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The beauty of my LWV folder is that it was easy for me to find and quote the opening message, from what must have been FOUR years ago:

“The fall is off to a beautiful start – the weather is clear, the Red Sox continue to play October baseball and our nation is racing once again to a Presidential election. We have a lot to look forward to. The Presidential debates have been substantive, numerous and telling for both candidates. The voter rolls are increasing far more than usual or expected. People seem to have taken a greater interest in this election than many in recent memory.”

Could I say it any better today? (I hope the part about the Sox is still true when you read this!) I guess the more things change, the more they stay the same???? Perhaps the greatest wonder is that my computer hasn't crashed in these intervening years and the old document still exists! Of course, this year we can add the excitement of a volatile financial market and an uncertain economic future to keep our interest as well. I recall an old Chinese curse I have heard: “May you live in interesting times.” And indeed we are.

AND, the League of Women Voters is helping to guide us through these interesting times. The Massachusetts League has put together educational information on each of the Massachusetts ballot questions (see inside), and is putting the final touches on a new expanded position of fiscal policy. This should be even more interesting as we ponder the first ballot question on eliminating the state income tax. Be sure to evaluate the information and ramifications of each of the questions as you make up your mind. The League is taking a position only on Question 1 – that is, the League is opposing the elimination of the state income tax (Vote NO on Question 1) for all of the very important reasons enumerated inside. (The pros

and cons of questions 2 and 3 are presented without a position.)

As we enter fiscally uncharted waters (at least perhaps in 80 years) it is going to be interesting to watch how political policies influence the economic policies, and hope that we have attracted (and continue to attract) intelligent men and women of integrity to work through these troubled times to lead this country to better economic times and to a period of greater environmental care. This is truly the time for a renewed effort at Tikkun Olam – repairing the world. I urge each of you, along with our children and grandchildren, to take this to heart – in every possible way.

Please read inside about the energy and breadth of what the League – locally and statewide – is doing. We are lucky to be in the company of so many

bright, passionate and engaged women. I am amazed each time we hear from League representatives about the thoughtful projects the League is undertaking and the important goals we are achieving. Diane Jeffries, President of the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts attended the October board meeting to speak with us about the State League work and initiatives (see inside!) and we are joining with the Wayland League in working on an intergenerational ‘Civics Bee’ to warm up the cold days of March. If you have an issue that inspires you, please get involved – you may find that there are others among us who share your interest and are willing to undertake a project with you.

Keep your eyes and ears open, and join us on November 4 to watch election night coverage. I look forward to a bright future.

CALENDAR

NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2008

November 4, Tuesday..... Presidential Election
Methodist Church (Precinct #1) , St. Peter’s (#2), and St. Demetrios (#3, 4)
7:00 AM. – 8:00 P.M.

November 7, Friday..... LWVW Open Meeting
9:15 A.M. , 48 Pickwick Way, Wayland
(Kathie Strehle

November 27, Thursday..... Thanksgiving

December 1, Monday..... Fall Town Meeting
7:30 P.M. Weston High School Auditorium

December 9, Tuesday..... LWVW Open Meeting
9:15 A.M., Location TBA

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS Kathleen Rousseau

WHEN IT'S TIME FOR ACTION

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The board met at the home of Robin Coutts on October 14, 2008.

Treasurer's Report: In October we paid half of our PMP's (per member payments) to the state and national leagues, an amount of \$395. We received \$175 in gifts, and \$75 from the Scharfman fund for Katty moderating a candidate's night in Wayland.

LWVW Website: Beth Keane recommends that we use a template from the LWV in California. Many local leagues use it, and it only costs \$160 per year. This includes the domain name that would cost \$15 per year. While this is not perfect, it will allow us to finally get something up and running. We agreed that this sounds like a good idea. We will include our credo "Democracy is not a spectator sport", and Katty's name, registration information and deadlines, old bulletins, government officials, LWV's positions, a membership form (on-line registration?). Is there a way to limit sections to members only?

