

2023 Annual Workbook

Annual Meeting – Allen Center for the Arts

June 15, 2023

6:00 - 8:00pm



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League of Women Voters of Newton
2023 Annual Meeting
June 15, 6:00 PM

ORDER OF BUSINESS

Social Time

6:00 PM

Business Meeting

6:30/45 PM

Call to Order	M. Johnson
Appointment of Parliamentarian	M. Johnson
Vote to Approve Proposed Annual Meeting Rules	M. Johnson
Report of the Committee to Approve 2021-22 Minutes	J. Lovett
Appointment of Committee to Approve 2022-23 Minutes	J. Abbott
Jane Leighton Award	M. Reilly-Meagher/ T. Fitzpatrick
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Treasurer's Report	A. Kozinetz
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Presentation & Adoption of Program	M. Johnson
Nominating Committee Report	T. Fitzpatrick
Election of LWVN Board	M. Johnson
Presentation & Adoption of 2023-2024 Budget	J. Harper/A. Kozinetz
Membership Renewal Process	L. Mirabile
Presidents' Report	M. Johnson
Member Direction to the Board 2023-24	All

Adjournment

8:00 PM

Proposed rules for Annual Meeting: During debate on a motion, no member may speak more than once to that motion until all others who wish to speak have done so. After the original presentation, debate shall be limited to two minutes for each speaker.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Board of Directors and Nominating Committee for the 2023-2024 Year

Officers

- President: No Candidate
- Vice President: No Candidate
- Treasurer: Jen Abbott
- Clerk Coordinator: Rhanna Kidwell

Directors

- Frieda Dweck
- Jane Harper
- Marcia Johnson
- Maddy Ranalli
- Sharyn Roberts
- Marcia Tabenken
- Cyrus Vaghar

Nominating Committee Off-Board Members

Article IX of the bylaws states: "The nominating committee ("Nominating Committee") shall consist of five members. The chair and two members, who shall not be members of the board of directors, shall be elected at the annual meeting."

This year's nominating committee has identified one of the three off-board members, meaning there are two vacancies to be filled, including one to be chair.

- Josephine McNeil
- Vacant
- Vacant

PROPOSED PROGRAM 2023-2024

Issues for Study and Action

The Board of Directors of the League of Women Voters of Newton recommends adoption of the following Program for 2023-2024:

- All positions approved by the membership at the June 2022 Annual Meeting are listed on www.lwvnewton.org.
- LWVN members are encouraged, through its Board of Directors, to make our collective voices heard by advocating for our local legislative priorities and important issues of public policy as [citizen lobbyists](#).

Actions & Priorities in support of our position statements:

1. Elections & Voter Service

- a) Leverage Newton's public/private resources and [League](#) best practices to drive voter registration and Get Out The Vote (GOTV) with a focus on new voters that are representative of the city's diverse socio-economic and racial populations through attendance at various locations around Newton.
- b) Use Newton's City Council, census, voter registration, and voter files to identify where and how best to focus our voter registration, voter education, GOTV, community engagement and advocacy.
- c) Organize, manage, and cooperate with LWVMA and other local Leagues to sponsor forums for contested municipal offices in the 2023 election. We will partner with NewTV and other media outlets to continue updating our approach and incorporate technology into the format.
- d) Continue to recognize and celebrate the work of Newton's poll workers each year.

2. Municipal Government

- a) Transparency - The League strongly believes that transparency and accountability in government—at all levels—is vital for a wide variety of reasons: to encourage civic engagement, to measure goal achievement and evaluate results, to improve services and outcomes, and to track and monitor the actions of governmental bodies and elected officials. To evaluate the transparency and accountability of Newton's city government, and to advocate for specific improvements, LWVN has launched a Municipal Transparency and Accountability Initiative to do the following:
 - i. Assess Newton's municipal transparency and accountability with reference to examples and best practices implemented in other municipalities in the following areas:
 1. general information about municipal services, processes, and events
 2. fiscal operational and demographic data
 3. information about city council activity
 4. information that tracks the mayor's initiatives and priorities, and consistent information about boards, and commissions
 - ii. Seek input, through a survey, from Newton groups and organizations regarding their experiences and views about transparency and accountability.
 - iii. Share the results of the study with a final report in 2023.

- b) Oversight

- i. Encourage citizen participation in city government by educating the community about how the Executive and Legislative branches set priorities and how the decision-making model impacts budget decisions.
- ii. [Observer Corps](#): Identify members who will monitor governmental bodies for information of importance to the League and the community/state and advise the board of opportunities for action based on League positions.

3. Racial & Social Justice

- a) Using existing LWWUS DEI resources and the LWWN's educational tools, develop a program to advance understanding of racial justice issues by the LWWN Board of Directors and Members.
- b) Work to create opportunities for meaningful partnerships with the Newton Coalition of Black Residents (NCBR), FORJ, and other affinity groups representing underrepresented members of our community through inclusive engagement and community capacity-building. These partnerships will help us with our programming and to adjust as needed, to encourage and welcome members of these communities to participate in all LWWN programs and activities.
- c) Implement the revised membership form, which now includes voluntary demographic information. This information will enable us to provide more effective and meaningful programming as well as guide our approach to advocacy and membership.

4. Climate Action & Sustainability

- a) Partner with other local Leagues and community organizations, e.g., Green Newton, Newton's Citizens Commission on Energy, Bike Newton, etc. to educate residents and lobby for environmental state & local legislation.
- b) Educate & update our community on Newton's Climate Action Plan.
- c) Educate and update our community on issues related to trash removal, recycling, composting and water conservation.

5. Education

- a) Build on the successful efforts of our previous Civics Challenge program by organizing and promoting community-wide civics challenges on an annual/bi-annual basis. The goals of the civics challenges are to foster a greater understanding of government, increase voter participation and engagement and build community on a non-partisan basis.
- b) Monitor the impact of the passage/denial of
 - a. Question 1 - funds to support student needs and improvements to Horace Mann School
 - b. Question 2 - renovate or replace the Countryside School
 - c. Question 3 - renovate or replace the Franklin School.
- c) Engage members on local, state, and national education positions related to goals of the League.

6. Land Use and Housing Production & Stability

- a) Advocate for local zoning reform in harmony with established local, state, and national League Fair Housing positions and criteria.
- b) Stay informed of local land use and housing proposals, be prepared to make comments, ask questions, support or oppose according to LWW positions.

