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President's Letter

By Kerri Ford

I write this as I look out the window at the snow banks and wonder where we are going to put the next 17 feet of snow expected this week. I love New England and would miss the seasons if I lived anywhere else but I could do with a bit less snow and the interruptions that snow days bring. The first, and maybe the second, big storm is fun but I for one have had my fill. Not that that will stop the snow from coming.

The snow twice delayed our Running for Office Workshop in January, however, the informative event was held on January 27. Please see Stefani's article below for more on the workshop and a link to the online video.

On January 25 Andover voters voted in favor of funding the construction of a new Bancroft Elementary School. As you know, the League supported the vote and we will continue to track the progress of the project which now moves into the bidding and final design stages. The plan is for the building to be open for the 2013-2014 school year.

In the next couple of months we will begin working on the League's program and priorities for the next fiscal year. We will also be developing the slate of nominations for board and other volunteer positions to be voted on at the League's annual meeting in May. The League is valued and respected for the work we do to educate voters and increase understanding of public policy issues. However, all our work is done by volunteers. There are positions and projects for every level of time commitment. I hope you will consider ways you can further help the League to support open government and the democratic process. Please reach out to me or another board member if you'd like to talk about opportunities.

Our February board meeting will be held February 9 at noon in the Trustee's Room at Memorial Hall Library. Part of the reason for moving it to a day versus night meeting is to allow some of you who aren't able to attend at night an opportunity to join us, so please feel free to attend if you are interested. We will be discussing the upcoming candidate forums and our bylaws among other updates.

Stay warm and keep your shovel handy!

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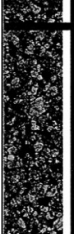
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Voter Service Update

by Stefani Traina, VP Voter Service

Upcoming Local Candidates' Forums

Andover - The LWV will sponsor a candidates' forum in Andover before local elections on March 22. The forum is scheduled for Saturday, March 12 at 1:30 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library. It will air live and be taped for rebroadcast and available online, as well. If you are interested in working on the forum, please contact me at steftraina@verizon.net.

North Andover - The LWV will sponsor a candidates' forum in North Andover on Wednesday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m., location TBA. Sandy Gleed, Heather McNeil, and Kathy Stevens are organizing this event. The local election in North Andover will be Tuesday March 29.

Many thanks to the League members who worked at the precincting table for the special election on January 25: Annette Grams, Cynthia Barakatt, Liz Elowe, Kerri Ford, Florence Feldman-Wood, Ann Cobleigh, Susan Stott, Ellen Marcus, Carole Chanler, Ellen Sebasky, Becci Backman, and Heather Moody Holman. Thanks also go to Molly Bicking for organizing the volunteers.

North Andover News

By Sandy Gleed, VP North Andover

As North Andover moves more deeply into crafting the recommended municipal and school budgets for FY2012, it is helpful to really understand the budgeting process. When I attend Annual Town Meeting, I often wish that voters had a deeper appreciation for the work that goes into producing our annual budget. It really is an "oeuvre"; an intricate body of art that evolves over many, many months of hard work by very dedicated people.

It basically starts each fall with the work of the Revenue & Fixed Costs Committee "R&FCC". This town bylaw-authorized committee is comprised of two representatives from the Finance Committee, the Superintendent of Schools, the Town Accountant, and the Town Manager in an ex-officio role.

The R&FCC produces a report that "shall identify and describe all revenue and financing sources and anticipated fixed costs and shall provide a written rationale supporting estimates contained therein". In a nutshell, the committee examines the town accountant's financial records and expectations for the current fiscal year, the past history of actual revenue collections and actual expenses, puts them in the context of fiscal trends, economic conditions and the latest news about federal, state, and regional aid and assessments, and makes their best guess about what monies will be available to spend next year. It's a guess - an educated guess to be sure - but a guess all the same. That's why the R&FCC report is the initial budget tool that jumpstarts the budget process, not the final determination of our fiscal direction for FY2012.