Diane Jeffery, the president of the LWV of Massachusetts attended our meeting. Massachusetts has the third biggest league in the country after California and New York.

We have two Leagues starting in colleges and universities; Middleborough has just started one because of interest in the gambling issue. The state league is sponsoring a Vote 2008 campaign – It is concerned that with more participation by the young people (18-25) there is a problem if they are registered at their home, and do not get absentee ballots. Registration can also be a problem for the newly retired who have moved and forget to change their registrations. The LWVW provides a packet for all new U.S. citizens in Boston; the Worcester League does it in Worcester.

The LWVW has supported Election-day registration which passed the senate, but not the house. Town clerks and many league members were concerned about this one.

She was asked about registering people in assisted-living facilities who may not seem able to vote for themselves. There are only guidelines for who helps a "ward of the state" vote, but not for others.

An election website has been set up, originally designed with young people in mind, **Voterinfo.info**. You can sign up for automatic reminders about upcoming events. Educational presentations on voting are available in the League office and the state is trying to provide more materials to the local leagues.

The Fiscal Policy consensus was just approved, and we will lobby for changes in the law. This result has not been published yet.

The League is taking a position on only one of the ballot issues this year:

Question 1: From our fiscal policy position which talks about sound funding, we support a "No" vote, for the following reasons:

- It removes 12.7 billion from the \$27 billion state *budget*

- It would lose US matching funds to the state
- The state bond rating would probably be lowered

We can hand out a sheet of pros and cons on the questions at the high school. A letter-to the editor was provided by the state that will go into the Town Crier.

LOCAL PROGRAM: There will be a program at the high school about the election where we will hand out sheets on the ballot issues.

Wayland has asked us to join them for a Civics Bee on March 1 - like a spelling bee. Teams will have students and adults.

League book club: Omnivore's Dilemma. We will schedule this for January.

There will be a Special Town Meeting on December 1 - There is some bookkeeping that needs to be addressed and a group would like a CPC request to come up, but it may not.



LWVMA FALL CONFERENCE

Katty Chace

Rochelle Nemrow and I attended the Massachusetts League's Fall Conference in Worcester last Saturday. The theme of the conference was "Finding the Common Wealth", and it's main topics were the fiscal crisis that has already required the Governor to cut \$1.4 billion from the state budget, and Question #1 on the November ballot, which would abolish the income tax in Massachusetts, thereby chopping 40% of income to the state. A similar referendum question appeared on the ballot a few years ago, and failed to pass by 45-55%. The economy is in much worse shape now, and there are fears that the average citizen may find the prospect of

reducing his taxes irresistible, without having much time to think about all the draconian effects of such a move.

We were welcomed to the conference by Worcester Mayor Konstantina Lukes, now in her 10th two-year term on the City Council and her first as Mayor. She described her Worcester, the 2nd largest in New England, as a city of immigrants and neighborhoods. She is herself the daughter of immigrants.

The keynote speaker was Senator Stephen Brewer, who represents 29 towns in a rural

district that includes parts of Worcester, Hampden, Hampshire and Franklin counties. He mentioned that our state, once nicknamed Taxachusetts, now is ranked #26 in tax burden on its citizens. He said that if Question #1 were to pass, we might have to increase other taxes, like the regressive real estate tax. He said that an identical house across the New Hampshire state border from his district now has triple the real estate bill, because NH has no income tax. We would also lose our Triple A bond rating, which would increase our interest costs dramatically. Our income from capital gains is also sure to be going down during this recession. Luckily for us, we now have a great bond rating and a healthy rainy day fund to help us.

Lieutenant Governor Tim Murray, who was previously Mayor of Worcester, addressed the group next. He is the liaison to towns and cities, and is working hard on transportation issues, as well. He mentioned that the administration saw the economic crisis coming last June and instituted a hiring freeze, bulked up the rainy day fund and deferred maintenance on infrastructure. He said the state has floated bonds for seven purposes: transportation, housing, environment, life sciences and biotechnology, broadband, higher education and

general government. They have placed a moratorium on housing foreclosures.