- c) Examine and work with the state League to support state level housing and zoning legislation.
- d) Advocate for federal, state, and local public funding to develop housing for very low and extremely low-income families. The housing should include services which will enable the families over a period of years to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Those services should be provided by persons trained in mentoring and counseling and should include (but not be limited to) increased access to health care and childcare; access to transportation; basic or remedial education and job training; and financial literacy training.

PROPOSED PROGRAM AMENDMENT

Submitted by Vicki Danberg & Andrea Kelley

7. Initiative to Review the Taxation of Newton Golf Courses and Country Clubs

Under a state law designed to preserve open space ([Title IX Chapter 61B: Classification and Taxation of Recreational Land](#)), properties that meet the state’s definition of “recreational land” can apply to pay property tax at only 25% of the land’s assessed value. Several golf courses in Newton qualify under this law, together saving \$1.75 million in taxes. The initiative committee will explore the topic from all perspectives, seeking to understand the impact and equitability of the law, what public benefit it provides to Newton, and whether there are any changes LWVN would like to advocate for at either the local or state level, or in concert with Leagues in other municipalities that are affected (Belmont, Brookline, and Wellesley all have golf courses that receive significant tax breaks too). The committee will consist of both LWVN members and nonmembers who have expertise on relevant subjects, and it will include members from various villages of Newton.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Climate Action & Sustainability

Chair: Madeline Ranalli

After no activity of this committee last year, I have begun bringing it back to life, tracking a variety of local environmental issues to take potential action on, including our updated tree ordinance, turf athletic fields and a potential rodenticide ban. Communicating with local environmental groups like Green Newton and Mothers Out Front and members of Newton's Climate Action Commission, we have begun re-establishing connections with Newton's environmentalist communities and are eager to offer our support in future endeavors.

On November 8, 2022, we released an episode of "League Presents" with Stephen Grody and moderated by David Micley about Newton's Energy Coach services and issues of household energy consumption. We hope to continue conversations like these and are excited to continue rebuilding the League's environmental presence.

Consensus Study

Co-Chairs Frieda Dweck & Marcia Johnson

Members Bonnie Carter, Lisa Mirabile

At its Annual Meeting held on June 12, 2022, the membership approved the formation of a Consensus Study Committee to Update Zoning Positions. The scope of the study included examining current LWVN positions and goals related to land use, housing, transportation, economic development, and climate action and whether those positions reflect the views and needs of Newton's racial and economically diverse community and are advanced or impeded by current zoning ordinances.

The committee met in the fall to discuss and plan for the conduct of this study. The committee decided that it was important to get community input into the first stage of the study: research and information gathering. To that end, it sent out a request to many community groups and community activists, asking for participation in the study. Unfortunately, that broad reach resulted in a de minimis response.

The committee itself did not have the needed time and resources to engage in the needed study on its own, so little work has been done over the past year regarding this initiative.

The approval given by the membership last year to engage in this study anticipated a two-year commitment to the study so, over the coming year, we will use our best efforts to pursue our original objectives, but perhaps reduce the size of the scope as needed.

Education

Members: Jennifer Abbott, Frieda Dweck, Andrea Kozinetz, Lisa Mirabile

Civics Challenge - On April 30, 2023, we held our second Civics Challenge at the Cabot School cafeteria. We were unable to hold this event in 2021 and 2022 due to the pandemic, so we were excited to be able to bring back this in-person event!

The Civics Challenge was formatted like a trivia quiz, with three general rounds and one final round of multiple choice, true/false, and open response questions on topics including: the constitution, federal, state, and local government, history, and current events. We also had two "special" rounds with a focus on the Electoral College and historic "firsts."

While the turnout was not as we hoped, we did have four teams participate, including some recent college graduates, a team of seniors, and an extraordinary family team composed of a mother and her precocious third grade son who knew

more answers than most of the adults. We were extremely fortunate to have former LWVN president Sue Flicop serve as our judge for the event, and School Committee member Kathy Shields graciously volunteered to act as our timekeeper.

All participants received pocket constitutions (donated by Congressman Auchincloss), as well as gift cards to local establishments, and all earned a special prize of a tour of the State House, generously donated by our state legislators.

The cost of the event was funded by a donation from The Village Bank.

Martina Jackson reported on the event for the *Fig City News* (<https://figcitynews.com/2023/05/league-of-women-voters-of-newton-hosts-civics-challenge-2023/>). We hope her reporting will result in good coverage of the event and spark interest and enthusiasm for the next time we hold a Civics Challenge.

Education Issues - Members of the committee and the Board have been closely following the actions taken by certain educational advocacy groups in relation to DEI initiatives at our Newton Public Schools. We will continue to monitor these actions and report to our members via our newsletter and other communications as needed.

Elections & Voter Service

Members: Bonnie Carter, Marcia Johnson, Sharyn Roberts

Voters Service was back out-of-doors adding some new tabling events to our usual booths at Village Days and city events. Under the leadership of Marcia Johnson, LWVN had a booth at Juneteenth and Indigenous People's Day in October for the first time in a collaboration with FORJ and Newton community organizer, Kerry Prasad. LWVN jumped aboard to have a table at the very first Auburndale Village Day in late August through Lauren Berman's "All Over Newton" event listings.

We collaborated with Josephine McNeil of UCHAN (Uniting Citizens for Housing Affordability in Newton) and CAN-DO (Citizens for Affordable Housing in Newton Development) composing emails that were sent to property managers and housing developers to further the goals of "Our Homes, Our Votes" Campaign. Out of approximately 24 emails sent out, only two responded giving us permission to set up voter registration and informational tables at the Houghton Village Playground and the Bram Way patio in Newtonville.

Since this election year focused on MA state elections, in July and August, LWVN took the lead with help from LWV Wellesley to present a forum for Governor's Council District 3. 24 local Leagues co-sponsored the forum. Jennifer Lynch of LWV Salem moderated, and Meredith Crowley of LWV Winchester (trained by Marcia Johnson) was our electronic timekeeper. We created a flyer, a press release, and some good League questions, and collaborated with NewTV to present and distribute the forum. Seven communities in District 3 were not represented by Leagues so we contacted all the local media stations to make sure the televised forum was shown in all 31 District 3 communities.

In September and October, LWVN collaborated with LWV Andover/North Andover, Needham, Salem, and Sharon/Stoughton on preparing virtual informational forums to be shown statewide for MA Ballot Questions 2 and 3 for the November election. Question 2 concerned the regulation of dental insurance. Question 3 involved the expanded availability of licenses for the sale of alcoholic beverages. LWVMA had not taken a position on either of those questions.