A good example of the fluidity of numbers in the report is that at the Finance Committee's January 20th meeting, they discussed the R&FCC projection of an across-the-board ten percent cut in State local aid. However, in the Globe's January 22nd article <http://www.boston.com/news/>, the Governor reported to the Massachusetts Municipal Association that his forthcoming budget would recommend a seven percent cut. And between now and June - after we've already voted on our FY2012 budget at Annual Town Meeting - the Massachusetts House and Senate may recommend an altogether different level of cuts. It's anybody's guess right now what number will ultimately be signed into law. http://www.boston.com/news/local/massachusetts/articles/2011/01/22/patrick_plan_would_slash_local_aid

Budgeting has to start somewhere though, so Town Manager Mark Rees will use projections in the R&FCC report to hone his recommended North Andover FY2012 budget, which includes his recommendation of monies to be allocated to both the municipal and school sides of the budget. Likewise, School Superintendent Christopher Hottel will hone his recommended FY2012 School Department Budget based on these numbers. It's important to note, however, that neither the Town Manager's recommended budget nor the Superintendent's recommended budget have to agree on revenue and expense allocations.

It is the responsibility of the Finance Committee to monitor both revenue projections and expense recommendations from now until Town Meeting so that the Fincom can (1) advocate for the citizens by ensuring that when we vote an annual budget we have the Fincom's best view of what the accurate numbers are; and (2) that they can assist the Town Manager, the Board of Selectmen, the Superintendent, and the School Committee in negotiating budget allocations that tie into accurate projections and satisfy, to the best of North Andover's ability, the service needs of ALL our citizens.

I highly recommend reading the R&FCC report, which is usually posted on the town's website (www.townofnorthandover.com) once it is voted on by the committee itself. If you pay attention from this point forward and follow budget discussions at Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Finance Committee meetings, you'll better appreciate the work our boards, appointed committees and town employees do on our behalf when we, the voters, choose the budget picture we most believe at Town Meeting.

"Running for Office" Workshop-Andover & North Andover

By Stefani Traina

The *Running for Office* Workshop held on January 27 offered a lot of helpful information and advice for candidates and their campaigns. Many thanks to the panel, which included Andover Town Clerk Larry Murphy, Massachusetts' OCPF (Office of Campaign & Political Finance) representative Jason Tait, Andover Board of Selectmen Chair, Alex Vispoli and North Andover Selectman Rosemary Smedile.

Alex and Rosemary talked about their experiences running and serving and provided guidance and good humor. They encouraged candidates to attend meetings in person, to ask questions, to consult the Town Clerk and to interview people on the board they wish to get elected to. They both emphasized the importance of having family support in the endeavor because it can be time-consuming and affect the entire family. They cautioned candidates about the big difference between making policy and overseeing operations, and acknowledged the pace of government moves very slowly as compared with other business sectors.

Reports filed by candidates for municipal office are required to be posted online if more than \$1,000 has been spent, a new requirement of the ethics law passed in 2009. Larry Murphy noted that all reports for Andover candidates will be posted online. Reports for all candidates statewide are posted at www.mass.gov/ocpf.

The workshop will be rebroadcast on local cable channels and is available online by [clicking here](#).

League Honorees: Joyce and Willard Robinson

As noted in last month's bulletin, the League honored Joyce and Willard Robinson for their outstanding commitment and service to the



League by renaming the League of Women Voters book award, given to a junior girl at Andover High School for outstanding civic involvement, to the *League of Women Voters Joyce and Willard Robinson Book Award*.



This month we have a terrific photo of Joyce and Willard. *Congratulations!*

Member Profile: Nancy Mulvey

By Ann Cobleigh

This month, it was my pleasure to interview long-time League member Nancy Mulvey.