Just before lunch, League President Diane Jeffery took the opportunity to honor retiring state Senator Edward Augustus, who has worked very closely with the League in achieving its election and voting agenda goals. Augustus spoke of the failure of same-day registration to pass in the House after the Senate passed it, and urged the League to keep pushing to get it through. He mentioned that the Town Clerks organization has resisted the bill, and commented that the government should be run for the convenience of the people, not the Town Clerk.

Peter Meade, chair of the Coalition for Our Communities, spoke during the lunch period. He reemphasized the importance of working together to defeat Question #1. His prior media experience as a radio and television personality at WBZ made him a natural for this new role. He repeated the importance of not passing such an ill-considered referendum.

In the afternoon, Rochelle and I attended workshops on strategies for increasing membership in our League and practical ways to educate the public on Question #1.



PEARLINGTON UPDATE

Lenore Zug Lobel, Chair
Weston Hurricane Katrina Committee

Work continues on the new community center in Pearlington, MS. I am heading down on November 16 with a work crew of women. The dedication of the center is scheduled for March 21, 2009. The community center is benefiting residents throughout Hancock County. The National Guard used the center as central headquarters during the recent hurricanes in August and September. The Hancock County Medical Center and the University of

Pennsylvania School of Social Policy plan to use the community center for a clinic in January.

Last December a number of you contributed to bringing joy to more than 115 kids in Hancock County. In early December a trusted friend of mine, Dallas Trammell, told me about a shelter run by the Hancock County Department of Human Services where children are sheltered who have been taken from their homes because of devastating abuse or neglect. These particular children would not be receiving Christmas gifts.

Dallas received a list identifying all the kids by first name and number and a gift request if Santa were to come. With the money we sent, she purchased fishing rods, basketballs, dolls, books, small gift certificates and other requested items for the children and trucked the gifts over to the facility; it took a lot of truck loads!

Once again I am asking for your support. No gift is too small. The gift is not tax deductible. Checks should be made out to me. I shall then send a check to Dallas who will get to work, negotiating with Dollar Central in Slidell for bargains, buying the gifts and delivering them to the shelter. If you are interested in joining this effort, please send a check to Lenore Lobel at 31 Love Lane, Weston, MA 02493; yes, this gift does involve some faith.

On December 25, 2007 Dallas wrote in part:
"My name is Dallas, and I would like to thank each and everyone who helped to make 115 kids very happy for Christmas. If it would not have been for your donations these kids would have been left out. I wish I could have sent you all pictures of all the kids, but I didn't even get to see them. I just know Christmas morning you can close your eyes and picture all 115 kids smiling because of what you have given to them in this time of need... I myself was a foster child at one time so I know how they feel and to see that I was not forgotten. When I was told about these kids I cried because I knew I couldn't do anything myself, but I turned to the good Lord above and he sent me angels, and the angels was all of you..."



POLITICAL FORUM AT WESTON HIGH SCHOOL

Robin Peakes Coutts

Weston High School hosted this week's Political Event with Democrats Alice Peisch and Steve Grossman, and Republicans Sandi Martinez and Paul Loscocco

Republican Representative Paul Loscocco introduced himself as head of McCain's party in MA. "Politicians of each party should be respectful and collaborate together, he said. He encouraged Weston's students to keep up their interest, telling them "you can make a difference and affect change".

Democrat Steve Grossman strongly believes strongly in grassroots politics. He said that Colin Powell had just endorsed Obama and also said "it would be up to the next president to fix our reputation and rebuild expectations around the world. Cowboy diplomacy needs to end". He quoted Obama as saying "I'm not opposed to all wars, just dumb wars!"

Republican Sandi Martinez said she is "tired of back room deals". Prior to having three children

in four years, she had an I.T. business but "children become the focus of your life," She has two sons who are Marines and is proud to be a Marine Mum. She encourages students to write to their Political Representatives, saying handwritten communications get the most attention.