At the end of October, LWVN took the lead in arranging voter registration tables at the four locations where Congresswoman Ayanna Pressley and Senator Elizabeth Warren were presenting Student Loan Debt Forgiveness Workshops throughout Massachusetts.

As always, we drove people to vote early and on election day for the September 6th Primary, the November 8th MA state General election, and the March 14th Newton Override Special Election.

On March 6th, Voters Service was involved in our LWVN March Topic Meeting hosting the four members of Newton's state legislative delegation: Senator Cynthia Creem, and Representatives John Lawn of the 10th Middlesex District, Kay Khan of the 11th Middlesex District, and Ruth Balsler of the 12th Middlesex District. Our state legislators discussed their roles and responsibilities, and shared legislation that they were both spearheading and supporting. The recording of this

discussion was offered to LWV Brookline, Waltham, Watertown, and Wellesley with whom we share these legislators, to place on their local cable access media stations; and was, of course, carried by NewTV and on our LWVNewton website.

We are looking forward to, once again, registering our graduating high school seniors to vote on their check-out days: Tuesday, May 30th at Newton North High School, and Friday, June 2nd for Newton South High School.

Land Use, Housing Production & Stability

Members: Marcia Johnson, Linda Morrison, Sharyn Roberts

Our work primarily began late in the 2022-23 term and leveraged our Observer Corps principles. We tried to identify Observers for Newton's committees and commissions that focus on housing for very low and extremely low-income individuals and families. We were unable to identify Observers for the Land Use Committee of the City Council and the Newton Housing Partnership. As noted below, Observers that participated are acknowledged with their reports:

FAIR HOUSING – Sharyn Roberts, Observer - The Fair Housing Committee's mission is "to promote and support the City of Newton's efforts to be a welcoming community with housing choices and opportunities free from housing discrimination."

Membership & Meetings

- The City of Newton Fair Housing Committee is an advisory Mayoral committee consisting of up to eleven members appointed for renewable terms of three years. Membership is drawn from the Newton Housing Partnership, Newton Human Rights Commission, the Mayor's Committee for People with Disabilities, the Newton Housing Authority, Community Preservation Committee, realtors, lenders, housing providers, landlords, housing developers, social service providers, and citizen advocates. These members are Newton residents or representatives of city-based institutions, organizations, and businesses that serve the housing needs of Newton. As of now, Fair Housing is a committee of eight and they are actively searching for a member with legal experience in fair housing and civil rights laws, and a member to represent the Commission on Disability.
- This Fair Housing Committee exists under the auspices and guidance of the city's Planning and Development Department and staffed by: Malcolm Lucas, Housing Planner, Barney Heath, Director of Planning and Development, Amanda Berman, Director of Housing & Community Development. Jini Fairley, the ADA/Sec. 504 Coordinator also attends all meetings-
- Josephine McNeil, current League member and past member of the LWVN Board, and director of UCHAN and CAN-DO, sits on this committee.

Work of the Fair Housing Committee¹

In alignment with our Land-Use, Housing Production & Stability priority of "Advocate for federal, state, and local public funding to develop housing for very low and extremely low-income families. The housing should include services which will enable the families over a period of years to achieve economic self-sufficiency," here are some typical committee activities:

- Training Programs: The workshop held in January was titled "Fair Housing 101: Training for Real Estate Professionals." There is another training workshop being planned for October to target another related group, possibly landlords and tenants.
- Using Newton's structured process to assess developments, in process, e.g., Toll Brothers development at 528 Boylston Street ranked their project based on the Fair Housing scorecard:
 - Affordability (0) they acknowledged that 80% AMI is not always affordable, and they will review the 80% threshold.

¹ Excerpts are taken from monthly meeting minutes

- Accessibility (0) the project has 13 accessible units (5.3%), which is required, and the entire building will be adaptable.
- Visitability [the home is visitable] (3) The project will meet visitability requirements and there will be elevators and other accessible features.
- Proximity to Employment (1) the project is within a half a mile of commercial or major employment.
- Proximity to Public Transportation (1)
- Discretionary Impact (3) The project appears to have no disparate impact on any protected class, nor does it perpetuate segregated housing patterns. Total Points: 8.
- Reviewed Golda Meir Extension's Marketing and Tenant Selection Plans and Results.
- Reviewed Newton's Affordable Homeownership Resales Report. There are approximately 80 deed-restricted units in Newton's affordable ownership portfolio. Most of these units were converted from market-rate to affordable units through the use of the City's CPA, CDBG, and HOME funds.
- Ongoing review and discussion of the Tenant Selection process, when it comes to leasing up an affordable unit.
 1. Lottery application
 2. Rental application and
 3. Eligibility certification, which consists of criminal history, rental history, and income ratios. The subcommittee learned that the tenant's monthly income must be about 2.5 times the income of the monthly rent and credit scores are checked.
- Collaborate with Human Rights Committee on Fair Housing Complaint Process.

The Fair Housing Committee is constantly trying to improve their impact on housing affordability allowing equal opportunity for low and middle-income people and families to participate in home ownership. To that end, they are looking forward to additionally partnering with the Newton Housing Partnership and the Newton Housing Trust with the goal of promoting Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging in Newton.

My role as an Observer is to observe meetings and report to the LWVN Board of Directors on opportunities to promote and support the work of the committee in line with our Land Use Housing Production & Stability priorities.

I recommend that members who are interested in the work of this committee should feel free to listen in to meetings, as the committee welcomes all who want to learn more about fair housing in Newton.

NEWTON AFFORDABLE HOUSING TRUST –Linda Morrison, Observer - The members of the new Newton Affordable Housing Trust, chaired by Ann Houston, meet quarterly in the late afternoon, virtually as well as in person:

- Members carefully review the various funding sources available to the Trust: Community Preservation funding, e.g. maintain or exceed the typical 35% target for affordable housing; a discussion about vouchers and the use of mobile vs project based and possibly expand the number available to Newton residents.
- Usually there is a rundown of the status of current and potential projects, for example: Coleman House, Newton Housing Authority (NHA)'s Haywood House, Nonantum Village Place, West Newton Armory, Dudley Road Estate, Dustan Road site, and Warren House.

Other topics of interest included:

- The value of having up-to-date census of all the current residential buildings in the City, in order to have mathematical data available. Such data could be useful in requesting state or federal funding, or in negotiations with the Commonwealth.
- The City's Village redesign project.
- Metropolitan Area Planning Council (MAPC) had put out a call for applications for their technical assistance grant program. The City planned to apply for funds to complete a housing snapshot/updated assessment of its current housing needs. The trust supported the application without committing Trust funds.

