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League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover

President's Letter

By Stefani Traina Goldshein

Welcome to the League's fall season. One of the privileges of assuming the League presidency was acquiring a box of archival materials, including Handbooks dating back to 1943. I am very proud to be part of a progressive organization with such a distinguished past. The League has consistently paid attention to the issues affecting our communities, and through its grass-roots efforts, has played a vital role in shaping public policy.

The League board has been busy this summer, planning fall events and organizing for the year ahead. The program adopted at Annual Meeting in May appears in your Member Handbook, newly updated and revised, thanks to the diligent efforts of Carole Pelchat. At Annual Meeting, we were treated to delicious food, coordinated by Amy Janovsky, and interesting news from the State House, graciously provided by Rep. Barbara L'Italien and Brian Elworthy, from Rep. Barry Finegold's office. We also introduced our Virginia H. Cole Scholarship winner, AHS senior, Christine Pierro, who will attend Boston College this fall.

Joyce Ringleb coordinated the speakers for the LWVM Council in May, an inspiring and informative day devoted to environmental issues. Joyce also represented our League at the LWVUS convention in June in Minneapolis and returned with a renewed appreciation for the interconnectedness of all three levels of the League. Be sure to check out her article. Many thanks go to Alix Driscoll, for following the I-93 interchange issue for the League, to Heather Holman, for organizing the Know Your Town Fair, (rained out in June) rescheduled for Saturday, September 16, in conjunction with Andover Days. Thanks to Joan Duff and Lolli Sumberg of the Town Budgeting Process Study group, for planning our fall kickoff, a forum on Proposition 2 ½. We hope to draw a regional audience for

this October 26 event, as many cities and towns struggle to balance community needs and fiscal limitations. Thanks also go to our Bulletin sponsors and to Jennessa Durrani, our very capable Bulletin editor.

A reminder to new members that all League meetings and events are open to all members; I encourage you to join us at a Panera lunch or board meeting to learn more about how the League works. I welcome any suggestions or ideas you may have for projects or other endeavors that might dovetail with the League's mission, as well. Feel free to contact me at 978-470-3140. The new League board list appears in your Member Handbook and in this Bulletin, for easy reference. Finally, the State League's Guardian of Democracy Award Dinner on September 21st promises to be an exciting and interesting fundraising event. I hope you will consider joining us at the Andover/North Andover table. Contact me for details.



Save the Date

Chocolate at the Lehman

Thursday, October 19, 7:30 p.m.

An evening of chocolate tasting, art and networking
Robert Lehman Art Center, Brooks School, North
Andover

Guardian of Democracy Award Dinner

September 21, 2006 | Fairmont Copley Plaza, Boston

Honoring
Paul La Camera
General Manager, The WBUR Group

Keynote Speaker
The Honorable Michael Dukakis
Former Governor of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The award is established to honor unique individuals who have:

- made a significant contribution to the active and informed participation of citizens in their government and
- demonstrated a commitment to democracy and democratic processes.

Why Paul La Camera?

Paul La Camera, General Manager of The WBUR Group and former President and Manager of WCVB-TV, has shown a true commitment to strengthening the media's role in democracy so that citizens are informed and active participants in their government. Please read more about his accomplishments at www.lwvma.org.

Who is invited?

Everyone! All League members, significant others, and friends will enjoy this celebration.

What will the evening include?

Good food, great conversation, entertainment and a few inspirational words.

How can I find out more?

Visit our Guardian of Democracy Award website or contact Robin Rich, Assistant Executive Director, at the League office 617-523-2999 or rrich@lwvma.org.

Buy a ticket now for you and a guest!

- To purchase a ticket online or by mail, go to www.lwvma.org
- Or call the League office at 617-523-2999
- Each ticket costs \$150. One half of the ticket price, \$75, is tax deductible.
- We will be carpooling from Andover/North Andover. Contact Stefani at 978-470-3140.

MA Legislative Action Update

By Carole Pelchat, Legislative Director LWVM

This has been a very busy, successful and exciting year for the State League relative to legislation it has supported in the current Legislature.