Democratic Representative Alice Peisch said she enjoyed attending a similar event at Weston High School four years ago; the students were "very engaged and asked good questions". She said she would speak on domestic policy and Steve Grossman would discuss foreign policy. She chose Economics as the most important domestic issue.

Students were given the opportunity to ask questions, and Steve Grossman was asked how his personal opinions differ from Obama's. His answer reaffirmed his support for Obama's belief that we must work to improve international communications. "If you don't talk to the enemy, you leave them sitting there with a weapon. We

must work with our allies. Bush has been unique in 'going it alone' and the next President will have to fix that."

Weston's High School students will hold their own mock election on November 4.



Students at Weston High School listen attentively to presentations by Republican and Democratic speakers at the political forum held on Monday, October 20.

Photo by Robin Peakes Coutts

OBSERVER CORPS

Jean Thurston

Weston Board of Selectmen Meeting, October 14, 2008

1. There was presentation of an actuarial study by Kathy Riley of Segal Company to determine the approximate costs of funding healthcare for retired employees. Costs vary depending on when and how rapidly funding is done. There is currently an active liability of \$42 million and, given their assumptions the total costs over 30 years could be \$77 million. John Carusone of the Finance Committee asked how the Selectmen would feel about funding this faster than the recommended minimum? The Selectmen were not opposed, but would like the Finance Committee to make their recommendation. The report is available at Town Hall.
2. At a public hearing, the Board of Selectmen unanimously approved a Cable Television license with Verizon. Verizon will rely on a currently

installed fiber optics system and would run a dedicated line to each house that signs up.

3. The committee to recommend where a new entrance to 40 Acre field should be presented their decision. The road would be roughly opposite the eastbound lane of Wellesley Street and would be gravel with a parking space, also gravel for 30 cars.

The committee asked if money could be appropriated at the December Town Meeting so that the work could be done during this winter when Land Sake is not operating. The estimated cost to install the road and parking area and to restore the current road and parking area is \$87,000 and Bob Hoffman will be in charge. The Selectmen do not want to take on more projects at a time when impacts of the financial crisis on the town are not yet known. Nina Danforth as an owner of the currently used area said they had hoped to close their driveway to the public

before the next growing season. The question was raised as to whether the town could do the work – particularly making the curb cut. The committee was asked to talk with the Historical Commission to see what the requirements might be and also to talk to the State about their requirements.

The committee indicated that they recommend that the intersection of Wellesley Street and Newton Street be made a roundabout at some future time for safety reasons.

4. There was discussion of implementing the recommendation of the Committee on Town Governance to change the office of Town Clerk from an elected to an appointed position. Should this be on the Warrant for the December Special Meeting or would it be better to wait until the Annual Town Meeting in May? No final decision was made.

5. Special Town Meeting – preliminary list of warrant articles

1. \$159,000 of state aid is still available – \$99,000 to be appropriated to the Fin Com Reserve Fund and \$50,000 to the School Department for an additional census-driven kindergarten section.

2. Approximately \$71,000 to be transferred to the Water Enterprise Fund from retained earnings (free cash) of the Water Department.

3. (possible) Borrow \$300,000 and add in the future, \$600,000 for school technology.

4. (possible) A Fire truck is available “on the lot” which would save \$75,000 to \$100,000 over the regular price.

5. \$25,000 in CPC funds to be appropriated for spraying hemlocks on public land.

6. CPC funds to demolish an existing donated house on Pine Street and build a duplex for moderate cost housing or to sell the lot and build elsewhere.

7. To allow for a lease on the Josiah Smith Tavern for longer than 10 years.

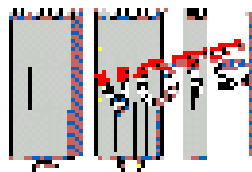
8. To change the Town Clerk office from elected to appointed.

9. To provide free copies of the Annual Town Report at the Town Hall, Library and on line instead of mailing to every house.

10. To create a post retirement health benefits trust fund.

11. To authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a restrictive covenant from Boston Properties (the former Mass Broken Stone property).