Nancy was born and raised in New Jersey and later lived in Middlebury, VT attending college and majoring in Liberal Arts and American History. She relocated to Watertown, MA with her new husband, Don, as they both had jobs waiting in Boston. Nancy enjoyed a career in the insurance industry until 1963 when her first child was born. Given that Don was from Andover, it seemed a natural choice to move to Andover when it came time to purchase a home and raise their family.



Later Nancy returned to work, this time in the mental health field as an administrator, eventually retiring in 2000 after 25 years. She attributes some of her success to the skills learned and used, particularly the confidence gained, while working with the League.

Nancy regularly followed and attended town meeting noting that a resident used to have to live in town for one year in order to vote or attend town meeting. With her outgoing nature, she joined the Newcomers Club, made new friends, and found her way to the League, joining the group in 1966. Nancy chaired the County Government Project and served as local League President from 1972-1974 (just before Sue Tucker) and has been a regular contributor over the years. Let me point out that Nancy's History Committee presentation at the 90th Anniversary Holiday Dinner in December was most interesting and entertaining with her humorous and insightful way with words.

Nancy recalls, women were drawn to the League as it provided opportunities to pursue intellectual and serious issues. She observed an interesting flip-flop, over time, regarding The Mother Connection; mothers used to join for mental stimulation, apart from the children, and now the group provides more assistance with childcare-related needs as mothers are active and mentally engaged elsewhere. How times have changed!

Nancy described the League as well-thought of and having significant influence in great part due to it's large membership and citizens' abilities and willingness to participate at the town government level. Sometimes issues failed, some ideas were good and some bad, but overall the right things passed.

The group must have been a force to reckon with back then - she recalls some "nicknames" ascribed to the League such as *"the League of Women Vultures"*, *"the Plague of Women Voters"*, and *"the Goo Goos"* short for Goodie Goodies. The criticism, she noted, was mostly gender-related. She asks, "What if there had been no League? How much wouldn't have happened without their ability to look beyond, to be forward-thinking?"
How times have changed!

Nancy feels today that the League still provides relevant and important benefits: for the towns, future ideas, acting as watchdog (Observer Corps), and initiator, and for its members, opportunities to gain knowledge, confidence, participation in town government and a good training ground. She also feels she has gained much from her involvement with the League but she has certainly served and enriched the group as well. Thank you Nancy!

Poll Workers Needed in Andover Employment Opportunity

By Larry Murphy, Town Clerk

The Town of Andover is seeking poll workers for elections and town meetings. Poll workers work under the direct supervision of the Precinct Wardens checking voter lists at elections and town meetings, handing out ballots at elections and performing other related duties.

Interested persons should contact Larry Murphy, Town Clerk at 978-623-8259 or by email to lmurphy@andoverma.gov or apply online by choosing "Employment" under the "Main Menu" on the Home Page of the Town's web site found at andoverma.gov.

The History of Recycling in Andover: 1970-1995

by Tina Girdwood

Based on records from Virginia Cole, other members of the Andover Recycling Committee, and a paper written by an unidentified student. August 2010

Recycling is an age old custom used by many people to benefit one another as well as the environment. What is one man's junk can be another man's treasure. In 1970, the residents of Andover brought their trash to the Landfill on Chandler Road as they had for many years. The first Earth Day was initiated this year by interested citizens and students including those from Phillips Academy. They manned large barrels on Saturdays at the landfill separating newspaper, metal cans, and glass containers. The paper was taken by Essex Waste Paper Co. in Lawrence and the cans were trucked to Salem, MA to be sorted. There was no cost to the town. These items were going to be reused in some other product, and thus, there was less 'trash' going into the landfill. Going to the 'dump' on Saturdays was part of the social fabric of the town. Town news, gossip, and rumors started and ended at the dump.