- Marketing the Affordable Housing Trust Program.

For anyone wishing to Observe a city committee or Board from home, this committee is a good fit. Following this group contributes to our understanding of the various housing issues facing Newton.

ZONING & PLANNING COMMITTEE – Marcia Johnson, Observer

The focus of the observer’s work has been to follow the City Council’s work on the Village Center Overlay District project, by doing the following:

- Recording a League Presents program on the Village Redesign project and the intersectionality with the MBTA Communities Act, with Councilor Deb Crossley. This is available on our website and that of NewTV.
- Observing many of the Zoning & Planning (ZAP) committee meetings and/or watching the recordings, when they are made available, and reading meeting reports and the Planning & Development Department memos that were discussed at ZAP meetings.

Considering these activities, here is a summary of the council’s work on the project:

Creation of Version 1.0 draft zoning maps & ordinance was comprised of the following²:

- The Village Center 3 District facilitates mixed-use development of moderate- and large-scale. This district serves as the core commercial zone of certain village centers, particularly those with access to mass transit.
- The Village Center 2 District facilitates mixed-use and residential development of moderate scale.
- The Village Center 1 District facilitates small- to medium-scale multi-family buildings given its proximity to amenities, mixture of uses, and transit options found in Newton’s village centers. This district acts as a transition between the mixed-use cores of village centers and the surrounding residential neighborhood.

Version 2.0 draft zoning maps was created based on community feedback regarding how the village redesign fits with the MBTA Communities law along with ensuring that there is a mix of housing to bolster economic development of the village centers, with a focus on affordable and accessible housing; preservation and reuse of existing buildings; reduced parking while providing sufficient parking to support local businesses; and a desire for open and green space, trees, and wider sidewalks. Some key features of Version 2.0 are³:

- Draft maps change most dramatically along the Green line with the creation of the new MRT district which is within walking distance of the T. The MRT facilitates new small-scale multi-family buildings similar in size to the surrounding residential neighborhoods and the preservation of existing homes through conversion to multiple units. It acts as a transition between the mixed-use cores of village centers and surrounding residential neighborhoods.
- With some zoning restrictions, there is an offer of a density bonus for increased affordability in both VC1 and VC2, by allowing an additional story and up to 2,500 sf footprint for providing at least 25% affordable units at 65% AMI (Average Median Income). Lots within a VC3 district can take advantage of an additional two-story height bonus and a 2,500 sf footprint bonus for providing at least 30% affordable units at 65% AMI.
- Based on feedback from Newton [Mayor Fuller and City Councilors] and other MBTA Communities, changes were made to accommodate existing Inclusionary Zoning ordinances, which Newton has and were recently updated to include lower income levels of affordability [AMI]⁴.

ZAP’s next steps are to open the public hearing in the latter part of June and leave it open until the fall with the purpose of gathering feedback from the community. Their goal is for the City Council to vote on the Village Center Overlay Districts. Approval requires a two-thirds vote (16 votes).

² Planning & Development Department Memo, November 22, 2022

³ Zoning & Planning (ZAP) Committee Report, April 24, 2023

⁴ Massachusetts Municipal Association, October 26, 2022

The League's next step is to determine if, after the public hearing, it should take any position relative to the City Council's vote.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS (ZBA) – Jane Harper, Observer

The Massachusetts Comprehensive Permit Statute under M.G.L. Chapter 40B encourages the development of low and moderate-income housing by providing a streamlined permitting process and relief from local zoning requirements. Chapter 40B enables a local Zoning Board of Appeals, including the ZBA in Newton, to approve affordable housing developments under flexible rules if at least 20-25 percent of the units have long-term affordability restrictions. Requests for a Comprehensive Permit under Chapter 40B that were followed in Newton this year are described below.

- **West Newton Armory** - On January 9, 2023, LWVN sent a letter to the ZBA to express support for a proposed project at the West Newton Armory, 1135-1137 Washington Street, to construct a 100 percent affordable mixed-use development with 43 affordable residential rental units, community, and office space, and 31 parking stalls. On January 11, 2023, the ZBA granted a Comprehensive Permit to the West Armory project developers.

Pending Projects:

- **Northland Charlemont** - The ZBA is holding public hearings to consider granting a Comprehensive Permit to the developers of Northland Charlemont (160 Charlemont Street and 56 Christina Street). At the April 26, 2023 ZBA meeting, the project sponsor presented a revised site layout to ZBA members. The project sponsor replaced its original proposal for a single nine-story mixed-use development with a proposal for two seven-story buildings and reduced the proposed number of units from 410 to 370. Under the revised proposal, the number of affordable units would also be reduced from the originally proposed 103 to 93.
- **528 Boylston, Newton** - The project sponsor submitted a Comprehensive Permit Application on April 26, 2023, requesting approval for a project consisting of seven parcels, which will be combined into a single 5.82 acre parcel, located at 528 Boylston Street. The project sponsor proposes to construct a six-story building that will comprise 244 units of rental housing, 61 of which would be affordable units at 80 percent of area median income.

The League Presents...

Produced by Maureen Reilly Meagher & NewTV

Facilitated by Marcia Johnson & David Micley

The League Presents... is a program produced together with NewTV and directed by LWVN members about persons and issues important to our community.

- Mental Health Awareness – A Community Conversation with Suzi Newman, NAMI Newton/Wellesley and Meghan Kennedy, Newton's Health & Human Services
- Newton Food Pantries Update - March 31, 2023
- School Buildings and the Override, with Josh Morse, Newton Public Building Commissioner - March 9, 2023
- City of Newton Override 2023 - January 17, 2023
- The Newton Energy Coach Service with Stephen Grody, Newton Citizens Commission on Energy - November 8, 2022
- Zoning Redesign Part 2: MBTA Communities - October 10, 2022 –
- A Conversation with Carol Moore, Newton's City Clerk and Clerk of the City Council - July 12, 2022

Marketing & Communications (MarCom)

Members: Jen Abbott, Frieda Dweck, Lisa Mirabile, Maddy Ranalli, Marcia Tabenken

The MarCom team continually re-evaluates and refines its messaging process throughout the fiscal year. This year, we have made the following changes and/or improvements to the way we deliver LWVN news and information.

