

Westwood/Walpole LWV 2009 ANNUAL MEETING Booklet



Apollo Restaurant
651 Washington Street
Norwood, MA

Tuesday, June 9, 2009

6:00 pm Social Time
6:30 pm Business Meeting
7:30 pm Dinner

8:15 Speaker -- Commissioner Paiewonsky

Annual Meeting Booklet- 2009

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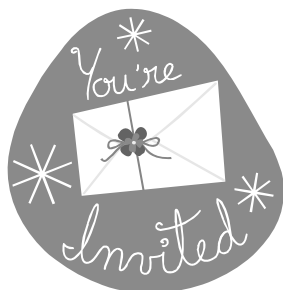
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**The Westwood/Walpole League of Women Voters
Cordially invites you to**

ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2009

***Time: 6 to 6:30 pm Gathering Time
6:30- 7:30 pm Business Meeting
7:30 -9:00 Dinner/Speaker***

***Place: Apollo Restaurant
615 Washington Street, Norwood***

***Speaker: Highway Commissioner,
Luisa Paiewonsky***

***Topic: "The Importance of Transportation to our
environment and our economy"***

Cost: \$25.00 per person

Guests are most welcome

RSVP: May 25, 2009



Luisa M. Paiewonsky, Commissioner
Massachusetts Highway Department

Luisa Paiewonsky has served as Commissioner of the Massachusetts Highway Department (MassHighway) since 2005. She was re-appointed to the position by Governor Deval Patrick in June 2007. As Commissioner, she oversees MassHighway's combined annual capital and operating budget of \$1 billion, manages 1,850 employees and has purview over 9,500 lane miles of roadway and more than 2,800 bridges.

Her main emphasis areas are highway and employee safety, context sensitive design, and preservation of bridges and the Interstate Highway System. She has spearheaded major initiatives aimed at streamlining the design and construction of roads and bridges across the state, and implemented safety and risk management programs to reduce the number of injuries and fatalities on Massachusetts roads.

Paiewonsky has spent her entire career in public service. Following a three-year tour in the US Peace Corps, she joined MassHighway in 1989 and has worked in a variety of staff and management roles. Prior to her appointment as Commissioner, she served Assistant Secretary of the Executive Office of Transportation, Deputy Commissioner of MassHighway, Director of the Bureau of Transportation Planning and Development, and Manager of the Public-Private Development Unit. She is the Immediate Past President of the Boston Chapter of the Women's Transportation Seminar ("WTS"), and is active in the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials and the Transportation Research Board, where she has served on numerous panels and committees.

She holds a Master's degree in City Planning degree from Boston University Bachelor's Degree from Mount Holyoke College.

Annual Meeting Agenda 2009

6:00 Social Time

6:30 Business Meeting

Agenda

Call to order

- Adoption of Order of Business and Rules of Procedure
- Election of Committee to approve the Secretary's Report
- Discussion/Vote on Adopting the Proposed 2009-2010 Local Budget
- Report on State Convention
- Vote on Local Program/Action Priorities for 2009-2010
- Report on Nominating Committee
- Election Officers
- Introduction of New Steering Committee
- Presentation of any special awards
- Direction to Board

7:30 Dinner

8:15 Speaker

9:30 Adjournment

Westwood/Walpole League of Women Voters

Prop 2006-07 Act 06-07 Prop07-08 Act 07-08 Prop 08-09 Act 08-9 Prop09-10

EXPENDITURES

A. General Administration

1. Postage, Supplies	\$39	\$0	\$42	116	42	77	285
2. PO Box Rental	\$100	\$106	\$106	128	128	132	132
3. Attorney general Fee (PC)	\$35	\$35	\$35	35	35	35	35
4. Incorporation Fee	\$15	\$0	\$35	0	30	30	15
5. Copy Club	\$158	\$311	\$350	0	0	110	110
6. Website/IDC Renewal	\$45	\$0	\$45	0	50	62	62
Subtotal	\$392	\$452	\$613	279	285	446	639

B. Finance

1. Grants/Scholarships	\$1,000	\$0	\$1,000	2000	1000	1000	0
2. Finance Drive	\$300	\$16	\$200	84	100	38	45
3. Stipends/Memorials	\$200	\$100	\$200	100	200	100	100
Subtotal	\$1,500	\$116	\$1,400	2184	1300	1138	145