12. The Brook School Apartments require an easement for installing cable TV.



MASSACHUSETTS BALLOT QUESTIONS

As a service to our members, we present, on the following pages, a summary of the three Ballot Questions on which residents of Massachusetts will be asked to vote on November 4.

The League of Women Voters holds a “NO” position on Question #1, based on its fiscal policy in favor of sound funding, and we therefore present the League’s views on that question. For Questions #2 and #3, on which the League holds no specific position, we present a summary of the positions, and reasons to vote “Yes” or “No”.



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VOTE NO on BALLOT QUESTION 1

Question 1 is the proposed law to eliminate the state personal income tax. Citizens will vote on this initiative at the polls November 4th. This binding referendum will cut the state personal income tax in half on January 1, 2009 and take **\$12.7 billion - nearly 40 percent – out of the state budget** as of January 2010. The League considers Question 1 to be a reckless proposal that could increase local property taxes, cause sweeping cuts in education, cripple our public safety departments, and speed the deterioration of our infrastructure. We encourage all citizens of the state to **Vote NO on Question 1** in the interest of preserving vital services for the citizens of Massachusetts.

Reasons to Vote NO on Question 1

- Elimination of the state income tax will result in \$12.7 billion being removed from the state's tax base, more than a third of the state's \$27 billion budget. The state would raise the sales tax and fees to make up for the decreased funding.
- The federal government requires matching funds from the state for several types of aid. If funding is cut to programs such as Medicaid on the state level, the federal funding will also be eliminated and lead to probable lawsuits against the state for failing to fulfill government mandates.
- State aid to local government (the majority of which is earmarked for K-12 education) would suffer a 40 percent cut in funding, forcing towns to either roll back services or seek more overrides, increasing the property tax to maintain basic services .
- Public Safety will be at risk with fewer emergency response personnel, longer 911 wait times and fewer police officers and fire fighters as first responders.
- Education will suffer. This means not only limited academic tutoring, arts activities, after-school programs and sports opportunities for our children but also fewer teachers for required classes, larger classroom sizes and more school closings.
- Infrastructure will deteriorate with less money for our roads, bridges and public transportation systems. This would mean more crumbling roadways, potholes and repair bills for drivers and a greater risk of train derailments and bridge collapses.
- Healthcare services will be cut affecting senior citizens, working families and people with disabilities. Federal Medicare matching funds will be lost if the state does not contribute its share.
- Elimination of the income tax could negatively impact the state bond rating, increasing interest rates and taxes in other areas.

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AN ACT ESTABLISHING A SENSIBLE STATE MARIJUANA POLICY

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Summary: This proposed law would replace the criminal penalties for possession of one ounce or less of marijuana with a new system of civil penalties, to be enforced by issuing citations, and would exclude information regarding this civil offense from the state's criminal record information system. Offenders age 18 or older would be subject to forfeiture of the marijuana plus a civil penalty of \$100. Offenders under the age of 18 would be subject to the same forfeiture and, if they complete a drug awareness program within one year of the offense, the same \$100 penalty.

Reasons to Vote "Yes":

- Reduce the amount of people in prison for "minor crimes", subsequently saving the state money and manpower
- Reduce the amount of CORI reports, also saving money for the state and also not penalizing people for a minor offense and potentially jeopardizing the person's ability to obtain jobs, housing, and school loans
- Save Massachusetts approximately \$29.5 million per year on resources that currently are used on low-level marijuana possession arrests
- Liberalizing marijuana penalties does not necessarily lead to an increase in marijuana consumption or affect adolescent attitudes toward drug use
- People found with an ounce or less of marijuana would not have a criminal record and only pay a fine of \$100, subsequently causing less people to face jail time
- Might lead to increased research on medicinal marijuana usage, as the drug is now decriminalized

Reasons to Vote "No":