In 1973, when Town Meeting passed an article to close the Landfill which was located in the Town's watershed and start curbside pickup of trash and recyclables (paper, glass and cans), life in Andover would never again be the same. The social aspect of the Saturday excursion to the dump was somewhat taken over by the local banks who began serving coffee and donuts to their customers on Saturday mornings. The trash was to be taken out of town to a landfill. This was also the beginning of Andover responding to the variations in the recycling markets.

Offering their services to the Town, LWV members were appointed to the Andover Recycling Committee and charged with educating the public, helping to find markets for recyclables and maximizing the quantity of materials collected for recycling.

Recycling never reached the break-even point but by the middle of 1975, the town was collecting newspapers, magazines, corrugated cardboard, glass (clear, green, and brown) cans and aluminum. Collections were up and the problems were few. It was an ambitious program and considered successful as the Andover Townsman noted 'The town's program for rubbish pick up is being examined by other communities in the state and is already being used as a model by some.' (July 15, 1976) Trash pickup schedules were being mailed out with the tax bills and special Andover trash bags were available in stores for \$1.79 for 20 bags.

By 1975, the average cost to pickup and dispose of trash was \$9 per ton but the town was anticipating the construction of the proposed 'resource recovery plant' in North Andover projecting a cost of about \$20-\$22 per ton. The then Director of Public Works, Robert E. McQuade, emphasized the importance of continuing the recycling program. He said, "Keeping recyclables items out of the routine refuse will result in savings eventually," as published in The Andover Townsman-Feb. 20, 1975. Even if the markets for paper, glass and cans were low at the time, there would still be a savings by keeping it out of the new regional trash plant.

Problems developed about the middle of 1977 when loads of recyclables were found to contain contaminants (mixed colored glass with clear glass). Unacceptable loads would be rejected and the town would not be paid. Cans were eliminated from the recycling schedule because the plant in Salem, MA closed. Glass continued to be stockpiled at the old landfill then trucked to Dayville, CT, the only glass plant in New England. When kids got into the pile of glass and made a mess, and truckers were now required to have an interstate license to haul the glass to CT, the trucker was unwilling to continue collecting glass. Paper was easier to manage due to the Essex Waste Paper Co. being close by in Lawrence and local contractors (Mr. Nabadowsky- the 'pig' farmer- was one) were willing to haul the paper. The cost to the Town for the pickup and disposing of recyclables was increasing and it was becoming more difficult to find contractors to haul the products.

In the spring of 1979, bids for the recycling contractor were too high. There were now state regulations that the contractor must post a bond and pay their workers according to MA wage requirements. Amid this climate of uncertainty about the future of the town recycling program, Dick Bowen, former Town Manager and concerned citizen, suggested to Virginia Cole that the Andover Recycling Committee form a non-profit corporation. It would be funded by a Grant-In-Aid from the town budget in order to hire a contractor who would perform the recycling pickup and disposal. Andover Recycling, Inc. was formed on July 1, 1979. The Board of Directors was predominantly members of the League of Women Voters. They received legal services gratis, assisted the contractor with the design of the pickup routes and initially rode the truck for quality assurance. The sign on the truck was produced by the Vocational Tech School students.

During the 1980's, the recycling program continued to experience the ups and downs of the markets. For car owners who changed their own motor oil, disposal arrangements were made with the local service stations. Though the cost to dispose of trash and recyclables continued to escalate, recyclables remained about 1/2 the cost of trash. In the early '80's, the brown glass market collapsed so that item was eliminated from the pickup program. The market for aluminum disappeared and only pure aluminum cans and scraps of siding were acceptable. 1982 was the year of the Bottle Bill requiring a deposit on beer and soft drink bottles and cans, making these no longer available for recycling.

At some point in the mid-80's, Andover Recycling, Inc. was unable to secure a contractor for 8-10 months. During this time, they arranged for Essex Waste to provide large containers in the downtown parking lot (beyond the Old Town Hall parking lot) for drop-off service. Volunteers supervised student paid helpers and in general kept the place tidy until a contractor was hired. Glass collection was resumed by Dave White in the West Elementary School parking lot every third Saturday of each month, with volunteers assisting.