C. Membership Meetings

1. Kick-off Meeting	\$140	\$350	\$200	0	200	0	100
2. Annual Meeting	\$1,000	\$456	\$1,000	\$964	0	\$200	\$800
3. Holiday Party	\$100	\$0	\$300	0	100	86	25
Subtotal	\$1,240	\$806	\$1,500	\$964	\$300	286	925

D. Delegates - Travel & Expenses

1. State Convention/Council	\$200	\$150	\$200	48	200	300	0
2. National Convention/Council	\$0	\$0	\$1,500	0	0	0	1000
3. Workshops/Forums	\$150	\$0	\$150	280	200	0	200
Subtotal	\$350	\$150	\$1,850	328	400	300	1200

E. Programs and Action

1. Voter Service/Education	\$700	\$527	\$700	1920	700	2182	500
2. Programming	\$2,000	\$1,330	\$2,000	117	117	476	500
Subtotal	\$2,700	\$1,857	\$2,700	2037	817	2658	1000

F. Support of State/National	Prop 2006-07	Act 06-07	Prop07-08	Act07-08	Prop08-09		
1. LWVUS	\$1,600	\$1,857	\$1,800	1665	1700	1786	2400
2. LWVMA	\$2,000	\$1,509	\$1,500	1351	1400	1394	1800
Subtotal	\$3,600	\$3,366	\$3,300	3016	3100	3180	4200
G. Communications							
1. Bulletin	\$100	\$106	\$100	0	100	216	170
2. Web	\$600	\$0	\$600	50	600	0	600
Subtotal	\$700	\$106	\$700	\$50	700	216	770
H. Membership	\$200	\$0	\$250	31	70	536	200
I. Publicity	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	0	1462	350

TOTAL EXPENSES	\$10,682	\$6,853	\$12,063	8,858	\$6,902	10222	9429
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INCOME/RECEIPTS	Prop 2006-07	Act 06-07	Prop07-08	Act07-08	Prop08-09	Act 08-9	Prop09-10
A. Dues	\$3,000	\$3,115	\$3,000	3023	3000	3450	3550
B. Member Contributions	\$50	0	50	90	50	90	100
C. Interest	\$15	\$18	\$15	14	15	10	10
D. Other							
1. Finance drive	\$3,500	2135	2200	2430	2500	2616	2500
2. Annual Meeting	\$1,000	0	750	575	0	700	650
3. Phonathon	\$0	\$68	\$0	251	0	43	0
4. Publicity	\$0	\$0	\$0	0	0	132	250
Subtotal	\$4,500	\$2,203	\$2,950	\$3,256	\$2,500	3491	3400
TOTAL INCOME	\$7,565	\$5,336	\$6,015	\$6,383	\$5,565	7041	7060

Notes to accompany budget:

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C. Membership Meetings:

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E. Programs and Action:

1. Voter Service/Education includes:	KYT Westwood	\$890
	Candidates' Forums	493
	Rep. McMurtry meeting	28
	Vote signs	105
	Newspapers in Education	250
	Bus to Day on the Hill	366
	Walpole Haz. Waste Day	50

I. Publicity includes:	Walpole Day Sponsorship	250
	Walpole Day expenses	45
	T shirts	436
	Decals, business cards	678
	Mugs	53

Deficit for current year as of 5/20: \$3181

Proposed Budget:

A. General Administration:

Proposed amount of Postage and Supplies includes all postage and supplies, including programs, except Membership and Bulletin.

State and National PMP: \$4200 Dues: \$3550 (Does not cover PMP)

<u>Annual Reports:</u>	<u>Starting balance</u>	<u>Ending balance</u>
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2007-08	10,846.75	6,816.17
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TREASURER'S ANNUAL REPORT

2008-09

Starting Balance:	\$6,816.17
Total Income	7,735.65
Total Expenses	9,825.72
Ending Balance:	4,726.10

Westwood/Walpole League of Women Voter Local Positions

Many League materials were lost due to the flooding of a Westwood League president's basement.
These positions were taken from the 1992-93 Membership Booklet

WESTWOOD

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Work toward the implementation of bike paths in Westwood

RECYCLING/SOLID WASTE

The League should take responsibility for the development of educational programs for the community on Solid Waste Disposal with the emphasis on recycling and regionalization.

