would separate the vote from the deliberative process. (Adopted February 1996.)

1.7 The League opposes any voting method that would constrain participants from having full access to information about the questions on which they are voting. (Adopted February 1996.)

1.8 To further ensure that the residents of Concord are informed participants, the League urges that the Town take greater measures to:
a) Increase the understanding of citizens about their local government.
b) Offer a fuller explanation of committee and board duties along with the Green Cards. Advertise committee vacancies promptly and widely.
c) Give wider distribution to the Town Report. (Adopted February 1996.)

**Town Government, Carlisle**

That the town of Carlisle should continue its present form of government, strengthening its effectiveness by improved communication and cooperation among boards and by the use of administrative and technical support when needed.

1.9.1 Support the use of administrative and technical assistance to foster the effective use of volunteers' time and expertise.

1.9.2 Support an annual meeting, chaired by the Selectmen at which all town committees present their accomplishments and goals.

1.9.3 Support issue-oriented meetings as needed, among pertinent boards. The ultimate responsibility for these meetings lies with the Selectmen.

1.9.4 Support timely distribution of pertinent information by committees to townspeople. (Adopted 1980. Amended 1983.)
2. Education
Concord and Carlisle in pursuit of quality education in the public schools:

2.1 Support a school organization that encourages the following: stability—requiring few major changes and little redistricting in order to preserve a sense of school community; low pupil-teacher ratios with the lowest in the primary grades; respect for parental preference among a range of teaching styles; broad uniform program aims; sound fiscal management.

2.2 Support for a system of guidance and social work that allows for department flexibility and staff mobility and interaction, particularly with the elementary schools. (Adopted July 1980.)

2.3 Support for a system of guidance and social work which has as its primary role maintenance of the climate of learning of the student body as a whole and the consideration of the needs of the individual student; and which communicates openly with parents and provides information through channels such as workshops, written material, PTG meetings, etc. (Reaffirmed 1999)

2.4 Support additional, vocational education in the school system. An ideal system would include a) adequate up to date facilities; b) flexibility in time, choice, program, and amount of concentration on vocational or academic courses by each student; c) coordination with instruction in the Concord and Carlisle systems; d) full use of facilities for the whole community after regular school hours, evenings and summers; e) expansion of an improved work-study program; f) career awareness beginning in the elementary grades. (Reaffirmed 1999).

2.5 Support at Concord-Carlisle High School a curriculum development process utilizing inputs by departments, cooperation between departments, citizen input, and administrative and school committee review. Curriculum to afford flexible scheduling of student and teacher time to create opportunities for course options. Curriculum to emphasize interdepartmentally a sampling of many areas; development of analytic skills, written and oral communication skills; preparation for citizenship; and requirements for graduation in courses in many disciplines. (Adopted 1971. Amended 1978, 1979, 1983, 1985.)

2.6 Support a program of staff development and teacher evaluation to be reviewed regularly by the School Committees (Adopted 1971. Modified 1999.)

2.7 Support the availability of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for students of Concord-Carlisle High School and at the Concord and Carlisle Middle Schools. (Adopted 1971. Amended 2001.)

2.8 Support a budget that includes adequate funding. (Adopted 1971. Modified 1999.)

2.9 Support efforts by the schools and the parents associations to improve communications with the community. (Adopted 1971.)

3. Public Health: Condom Availability
The Concord-Carlisle League of Women Voters recognizes that AIDS (Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome) remains a major health problem in this country, particularly for young adults. The League also recognizes that sexual intercourse is the most frequent although not the exclusive mode of transmission for HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) as well as hepatitis B, and other STDs (Sexually Transmitted Diseases).

3.1 Support a program for making condoms available to young people under conditions that include counseling and education as to the risk of disease and unplanned pregnancy and the need to assume responsibility for the consequences of their actions.

3.2 Support doing such a program in conjunction with the Regional School Committee, the Boards of Health and the Boards of Selectmen of both communities.

3.3 Support the involvement of other public and private agencies in developing the program. (Adopted January 1995. Language updated 2002, 2011.)