Senate #2034, a petition for a legislative amendment to the Constitution to authorize the General Court to provide for absentee voting by any voter was taken up by the Constitutional Convention on July 12, (after several reschedulings of the Convention). It passed this first hurdle by a significant majority. It must also pass a second Constitutional Convention held by a successive legislature.

Senate #2277, a bill sponsored by Edward Augustus and Representative Petruccelli requiring the Secretary of the Commonwealth to

- provide a Voters' Bill of Rights at every polling place, on his/her website, and in appropriate publications of the Secretary;
- expand the pool of Election Officers by removing residence restriction on poll workers and enabling persons aged 16 and 17 to serve as poll workers; and
- prohibit election officials from serving as campaign officials for campaigns other than their own

This bill has been passed by the Senate, and was passed by the House with amendments, which the Senate has rejected. It is awaiting action by the House.

Senate #755, as amended House # 4479 - a petition for legislation to establish the Massachusetts Health Care Trust, provides quality health care to all Massachusetts citizens by establishing a single-payer health care system; it was signed in part by the Governor on 4/12. It is currently in the House Ways and Means Committee awaiting their action on those vetoes.

House #2663, as amended House #4988, which would establish minimum nursing staffing levels and restrict forced overtime for nursing staff, passed overwhelmingly in the House and is currently in the Senate Ethics and Rules Committee.

House #4758, a bill to create a council to develop a registry of home care workers was passed over the Governor's veto.

House #4378, which aligns Massachusetts welfare standards with federal policy passed both houses on 7/20. It was returned

with amendments by the Governor. Most of the amendments were rejected by both houses. It is unclear whether it will be taken up again prior to the 2007 session.

Senate # 619, House #2970 – a petition LWVM has been following for several legislative sessions relative to equitable coverage for women in annuity policies was passed to be engrossed (or formally written up--this is the final step before submission to the Governor) by the House on July 26. It has been passed in prior session by the Senate, but currently awaits action in that body.

House #5112 – which restricts the sale and disposal of mercury-containing products was signed by the Governor on 7/28.

Save the Date

Proposition 2 ½: Balancing Community Needs and Fiscal Limitations

Thursday, October 26, 7:00 p.m. Old Town Hall, Andover
Mary Clare Higgins, President
MA Municipal Association & Others
Free and open to the public

Phonothon

LWVM Phonothon is coming to Andover on Sunday, October 22. The steps are simple:

1. Watch for the fundraising letter from the LWVM in September.
2. Send in your donation by October 10 and our League receives 10%.
3. Sign up to make calls on 10/22 and our League receives 10% of all pledged donations, plus \$10 per caller.

Last year's Phonothon netted over \$5,000 for local Leagues. Contact Stefani at (978) 470-3140 or stefraina@comcast.net to sign up.

Voting Information

Check out www.votinginfo.info--the League's one-stop source for comprehensive, non-partisan, Massachusetts specific, voting information.

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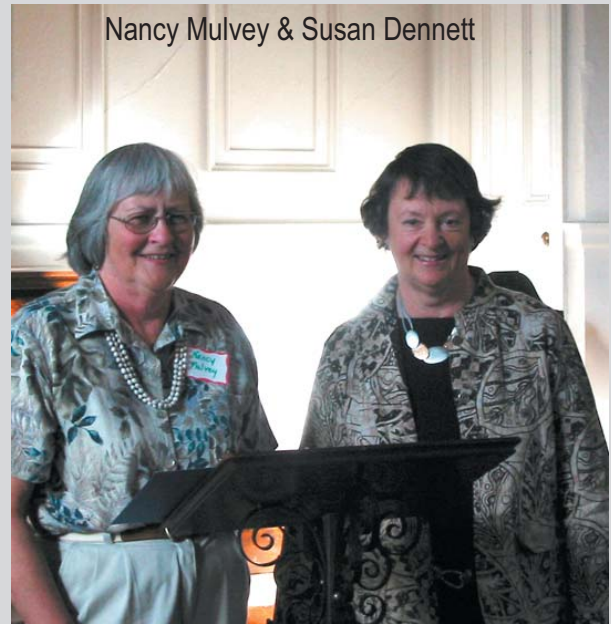
Annual Meeting