Support

- Cooperation with selected recycling efforts of other organizations.
- An eventual regional solution to the town's solid waste disposal needs

HUMAN SERVICES

- Study and support human services in Westwood.

DAY CARE

- Support of the development of child care resources and facilities in Westwood.
- Monitor local day care programs.

EDUCATION

- Support ways in which the League can contribute to the education of youth of Westwood by promoting understanding of government process.
- Support of the purposes and principles of the METCO program and the host family system in the Westwood schools.
- Support adequate funding to maintain quality education in Westwood public schools

OBSERVER CORPS

Purpose: to objectively observe and report on meetings of the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and other boards, in order to inform League members of the various committee procedures.

RECREATION AND YOUTH

The League feels recreation should be available for all ages within the balance of fiscal responsibility.

Support:

- Increased communication between the Recreation Department and townspeople
- Program for preschoolers and non-competitive programs.
- Efficient use of presently available facilities

- Acquisition of land for recreation use.
- A community center for all ages, centrally located.
- Establishment of a Youth/Activity Center.

Westwood/Walpole League of Women Voters Local Positions

Walpole

RECREATION (1967-68, 1976, 1988-89)

- Appointments made to the recreation committee from various areas of interest to encourage a broad spectrum of community participation. Inclusion of arts & crafts, outdoor education, recreation for pre-kindergartners, etc, as well as sports areas.
- Self-sustaining programs and facilities where possible
- A regional YMCA as the most practical way of meeting the need for multi-purpose building with an indoor swimming pool
- The following facilities: playing fields, bike trails, cross-country trails, an imaginative way of dealing with snowmobiles and trial bikes
- The following programs: more water activities (sailing and canoeing, creative arts and crafts programs, music and theater at a centralized location, such as the Blackburn Hall particularly in the summertime, Band Concerts (perhaps at Bird Park Music Court), more pre-kindergarten activities
- Extension of swimming hours, swimming lessons condensed to a two or three week program (@45 min); pilot program
- Use of 6 high school tennis courts as well as those at Johnson middle school. Classes of 10 children instead of 20, staggered lessons; centralized activity related to tennis skill development for siblings and children waiting for lessons
- More long-range recreational planning
- Improved upkeep and safety of fields (e.g. screens at Bird School baseball/softball field). Merging of departments of recreation, parks, and cemeteries if this would assure maintenance of playing fields
- The need for more public relations and publicity about on going programs, policies and facilities of the recreation Department
- Making recreational activities available to all citizens; should user fees become necessary, League would support some alternative payment schedules, such as sliding fee scale or scholarships, for those with limited incomes. Increase in fees to improve quality of tennis instruction would be acceptable as would fees for swimming lessons if used to expand or develop programs.
- Coordination between public and private recreational groups. Cooperation with the Arts Council is suggested for music & art programs.
- A full time recreation director pending the use of central facility

SCHOOL SYSTEM (1972-73)

- Action to implement May 1974 Education Consensus
- Support quality education in the Walpole Schools; ways of providing the quality education desired are basic League concerns
- Support measures to provide better public relations between the School Committee and the public. Support Regional Vocational Technical School.

CHARTER (1972-73)

- An appointed autonomous Board of Health

- Three-year term for Selectmen
- Incorporation into the Charter of “Right of Recall”
- Principle that Charter includes all elected officials
- Measures to promote the efficiency and effectiveness of the financial department
- Measures to allow Selectmen more time for policy-making

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (1978-80)

- Support a form of government with a Board of Selectmen as an elected policy-making body and a Town Administrator as the central overseeing the operation of all town departments
- Support Selectmen giving more appointive power to the Town Administrator; appointments dealing with policy-making to remain with the Selectmen, and those dealing with the ongoing operation of the Town to be made by the Town Administrator
- Support eventual formalizing of these changes in the Charter by replacing the Town Administrator with a strong Town Manager
- Support the continuing of Representative Town Meeting and measures to improve the quality and accountability of members
- Support changing the Charter to appoint the Sewer and Water Commissioners, Board of Assessors, Planning Board.

