

**LWV of Andover/North Andover Annual Meeting,
June 26, 2018, Memorial Hall Library
League Activities & Programs 2016-2018**

Membership

1/31/16 – 68 members

1/29/17 – 57 members

6/10/18 – 47 members

2016-2017

Voter Service

A candidates' event was held in Andover on 3/15/16, (Eva Valentine moderated).

Youth in Town Government Day

Molly Foley coordinated the final event in April 2016 with Town Manager, Andrew Flanagan and Andover Youth Services and Andover High School.

What's Up with OPEB?

An OPEB discussion session, led by Peggy Kruse, was held on Saturday, 4/16/16 at the Andover Historical Society.

What's Up with Our Trees?

A well-attended panel discussion, organized by Amy Janovsky, was held on 10/15/16 at Memorial Hall Library about tree health and care.

Online Voter's Guide

Maureen Sundberg & Nancy Mulvey put together an online Voter's Guide before the Fall 2016 state elections.

Attempts to re-energize the League

Peggy Kruse organized a dinner on 11/14/16 to talk about many things. Attendance (12) was good and there was interest in taking on some League projects – maybe a discussion about the role of the media, among other things. We held a meeting at Panera on 1/14/17 to talk about ways to get things going again. A potential new member, Jennifer Goldman, explained a video idea to help familiarize local voters with how town government works. She put together videos in March 2017 that were used for voter education before town elections.

Voter Service

A candidates' event was held in Andover on 3/25/17 (Heather McNeil moderated).

North Andover Town Meeting

North Andover had VOTE lawn signs printed up in 2017.

2017-2018

Andover Town Meeting Information Session

Peggy Kruse organized a discussion on 1/21/18 at Bertucci's in North Andover prior to Andover's Special Town Meeting.

Voter Service

No candidates' event was organized by the League before the 2018 local Andover election.

Voter Registration

The League was invited by Andover High School principal, Philip Conrad, to hold a voter registration drive. The League registered 163 students on 3/7/18 during lunch shifts. Students, Charlotte Guterman, Charlotte Lowell, Genevieve Wybenga were an enormous help. Thanks to League members Nuala Boness, Amy Janovsky, Becci Backman, Claudia Bach, for helping at the event.

Yearly League Programs

Community Read-Along

The popular event has been held every year since 1995 in Andover elementary schools during American Education Week, thanks to Maureen Sundberg and the coordinators at each school.

Virginia Cole Community Service Award

Recipients are 2016 – John Hess, 2017 – Rosalyn Wood (posthumous) & 2018- Don Cooper. The League (Stefani) reviewed the nomination applications and met with the Town Manager and Superintendent to vote on names to pass along to the Board of Selectmen, School Committee and Town Moderator.

Joyce and Willard Robinson Book Award

The League's Joyce & Willard Robinson Book Award is awarded to an Andover High School junior. Recipients are Dana Donovan in 2016, Savannah Gillis in 2017 and Natalie Claman in 2018.

Virginia H. Cole Scholarship

The scholarship is awarded through the Dollars for Scholars program, which is now under an umbrella with slightly different rules so the League doesn't choose the recipient. \$500 has been awarded each year. 2016 – Vivian Steinbaugh. We don't have the names of the recipients for 2017 & 2018. We've been asked whether we want to increase the award to \$1,000. The balance in the account at the end of October 2017 was \$5,706.83.

Brochures

We've printed up a Newcomer's Guide to Town Meeting brochures for Andover and North Andover.

Future of the local League

After holding things together for several years, neither Stefani nor Maureen will be continuing as leaders of the local League after June 30, 2018.

If no one is willing or able to take on the administrative tasks of leading and running the local League, the membership votes on the next steps. The LWVMA provided information about the steps a League must follow in order to disband.

1. Membership takes a formal vote to disband.
2. Board submits a formal letter to LWVMA requesting that recognition be withdrawn, giving the date on which the vote was taken.
3. Provide a roster of all current members and a financial accounting.
4. LWVMA recommends withdrawal of recognition to LWVUS.
5. LWV treasurer sends a check, made out to the state League, for all funds remaining in the League's treasury (LWVUS Bylaws, Article VI, Section 3).