



The League of Women
Voters of Hingham

Hingham Voter

Serving the Towns of Hingham, Hull, Cohasset and Norwell

July 2009

LWVH Board 2009 - 2011

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Upcoming Events

Monthly Board Meeting

Wed, Aug 12 @ 7:30 p.m.
Hingham Public Library

All Member Fall Social

Wed, Sept 23 @ 7:00 p.m.
Hingham Public Library

Bulb Sale

Sat, Sept 26 @ 10:00 a.m.
88 North Street, Hingham

New Member Wine & Cheese

Wed, Oct 21 @ 7:00 p.m.
Location TBD

Co-President's Letter

Dear Members,

Hello and happy Summer! As your new Co-Presidents, Debbie Courteau and I are excited and energized as we embark on this new journey with the League of Women Voters of Hingham. Having had our first official Board Meeting in June, we are off to a great start with planning the programs and events for the following year. It is apparent that our new Board is more than willing to participate and more than capable for the tasks at hand. It is good to know that we have such an amazing group of women!

Annual Meeting on May 31st had a quite a large turnout. Maybe it was the luncheon style, the new location at the Scarlett Oak, or the Guest Speaker, award winning Boston Globe Columnist, Kevin Cullen. Whatever it was, it worked, and it seemed as though everyone had a good time! Many thanks to Dina O'Neil, Debbie Courteau, Marisa Costello and Julie Strehle for all their time and efforts. Read the recap of the event as well as Mr. Cullen's speech here in the VOTER.

Just a bit about what is in the works for the upcoming year. Our main goal this year will be to increase membership and funds. We would like to add more visibility and awareness of the League within the community, continue to add new members and boost overall fundraising efforts. Our hope is to con-

tinue with the same programs we have done in the past years and have the ability to add a few new programs and initiatives so we can keep the LWVH thriving and growing.

Through the Summer, the LWVH has been busy participating in several popular town events including the Taste of Hingham on June 6th and the ever popular Hingham 4th of July Parade. Thank you so much to all those who helped make these events a huge success!

As we look to the Fall, I must mention the lineup of upcoming events. On Wednesday, September 23 at 7:00 p.m., we will hold our Annual All Member Fall Social at the Hingham Public Library. We will discuss the LWVH Town Meeting Study. All Members are encouraged to attend to learn more about the study that is taking place.

Our fundraiser, a bulb sale, will be held on September 26 at the corner of North & South Streets in downtown Hingham (next to the Hingham Gift Company). Order forms are here in the newsletter. Be sure to pre-order now and don't forget to pass along to friends and neighbors. Funds will be used to offset costs for current programs.

The New Member Wine & Cheese will be held on Oc-

tober 21 at 7:00 p.m. This popular event has been successful in the past in bringing in new members. This is where we need your help! Bring yourselves and a friend or two. Past experience has shown that the best way to pique interest or drum up new members has occurred through word of mouth and personal contacts. So come enjoy yourselves and bring a friend!

We will be continuing with Observer Corps in the Fall. We need volunteers to help observe town boards and committees, to be the eyes and ears for the community. It is a great way to learn about the business and issues at hand. Observer Corps training will occur at the end of October, so stay tuned.

And finally, if any of you are interested in getting more involved with the League, there are many ways to do so. We still have a few positions on the Board and there are committees like the Town Meeting Study and Know Your Town Booklet to participate in, as well as helping out with various events and fundraisers. If you have even the slightest interest, contact us.

Enjoy the Summer!

Lynn

LWVH Annual Meeting Recap

May 31, 2009

Held at the Scarlett Oak & Tavern, The League of Women Voters of Hingham had a very successful and enjoyable Annual Meeting luncheon on Sunday, May 31. There were close to 40 people in attendance, which was a great turnout. After the opening of the business meeting by Julie Strehle, guest speaker and award winning Boston Globe Columnist, Kevin Cullen compared and contrasted the Boston politics to Irish politics. See last section for more on his talk.

Julie Strehle provided a recap of the success of the past year's programs and events. She also mentioned how she originally became involved in the Hingham League by responding to an advertisement posted in the Hingham Journal! So far she has come! Julie paid tribute to all those who have helped her in the past years as well.

Business reports were then given by Board Members and League Members. Marisa Costello gave the Treasurer's Report and also mentioned the fact that our local league nets only \$0.20 per member once National and State fees have been paid, so fundraising is a must in order to continue with many of the programs we have in place. LWVH was able to decrease expenses this year by moving to a web based VOTER Newsletter. In the Membership Report, there are currently 52 members. Sue Wetzel provided the Observer Corps Report mentioning and reiterating the ultimate purpose of Observer Corps which

is to act as the eyes and ears for the community. If you don't have a lot of time for volunteering, Observer Corps is actually a wonderful way to help out the League and learn about a town Board or committee that you might have interest in. A Town Meeting Study Report was provided by Kate Boland. An update as to the current state and progress of the Study was provided and generated much discussion on the topic by attendees and members of the league.