Alix Driscoll, Becci Backman, Pat Edmonds & Skip Eccles



Diana Walsh & Cynthia Barakatt

Joyce Ringleb, Michael Frishman, & Chris Young



Nancy Mulvey & Susan Dennett

Sustainability and Natural Resources

Upcoming Meeting

by Amy Janovsky

The Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee will meet on Friday, September 8th, at 9:30 in the teen room at Memorial Hall Library. We will use this as an opportunity to decide what specific action items the committee wants to tackle, now that we all have a better idea of what our time looks like for the year.

Topics of current interest among committee members include: green construction, wetlands and climate change, urban forestry, teaching sustainability, energy, and invasive plants.

We'll pick a few key areas to focus on, and consider how to use the committee meetings as a place to pool information and educate one another. Additional members are welcome!

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The Energy Corner

Norm Viehmann

Is there anyone in the Andover, North Andover LWV that isn't already thoughtful about saving energy to reduce air pollution? Many of us are doing something. Probably all of us can do more. Here is a handy checklist based on a Sierra Club web-site. Why not check off what you've done, then post it on your refrigerator and begin to work on the remaining items. You might start by calling Mass Energy to schedule an Energy Audit (1-800-287-3950). It's free and you'll end up checking off a number of items on the list.

Smarter Lighting: A Bright Idea:

One of the easiest and cheapest places to start saving energy is with lighting.

Tip #1 -- Replace Incandescent Bulbs with Compact Fluorescent Lights.

Compact fluorescent light bulbs use only a third as much electricity as a standard incandescent bulb. Because a compact fluorescent usually lasts ten times longer than a regular bulb, it easily pays for itself. If every household in the U.S. replaced one light bulb with a compact fluorescent light bulb (CFL), it would prevent enough pollution to equal the removal of one million cars from the road. I've replaced 27.

Tip #2 -- Replace Outdoor Lighting with a Motion-Detector Equipped Bulb or Fixture.

Outdoor lights that are left on all night can waste energy and disturb wildlife. You can safely and efficiently light the outside of your home by installing light fixtures that are activated by motion sensor or a timer. These devices will keep areas well lit when you need them to be while reducing your energy bill.

Hot Water Shouldn't Be a Drain on Your Wallet:

More than 10 percent of your energy bill goes to heating water for your dishwasher, shower, and faucets. You can cut this energy use, and your energy bill, by implementing these easy steps.

Tip #3 -- Lower Your Hot Water Heater to 120 Degrees and Drain Any Sediment.

Though you need to keep your water heater above 120 degrees to prevent bacteria from building up, many hot water heaters are set too high. Draining some water a few times a year reduces sediment and increases efficiency.

Tip #4 -- Add Insulation to Older Hot-Water Heaters.

The standard hot water heater is on all the time, adding extra insulation to older, non-Energy Star heaters will save more energy than you think. Most hardware stores sell pre-made insulator "jackets" that can be easily wrapped around one's water heater. Adding insulation to your water heater and any exposed pipes can knock up to 15 percent off the costs of heating water.

Tip #5 -- Install a Low-Flow Shower Head.

Low-flow shower heads are also a worthwhile investment (especially for renters, because you can take them with you) that will reduce the amount of hot water you use and hence the energy needed to heat it.

Cool Your Home Without Heating the Planet:

Taking steps to weatherize your home, can make maintaining a comfortable temperature easier and cheaper.

Tip #6 -- Check For and Seal Cracks or Gaps.

Heating and cooling one's home is the single largest use of energy for the average customer. Tiny gaps and cracks in an older home are roughly equivalent to a one-foot square hole punched in your wall, which means that sealing gaps with caulking and weather stripping makes a big difference and saves you money. Go for R-44 insulation in your New England attic. If you have R-25 now you can add a layer of R19 without facing. You'll have a cooler home this summer and lower heating bills next winter.

Tip #7 -- Tighten Windows and Loosen Your Budget.