4. Recreation, Concord

4.1 Support a comprehensive public recreation program in Concord.

4.2 Support a master plan for recreation in Concord.

4.3 Support the acquisition of land to meet the active recreational needs of the Town.

4.4 Support the development and maintenance of public swimming facilities, and the improvement of natural bodies of water. (Modified 2007.)

4.5 Support the improvement and extension of Concord’s present bike/foot path system including the preparation of a long-range construction plan.
4.6 Support the additional facilities for bicyclists, including a bike/foot path map, marked paths and street crossings, and safe racks well-placed around Town.

4.7 Support recreational activities on conservation lands that do not alter the integrity of the land for conservation purposes.

4.8 Support the increased distribution of information on conservation lands to townspeople.

4.9 Support making information on conservation land available upon request to visitors to Concord. (Amended 2000)

**Bike Footpaths, Carlisle**

4.10 Support the development of bike/foot ways in Carlisle and the promotion of bicycle and pedestrian safety.

4.11 Support a pilot project for the development of bike/foot ways (Adopted 1982.)

4.12 Support a master plan for bike/foot ways for all existing town roads.


**5. Animal Control, Concord**

5.1 Support a dog control by-law that: is consistent and easy to understand; defines “under control by owner”; prohibits dogs from school property during classroom hours except with express permission of the principal; included a limited leash law for the business areas of Concord, school property outside of classroom hours, and town playgrounds; includes a “pooper scooper” provision for the business areas of Concord, playgrounds, and school property.

5.2 Support enforcement of Concord’s animal control by-law that: is based on a complaint responsive system; includes limited patrolling by dog officer in problem areas such as playgrounds, business districts, and school property plus areas that have a high number of complaints; encourages dog licensing by charging higher fines for unlicensed dogs; encourages citizen participation by expedient and appropriate response to legitimate dog-related complaints.

5.3 Support license fees to be set at a level to encourage neutering. (Amended 2000.)

5.4 Support an innovative approach to dog licensing that: encourages licensing by mailing reminders to owners of all dogs reported on the Town census; follows up on known unlicensed dogs; has mail-in license forms; has a flexible licensing schedule—perhaps every three years when dog is due for rabies shot; encourages prompt licensing by charging late fees.

5.5 Support educational activities such as: information packets prepared by the town and widely distributed to town citizens explaining law and responsibilities of dog owner; community programs on animal care, possibly through the schools. (Adopted May 1985.)

5.6 Support the immunization of cats against rabies (in accordance with state law) and strongly urge the immunization of all domestic animals against rabies and other contagious and potentially life-threatening diseases.

**6. Crime Prevention**

6.1 Support efforts to heighten public awareness about crime prevention, including educating citizens to report suspicious incidents to the police, and establishing neighborhood groups both to prevent crime and as a method of developing a stronger sense of community.

6.2 Support efforts to prevent juvenile crime by identifying youth needs and concerns and coordinating the development and implementation of youth services. (Modified 2008.)

6.3 Support police Department crime prevention efforts, particularly educational programs in the schools and in the community at large, including an active “Operation identification” program.

6.4 Support increased use by the Concord district court of restitution and alternative sentencing, including the community service work program in Concord.

6.5 Support effective methods of identifying and publicizing the costs of vandalism to Town property.

6.6 Support effective methods of supervising heavily used Town conservation land. (Adopted December 1980.)
7. Tourism Concord
In order to provide a pleasant experience in Concord for visitors to the revolutionary and literary sites and to maintain and improve the quality of life for Concord residents, the League supports:

7.1 Visitors' services with adequate public parking and toilet facilities located in the vicinity of the Milldam and at the West Concord shopping district. (Revised 2001.)
7.2 Improved directional signs. Mini-informational maps of the vandal-proof roadside type are especially needed.
7.3 Public or private groups publishing maps or tapes which will direct visitors taking walking or biking tours of the Town.

8. Hanscom Field
8.1 Oppose extension of Hanscom field into a major airport
8.2 Support maintenance of general aviation activity at Hanscom Field at no higher than the 1973 level.
8.3 Support the participation of Concord and other Towns in the solution to problems associated with Hanscom Field.