PUBLIC LIBRARY (1980-81)

- Support the closing of both library branches at this time due to the implementation of Proposition 2 1/2.
- Support changes in the library hours provided they reflect the needs of working people
- Support the establishment of a toddler interest area, under parental supervision
- Support more publicity for library services
- Support a procedure whereby fines for overdue books could remain with the library
- Support cooperation between public libraries and the schools’ media centers
- Support the volunteer library group

CONSERVATION (1961)

- Support measures for : protection of the watershed, preservation of open space, recreation, protection of wildlife habitats

WATER

- League members feel the first priority concerning our water supply is protection of the source
- Support protection by the town of our local public wells in terms of land use in the aquifer area
- Support protection of the town of our local public wells in relation to hazardous waste management in the aquifers
- Support the town’s efforts to reduce the sodium content of Walpole’s water to below the state maximum level
- Support measures by the town to update and improve the distribution of Walpole’s water

FLUORIDATION (1971-82)

- Support fluoridation of Walpole’s water supply

SOLID WASTE (1981-82)

- Support a regional approach to handling its solid waste disposal problems. A regional resource recovery program.

HOUSING (1969-70)

- Support low-income housing interspersed throughout the town.

Westwood/Walpole LWV
Proposed Steering Committee
2009-2010

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Virginia Fettig

Secretary

Jane Nash

Membership

Marcia Hirshberg

Bulletin

Jane Nash

Fund Drive

Phoebe Joseph

Voter Service/ Walpole Candidate Night

Nancy Farris

Citizen Education & "Don't Stand There, Run"

Greg Agnew

Publicity-Westwood

Jane Nash

Publicity-Walpole

Nancy Farris

Members at Large

Judy Barrington

Off Board

Voter Service/Westwood Candidate Forum – Cindy Buckley

Webmaster – Kathy Zola

Comments:

The League of Women voters in Westwood and Walpole, MA benefits financially from a very large member base (nearing 100 members), but does not benefit from many active, non-book members who are interested in serving a higher capacity on the Steering Committee for the 2009-2010 period.

From my experience, individuals who were thought to be interested in participating on the Steering Committee indicated that they believed the league was not a large enough presence in Westwood and Walpole communities to make a noticeable difference in voter turnout, education, or engagement.

Others commented that if the league were to change it's direction and image, and be a more "aggressive" player in town they would consider serving on the Steering Committee.

For the most part, we have only lost one member of the Steering Committee, and there have not been more changes otherwise. In addition, I feel as if the shared Chair approach is detrimental to the Steering Committee and would be better served with one Chair, thus producing a more organized and productive meeting structure. Oddly enough I have nominated myself no one as chair for the 2009-2010 Steering Committee. I feel someone can bring youthful energy to the League, and partially dispel the impression that only women join the league as well. I hope the focus will be on improving the image of the league as a tool for education and civic engagement of the community, encouraging people to not only participate, but to be informed. I look forward to new programs, new leadership, and an image that combines very successful older practices with new ideas, energy, and innovation.

In addition, I have spoken with three individuals who wish not to be named who are very interested in serving on the Steering Committee for 2009-210 year. Out of respect for them, we will be inviting them, as we do all members, to the first few Steering Committee meetings of the year in order to determine if they wish to serve at that time, and have the time to give to our League. If so, we will elect them to the Steering Committee during our calendar year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Greg Agnew

Year in Review 2008-2009

September—Kick off—Massachusetts Healthcare

October—Walpole Candidate Forum—State, County Candidates & Ballot Questions

November—Meet LWVM President Diane Jeffrey

December—Holiday Party and Domestic Violence Action with collection
for Diane DeVanna Center

January—State Program Planning-- Recommended restudy of Transportation Position

February—10th, Westwood and 11th, Walpole Don't Just Stand There. Run!
Fund Drive

March—LWVUS Consensus Meeting on the National Popular Vote Compact
Day on the Hill—Westwood/Walpole provides bus takes Leaguers and
Westwood Students
Meet Representative Paul McMurtry

April—Westwood Candidate Forum
Walpole Hazardous Waste Day

May—Walpole Candidate Night
Walpole Day Westwood/Walpole League Marches and Staffs booth
Memorial Day Westwood/Walpole League Marches
Greening Your Lifestyle – Energy Fair

June—Virginia Lyman Scholarship—Westwood High School Graduation.