Messaging by Email: Our main method of communicating information has increasingly become our monthly “Update.” We have standardized the format, so that each update includes information on that month’s spotlight events, upcoming events, welcoming new members, news and information, opportunities for action, recent advocacy, and election information when appropriate. We supplement these updates with timely stand-alone or “spotlight” emails for Voters Service announcements, events, and topic meetings, to ensure more targeted messaging. Going forward, we are committed to working on improving these updates and starting with our next Fiscal Year, will rename these updates as “Newsletters.”

All newsletters are posted on the LWVN website shortly after being sent out by email. Those newsletters, as well as past archived newsletters, can be found on the LWVN website under the dropdown menu entitled [News and Events](https://lwvnnewton.org/newsletter/) (<https://lwvnnewton.org/newsletter/>).

Messaging by Social Media: LWVN continues to use Facebook to promote its events and its calls to action. In addition to using its own Facebook page, posts to private groups such as The Civic Action Forum especially increase event visibility. Moving forward, we will explore using additional social media platforms such as LinkedIn and Instagram.

Ongoing Marketing Strategies: We continue to contact, as appropriate, our local elected officials including City Council, School Committee, our state delegation, and the neighborhood Area Councils. We also connect with local partners, groups and nonprofits as warranted for each event. We submit event postings to Fig City News, OurNewton.org, The Newton Patch Calendar, and Village 14, as appropriate. We also submit items to the Mayor’s newsletters (as appropriate).

Messaging by Website: We continually look to update the website to make it more user-friendly and provide more current and up-to-date information. We welcome comments and suggestions for change.

Handbook Updates: The LWVN Handbook is posted on the website. Hard copies are currently available only on request. Membership information is kept in a separate password-protected document that is updated several times per year. The LWVN Handbook will get a refresh in 2023 and will become a solely web-based resource which can be updated routinely more easily.

Membership

Members: Bonnie Carter, Chair, Judy Jaffe, Marcia Johnson, Andrea Kozinetz, Lisa Mirabile, and Sharyn Roberts.

The work of the membership committee focused this year on recruiting and welcoming new members as well as retaining and deepening our connection to our existing members. As always, both tasks were a challenge, but the committee made progress in a number of important ways.

Onboarding Process

To improve the onboarding process for new members, the group established a “welcoming committee” consisting of several volunteers who the committee chair can tap to reach out and specifically welcome new members, ideally matching the volunteers and new members by interests or other similarities. The idea behind the committee is that by finding a way to make a significant connection with a new member shortly after they join, we may strengthen their interest in and commitment to the LWVN and help them quickly find the right way to engage with the LWVN.

Our current membership is summarized below:

- Total members: 145.

- 8 are honorary life members, having been members for 50 or more years
- 15 are “add-on” household members
- 22 are new members since our last annual meeting
- Non-renewing members: 26 members from last year did not renew this year.

Member Engagement

As a result of Covid and having all member meetings by Zoom, we have become concerned that members have become less engaged. To address this concern, we have designed a *Membership Moving Forward Program* consisting of the parts listed below. We hope to implement it early in the 2023-24 term.

1. **Member Interests** – Through conversations with current and former members, we will identify how best to engage members based on their interests. Also track people who express interest in the League at various events.
2. **The Welcoming Committee** will assume a slightly broader role to ensure that new members and people who have expressed interest in the League are aware of activities that are of interest to them.
3. **Member Events** – Hold in-person social events for members, bring-a-friend gatherings etc.

Diversity Equity & Inclusion

We also took an important step on our journey toward becoming a more inclusive, diverse, and equitable organization by adding demographic questions to our membership form. By acknowledging that we can’t improve something until we know where we are starting, we hope to be able to track and measure meaningful progress toward this critical goal.

Membership Dues

We also formally adopted a policy of asking \$0 in dues from students, and we simplified our membership options. Instead of offering a somewhat confusing menu of different membership levels at different prices, we moved to a model that fully separates dues payments and additional donations. We also made “household members” a separate add-on option, rather than offering a specific “household membership.”

Renewals & Voting Members

During the registration process for our override membership meeting, we realized there was a lack of clarity about how one qualifies to be a voting member of the LWV Newton. Several people who have been members of LWVN in the past but had not paid dues in the current year registered to attend the meeting. Some had just not taken steps to renew and did so at that point; others had made donations to the state or national levels of the League and thought that constituted voting membership in LWVN. In response, we reviewed the language in our bylaws and put together the proposed changes that will be presented for approval at this year’s annual meeting. We also decided, in light of the impact of the pandemic and our inability to hold in-person events, to make a special outreach before the Annual Meeting this year to this year’s lapsed members as well as those from the previous two years, inviting them to renew their membership and join us at our first in-person annual meeting since 2019.

Member Database

Finally, the processes for tracking information about members moved to a new online database tool, CiviCRM. This is a powerful, free, open-source tool used by many nonprofits. We made good progress adapting to this new system to track 2022-23 renewals and were also able to begin enriching our information about members by tracking their interests (along with the demographic information mentioned above) so that we can more easily reach out to them about specific activities that may be of interest. We look forward to conducting our first full membership renewal process using this tool for the 2023-24 year. The committee is grateful, as always, for the support of the whole membership, and

particularly grateful to those members who take note of our fiscal year and renew promptly in July, as our new year begins, saving us time, effort, and uncertainty.

Municipal Government

A. Transparency

Members - Rhanna Kidwell, Meryl Kessler, Co-Chairs Frieda Dweck, Judy Jaffe, Nora Lester Murad

Goal: Evaluate the transparency and accountability of Newton’s city government and to advocate for specific improvements. *Note:* The initiative aims to evaluate Newton’s city government transparency across the board, including making government transparency a priority as indicated by a public statement on transparency. The initiative is not limited to assessing the City website, but the website is the primary tool for sharing information with residents and reflects a city’s efforts, commitment, and effectiveness with respect to transparency.

Nonpartisanship statement: LWV Newton is committed to non-partisanship in all of our work. The transparency initiative is aimed at addressing a longstanding problem with Newton’s government and does not reflect in any way on any specific mayoral administration past or present. Any improvements the City of Newton can make with respect to government transparency will have long-lasting benefit for the entire community.

Phase I: Community Survey

In the summer and fall of 2022, we conducted a survey of local community organizations on the topic of the transparency of Newton’s government. To conduct the survey, we:

- Compiled a list of 97 local community organizations along with a contact email for each organization
- Wrote 9 open-response questions about how a given organization has experienced transparency of Newton’s government
- Sent the survey by email using Survey Monkey
- Posted the link to the survey on Village 14

We received responses from 19 organizations (20% of our survey universe) and 2 individuals. The organizations who responded represent an array of local interests.