Next was the passing of the gavel from presiding President, Julie Strehle to Co-Presidents Lynn Cotter and Debbie Courteau. Both Lynn and Debbie thanked Julie for all of her passion, hard work and efforts over the last several years with the League. Next, the new Executive Board was elected and unanimously approved by the membership as follows:

- Co-Presidents: Lynn Cotter, Deb Courteau
- Vice President, Voter Education & Service: Kathleen Nugent
- Secretary: Lynn Barclay
- Treasurer: Marisa Costello
- Public Relations: Chris Wilk
- School Liaison and Town Meeting Study Chair: Kate Boland
- Nominating Committee: Marisa Costello
- Membership: Anne Marie Schembri
- Webmaster/Newsletter Editor: Emily Mondon

Co-Presidents, Lynn Cotter and Debbie Courteau summarized the goals and objectives

for the next year with the main goal to increase membership and exposure of the League within the community and to boost fundraising efforts. To also continue with many of the same programs, events and initiatives such as State of the State, Candidates Night, Town Meeting Study, "I Voted Today" stickers, Organic Lawn Care Workshop, All Member Fall Social, New Member

Events, Observer Corps and the republishing of the "Know Your Town" booklet. They also mentioned to look out for the league in a few upcoming events like Hingham's 4th of July Parade, and the annual Taste of Hingham event. Meeting was then adjourned.



Guest Speaker Kevin Cullen



L-R: Co-Presidents Lynn Cotter, Debbie Courteau and Past President, Julie Strehle

2009 LWVH Annual Meeting Guest Speaker—Boston Globe Columnist, Kevin Cullen

By Kathleen Nugent

The 2009 LWVH Annual Meeting featured speaker Kevin Cullen, Award Winning Metro Section Columnist of the Boston Globe.

Mr. Cullen tapped his professional experience and personal relationships with local Massachusetts and Irish politicians to illustrate similarities between both despite the separation by an ocean. He outlined the development of “Famine Irish” who arrived in Boston in the late 19th century to a very chilly welcome from the established Boston Brahmin society from M.A.P.E.s (Most Aggrieved People on Earth) to present day “Irish Brahmins”. Mr. Cullen described the hard living, hard drinking, hard luck lifestyle of the Famine Irish immigrants as a continuation of harsh treatment and conditions suffered under the British rule in Ireland. He told about an increasingly and upwardly mobile ethnic group who worked in service and manual labor jobs so that their children could get an education only to find themselves barred from elite universities (Harvard) and social venues (Cape Cod and Nantucket) and middle/upper class neighborhoods (Beacon Hill). This scrappy group, we were told, went on to found their own schools (Boston College), settle down for life and leisure in the Southie section of Boston and several suburbs including Marshfield (highest population of Irish Americans in any American town) and turn Hyannis on the Cape into the Irish Riviera.

Mr. Cullen made specific comparisons between the James Michael Curley and Charles Haughey as roguish, disreputable, but honorable public servants who strove to improve life for their constituents while also feathering their own nests at the expense of longstanding social elite and wealthy businessmen needing political favors. The former a self educated yet brilliant son of Irish immigrants who personified the Irish American dream through a professional life of public service and politics. Curley rose from the housing projects of Southie through Civil service where he made connections with powerful older politicians and cultivated his own political machine through the time honored system patronage. He was not the first Irish Mayor of Boston (that was Kevin O’Connell whose statue is now on the Commonwealth Ave Mall), but he did serve four terms and is the only person to be reelected from jail as a convicted felon. Curley had been caught impersonating a recent and illiterate Irish Immigrant by taking the Civil Service exam for him. Curley was convicted of fraud and his campaign slogan from jail was “He did it for a friend”. He told the story of his life in his book “I’d Do It All Again”. Former Prime Minister Haughey rose from the working class to political success earning the highest office in Ireland and undying loyalty of his constituents while amassing significant personal wealth and property. Mr. Haughey led Ireland during a period in which Irish immigration to America and England was the highest in the 20th century. While the economy in Ireland was improving with the transition from mostly agricultural and manufacturing to tourism and high tech, the quality of life and availability of employment for young people remained stagnant. While parents sent their children overseas to find jobs Mr. Haughey was leading televised tours of his palatial home and its 300 thousand acre grounds outside Dublin. The mansion was furnished through gifts from wealthy businesses needing help from the Prime Minister and included antique furniture and priceless artworks. Mr. Haughey was forced from office after public hearings regarding his selling of public contracts and misuse of public funds. Although he was convicted of fraud he was not sentenced to any jail time due to his advanced age.

Mr. Cullen was an engaging speaker in the tradition of Irish storytellers. He clearly enjoyed his topic and told colorful (sometimes off-color) anecdotes from historical research, personal experience, professional connections and more than a few late night pints in a pub.

