

LWVCC ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday, June 17, 2020
Time: 7:15 to 9:00 p.m. (Check-in 7-7:15 p.m.)
Place: Electronic Conference via Zoom. Watch for a Special MMN email on June 2, 2020 with a link to register. Advance registration is required. For further information and help, please contact Julie Rohwein at President@lwvcc.org.



LWVCC Board of Directors

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Julie Rohwein, LWVCC President

June 2020



Dear League Members,

We are coming to the end of an eventful year, strange and unsettled in ways that we did not anticipate. As I write this, it has been more than two months since Governor Baker declared a State of Emergency in Massachusetts, and it is sometimes challenging to remember what life was like in the very recent past. I offer below just a few memories of our work this year.

When we gathered in September for our Fall Gathering, the upcoming 2020 Census was just coming into view. During the meeting, we heard from the Town Clerks of Concord and Carlisle about the importance of data from the census

for our communities. Soon thereafter, a Complete Count Committee was created. This group continues to actively support the Census in our communities and to reach out to our neighbors.

A newly revived Environment Committee organized two evening workshops in the fall in conjunction with the Sierra Club. These gatherings, attended by high school students and adults, explored the intricacies of advocating effectively on environmental issues at the state government.

The Concord Town Government Committee organized another series of excellent First Friday events. These included a well-attended panel on the challenges of local and regional transportation, a meeting on the process to replace the Concord Middle School, and a discussion of long-range capital planning. League members monitored and reported on a variety of town committees and projects. Particular attention was given to new proposals coming from the Concord Planning Board to encourage more affordable housing in town.

A committee formed to help us celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment and the founding of the League of Women Voters. Massachusetts writer Laura Harrington spoke at our Winter Breakfast about her musical, **Perfect 36**, which dramatized a key episode in the struggle for the 19th Amendment – the ratification vote in the Tennessee Legislature. Members made yellow rose pins and discussed Suffragist costumes for Old Home Day in Carlisle.

As March arrived, and the seriousness of the new virus became apparent, League activities both large and small were cancelled or delayed indefinitely. The Civics Bee was canceled the day before our second Bee team was due to compete. The Candidate Forum scheduled for the Concord town election in March was drastically reworked and then canceled at the last minute. We were not able to march in the Patriots’ Day Parade to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the founding of the League. Our preparations for town meetings were delayed along with those meetings.

The Board has been able to meet electronically for the past two months, and soon more of our League’s activities will move online. A forum with candidates for the Concord Select Board will take place virtually on Wednesday, May 27th and will be recorded for later viewing on Minuteman Media Network and YouTube. This year’s Annual Meeting will be held electronically using Zoom, where we will conduct the essential business needed to move forward into the next year. We have assembled a group of League volunteers to assist members who need help in accessing the Zoom platform. Attendees at the meeting will be encouraged to share their thoughts on how we can be effective in advancing our work in these challenging times.

In recent moments of disquiet, I reflect on what brought me to the League: the desire to support and defend informed and active participation in democracy. This coming year, local, state, and national elections will take place in drastically different circumstances than usual. Government at all levels is struggling to adjust to rapidly shifting conditions. The work of the League has never been more critical. We will adapt our work to advance voter participation and encourage good governance, and we will march forward. As did those who came before us.

I look forward to your company in the march.

Julie Rohwein, President

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

7:00 **Check-in to Zoom Meeting**

7:15 **Welcome**

7:20 **Call to Order**

Business Meeting

- Credentials Report Anne Hayden, Membership Chair
- Treasurer’s Report Robert Hilsinger, Treasurer
- Budget Report Dee Ortner,
 Budget Committee Chair
- Report on By-Laws Nancy Brown, Vice President
- President’s Remarks Julie Rohwein, President
 - Affirmation of 2020-2021 Program
- Thank You Julie Rohwein, President
- Nominating Report Deena Whitfield,
 Nominating Committee Chair
- Election of Officers, Board Members, and Nominating Committee
- Small Group Discussion: “League Priorities in the Time of Pandemic”
- Direction to the New Board and Report Out from Discussion
- New Business
- Closing Address Julie Rohwein, President
- Adjournment

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.