Westwood Walpole LWV
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THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WESTWOOD-WALPOLE

Dates of meetings Run Feb 10 and 11

Don't Just Stand There...Run! Members at the 2008 Annual Meeting “directed” the Steering Committee to have programs that would provide “education on how to run for elected office.” This meeting was a direct result of that “charge.”

There were two meeting held on back to back nights in February, on the 10th and 11th in Westwood and Walpole, MA. Both meetings were held at 7:30 pm, Westwood's at the Library Large Meeting Room in Westwood, and Walpole's at the Town Hall Main Meeting Room. In Westwood, about 25 people attended the event, including Dedham Selectman Paul Reynolds; in Walpole, only 3 League Members and the Walpole Town Clerk attended.

The event held in Westwood on February 10th, 2009 was deemed a huge success, seeing as many new people who were interested in participating in town government at the time. Many areas of interest surrounding running for local office were discussed and explored by all who participated, and knowledge was gained through presentations by those who ran for local elected office in the past.

In Walpole, no potential candidates showed up, possibly because of poor publicity.

However, I determined, along with the steering committee, that holding both events in Westwood and Walpole next year was still something the League should do, with a MAJOR increase in publicity and participation.

Expenses: \$75 was requested but never used

Date of meeting October 29, 2009

Walpole Candidate Forum

The Walpole Candidate Forum was held on October 29 at the Old Post Road Elementary School in Walpole. This event was attended by about 35 people, including 3 out of the 4 candidates for Norfolk County Commissioner, 1 out of the 2 candidates for State Senate in Walpole, and representatives for all ballot questions in November of 2008. Those attending heard speakers give the pros and cons on four ballot questions, heard three of the four candidates give their reasons for running for 2 Norfolk County commissioners positions, and finally heard senate candidate Jon Rockwood give his reasons for running against incumbent James Timilty (who was unable to attend). It was a long meeting as each participant was given every chance to state their case and answer questions from the audience.

The Steering Committee commends organizers Greg Agnew who did a great job of moderating and getting speakers for first three ballot questions, Nancy Farris for her above and beyond efforts getting a meeting date, place, and the coffee, Phoebe Joseph for getting the pro and con speakers for Walpole's question 4.

It was disappointing that the event was not covered by any local media outlets, and attendance by league members and Walpole citizens was also disappointing. Again, the only challenge we faced were: putting out effective publicity and garnering more attendees.

In the future, I hope the League will host more candidate forums.

Expenses: Use of hall \$150, Coffee assumed by League

Publicity: Westwood Press, Hometown Weekly Westwood/Walpole

Posters in businesses Westwood

Both Libraries in Westwood

In Bulletin, Local Web, and LWVM event area

Respectfully submitted,

Greg Agnew



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WESTWOOD-WALPOLE

Date: April 19, 2009

Place: 1st Church Meeting Hall, Nahatan St. Westwood

Chair: Cindy Buckley

Committee Members: Marcia Hirschberg, Jane Nash, Judy Barrington

Number attending: 60+ and the candidates

Publicity: Bulletin, local Web, LWVM Web event area, posters in businesses/libraries/*etc.*, town and library web sites, and taped for Dave Atkins Blog and for viewing 2x on Comcast cable and sandwich board on islands in Westwood.

Expenses: \$250 Chair spent \$85. Other expenses include - food, name tag, place cards, hall rental \$150, and \$75 donation to LWVM to honor the moderator from Concord, Erin Pastuszanski who often moderates our events.)

General Comments:

I was extremely pleased with the turn out we received. One on of the first beautiful weekend days of spring, we had over 60 people in attendance for two Planning Board seats, and an Assessors race. For one race, Housing Authority, we only had one of the two candidates in attendance; therefore we could not present those candidates for our forum.

The on going challenge for this forum continues to be timing. Due to religious holidays and school vacation, some people feel that the turn out is not as strong as it could be.

However, I feel that given that we had 50+ people in attendance, it would be hard for me to justify changing the date of the program. One consideration to overcome this challenge could working with the Town Clerk in handing out a save the date card when candidates return nomination papers.

I would like to see a more robust offering next year, perhaps some discussion on warrant articles.

Respectfully submitted,
Cindy Buckley



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WESTWOOD-WALPOLE

Date of Drive: Month of February

Chair: Phoebe Joseph Chair:

Member: Jane Nash

Publicity: Letters sent to long standing and to potential contributors

All contributors are noted in both towns Candidate Programs

Letter to editor for both towns note all contributors

Expenses: Letters/envelopes/ stamps and thank you letters to 40 businesses

Total collected: \$2,616

The following is the list of those contributing for 2009.