Interest Area	# of Orgs Responding
Housing	5
Schools	2
Food Insecurity	1
Public Safety	1
Youth	3
Local Business	1
Other	6
Total	19

We compiled a list of issues identified by respondents where they feel Newton’s government can improve transparency (*see Exhibit 1*).

Phase II: Best Practices Website Research

We identified 7 US cities who exhibit superior transparency on their websites. Committee members reviewed each city's website and assessed the transparency of the site relative to 19 agreed-upon parameters.

Next Steps / Phase III: Transparency Report

The committee will compile the conclusions from the survey and the best-practices review into a formal report with recommendations on how Newton's government can improve transparency.

Exhibit 1: List of Transparency Issues - Issues or areas of inadequate transparency identified by survey respondents

Website

- Contact info for people, departments
- Organization charts, who is responsible for what?
- Minutes, recordings (not timely or not at all)
- CC and SC votes, vote history
- Navigation
- Search function, finding info
- Inconsistency across departments
- Budget process info
- Budget spending & revenue info
- Minutes, recordings (not timely or not at all)
 - Council
 - SC
 - Committees
 - Boards & Commissions
- Status or Outcomes of initiatives, task forces
- Special permit info
 - Searchable, sortable
- Use of PDFs, not searchable or sortable
- Spending of ARPA, CDBG funds
- Studies commissioned by city: outcomes, decisions influenced
- Grants awarded
- Affordable housing awards, data
- User friendly for phone users (don't own computer)
- Resources available, clear "how to" for economically vulnerable

Other (non-website)

- Decision-making processes
- Processes for public input, public comment at meetings
- Licensing

B. Oversight

Member –Marcia Johnson

Our goal was to encourage citizen participation in city government by educating the community about how the Executive and Legislative branches set priorities and how the decision-making model impacts budget decisions. To this end we provided the following educational programs/ information:

Override

- League Presents: City of Newton Override 2023 with Councilor Becky Grossman, chair of the Council's Finance Committee
- League Presents: School Buildings and the Override, with Josh Morse, Newton Public Building Commissioner
- LWVN Member Meeting and Vote to Support Newton's Override

City Council

- League Presents - A Conversation with Carol Moore, Newton's City Clerk and Clerk of the City Council
- League Presents - Zoning Redesign Part 2: MBTA Communities & Village Redesign
- Newton Citizen's Commission on Energy, see report from Stephen Grody, our representative to the Commission.
- Promoted - Give Your Feedback on Proposed Changes to Village Center Zoning

Another important aspect of oversight is our Observer Corps program. Please see that report.

Newton Citizens Commission on Energy (NCEE)

League Representative to the NCCE – Stephen Grody

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve the citizens and City of Newton by representing you at the Newton Citizens Commission on Energy. This letter highlights recent progress at and work by the NCCE which variously acts singularly as well as in collaboration with others. As NCCE meetings comply with the Massachusetts Open Meeting Law, please know that I write here as a private citizen and rely on information that is public, excepting opinions expressed which are my own.

Previously Achieved Progress

In March 2019, the NCCE wrote the first feasible and reasonable Climate Action Plan designed to meet the IPCC targets in the City of Newton by the year 2050. The parts needed in the beginning were included the 5-year Climate Action Plan adopted by the City Council in November of that year.

During calendar 2021, work proceeded along four fronts. As reported earlier:

1. *Publication: Update Newton's Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory – Between 2013 and 2019:*
 - a. The total amount of greenhouse **gases emitted increased by 1.8%**. However, if the Renewable Energy Certificates ("Class 1 RECs") purchased under the Newton Power Choice program are included as offsets, the total declined 3.5%.
 - b. At 61% of total emissions, the residential sector (houses and cars) remained the largest contributor of GHG emissions.
 - c. **Demand** for heating fuel had **increased** since 2013 in both at residential (5%) and commercial (8%) properties.
 - d. At 8%, leaks from gas distribution infrastructure are unchanged since 2013.
2. *Ordinance: New-to-Newton Reporting of Energy Used by Large Property Owners and Managing Building Performance to Reduce Greenhouse Gas Emissions – The Zoning & Planning Committee of the City Council approved 7-0 a resolution to Pursue a Building Energy/Reporting/Reduction Ordinance. When a BERDO-in-Newton ordinance becomes ready for Councilors' vote, it will replicate templates resulting from nearly a decade of leadership and groundbreaking work by the cities of Boston and Cambridge.*
3. *Ordinance: New-to-Massachusetts Reporting of Energy Used by Owners of Residential Buildings – Similar to BERDO/BEUDO for commercial buildings (but without either establishing performance standards or levying penalties for under-performing standards), the Climate Action Plans also call for public disclosure of the amounts of energy used at each residential property. The principle applied was that government would be inherently unfair were it to impose an energy performance mandate on businesses if not similarly calling residents to action on their properties. The NCCE docketed an item for an ordinance to require annual disclosure of energy consumption for each non-commercial property in the City of Newton and publication of an Energy Use Intensity measure.*
4. *Established the City as Publisher of Energy Use Metrics_– Anticipating the Reporting of Energy Used everywhere in the City, the NCCE and Fuller administration labored to prepare and publish information from*

residential construction permits that had been accumulating since 2010. The HERS ratings, required under Massachusetts' Green Communities program, are online as a theme on the MapGeo presentation of the Assessors database. The administrative work needed to automate that reporting stream awaits budget priorities and managerial attention. [Refer, for example, to recommended action item #4 in correspondence, dated April 12, 2023.]

Current Activities

During Calendar 2022, the NCCE worked earnestly on engaging a City-wide effort focused on the residential sector. Perhaps the most difficult part of Newton's Climate Action Plan, work on the more easily addressed opportunities – the "low-hanging fruit" – had been prioritized first. See the accompanying correspondence to Mayor Fuller for executive summary of the NCCE's most current recommendation for implementing the Climate Action Plan of record. Definitive progress implementing the Residential Sector plan⁵, that would significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions from the residential sector during the NCCE's Climate Action Plan's horizon, await decisions.

Thank you again for the opportunity to work on behalf of all the citizens of Newton. I am at-the-ready to respond to calls for clarification or to answer questions the League might ask of me.

Observer Corps

Member – Judy Jaffe

This year, the Observer Process and Observer Report Form were codified for training and operational continuity.