LOCAL PROGRAM PLANNING PROPOSALS FOR 2020-2021

- Making Democracy Work I: Election Support
 - Protecting and Expanding Voter Access
 - Encouraging Voter Engagement
 - Adapting Program of Voter Education

This should include work in our local community and supporting the advocacy of LWVMA and LWVUS.
- Making Democracy Work II: Good Government
 - Operational impact of the current emergency on local government (including schools)
 - Tracking adaptations in practices and policies
 - Use of Open Meeting law/community participation
 - Town Meeting Procedure
 - Fiscal impact of the current emergency on local government (including Affordable Housing, Middle School Project, etc.)
- Making Democracy Work III: Civics
 - Civics Bee
 - Civics Education Program for the Middle Schools
 - Explore collaboration in Adult Civics Ed with Concord Adult Ed

Our work in other areas will continue as well with the leadership of strong committees. In particular, the following will continue:

- Climate Emergency
 - Advocacy and education in Concord/Carlisle
 - Support Efforts at LWVMA and LWVUS
- Immigration policy
- Affordable Housing
- Census 2020
 - As the closing date has been extended to October 31, 2020, the Complete Count Committee will need to remain active.

As we do our work in all areas, we will continue to strive to implement Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in our League.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Deena Whitfield, Chair, Janet Beyer, Nancy Brown, Maureen Kemeza, and Susan Frey

LWVCC Proposed Slate 2020-2021

Officers

President

Julie Rohwein

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Karlen Reed (1st – Local Program/
Observer Corps);

Nancy Brown (2nd – State & National
Advocacy)

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State Program & Action

Nancy Beeuwkes

National Program & Action

Nancy Cronin

At-Large

Casey Atkins

Off Board

Affordable Housing Committee

Dorrie Kehoe

Census Committee

Anne Hayden and Ellen Quackenbush

Environment Committee

Janet Rothrock and Alice Kaufman

Nominating Committee

Maureen Kemeza (Chair), Deena
Whitfield, and Edie Lipinski

Webmaster

Cynthia Rainey

NEW INITIATIVES 2020-2021

MAINTAIN ALL LOCAL POSITIONS with no changes.

NO NEW STUDIES

RECOMMENDED NEW INITIATIVES:

- 1. Detailed Review of Local Positions.**
- 2. Detailed Review of Bylaws.**

LWV CONCORD-CARLISLE LOCAL POSITIONS

Summary of Positions

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|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Town Government | 10. Town Facilities |
| 2. Education | 11. Housing |
| 3. Public Health/Condom Availability | 12. Growth |
| 4. Recreation | 13. Land Acquisition & Management |
| 5. Animal Control | 14. Land Use |
| 6. Crime Prevention | 15. Agricultural Land Use |
| 7. Tourism | 16. Environmental Health |
| 8. Hanscom Field | 17. Wetlands |
| 9. Long Range Planning | 18. SuAsCo River Basin |

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. 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.
- 4.13 Support the Planning Board regulations requiring developers to build bike/foot paths in all new developments. (Adopted 1973. Amended, 1980, 1982.)

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
- affordable housing, including subsidized housing
 - municipal use
 - stewardship of our historic and literary past
 - 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 2019 Annual Meeting

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGES

The impetus for these bylaw revisions is to enable the League to hold meetings and conduct business by electronic means at a time when in-person meetings may not be feasible for an extended period of time. After some discussion, we chose to authorize the use of electronic tools without restricting it to the current pandemic or other emergency to afford the Board maximum flexibility in determining how to conduct League business. In working on these revisions, the ad hoc bylaws committee identified other bylaw revisions which may be desirable, but elected to confine our recommendations to the immediate need so as to allow a more thorough bylaw review without time pressure.

1. Board Meetings Allowed by Electronic Conferencing

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

Article V, Section 5, page 3 of 6: provides for special meetings to be done by electronic means.

Current: “*Meetings.* There shall be at least nine (9) regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually, which shall be open to all members of the League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board. Special meetings may be conducted by electronic means, such as telephone conference call, video conferencing or email. The use of electronic meetings shall be reserved for those issues needing a decision before an in-person meeting is scheduled, and all members of the Board must have access to the electronic media used.”

Proposed: “*Meetings.* There shall be at least nine (9) regular meetings of the Board of Directors annually, which shall be open to all members of the League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle. The President may call special meetings of the Board of Directors and shall call a special meeting upon the written request of five members of the Board. ~~Special Meetings~~ may be conducted by electronic means, such as telephone conference call, video conferencing or email.” ~~The use of electronic meetings shall be reserved for those issues needing a decision before an in-person meeting is scheduled, and all members of the Board must have access to the electronic media used.]~~

2. Membership Meetings Allowed by Electronic Conferencing

ARTICLE VII

Meetings

Article VII, Section 1, page 4 of 6: provides for Membership Meetings.