If all windows were as efficient as the best products now widely available in the marketplace, the average household would save \$150 a year, and reduce its carbon dioxide emissions by about 4,300 pounds per year.

Tip # 8 -- Replace Pre-1996 Appliances.

Replacing a 10-year old refrigerator, washer or stove, or 20-yr old furnace with a new, energy-efficient model can significantly cut your energy bill. Look for the Energy Star label as a minimum; some models can be even more efficient. Many states and utility companies offer substantial incentives to replace outdated appliances with more efficient ones. Front-loading washing machines can save 50 gallons per load. California Law requires front-loaders.

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Tip # 9 Defrost Your Freezer.

The frost and ice that builds up in your freezer over time does more than make it hard to get to your ice cream -- it also causes your freezer to work harder to keep the freezer at a cold temperature. By routinely defrosting your freezer, you can keep your ice cream cold and the planet cool.

Tip # 10 - Dirty Clothes, Clean Planet.

Modern washing machines and detergents can clean clothes effectively in cold water -- which means you don't have to waste energy by using hot water. Another way you can save energy in your washer, dryer and your dishwasher is to always wash full loads.

Not everyone is convinced about global warming or the effects of air pollution, or that they personally can have any effect on it. I invite your comments and questions. Please e-mail me at njvie@comcast.net.

E-Mail List

Join our League e-mail list! Receive monthly reminders about League events. Send your e-mail address to Cynthia at barakatt@comcast.net. Your e-mail address will not be shared with any other organization.

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Are you interested in becoming a Bulletin sponsor for your business or organization? Contact Joan Duff, VP-Administration at 978.685.3212 or jandjduff@verizon.net.

North Andover Hot Topics Chat

Wednesday, Sept. 27, 10 - 12
Susan Dennett's, 20 Ironwood Rd., No. Andover
978-689-7460, sdennett@comcast.net

It is time to catch me up on what's been happening in North Andover.

Town Meeting?

Rte. 114 development?

Trash Transfer Station?

School budget?

Chapter 40Bs?

Anything and everything could be on the table.

All members welcome!

Handbook Corrections

As you review your 2006-2007 LWVA/NA Handbook please contact Stefani Traina Goldshein with any corrections or additions you may have at 978.470.3140 or steftraina@comcast.net.

Bulletin Deadlines

We are always looking for article submissions from our membership. Have a topic that is of interest to you? Attending a local meeting that you would like to summarize? Send them to Jennessa Durrani, Bulletin Editor!

October Bulletin

Deadline: September 15, 2006

November Bulletin

Deadline: October 20, 2006

December Bulletin

Deadline: November 17, 2006

Membership Kick-Off

by Cynthia Barakatt

Welcome to a new and exciting year of activities sponsored by the Andover/North Andover League of Women Voters! We hope to see many of you at the League's meetings, public forums, informal get-togethers and other events that will take place between now and next May. Remember to check the calendar listing in your Bulletin each month to see what is coming up. Friends and neighbors are always invited to attend and learn about the benefits of League membership.

For the third year, we will host a special event for new and prospective members featuring two major attractions – chocolate and art. "Chocolate at the Lehman" will take place Thursday, Oct. 19th beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Lehman Gallery at the Brooks School in North Andover. League members are encouraged to bring friends, family, neighbors and colleagues who are interested in learning more about the League while sampling chocolate treats and enjoying a wonderful art exhibit.

The informal gatherings of League members for good food and great talk will continue this year with "Lunch and Conservation" on the 14th of each month (or the Friday before if the 14th falls

on a weekend) at the Panera at Routes 133 and 114 in North Andover. The meeting time is 11:30 a.m. In addition, North Andover members are encouraged to participate in the "North Andover Hot Topics Chat" events. The first session will take place at the home of Susan Dennett at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 27. See the Bulletin calendar for more details.

New and potential members are always invited to participate in the League's committees that are working on specific issues—affordable housing, sustainability and natural resources, and the town budgeting process. If you know someone who is interested in these issues, invite them to a committee meeting as a means of getting their contributions on the issues and getting them interested in joining the A/NA LWV.