Land Use & Housing was a program priority this year (see the observer reports in Land Use & Housing). Many thanks to the following observers:

- Jane Harper – Zoning Board of Appeals
- Sharyn Roberts – Fair Housing
- Linda Morrison – Housing Trust
- Marcia Johnson – Zoning & Planning

Community Preservation Committee (CPC), Judy Jaffe, Observer

Community Preservation Act (CPA) funding proposals that were followed this year:

- **Jackson Homestead Basement Rehabilitation** - Proposal: Jackson Homestead and Historic Newton requested \$75,000 CPA funding to hire a consultant to develop a plan and design options for stabilizing and rehabilitating the based (water infiltration and humidity issues) and providing a suitable gallery space that preserves the collection and artifacts. CPC approval: July 12, 2022.
- **Newton Affordable Housing Trust** - Proposal: Newton Affordable Housing Trust requested \$1,948,056 CPA funding to establish the Trust Fund. CPC funding recommendation sent to City Council for review and approval: August 24, 2022.
- **Gath Memorial Pool Renovation Project – Phase II & Phase III** - Phase II Proposal: Parks, Recreation & Culture requested \$486,500 CPA funding to continue developing the pool design and complete all permitting processes and construction drawings. CPC approval: July 12, 2022. Phase III Proposal: Parks, Recreation & Culture requested \$5,834,362 CPA funding to complete the construction and renovation work for the new pool facility, splash pad, and bathhouse. CPC approval: March 14, 2023.

⁵ Newton Climate Action Plan: Recommendations For Meeting Goals For The Residential Sector, dated April 12, 2023

- **Athletic Fields Capital Improvement Plan Construction (Various)** - Proposal: Parks, Recreation & Culture requested \$9,099,787 to complete final design work and construction on the Albemarle, McGrath, and Burr School Fields, including the construction of new multiuse and multipurpose fields. CPC approval: April 11, 2023.

Racial & Social Justice

Members: Jennifer Abbott, Bonnie Carter, Andrea Kozinetz, Madeline Ranalli, Marcia Tabenken

Assess LWVN membership diversity: The committee revised the LWVN membership form to include questions about demographic information. After a full year of collecting this information, we will analyze it to help inform LWVN member recruitment and marketing efforts.

Create partnerships: The League had a table at the Indigenous People's Day event in fall 2022, created resource materials about equal rights for Indigenous People in Massachusetts and beyond, and will participate in the 2023 celebration. We are participating in the Newton Pride Coalition and have reached out to the Gender and Sexuality Alliances at both high schools in discussions about Newton Pride Month activities. We also regularly attend bi-monthly meetings of the LWVMA DEI Peer Group.

Raise awareness of DEI issues: We are taking a number of actions to help amplify issues of diversity, equity and among the Board members, LWVN members, and the community, including:

Distributed calendar of awareness days/months to Board for use in marketing, communications, and other initiatives

- We are working on creating a speaker session and "League Presents" for Pride month
- We developed an indigenous land acknowledgment to be read at the 2023 Annual Meeting
- We are providing pronoun stickers for Annual Meeting name tags

Scholarship Program

Members: Jennifer Abbott, Nickki Dawes, Theresa Fitzpatrick, Andrea Kozinetz, Josephine McNeil, and Maddy Ranalli

Background - The Scholarship Committee was formed at the instruction of the members of the League of Women Voters Newton in June 2019. Since then, the committee determined the process for selecting the candidates, managed the application process, and advertised the scholarships. Each committee member reads and evaluates all the applications, and the committee collaboratively selects the scholarship recipients.

The application is available in electronic form. The committee developed the application and the corresponding rubric to evaluate the applicants. In the 2020-21 school year, the League received 17 applications for the 2 scholarships. Last year, the committee received 16 applications from the class of 2022 at both North and South. With board approval, they awarded three \$1,000 scholarships. They also recommended increasing the scholarship amount for 2023 to two scholarships of \$2,000 each. This recommendation was approved by the membership at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

Criteria for evaluating the applicants includes the following:

- The student lives in or attends school in Newton. This would include public & private school students, METCO students, and students who are home-schooled.
- In his/her life and schoolwork, the student holds core values that are in alignment with those of the League.
- The student has been actively involved in Newton's civic life or has a strong interest in civic engagement.

2023 Scholarship Applicants and Recipients - This year, after some discussions of the pros and cons, the committee opted to retain our unique, tailored application/application process used in the two prior years which allow LWVN to ask questions of each applicant relevant to the type of information and qualities we are seeking in scholarship candidates. We believed this had, in the past, resulted in enough high-quality candidates for us to choose from, and the committee

felt good about our award recipients. This year, however, our process seemed to yield fewer applicants. So, we will likely again consider the pros/cons of opting into the standard scholarship application offered at each of the public high schools, which allow students to apply for multiple local scholarship opportunities by completing one common application. Additionally, we will consider new ways to promote this wonderful scholarship opportunity to potential candidates.

The scholarships this year were funded by contributions received by LWVN earmarked for 'scholarships' and general contributions. At the time of this report, the committee had not yet had our review meeting to select our Class of 2023 recipients, but we hope to introduce them to you at our in-person Annual Meeting in June.

Topic Meetings

Committee: Judy Jaffe, Chair, Sharyn Roberts, Linda Morrison, and Marcia Johnson

Topic Meetings held this year:

- February 7, 2023 – Newton's 2023 Override Proposal
 - LWVN held a member meeting for an informational presentation on Newton's proposed override (special election March 14, 2023). The meeting was moderated by Debbie Winnick of LWV Cape Cod. Members learned about the proposal and voted to amend our current program and to take a position on this issue.
- February 15, 2023 – A Conversation with Congressman Jake Auchincloss
 - LWVN, along with co-sponsoring Leagues of Brookline, Needham, Sharon-Stoughton, and Wellesley, hosted a webinar with Congressman Jake Auchincloss of MA 4th District. The Congressman spoke about recent legislative accomplishments and discussed how party and leadership changes in the House might impact the current session.
- March 6, 2023 – A Conversation with Newton's State Delegation
 - The League of Women Voters of Newton hosted the four members of Newton's state legislative delegation: Senator Cynthia Creem, Representative Kay Khan, Representative Ruth Balsler, and Representative John Lawn. The discussion focused on their roles and responsibilities in the state legislature. Each official made an opening statement, shared legislation they were supporting, and responded to questions from the audience.