Current: “Membership Meetings. There shall be at least three (3) meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors.”

Proposed: “Membership Meetings. There shall be at least three (3) meetings of the membership each year. Time and place shall be determined by the Board of Directors. *Meetings may be conducted by electronic conferencing.*”

Article VII, Sections 2&3, page 4 of 6: provides for Annual Meetings.

Current: Sec. 2: “Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held yearly, the exact date and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual meeting shall:

(a) Adopt a local program and a budget for the ensuing year.

(b) Elect officers and directors, and members of the Nominating Committee.

(c) Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

Sec. 3: “Quorum. Ten (10%) percent of the members shall constitute a quorum at all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle.”

Proposed: Combine Sections 2&3 into a new Section 2: “Annual Meeting. An Annual Meeting shall be held yearly, the exact date and place to be determined by the Board of Directors. The Annual meeting shall:

(a) Adopt a local program and a budget for the ensuing year.

(b) Elect officers and directors, and members of the Nominating Committee.

(c) Transact such other business as may properly come before it.

(d) *Quorum.* Ten (10%) percent of the members shall constitute a quorum. ~~at all meetings of the League of Women Voters of Concord-Carlisle~~ *Annual Meetings may be conducted by electronic conferencing.*”

LWVCC BUDGET 2020-2021

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 2017- 2019, the budget for 2020 (approved by the Members in May 2019), the projected results for 2020, and finally the proposed Budget for 2021, which was approved by the Board on May 6. Please note that the dues line #100 in Budget 2021 reflects a proposed increase in dues to \$60/individual and \$90/household. The approval of the Membership will be sought at the Annual Meeting. *Dee Ortner (chair), Robert Hilsinger, David Quimby, and Stephan Bader, Budget Committee*

LWV Concord - Carlisle							
Income & Expense Proposed Budget 2021							
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD (May)	YTD (May)	2021
INCOME - Total	\$ 20,096	\$ 21,037	\$ 22,186	\$ 20,302	25,355	\$ 20,300	\$ 21,500
100-Dues	\$ 10,255	\$ 9,880	\$ 10,244	\$ 10,000	9,670	\$ 10,000	\$ 11,000
101-Fundraiser House Tour	\$ -		\$ 90		-	\$ -	
102-Fundraiser Non-Member Appeal	\$ 1,475	\$ 1,916	\$ 2,387	\$ 2,000	-	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
103-Contributions	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Member Contributions	\$ 4,437	\$ 5,816	\$ 5,665	\$ 5,000	4,933	\$ 5,000	\$ 5,000
Non-Member Contributions	\$ 55	\$ 7	\$ 0		25	\$ -	\$ 250
Phonathon	\$ 722	\$ 1,189	\$ 1,108	\$ 1,000	1,466	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
Other 103 Contributions	\$ -		\$ 50		-	\$ -	
104-Forum-Convention Contributions	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Sharifran Grant	\$ 178	\$ 250	\$ 250	\$ 250	300	\$ 250	\$ 250
Voter Service Forum Grant	\$ -		\$ -		-	\$ -	
Other 104-Forum-Convention Contributions	\$ -		\$ -		-	\$ -	
105-Winter Meeting Income	\$ 2,700	\$ 1,977	\$ 2,390	\$ 2,000	1,916	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000
106-Bank Interest	\$ 15	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 2	0	\$ -	
107-Miscellaneous	\$ 260			\$ 50	7,045	\$ 50	
EXPENSES - Total	\$ 19,100	\$ 25,404	\$ 27,428	\$ 31,821	27,833	\$ 32,182	\$ 29,474
500-Administration	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Annual Meeting	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Honorary Gifts	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 150	-	\$ -	
Invitations & Postage	\$ 275	\$ -	\$ -		-	\$ 150	\$ 100
Refreshments	\$ -	\$ 120	\$ -		-	\$ -	
Workbook Printing	\$ 578		\$ 813	\$ 600	-	\$ 600	\$ 800
Other Annual Meeting	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 300	-	\$ 300	\$ 150
Discretionary Office Fund Hospitality	\$ -		\$ 260		-	\$ -	
Liability Insurance	\$ 350	\$ 350	\$ 502	\$ 505	502	\$ 505	\$ 505
Paypal Expense	\$ -		\$ -		-	\$ -	
Other 500-Administration	\$ -		\$ 472		-	\$ -	
501-Assessments	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
National Assessments	\$ 4,304	\$ 5,168	\$ 5,680	\$ 6,300	6,192	\$ 6,300	\$ 6,200
State Assessments	\$ 2,881	\$ 3,490	\$ 3,824	\$ 4,200	4,169	\$ 4,200	\$ 4,200
Other 501-Assessments	\$ -		\$ -		-	\$ -	\$ -
502-Membership Directory	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Postage	\$ 82	\$ 231	\$ 100	\$ 130	90	\$ 130	\$ 100
Printing	\$ 433	\$ 579	\$ 518	\$ 700	566	\$ 700	\$ 600
Other Membership Directory	\$ 70		\$ -		-	\$ -	
503-Membership Mtgs	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Fall Meeting	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Food and Facility Equipment	\$ -		\$ 100	\$ 50	100	\$ 50	
Invitations-Printing and Postage	\$ -	\$ 421	\$ 134	\$ 150	212	\$ 150	\$ 150
Refreshment Costs	\$ -		\$ -		-	\$ -	
Speaker Fees	\$ -		\$ -		-	\$ -	\$ 150
Venue Costs	\$ -	\$ 275	\$ -	\$ 100	-	\$ 100	\$ 100
Other Fall Meeting	\$ -		\$ -		-	\$ -	
Spring Meeting	\$ -		\$ -		-	\$ -	
Winter Meeting	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Breakfast Speaker	\$ -	\$ 100	\$ 250	\$ 150	-	\$ 150	\$ 150
Food and Facility Equipment	\$ 3,081	\$ 2,729	\$ 2,830	\$ 3,000	2,460	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,000
Honorary Gifts	\$ 207		\$ 104		-	\$ -	
Postage	\$ 61	\$ 130	\$ -	\$ 150	110	\$ -	\$ 75
Printing	\$ 111	\$ 134	\$ 126		124	\$ 150	\$ 150
Other 503 Winter Meeting	\$ 60		\$ -		-	\$ -	
504-Membership Activities-General	\$ 486	\$ 221	\$ 518	\$ 500	881	\$ 500	\$ 150