9. Long Range Planning
9.1 Support of local and regional long-range planning. Cooperation in the development of comprehensive planning criteria for the towns.

10. Town Facilities
10.1 Support for the re-use of surplus buildings: (a) consistent with the character of the neighborhood; (b) consistent with the current zoning; and (c) consistent with the preservation of architectural features.
10.2 Support for the reuse of surplus buildings which: (a) use private funding whenever possible; (b) satisfy a need within the community; (c) are sound economic investments for the community; and (d) which are planned to be self-supporting when possible.
10.3 Support for rehabilitation of Stow Street surplus buildings for: (a) elderly housing; (b) low income and family housing; (c) recreation; and (d) education.
10.4 Oppose extensive retail or commercial development on Stow Street.

11. Housing, Concord
11.1 Support housing at all income levels in Concord. In particular, there should be a supply of low and moderate income housing in Concord to ensure inclusion of the elderly, those on fixed incomes, young people, families, disabled/handicapped persons, teachers, and town employees.
11.2 Support the following criteria to support implementation: (a) sound planning should be the basis of such development; (b) private and public efforts to provide such housing should be encouraged, especially if they provide economic mix within neighborhoods; (c) low rise, low density, multi-family dwellings would fulfill the Town’s need and would be most in keeping with the desire to preserve the “open land” character of Concord. (Revised 1999. Modified 2007.)

Housing, Carlisle
11.3 Support mixed income housing (low, moderate, and fair market) in Carlisle with priority to housing needs for the elderly. We recommend that consideration be given to rehabilitation and/or conversion of existing buildings and new construction of housing units that will be in keeping with the rural character of Carlisle. We further recommend the use of rent subsidies and tax abatements where applicable. (Adopted 1978.)

12. Growth
12.1 Support development of a land use plan in Concord that 1) has land capacity as a key component, 2) defines specific principles and policies, and 3) utilizes appropriate data maps.
12.2 Support positive action towards the achievement of Concord town planning goals in the conversion of any municipal buildings.
12.3 Support the regular updating of the Concord accessory apartment conversion bylaw as a means to provide housing alternatives within existing housing stock. (Modified 1999, 2007.)

13. Land Acquisition and Management, Concord
13.1 Support Town acquisition of land for:
   a. affordable housing, including subsidized housing
   b. municipal use
   c. stewardship of our historic and literary past
   d. recreation-active and passive (conservation)

Decisions about purchases should be made by weighing acquisitions against an overall plan with attention to balance, location, and possibilities for multiple use. (Modified 2007.)

13.2 Support land taking by eminent domain only as a last resort and when it satisfies the public need and the public good; this could also be useful in clearing title to a property when ownership is unclear. (Modified 2007.)

13.3 Support the concept of land banking

13.4 Support a land transfer tax. (Note: This position was adopted prior to Concord’s and Carlisle’s approvals of the Community Preservation Act real estate property tax surcharges.) (Modified 2008.)

13.5 Support the principle of acquiring land with the intention of later leasing or selling parts of it if the intent to do so was made clear at the time of purchase or if the land was found to be surplus to Town needs.

(Criteria to be considered for Town land acquisition include the ability to be developed, location, linkage, potential uses, preservation, access, public safety and health. Each parcel of land is unique, therefore it is difficult to establish priorities in criteria for purchase, but the ability to be developed may be the most important.) (Adopted 1987. Modified 2007.)

14. Land Use
14.1 Support the protection of wetlands and lands in the flood plain through strong enforcement of legislation regulating wetlands, flood plains, and conservation lands; through such methods as percolation tests and Town acquisition of such Concord lands.

14.2 Support acquiring open land in densely populated areas of Concord. Support visibility of land as an important criterion of Town Acquisition.

14.3 Support a mix of housing to meet the needs of a variety of age and income levels.

14.4 Support strategic land management to achieve: preservation of open space, a diversity of housing types, and land for municipal uses.