LOCAL ACTION LOG

2023

- LWVN Supports Act to Modernize Participation in Public Meetings (3/8/2023)
- LWVN Members Vote to Support Newton's Override Proposal (2/9/2023)
- LWVN Supports West Newton Armory Project (1/9/2023)

2022

- LWVN Supports Updates to Accessory Apartment Ordinance (10/13/2022)
- LWVN Joins U-CHAN on Follow-Up Petition to the Mayor Regarding the Use of ARPA Funds for Housing Needs (9/12/2022)
- LWVN Affiliates with Our Homes, Our Votes (8/3/2022)
- LWVN Board Concurs with Newton Citizens Commission on Energy's Memo Rejecting Newton Cemetery's Tree Removal Request (6/24/2022)
- LWVN Signs on To Petition Supporting Funding for Early Education and Child Care (6/12/2022)

TREASURER'S REPORT

LWVN Treasurer's Report as of May 2023 Annual Meeting

Balance from Prior Report as of May 2021			
Village Bank	checking	\$13,156	
	certificate of deposit	\$10,595	*
	total	\$23,751	
Balance as of May 2023			
	checking	\$13,998	
	certificate of deposit	\$10,756	
	total	\$24,754	
	Difference	\$1,003	

*CD opened with Village Bank April 1998. 2.47% interest. Matures 2028			
LWVUS ED Fund		\$7,000	Hauser Trust \$\$
<i>Board agreed to spend over the next 5 years (\$900/scholarship-\$500 Civics Challenge) 2023 we will spend \$1400 for scholarship.</i>			
<i>Fiscal Year Payables (estimate)</i>			
	\$4000 Scholarships	\$1,330	(\$1400 Hauser; \$1270 donations)
	Annual Meeting	\$1,000	
	Misc. Donations	\$200	
		\$2,530	
<i>A sincere thank you to LWVNewton members and friends who have been very generous this past year. So many "extra amounts" contributed.</i>			
Andrea Kozinetz/Treasurer			
	5/11/2023		

PROPOSED BUDGET

LWVNewton	Actual May 11, 2023	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024
INCOME			
<i>Dues</i>			
Individual memberships*	5,555.00	6,700.00	6,035.00
Secondary memberships		400	150
Contributions	1,100.00	1,000.00	1000
Subtotal Dues	6,655.00	8,100.00	7,185.00
Annual Meeting	90	1,000.00	1000
Transfer from Ed Fund	1,904.00	1,904.00	1400
Phonathon/Scharfman Grant	615	300	300
Fundraising		1,000.00	1000
High School Scholarship Fund	1,270.00	4,000.00	4000
Civics Challenge - Sponsor(s)	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Interest Income	145	155	150
TOTAL INCOME	11,679.00	17,459.00	15,035.00
EXPENSES			
<u>Payments per Member</u>			
PMP - LWV US*	3,808.00	3,808.00	3200
PMP - LWV MA	2,668.00	2,668.00	2266
Subtotal PMP	6,476.00	6,476.00	5,466.00
<u>Fund Raising</u>			
Event		500	500
Phonathon		-	0
Subtotal Fund Raising	-	500	500
<u>Communications</u>			
Zoom	159	160	160
Vimeo	157	90	160
Postage		30	30
PO Box	160	150	160
Public Relations		300	300
Subtotal Communications	476	730	810
<u>Councils/Conventions</u>			
Council/Convention - LWV US		-	2000
Council/Convention - LWV MA	200	1,000.00	
Subtotal US and MA Convention	200	1,000.00	2,000.00
<u>Board/Administration</u>			
Board Orientation		300	300
Membership	207	150	500
Adminstration		100	100
Training/workshops		150	150
Subtotal Board/Administration	207	700	1,050.00

League of Women Voters Newton 2023 Annual Workbook

LWVNewton	Actual May 11, 2023	2022-2023 Budget	2023-2024
<u>Program</u>			
Meetings/Forums	50	750	500
Zoom Webinar Fees	167	300	300
<u>Subtotal Program</u>	217	1,050.00	800
Program Administration	46	250	250
Poll Workers Party	-	125	125
Holiday/Fall Party		1,000.00	1000
Day on the Hill		150	150
Voters Service	352	500	500
Saturday Night at the Races		-	100
Civics Challenge	585	250	
Subtotal Program	615	3,075.00	2,925.00
<u>Annual Meeting</u>			
Annual Meeting Workbook Printing		-	
Annual Meeting General Expenses	41	1,600.00	1200
Subtotal Annual Meeting Expenses	41	1,600.00	1,200.00
<u>Miscellaneous Contributions/Dues</u>			
Annual dues / Newton-Needham Chamber	295	295	295
Annual dues payment to NewTV	100	100	100
Annual Contribution to LWVMA	-	250	0
Harvard/LWVNewton Archives		100	100
Highschool Scholarship		4,000.00	4000
Mayor's Community Breakfast/Harmony Fund	250	250	250
Other non-profit contributions	100	300	300
Subtotal Misc. Contribution Expenses	745	5,295.00	5,045.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	8,977.00	20,426.00	19,796.00
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	2,702.00	-2,967.00	-4,761.00
Income reflects payments to LWVNewton and LWVUS Ed Fund. We may use LWVUS Ed Fund to pay our Natl. PMP/Except for the Hauser Set Aside			
ED Fund Current \$7000			
Village Bank CD \$10756			

APPENDIX A

DONATIONS AND CONTRIBUTIONS TO LWV NEWTON, 2022-2023

\$1000 and Above

Kathleen Hobson, Atul Gwande Family Trust

Village Bank

\$100-\$999

Mary Adelstein

Jennifer Abbott

Alicia Bowman

Sandra Butzel

Ann Ewart

Theresa Fitzpatrick

Liz Hiser

Marcia Johnson

Karen Manning

Lisa Mirabile

To \$99

Heather Amsden

Barbara Berensen

Ellen Biren

Anne Borg

Joana Canedo

Deb Crossley

Nancy Crowley

Andreae Downs

Frieda Dweck

Ruthanne Fuller

Frances Godine

Linda Green

Dana Hanson

Ann Hartner

Ronda Jacobson

Judy Jaffe

Andrea Kelley

David Kenney

Meryl Kessler

Kay Khan

Rhanna Kidwell

Andrea Kozinetz

Anne Larner

Barbara Lietzke

Robin Maltz

Josephine McNeil

Maureen Reilly Meagher

Linda Morrison

Rosemarie Mullin

Brenda Noel

Mindy Frankl Peckler

Sarah Raham

Megan Risen

Sharyn Roberts

Tami Roberts

Amy Sangiolo

Marcia Tabenken

Heather Wilcauskas