Finally, don't forget to keep your membership up to date! The label on your Bulletin will let you know if you are a member in good standing through next June or if your membership has expired and it is time to renew. You can complete the membership renewal form in this Bulletin or contact membership chair Cynthia Barakatt at Barakatt@comcast.net for more information.

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_____ \$35 Student (Under 24 years old)

_____ In addition to my membership, I'd like to make a contribution of \$_____.

_____ Enclosed is a separate check, my tax-deductible contribution of \$_____ to the Education Fund.

Send checks payable to: LWV OF ANDOVER/NORTH ANDOVER:

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Thank you! Cynthia Barakatt, Membership, 978.688.3749.



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Voter Service

State Elections This Fall

by Peggy Kruse, Kathy Stevens,
Carol Baffi-Dugan and Karla Kooken

Due to increased paperwork from the Help America Vote Act, the Town Clerk's office may ask once again for help on Election Day from League members. This would require a short training beforehand, so if you are interested and able to help, please contact Peggy Kruse at 978-474-0176.

State Primary Elections: Tues, Sept. 19

Deadline to Register for Primary Elections: Postmarked by Aug. 30

State Election: Tues, Nov. 7

Deadline to Register for State Election: Postmarked by Oct. 18

Offices on the ballot for our districts

Federal

- One US Senate seat (incumbent: Kennedy)
- Two US Representative seats (incumbents: Marty Meehan, John Tierney)

State

- Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of the Commonwealth,
- Attorney General, Treasurer and Receiver General, Auditor,
- Governor's Council (all seats)
- State Senator (all seats)
- State Representative (all seats)

County

- District Attorney, Clerk of Courts, Register of Deeds

Deadlines for applying for absentee ballots

- Noon on the day before Election Day to apply and vote at the same time.
- If you are sending in your ballot by mail, allow enough time for your absentee ballot application to get to your city or town hall, for the ballot to come to you by mail, and for you to return the ballot to your local election office before the close of the polls (8:00 p.m. on Election Day).

Affordable Housing

LWV of Massachusetts Affordable Housing Study Status

by Joan Duff

An Affordable Housing Study was adopted at the May 2005 LWV of Massachusetts Convention, and the Study Group has been making progress within the scope as outlined below:

Social Policy

Study: Affordable Housing

Scope: To evaluate legislation, regulations and programs in Massachusetts; to determine their effectiveness in providing affordable housing; and to propose a new position through consensus or concurrence.

Study may include, but is not limited to:

- Senior housing
- Effect of Chapter 40B, Massachusetts' Comprehensive Permit statute, on cities and towns
- "Smart growth" concepts

In addition, as a direction to the board, the Lexington League urged the addition of a land-use component to the affordable housing study.

Study Group members represent a number of Massachusetts towns, including Andover/North Andover, Arlington, Lexington, Natick, Newton, Topsfield/Boxford/Middleton, Westford and Westwood/Walpole.

Study group members have begun to draft sections of the informational materials, to be consolidated for distribution to local Leagues. The materials will also include topics like the effect of Community Preservation Act, Inclusionary Zoning, federally subsidized Section 8, local accessory dwelling units, elderly housing, expiring use, trusts and Housing Authority units. Local Leagues can use the materials to evaluate the importance of affordable housing in their communities and to consider whether or not to support a new state position on Affordable Housing. The Study Group intends to create a sample "needs assessment form," which local Leagues may use in the process of considering a possible new position through consensus or concurrence.

These materials will be distributed this fall or winter. Local Leagues can review and discuss them locally or at regional meetings. Study Group members will be available to present the information and facilitate discussions at these meetings.

LWVUS Convention

By C. Joyce Ringleb

I had the pleasure of attending the 47th LWVUS Convention in Minneapolis, MN from June 9-13. The convention included many interesting, informative workshops. I thought I had left Massachusetts armed with sufficient background information to vote on issues important to our area, however, I learned a huge amount while out there

Diversity

The first workshop I attended (Diversity Competencies) was conducted by Vivian Jenkins Nelsen. It was outstanding and set the tone for the rest of Convention. I sat with women from seven different states; the message we received about the importance of diversity was loud and clear. The observation was made that "risk and responsibility takers know how to forgive themselves and others, which allows them to take risks".