List of contributors:

Barry Financial

Betro Pharmacy

Century 21 Realtors

Dedham Institution for Savings

Delaney & Son Funeral Home

Dunkin Donuts Rt.1 Walpole

Folsom Funeral Service

R. Kelliher, MD

Kopelman & Paige, PC

Herb Lewis Insurance

Holden, Dunn & Lawler Funeral Home

J. Lorusso Co.

K. Mischley, DMD

New Pond Village

Patterson Insurance

Printworks

Raffael's Banquet & Conference Ctr.

Re/Max Real Estate Ctr

Roche Bros.

Rodman Ford Sales

Shear Illusions

Super Stop & Shop, Walpole

A. Thomas & Sons Funeral Home

Tire & Auto Specialists

J. & J. Turco Insurance Agency

Walpole Coop Bank

General Comments: The economy is causing business to cut back on donations. Plus, we have lost some rather large donations. This is expressed in a reduction of a high of high in 2004 of \$3,696 to the current amount of \$2,616 in 2009.

Recommended: Two or three volunteer should be added to the 2010 fund drive committee whose responsibility will be to get more business in Westwood (perhaps even Walpole, time permitting.) to increase our business base. Also ideas for additional fund raising should be explored.

Respectfully submitted, Phoebe Joseph, Chair



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WESTWOOD-WALPOLE

Membership is a portfolio and so this report does not have a date for an event. Every day is a day for membership. Our steering committee took a different perspective this year on membership. We printed business cards for all our steering committee members; we printed t-shirts to make our presence known; and we ordered LWV mugs for local distribution. Our intent was to make our footprint as large as possible in the communities we serve. Our traditional newspaper publicity has been wonderful, but we are trying to augment that effort. We are also participating in parades in both our towns, hopefully a new or revived tradition.

We have been very successful with the numbers of new or returning members since our last Annual Meeting. Many of them have become active in our activities, but all have added to our ranks at all levels of league. We must remember that numbers of members are the only way that our wonderful organization will survive. The payment that is sent to our state and national organizations is vital to the future of who we are.

Although we have been very successful with new members, we are constantly fighting attrition. We need everyone's help in retaining members also. Please keep your membership even if you can't be active in any given year! Please contribute your voice when and where you can to our efforts.

Many of our members have joined at our events, large, many at small events like the "Don't Just Stand There, Run" event. Some members have joined via the web site. All of our membership efforts are working, and we need you to be part of the effort. If every member got just one person to join, just think what a group we would be!

The budget lists membership expense to be \$536. In addition to stamps and brochures, this amount accounts for t-shirts and mugs. So every time a mug is given to a host or hostess it is charged to membership.

We need to build a standing membership committee.

Our wonderful year has added these members to our ranks:

Cynthia Atkins
David & Jennifer Atkins
Gail & Richard Bean
Pricilla Blue
Kent Hirshberg
Sara Onderdonk
Michelle Perry
Dottie & John Powers
Rose Power

Alisa Shapiro
Michael & Linda Walsh
Kristine Kilroy
Deb Ellis
Steve Greffenius
Amy & Lyle Coghlin
Gail & Jim Fox
Marion Just
Amy Keith

Pat Krusko
Iona Levin
Chester Parasco
Anita Silvey
Jason Lee
Duncan & Ellen McFarland
Rosalie Suescun



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WESTWOOD-WALPOLE

The Vote Sign program was started in 2007 with 15 League members and friends volunteering to take signs, follow League Non Partisan Policy, place signs out two weeks before all elections and then removing and storing them.

Each volunteer receives a letter describing their responsibility and the League's non partisan policy.