Plastic collection was added to the Saturday glass collection in Nov. 1988 and in 1989, due to the increased amount of plastic products, the plastic collection was expanded to the first and third Saturday of each month and moved to the larger parking lot at West Middle School. At Town Meeting in 1989, an Article is passed that gives the Board of Selectman the right to declare recycling mandatory and which items would be included in the program. Also in 1989, North Andover and Andover combine forces to hold the first monthly collection of household hazardous wastes.

In 1990, the Town DPW puts the recycling contract out to bid with the trash contract. The recycling program has grown to such an extent that it has been determined that more money would be saved if the town incorporated this program into its comprehensive solid waste disposal plan. By August 1990, Waste Management starts its contract to collect curbside

paper and glass in town blue plastic bins that are distributed to all households. The Selectmen declare recycling mandatory though no punitive measures will be taken for scofflaws. Dave White continues with once-a-month Saturday collection of plastics and aluminum cans at the West Middle School parking lot.

Again, the markets bring changes to the recycling program: in 1991, once-a-month plastic collection only includes items marked #1 and #2 as well as milk and water jugs. Styrofoam trays are no longer being taken. In 1992, metal cans are added to the once-a-month Saturday collection. In 1993, the curbside collection of paper and glass adds button batteries and rechargeable batteries, while in 1994 the curbside battery collection was eliminated but collected at certain designated sites in town.

The story of recycling in Andover continues to evolve over time, reflecting changes in the markets for the various materials and new creative ways to use the materials. One constant has always been the need to communicate the reasons for and value of recycling. We need to know and understand how the different products affect our environment if they are not disposed of properly and if they are reused in another form, how will those new products be disposed of? Andover Recycling members worked hard to spread the 'word' about recycling by writing articles in the Townsman and presenting to students in all our schools. They also had a poster contest, made a sign for Elm Square indicating the item to recycle that week, held a Recycling auction in the spring, marched in the Santa's Parade, assisted the DPW with a recycling calendar for the town, took field trips to the paper plant in Lawrence and the incinerator in North Andover, and encouraged the students to participate by collecting materials such as Styrofoam in the cafeterias and computer paper in their school.

Andover Recycling Inc. dissolved as an official entity in 1990 when the town incorporated the recycling program into the town's solid waste disposal plan. The group morphed back into the Andover Recycling Committee. They continued to assist the town with the same responsibility of keeping the citizens informed about the reasons why recycling in Andover is beneficial to the environment and why it is fiscally prudent. As new products became an issue for the environment, such as button batteries in the '90's, a way to recycle was developed.

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Members of Andover Recycling, Inc. and the Andover Recycling Committee: *Virginia Cole, Cynthia Hollenbeck, Margaret Pustell, Tina Girdwood, Elaine Katz, Gail Anderson, Jan Miller, Leslie Frost, Peggy Corbett, Joyce Ringleb, Florence Feldman-Wood, Dana Duxbury, Hanna Castle, Candy Dann, Joyce Robinson, Sandy Stark, Kay Pendleton, Fricka Leistikow, Susan Dennett, Barbara Swift, Ileen Conn, Jean Dana, Peggy Hutchins, Alice Pincus, Nan Zollner, Jeanette Barron, Fran Fink, Janice Simari, Carol Rougvie, Cindy Richmond, Edie St. Jean, Adeline Wright, Kay Noyes, Barbara Moody, Pat Hoopes, and Carol Nims.*

With assistance from Town employees and others: *Pat Scanlon, Dave White, John Lewis, Dennis Sheehan, Bob McQuade, Maynard Austin, Jarred Clark, Ken Mahoney, and Buzz Stapczyinski.*

LWVANA Nonpartisan Policy

Soon after the League's founding in 1920, the decision was made to take positions on issues but to neither support nor oppose any political party or candidate (appointed or elected) for public office. Today, this policy continues to support the League's ability to render effective voter service activities and gain a wide base of support for its positions on governmental issues.