Immigration

The immigration workshops were very informative; State Leagues who have completed studies of this issue will be of great assistance to National. I am personally concerned that the newly voted-on LWVUS study of immigration policies may be completed too late for us to have any influence on current and near-future legislation. I had the opportunity to read the two-year study the League conducted which was published in 2002. I thought they did great work and their speakers were excellent. The current position is: (The LWVUS) supports incorporating immigrants into communities by providing access to education, by endorsing the development of secure identification documents, and by respecting the right of law enforcement personnel to perform their duties without the burden of interpreting federal immigration policies. (The LWVUS) opposes residents with legal immigration status running for local office.

Global Warming: How Should We Respond?

Chad Tolman, a retired scientist who has followed energy and global warming trends for many years, led a program which included a great discussion of our climate, why it is changing, the consequences for humans and nature and what our response should be.

United Nations

The United Nations was a two-session caucus, full of information and very heated debate at times.

Understanding the System to Defend the Courts

This exciting workshop included a judicial panel comprised of Honorable Michael Wolff, Professor Charlie Geyh, and Mary C. McQueen, with Moderator, Bert Brandenburg, Executive Director, Justice at Stake Campaign.

A sampling of some of the other workshops I attended included: Building Awareness of the Need to Bring American Democracy to America's Capital!, Voters Need Your Help!, Focus Your Approach—Increase Your Membership!, Redistricting in the States, Civil Liberties: Where Are we Now?, Global Democracy-Domestic Programs—Helping Americans Understand Their Role in the World Today, The Rebirth and Future of America's Wetlands; Science, Technology and People, International Criminal Court, Budget LWVUS and LWVEF (this helped me to understand why an increase in the PMP was going to go to a vote).

The LWVUS 2008 Convention will be in Portland, Oregon.

I-93 Interchange

Three Town Task Force, August 3, 2006

By Alix Driscoll

Bob Halprin, CEO of the Merrimack Valley Economic Development Council (MVEDC), called the public meeting of four designated officials (town managers, planning directors, and selectmen) from Andover, Tewksbury and Wilmington (called the Lowell Junction/I-93 Development Plan Task Force) Also in attendance were land owners, company representatives, Senator Tucker, June Black from Rep. Meehan's office, other town officials and AVIS.

Andover's representatives included Town Manager Buzz Stapczynski, Select Board Chair Alex Vispoli, Planning Dir. Paul Materazzo and Lowell Junction Interchange Task Force chair, Chris Huntress. Planning Board head, Paul Salafia, attended but did not speak. The meeting was called to air disagreements among the three towns and to make plans for how to go forward.

The goals of the MVEDC are to correct Ballardvale traffic, to develop the Ballardvale area, to enable new businesses to get established and to correct brownfields sites.

The formal justification report (IJR) for the new interchange between exits 41 and 42 was submitted to the state last week.

I-93 Interchange Three Town Task Force, Continued from page 9

All assembled agree that such an interchange is necessary and that the accepted interchange would not look exactly like any of the options.

Background:

The design consultant from Vanesse, Hagin Brustein (VHB) was hired by the Merrimack Valley Planning Commission to design options for the interchanges; he designed eight options. The Mills Corp., developers of a proposed 700,000 sq. ft. mall in Tewksbury, hired TEC of Lawrence, to design an interchange for them, commonly called 'the Loop,' (a ninth option, which includes no connection with Tewksbury roads). At the meeting, VHB's consultant reviewed the nine interchange options. Tewksbury and Wilmington are only supporting option 9. After many public meetings, Andover put forward Alternatives 3 (the Trumpet); 4 (Diamond) with connections to Tewksbury roads; and 9 (Loop).

VHB's consultant indicated the assumptions of the development on the west side of I-93 included: a mall by Mills Corp. in Tewksbury, two hotels plus office space in Wilmington and office space in Andover. (Note: There are 75 acres of undeveloped Andover land on the west side of I-93, plus AVIS's Sanborn Reservation (4.75 acres) along the Shawsheen River).