15. Agricultural Land Use
15.1 Support preservation of farmland in Concord by the following methods: The Farmland Assessment Act, conservation restrictions, purchase of development rights, land trusts, and tax reform.

15.2 Support Concord acquisition of farmland where other methods of preservation could not be used and the alternative would be the likely loss of the land to development.

15.3 Support the agricultural use of MCI-Concord agricultural land, and public education on the problems and potentials of farming in Concord (Reaffirmed 1999)

16. Environmental Health

Solid Waste Disposal
16.1 Support a solid waste disposal method that is safe and protects the health of the community and the environment; any method must be economically feasible and well managed.

16.2 Support improved methods of operation at existing landfill sites.

16.3 Support regionalization of solid waste disposal facilities

16.4 Support recycling education programs in the schools
Sanitary Sewage Facilities
16.5 Support improvements needed to maintain present systems at their peak performance.
16.6 Support first priority for tie-ins for those areas contiguous to the existing collection line, which are in dire need of service. (Reaffirmed 1999)

17. Wetlands
17.1 Support preservation and/or acquisition of wetlands and related uplands in the Sudbury, Assabet, and Concord River Basin as well as other actions by appropriate federal state and local agencies.
17.2 Support the preservation and/or acquisition of the wetlands and related uplands in the Shawsheen River basin in Concord (Elm Brook).
17.3 Support strengthening Concord flood plain and wetland bylaws. (Adopted March 1981. Moved from 12.4 2007.)

18. SUASCO River Basin
The SuAsCo River Basin Group represents nine Leagues in the Sudbury, Assabet and Concord River Basin. The SuAsCo River Basin Group allows the Leagues to approach water resource problems on a regional basis.
18.1 Support (a) comprehensive long range planning and coordinated action for use of water and related land resources in the SuAsCo Basin (b) measures to protect and maintain water supply, flood control, fish and wildlife, state and local agencies to accomplish the above; (c) adequate funding for federal, state and local agencies to accomplish the above; (d) federal, state, and local action to achieve flood plain zoning, stream encroachment planning, conservation easements, and the improvements of river flows.
18.2 Oppose high power transmission lines running overhead through areas zoned for residence.

LWVCC Program as Reaffirmed at 2018 Annual Meeting

LWVCC BUDGET 2019-2020
Ardis Bordman, Robert Hilsinger, David Quimby, and Stephan Bader

The League’s fiscal year runs from July 1st to the following June 30th. The financial information presented on the next page allows the reader to review the actual activity from fiscal 2018, the budget for 2019 (approved by the Members in May 2018), the projected results for 2019, and finally the proposed Budget for 2020, which was approved by the Board on May 1st. The approval of the Membership will be sought at the Annual Meeting.

It should be noted that the House Tour, this League chapter's most significant local fundraising effort, is not an annual event; the last one was in 2018 and raised over $20,000 net. Accordingly, in years without an event on that scale, the proposed annual budget typically plans for spending exceeding receipts in that same year by using a portion of the funds raised previously to support current activities.

As compared with the 2019 Budget, the proposed 2020 Budget provides for increases in LWV US and LWV MA assessments commensurate with an increase in our membership roster, additional funding for Communications via the new website and the Bulletin, and an increase to cover anticipated costs related to the 100th Anniversary Convention in Washington, DC next year. Most other items were level funded or reduced slightly below the 2019 Budget, although not below the 2019 actual level. The Budget Committee respectfully requests your approval of the proposed Fiscal 2020 Budget.
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MEMORIES OF 2018-2019

Diane Proctor – Town Meeting

Fall Gathering

First Friday organizers Janet Rothrock, Dorrie Kehoe, and Ingrid Detweller

Holiday Brunch

Webmaster Cynthia Rainey

Ballot Question Process Study

Public Works Tour

Web Site Developers – Amelia and David Quimby, and Nancy Brown

First Friday – Affordable Housing Panel
REMEMBER:
Concord Special Town Election on Tuesday, June 4, 2019. Polls are open 7 a.m. – 8 p.m.