Below is the League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover's nonpartisan policy.

Local, state and national guidelines

The following restrictions and permissions apply to activities on the local, state and national level.

League President and Voter Services Chair

The President and the Voter Services chair MAY NOT:

- Circulate nominating petitions.
- Endorse a candidate.
- Display a candidate's yard sign.
- Attend or host a political function held for the purpose of introducing or fundraising for a candidate.
- Make a campaign contribution to a candidate (either above or below the reporting level)
- Run for a local charter commission.
- Run for elective office, whether partisan or nonpartisan.
- Serve in any position in a political party.

The President MAY NOT:

- Accept an appointment to a local commission, board or committee if such service would be in conflict with the League's program. This restriction does not apply to the Voter Services chair.

The President and Voter Services chair MAY:

- Sign nominating petitions, whether partisan or nonpartisan.
- Attend informational campaign functions to which all candidates have been invited.
- Accept an appointment to a local commission, board or committee if such service would not be in conflict with the League's program.

All other League members

Apart from the restriction given below about displaying LWV yard signs, no restrictions are placed on the political or civic involvement of all other League members, as long as they are not representing the League during this involvement. Any questions should be brought to the League board.

The following restriction applies to all LWV ANA members and non-members: Any political yard sign, including candidate's signs, ballot question signs, or warrant article signs, may not be simultaneously displayed with a League get-out-the-vote sign.

Political activity of spouses and relatives

The political activities of a spouse or relative of a League board member are considered separate and distinct from the activities of the board member. However, the President and Voter Service chair must keep in mind that their impartiality may be called into question if their spouse engages in high-profile political activity, such as running for elective office.

Book Review

This review was submitted by League member Norm Viehmann who recommends the book. The League does not hold an opinion regarding the book or the review.

When a Billion Chinese Jump: How China Will Save Mankind- or Destroy It

Author, Jonathan Watts

Review Written By, Johann Hari Posted on www.Slate.com, Monday, Jan. 10, 2011, at 6:51 AM ET

The Chinese Eco-Disaster

Why the green revolution in China has barely begun

When Jonathan Watts was a child, he was warned: "If everyone in China jumps at exactly the same time, it will shake the earth off its axis and kill us all." Three decades later, he stood in the gray sickly smog of Beijing, wheezing and hacking uncontrollably after a short run, and thought: The Chinese jump has begun. He had traveled 100,000 miles crisscrossing China, from Tibet to the deserts of Inner Mongolia, and everywhere he went, he discovered that the Chinese state had embarked on a massive program of ecological destruction. It has turned whole rivers poisonous to the touch, rendered entire areas cancer-ridden, transformed a fertile area almost twice the size of Britain into desert-and perhaps even triggered the worst earthquake in living memory.

In his extraordinary book *When a Billion Chinese Jump: How China Will Save Mankind-or Destroy It*, Watts warns: "The planet's problems were not made in China, but they are sliding past the point of no return there." The über-capitalist Communists now have the highest emissions of global-warming gases in the world (although the average Chinese person generates one-seventh the emissions the average American does). We are all trapped in a greenhouse together: Environmental destruction in China becomes environmental destruction where you live. This story will become your story.

So many book-length discussions of China snap and then sag as the authors try to spread a few generalizations over such a massive and contradictory place. Watts does something simpler. He takes us on a journey. As an environment correspondent for the *Guardian*, he has spent five years trying to make sense of the ecological trashing of China-and he tells most of it in close-up, one human story at a time. So he stands in the village in Guangdong province, where the world's old motherboards-yours and mine-are sent to die. There, children pick through the old computers, breaking down every reusable part as if they were the globe's intestine. But the children grow sick with lead poisoning and develop brain damage, cancer, and kidney failure. Even when the kids get to sit in a classroom, they have to wear masks to protect them from the mountains of garbage. Watts goes to meet the environmental activists who are trying to stop this poisoning of their children, and watches as-terrified-they are carried away to prison. (Imagine if Al Gore had been imprisoned for demanding an investigation into Love Canal, and was still in solitary, and you get the idea.)