LWV Concord - Carlisle							
Income & Expense Proposed Budget 2021							
	Actual	Actual	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget	Budget
	2017	2018	2019	2020	YTD (May)	YTD (May)	2021
505-Conventions and Conferences							
Nat'l Convention (even year)	\$ -	\$ 3,150	\$ -	\$ 5,000	-	\$ 5,000	
State Convention (odd years)	\$ 1,520		\$ 1,000		-	\$ -	\$ 1,500
State Fall Conference	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100	-	\$ 100	\$ 100
State Spring Council (even year)	\$ -		\$ -		-	\$ -	
Other 505-Conventions and Conferences	\$ -		\$ -		-	\$ -	
506-Fundraiser Annual Appeal Letter							
Printing and Postage	\$ 393	\$ 534	\$ 484	\$ 500	-	\$ 500	\$ 500
Other 506-Fundraiser Annual Appeal Letter	\$ -		\$ -		-	\$ -	
507-Fundraiser House Tour	\$ -		\$ -		-	\$ -	
508-Fundraiser Phonothon	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100	-	\$ 100	\$ 100
509-Communcations-Website and E mail							
General (GoDaddy)	\$ 200	\$ 549	\$ 1,551	\$ 500	159	\$ 500	
Website and Email					506	\$ -	\$ 400
Zoom					-	\$ -	\$ 700
Constant Contact							\$ 400
Other 509-Communcations-Website and Email	\$ -						
510-Postage							
Box 34	\$ 134	\$ 134	\$ 145	\$ 140	140	\$ 140	\$ 160
First Class			\$ -		-	\$ -	
Permit for Bulk Mailing	\$ 272	\$ 225	\$ 225	\$ 260	235	\$ 260	\$ 260
Other 510-Postage				\$ 1,000	-	\$ 1,000	
511-Printing and Copying							
Bulletin Postage	\$ -	\$ 166	\$ 391	\$ 112	173	\$ 500	200
Bulletin Printing	\$ 736	\$ 2,458	\$ 3,051	\$ 2,500	2,502	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500
Local Signs	\$ -		\$ -		-	\$ -	
Postcards and Misc			\$ -		-	\$ -	
Other Printing and Copying	\$ -		\$ -		-	\$ -	
512-Book Group			\$ 75	\$ 50	-	\$ 25	\$ 50
513-Riverfest	\$ 17	\$ 37	\$ 24	\$ 50	37	\$ 50	\$ 50
514-Misc Donations	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 500	38	\$ -	\$ -
515-Education-Communication	\$ 227	\$ 308	\$ 71		-	\$ -	\$ -
516-Forums and Action							
Advocacy Issues	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 100	-	\$ 100	\$ 100
Civic Education	\$ -		\$ 336	\$ 200	-	\$ 200	\$ 100
Education Forum	\$ 372	\$ 38	\$ -	\$ 200	-	\$ 200	\$ 100
First Friday Conversations	\$ -		\$ 158	\$ 200	424	\$ 200	\$ 100
Immigration Committee		\$ 26	\$ -	\$ 200	-	\$ 200	\$ 100
LWV Aniversary	\$ -	\$ -		\$ 200	826	\$ 200	\$ 100
Money in Politics	\$ -		\$ -	\$ 200	-	\$ 200	\$ 100
Observer Corp	\$ 173		\$ 117	\$ 200	-	\$ 200	\$ 100
Town Government Initiative		\$ 565	\$ 13	\$ 200	18	\$ 200	\$ 100
Town Meeting	\$ -	\$ 130	\$ 210	\$ 200	-	\$ 200	\$ 200
Other 516-Forums and Action			\$ 646	-	-	\$ -	
517-Voter Services							
Forum Costs, Rental, etc.	\$ 232	\$ 242	\$ 809	\$ 500	99	\$ 500	\$ 200
How to Get Elected		\$ 50	\$ -		-	\$ -	
Other 517-Voter Services	\$ 753		\$ 6	\$ 500	-	\$ 500	
518-Publications-State and National	\$ 6		\$ 126	\$ 100	-	\$ 100	\$ 150
519-Donation to LWVMA	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	-	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000
520-New Initiative							\$ 3,300
521-Miscellaneous Expense	\$ 55	\$ 1,820	\$ 738	-	7,238	\$ 500	\$ 200
Bank Charge	\$ 31	\$ 24	\$ 24	\$ 24	32	\$ 22	\$ 24