- Many major medical groups oppose the legalization of marijuana, thus leading one to question the safety of the drug and whether or not the decriminalization may send a mixed message
- Teenagers may have easier access to marijuana and worry less about possession of the drug since the consequences are less severe
 - 15% of teens reported driving under the influence of marijuana
 - A study of teen marijuana use and behavior in 2002 concluded that the more pot teens used, the higher the rates of serious fighting at school or work.
- The drug may become more accessible to the general population, potentially leading to more drug-related driving accidents and general fatalities

Resources:

<http://norml.org/>

http://www.idebate.org/debatabase/topic_index.php?page=4

<http://www.darema.org/>

<http://sensiblemarijuanapolicy.org/>



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AN INITIATIVE FOR AN ACT TO PROTECT GREYHOUNDS

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Summary:

This proposed law would prohibit any dog racing or racing meeting in Massachusetts where any form of betting or wagering on the speed or ability of dogs occurs. The State Racing Commission would be prohibited from accepting or approving any application or request for racing dates for dog racing. Any person violating the proposed law could be required to pay a civil penalty of not less than \$20,000 to the Commission. The penalty would be used for the Commission's administrative purposes, subject to appropriation by the state Legislature. All existing parts of the chapter of the state's General Laws concerning dog and horse racing meetings would be interpreted as if they did not refer to dogs.

Reasons to Vote "Yes":

Economic:

- Between 2002 and 2006, the total amount gambled at Wonderland Greyhound Park and Raynham Park declined by 57% and 35%, respectively.
- Over the past two decades, commercial dog racing has experienced an economic decline, and now represents less than 1% of all wagers made each year in the United States.
- Dog track promoters lobby for the right to install slot machines and other electronic gambling devices at their racetracks. Proposals to legalize slot machines at dog tracks almost always tie dog racing to slot machines, requiring by law that dogs continue to race as a platform for expanded gambling. Dog track promoters can then argue for the legalization of slot machines as a way to save commercial dog racing.
- Dog track promoters aggressively seek assistance from sympathetic politicians. This has led to some racetracks receiving direct subsidies. In other states, tracks have been given multiple tax breaks, special trust funds, and expanded gambling rights.

Ethic:

- Since 2002, there have been 728 reported greyhound injuries in Massachusetts.
- Nearly 80% of all reported injuries were broken bones.
- Dogs live in small cages, barely large enough for them to stand up or turn around for 20 or more hours per day.
- In 2005 nineteen dogs at Wonderland Greyhound Park died from a mysterious illness that was later proven to be a form of horse flu that had never before jumped species.
- Dogs are fed meat that has been deemed unfit for human consumption. Because this meat is fed to dogs raw, it can cause dogs to be exposed to serious pathogens such as *Salmonella*.
- In late 2003 and early 2004, a dog tested positive for cocaine twice at Wonderland Greyhound Park.
- Thousands of dogs are killed when they are injured or are no longer fast enough to be profitable. According to the pro-racing National Greyhound Association, an estimated 5,000 dogs were killed in 2003.
- Professional haulers transport large numbers of dogs from one racetrack to another. During this process, dogs are transported in cramped conditions, and in some cases undergo cross-country trips in unventilated, aluminum trailers

or rental vans. According to Care of the Racing Greyhound, an industry handbook, transportation over long distances can cause dogs to suffer from dehydration, weight variation, and exhaustion.

Reasons to Vote “No”:

Economic

- Among all the dog racing and gambling facilities in Massachusetts, the total number of employees is 707. They could potentially be affected.
- Raynham Park is the largest taxpayer and largest employer in the town of 13,000
- George Carney, owner of the Raynham Park is lobbying on Beacon Hill for slot machines. He also said he plans to submit a proposal for a casino, either in Raynham or Brockton, if Patrick's plan for three casinos wins legislative approval. If greyhound racing could continue, there wouldn't be this push for casino gambling in Massachusetts.

Resources:

<http://www.grey2kusa.org/>

<http://www.protectdogs.org/>

<http://www.metrowestdailynews.com/news/x875593895/Keeping-the-fight-vs-dog-racing-on-track>

http://www.boston.com/news/local/articles/2008/01/13/race_to_the_ballot/?page=2