Timetable:

1. MV Planning Commission has submitted IJR to MassHighway in Cambridge.
2. MassHighway will submit proposal to federal officials for review.
3. MassHighway and the Sec. of Transportation will earmark funds for a preliminary engineering and environmental impact study. Potential sources of funds for the project include \$9.5m of federal money, to be issued on a "first come, first served basis" and MA Economic Stimulus Package funds may also be available, according to Sen. Tucker.

Selectman Vispoli indicated the number one Andover issue is the project's impact on the neighborhoods around Ballardvale, Route 125, secondary roads and Route 28.

Huntress spoke on behalf of Andover and indicated that all nine options contain benefits for roads in Andover. He expressed concern that because of the potential impact of a project of

this size, the largest of its kind in the Merrimack Valley, all parties must proceed with caution to protect local roads and neighborhoods. He said he expects to see changes to the three alternatives proposed. His understanding from talking to federal highway officials is that option 9 does not fulfill federal requirements.

David Cressman, Town Manager of Tewksbury indicated that options 3 and 4 would be "liabilities" for Tewksbury. Michael Ciara, Town Manager of Wilmington, said this was an opportunity for economic development on a local and regional basis, but there should be no increase in traffic. Wilmington already has four exits off I-93 to the west in its town. Carole Hamilton, Wilmington's Town Planner, said "this is a golden opportunity to do pro-active planning in our area, to receive economic planning services over three communities... smart growth, (public) transportation, and overlay districts... a parcel in two communities would have the same rules for both towns." Senator Tucker said there is money available for the task force for planning. Huntress said we need a three-town master plan, to determine build-out, and a plan to mitigate problems. Halpin agreed that "we need a plan like the Naval Station in Weymouth."

Paul Materazzo proposed to meet with the other two town planners to create a master plan "with shared responsibility, so that not one town gets the whole pot: housing, commercial space, offices." He suggested they need a consultant to do a master plan. They will ask Sen. Tucker how to apply for money on the state level. Halpin said he has some planning money available. A request for proposal will be written soon. When the audience had an opportunity to speak, AVIS' representative said a three-town master plan of land use for the area to be developed was a great idea and asked that local environmental groups from the three towns have a chance to be involved, as well. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 12, 8:00 a.m. in Andover.

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Calendar of Events

			Time	Type of Meeting	Description	Address
September	6	W	7:15 p.m.	Board Meeting	September Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	Stefani Traina Goldshein's Home 6 Roulston Circle, Andover
	14	Th	11:30 a.m.	Lunch & Conversation	Monthly Lunch Gathering (Members & Friends Welcome)	Panera Bread Rt. 133 and Rt. 114, N. Andover
	16	S	10 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Andover Days/Know Your Town Fair	Showcase of Community Groups	Downtown Andover Main Street
	19	T	7 a.m.-8 p.m.	State Primary Elections	Voting	Andover/North Andover Precincts
	21	Th	6:30 p.m.	Awards Dinner	LWVM Guardian of Democracy Awards Dinner	Fairmont Copley Plaza Boston, contact lwvma@lwvma.org
	27	W	10 a.m.-12 p.m.	Informal Discussion	North Andover Hot Topics	Sue Dennett's Home 20 Ironwood Road, North Andover
October	4	W	9:15 a.m.	Board Meeting	October Board Meeting (Members Welcome)	Gail Mann's Home 86 High Plain Road, Andover
	13	F	11:30 a.m.	Lunch & Conversation	Monthly Lunch Gathering (Members & Friends Welcome)	Panera Bread Rt. 133 and Rt. 114, N. Andover
	18	W	All Day	Deadline	Registration Deadline and Absentee Ballots	Andover & North Andover Town Clerk's Office
	19	Th	7:30 p.m.	Social Gathering	Chocolate at the Lehman	Robert Lehman Art Center, Brooks School 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover
	26	Th	7:00 p.m.	Town Budgeting Forum	Proposition 2 1/2: Balancing Community Needs & Fiscal Limitations	Old Town Hall 20 Main Street, Andover



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