LWVCC 2019-2020 IN PHOTOS



Education Committee listens to Middle School Building Committee leaders



Janet Rothrock, Edie, Lipinski, and Stephan Bader tour the Minuteman High School



100th Anniversary display at Carlisle Gleason Library



100th Anniversary Committee meets at CMLP hearing room, Concord



Fall Gathering on the Census at Concord Greene clubhouse



Susan Frey guides Civics Bee prep at Beede Center



Barbara Lewis and Cindy Nock in 100th Anniversary period costume



Dorrie Kehoe leads the Town Finances First Friday program at West Concord Union Church

LWVCC 2019-2020 IN PHOTOS



Anne Hayden and Robert Hilsinger



Julie Rohwein delivers a statement to the Concord Finance Committee



Karlen Reed moderates the Community Preservation Act First Friday program at Fowler Library



League of Women Voters: Go Vote - 2020 PSA

Concord Town Clerk Kaari Tari with Stephan Bader in "Go Vote 2020" public service announcement video



Mike Carroll of Hill International explains the schedule at the Middle School Building Committee First Friday program



Panelists for the Transportation First Friday program at Concord Town House



How to Run for Office panel at Harvey Wheeler Community Center

LWVCC 2019-2020 IN PHOTOS



Julie Rohwein, Launa Zimmaro, and Cindy Nock march at Boston Climate Strike



Julie Rohwein meets with Concord Town Manager Stephen Crane



Allan and Marcia Chertok with Stephan Bader at CCHS Voter Service Table



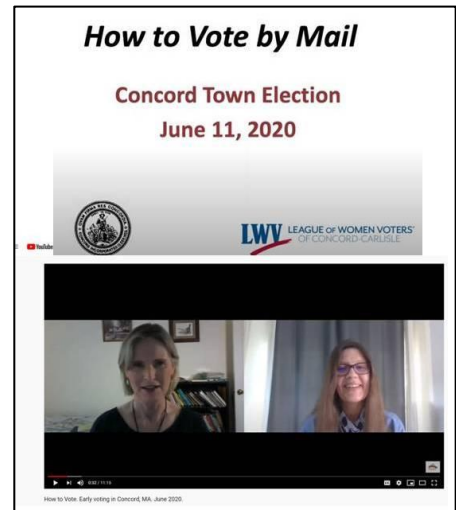
LWVCC delegates to League State Convention in Westford



Judy Hill at Ag Day Voter Service Table



Laura Harrington speaks on "Perfect 36" at the Winter Breakfast in the Concord Colonial Inn



Judy Zaunbrecher and Town Clerk Kaari Tari in How to Vote by Mail video

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