The Signs are provided by the Westwood/Walpole League of Women Voters and purchased for \$10.00 a piece from the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts

The program has grown from 15 in 2007 to 26 signs in 2009. This year in the spring of 2009, new members Gail & James Fox and Marion Just from Westwood and Pat Krusko from Walpole joined the program

Cost for 2008-2009 is \$100 to add 10 more signs to replace those lost or broken and to give out to those currently joining the program.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Nash

Expenses

\$100 for 10 signs



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WESTWOOD-WALPOLE

Date of Meeting: January 27, 2009

State Program Planning

Program planning this year involved a review of the positions of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts. Presenting the current positions were our League members: Carol Lane, Virginia Fetting, Patty Stewart, Nancy Farris, Phoebe Joseph, Nan Crossland, Joanne Damish, Carrie Crossland, Judy Barrington, Jane Nash, Susan White, Greg Atkins, Alisa Shapiro and Lisa Compagnone. Our group decided that no new studies should be proposed. We did decide that the Transportation position needed to be updated with a restudy and the State Board agreed. We also advised that Health care and Natural Resources should receive top priority for action.

Our evening was not all work by any means: this was what we call the Bread and Soup meeting. Karen Zingg graciously hosted the evening, January 27, of pot luck home made breads and soups and great socializing.

This evening has become one of our traditions due to its social component. It could be improved with snappier presentations or different presentations. Because each person has a role they do feel part of the evening and do show up, hence a good group for discussion. The down side is a lot of work in calling everyone to get members to commit and then sending them to the material on the web site for presentation. Help in a co-chair or a committee would be great! Next year National Positions will be up for review.

I spent \$55.39 on supplies which involved a flip chart, markers and stickers. These supplies will be used for many years to come on this and many other presentations

Respectfully submitted,

Marcia Hirshberg



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WESTWOOD-WALPOLE

Greening Your Lifestyle

Date: May 31, 2009

Place: First Parish Church 340 Clapboardtree Westwood, MA 02090

Chair: Michelle Ewing-Perry

Committee Members: Michelle Ewing-Perry, Phoebe Joseph, Greg Agnew,

Advisors: Jane Nash and Marcia Hirshberg

Number attending: 4 attended meetings

Publicity: Every effort was made to give this event the broadest publicity possible by using--the local Bulletin, local Web, LWVM Web event area, posters in businesses/libraries/ etc, leaflets through schools, special invitations to Westwood & Walpole public officials and local area Leagues, 3 signs on islands in Westwood, 1 or 2 in Walpole, three press releases and notices in papers calendars of events.

Expenses:

General Comments:

This was the first time an event of this kind was offered by the Westwood/Walpole League, and it was a large undertaking and very time consuming.

This was a great committee to work on for the first time w/ the LWV members. All were driven, active and passionate about the mission. It was highly commendable how two SC members picked up the baton and supported the work to be done, because it did occur that some members had other time constraints and commitments that made the work distribution quite uneven. This could have been due to the fact that Committee Members were initially planning a smaller event, while other members (of both co-sponsors) were envisioning a larger, community-wide event. .

The biggest challenge to this committee was the fact that its purpose and joint ventures were not as clear in the initial stages of planning as they could have been. This was an event to be supported by and co-sponsored with another community organization that was not prepared or had conflicts in supporting the event financially. The initial co-sponsor also seemed to be in conflict of how, when and which part of the facility would be best to use for the event, after offering it as a prime location. Late in planning the event the co-sponsor informed the Committee that there would be a \$500 fee for using the location. The Steering Committee voted not to pay that fee as they expected as a co-sponsor only a minimum charge of \$100 would be made. Late in April the location for the Fair was changed to First Parish which charged \$300 for the use of the Church and Parish Hall.

What could have helped this Committee to be more successful in the planning would be:

- 1) Having a brainstorm meeting with both sponsors much earlier in the year to first develop a clear expectation of the event.
- 2) To establish costs and in-kind contributions (Each should decide what is to be used, given, and how,) ahead of time, prior to actually planning the event,
- 3) Discussion of the vision, purpose and definition of Joint Sponsorship. Each Team, should decide tasks, then agree or disagree to terms, not wait until time to plan for this process to occur.
- 4) Make the co-sponsor aware of any facility or financial concerns prior to the start of committee planning.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Ewing-Perry



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WESTWOOD-WALPOLE

Date of Meeting May 18, 2009

Walpole Candidates' Night 2009

The Walpole Candidates' Night was held on Monday, May 18, at Old Post Road School from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. It was taped by Walpole Community Television to be aired several times before the June 6th election. Mona Schwartz from the Brookline League served as Moderator and Kathy Hasenjaeger was Timekeeper. Carol Lane and Nancy Farris served on the committee along with Kathy.