So he ventures out on a ship with an international band of scientists to save the last Yangtze dolphin-an animal that was swimming through China's rivers 10 million years before the first human and was a common sight not long ago. But gradually Watts realizes he is too late. They are all dead. He says: "Man had wiped out its first dolphin. The end of a species after twenty million years felt terrifyingly momentous. This was not just a piece of news. It was even more than history. It was an event on a geological timescale."

So he watches as the globe warms and China's deserts stretch further and deeper with each passing year. So he stands and stares as the Himalayan glaciers-where most of Asia's great rivers begin-melt and die, with two thirds on course to vanish by 2050.

For the full book review, you may link to <http://www.slate.com/id/2280338/>

Winter/Early Spring Calendar

For the most up to date calendar information visit [our website](#)

February

- 9 Wed Board Meeting, 12:00 Noon, Memorial Hall Library
- 14 Tue Lunch & Conversation, 11:30 am, Panera, Rtes 114 & 133, North Andover
- 18 Fri March *Bulletin* Article Submissions Deadline

March

- 2 Wed Last day to register to vote for Andover town elections
- 9 Wed Last day to register to vote for North Andover town elections
- 9 Wed North Andover Candidates' Forum, location TBD
- 12 Sat Andover Candidates' Forum, 1:30 pm, Memorial Hall Library
- 14 Mon Combination: Lunch & Conversation and Board Meeting, 11:30 am, Panera, Rtes 114 & 133, North Andover
- 21 Mon April *Bulletin* Article Submissions Deadline
- 22 Tue Andover Town Elections
- 29 Tue North Andover Town Elections

April

- 7 Thu Last Day to register to vote at Andover Town Meeting
- 13 Wed Board Meeting, 7:00 pm
- 14 Thu Lunch & Conversation, 11:30 am, Panera, Rtes 114 & 133, North Andover
- 20 Wed May *Bulletin* Article Submissions Deadline
- 27 Wed Andover Town Meeting, Collins Field House, 7:00 pm
- 28 Thu Andover Town Meeting, Collins Field House, 7:00 pm
- tbd Day on The Hill
- tbd Andover Town Meeting Preview
- tbd Andover Members' Warrant Unit
- tbd Andover Budget Forum

Available Board Positions

If you'd like to have a greater impact on democracy in our communities, consider joining the League Board of Directors. The following positions are accepting applications/nominations for the current fiscal year:

Position	Primary Responsibilities
Secretary	Keep board and annual meeting minutes
Membership Chair	Keep membership data, organize membership materials, coordinate new member recruitment
Nominating Chair	Coordinate nominating slate for officers and directors
Legislative Action Chair	Distribute Action Alerts, write monthly column for

the *Bulletin*

Cable TV - Andover Coordinate local cable coverage of events

Andover School Committee Observer Observe school committee meetings and write a summary monthly column for the *Bulletin*

About the League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters is a 90-year old national nonpartisan organization that encourages the informed and active participation of individuals in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. The League neither supports nor opposes candidates for office, elected officials or political parties at any level of government.

The Andover/North Andover League focuses on topics directly impacting the citizens of our communities.

Membership in the League is open to all women and men.

Membership Form

Sign up [online](#) or complete and mail the below form. When you sign up online you will have the option of paying by credit card or PayPal. The League's membership year is July-June.

New Renewal

\$55 Basic Member

\$60 Contributing Member

\$75 Sustaining Member

\$100+ Patron

\$35 Senior Citizen (65 yrs. old and over)

\$35 Student (under 24 yrs. old)

\$75 Household Dues (2+ persons in same household)

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

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