Approximately 60 people attended the function and several expressed their appreciation for our work in putting the event together and giving voters a chance to see the faces of the candidates and hear their messages. Three boards have contested town-wide candidates. All of the candidates for School Committee and the Board of Selectmen attended and one of three from the Sewer and Water Committee. Two un-contested candidates chose to say a few words and approximately 10 Town Meeting Representative candidates spoke. Nancy Farris presented both sides of the ballot question pertaining to building a new library.

The cost of the event including printing, postage, signage, supplies etc. was \$100 plus the charge for the hall which will be forthcoming.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Farris



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WESTWOOD-WALPOLE

Date of Event: Aprils 25, 2009

Household Hazardous Waste Collection, Walpole 2009

The collection was held on Saturday, April 25, at Fisher School from 9a.m. to 1 p.m. A total of 234 cars brought chemicals and other hazardous materials to the site. In excess of 400 cars brought other collectibles. 107 propane tanks were collected as well as 102 gallons of antifreeze and 465 gallons of used oil. Two large trailers plus a box truck were filled with old TV's and computer monitors. The Westwood/Walpole League helped with publicity flyers and notification of school e-mail information prior to the event and traffic control and signage the day of the event.

The League provides publicity flyers for the Board of Health and I do whatever signage is needed for the site. Typically, I do traffic control and general info during the event.

I was the LWV liaison to the "Recycling Committee" in the 80's. Eventually, curbside recycling came into being and the committee ended. I have been working on the Hazardous Waste Collection since the first one in 1986. The Household Hazardous Waste collection grew out of the Recycling Committee. I think I have missed only two collections in all of these years. The Town Budget picks up the costs of the oil, antifreeze, propane tanks, car batteries and whatever the difference is between the costs per car for hazardous materials (\$25 for 25 lbs.) and TV's and monitors (\$10 or more depending on the size) We used to collect tires as well but had problems with unreliable vendors so stopped that practice.

Respectfully Submitted
Nancy Farris

Note:

Nancy has received commendations from the Town of Walpole for her work on Hazardous Waste Day.



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS WESTWOOD-WALPOLE

Date of meeting: March 10, 2009

Committee co chairs: Nan Crossland, Jill Onderdonk

Committee Members: Carrie Crossland, Sara Onderdonk

Moderator: Chris Previtera

Discussion Leader: Nan Crossland

Recorder: Jane Nash

Publicity: Press releases in Walpole and Westwood Papers, in Bulletin, on local Web and LWVM Web event area.

Expenses: None. Food provided by league members

Hostess: Jane Walsh

Consensus Results

Q1 B

Comments: Many felt that the Compact could lead to a constitutional amendment by bringing attention to the subject again.

Those opposed to the Compact wanted the League to focus only on a Constitutional Amendment and not water down their efforts by working on the Compact

Q2 B

Q3 A

Comments: This group was not concerned about Congress' consent. They felt if enough people back the Compact, Congress will follow.

Q 4B

Comments: There was some concern about the courts getting involved in the enforcement issue. Still the group felt the Compact should be passed anyway

Q 5 B

Q 6 A

Q7 A

Comments all agreed there will be problems.

B Agree

Expenses:

Publicity: Bulletin, Local Web, LWVMA event area, Press releases

General Comments on Consensus:

It was generally agreed that the National Popular Vote Compact is not perfect; and, yes, there will be problems. Still the group felt the discussion stimulated by the Compact will bring attention back to the issue of eliminating the Electoral College.

All agree that the best route would be a constitutional amendment. But as many attempts to eliminate the Electoral College through a constitutional amendment had failed, the group felt something else should be tried.

Even if the Compact prevails the Westwood/Walpole League urges the LWVUS to continue to vigorously work for a constitutional amendment to eliminate the Electoral College.

Comments on Meeting: Fourteen League members attended this important consensus meeting on March 10 at the home of Jane Walsh to discuss the pros and cons of the National Popular Vote Compact (NPVC). The meeting began with a short social time during which members enjoyed various salads, home made breads, rolls, and cookies provided by league members.

Thank you, Jane Walsh for again being our hostess for a League event.

Respectfully submitted,

Nan Crossland

Note:

In the May 21 issue of the Leader's Update, the LWVUS declared that no consensus was reached. Please visit www.lwv.org for the complete statement.