LWVH Town Meeting Study Update - Presented at Annual Meeting 2009

By Kate Boland

In the interest of increasing voter participation at Hingham's Town Meeting, the Hingham League of Women Voters began researching the possible successful practices that could lead to attracting better attendance at annual Town Meeting.

With the start of the New Year, committee members, Victoria Milano, Julie Strehle, Connie Coleman, Eva Marx and Kate Boland initiated a study that surveyed the 20 communities that Hingham Administration utilizes for benchmark purposes. These Communities are comprised of towns that are either contiguous to Hingham, compare socio- economically, share population characteristics, or operational budget similarities. For analysis purposes, they were broken into 3 groups, defined by their governing structure:

Open Town Meeting:

Andover, Canton, Cohasset, Concord, Hingham, Hull, Marblehead, Norwell, Rockland, Scituate, Weston, Westwood

Representative Town Meeting

Dedham, Lexington, Milton, Needham, Wellesley, Winchester

And Towns with Mayors

Braintree, Weymouth

In the interest of gathering the most comprehensive information that might provide insight into how other communities attract and sustain voters at Town Meeting, we designed two questionnaires. One would be directed to the Town Clerks, and a secondary questionnaire was directed to the various Leagues in an attempt to find potential educational efforts other Leagues had employed to drive successful voter turn out.

The Town Clerk questionnaire included:

1. What date, day and time is your Town Meeting held?
2. When more than one day is required, what is the policy for scheduling subsequent meetings? How many days does your Town Meeting typically last?
3. How many Town Meetings does your town hold a year? What are the requirements for calling a Special Town Meeting and how frequently does this happen?
4. Does your town require a quorum? What does your Town consider a quorum and what are your Town's attendance numbers for the last 3 years?
5. How many articles are typically covered in your Warrant and what is the lead time for mailing the Warrant before Town Meeting?
6. What population demographics do the majority of the attendees represent and how do you attempt to attract voters to TM?
7. Are your Articles presented to Town Meeting as listed in the Warrant or are they grouped and Chosen randomly?
8. What practices does your Town employ to increase and retain attendees?
9. Does Article content affect turn out and can you cite examples?
10. How do you promote Town Meeting?
11. Do you employ voter education forums, newspaper articles, and electronic media to familiarize your voters with upcoming issues?

The League of Women Voters questionnaire included:

1. What is the membership size for your League?
2. How old is your League?
3. Does your League provide any type of voter education on the Articles for Town Meeting?
4. Does your League do anything to promote attendance at Town Meeting?

Some of the issues Hingham confronts were confirmed by other Towns. Schools always spike attendance and they tend to not sustain that attendance for other articles. Meetings tend to be in March or April at 7:00 on a Monday. And the distributions of Warrants are usually through Town Web sites, Newspapers, and local TV stations.

While we joked that "providing snacks" wasn't a big draw to town meeting, or providing lunch as one town does, we found some antidotal answers that sparks us to look further into those indicators. Areas of further research include: Does a quorum make a difference? Was there a trend in voter turnout if there was/wasn't a quorum? Would the prompt starting of the meeting help to tighten the length of Town Meeting and therefore increase attendance? Would limitations on speaking time by proponents, at Town Meeting, make a difference in attracting better attendance by shortening the length of Town Meeting? The Committee was quick to reconfirm the need for discussion, however, one committee member had experienced situations in utilizing "Pro and Con" microphone set up, and a visible clock to eliminate extraneous speaking therefore keeping discussion focused and tightening TM length.

Following our thought that "if a voter population is educated and encouraged to participate earlier in the process will they be more invested in the decision making throughout committee discussions and therefore attract more voters to Town Meeting?" We will further investigate towns that utilize "Working Warrants". These Warrants are provided months before Town Meeting to attract collaboration and fully vet issues. A final Warrant is mailed weeks before TM. We are researching the merits and pitfalls in implementing this process as well as looking at lead times and various modalities in distributing the Warrant.

Discussion continued on the merits of grouping articles (zoning, CPC, etc.) and through a lottery system pulling Articles at Town Meeting. Our initial thoughts included, voting population would be looking at Town as a whole therefore basing decisions on full picture of our Towns requirements rather than special interests. Secondly, hopefully attendance would be sustained throughout Town Meeting process.

Further research will be conducted into the benefits of education of Warrant Articles at Selectmen/Committee levels, such as posting minutes in more timely manner, posting more detailed Committee agendas, LWV involvement in education process and helping to create a more welcoming environment at committee meetings.

I must say as we delve deeper, we are almost overwhelmed in the possible directions the research can go. Our Town is at a turning point with our population pushing 21,000 plus. Do we go in the direction of Town Representatives, initiate 5 Selectmen rather than 3? (We are one of the only Towns holding onto 3.) Or do we implement strategies to draw larger attendance and provide initiatives for better education and involvement. As we move from preliminary status to more in depth research, we look forward to uncovering these answers.

If you would like to receive the complete results of the initial study please leave your email address on the sign up sheet and we will forward them. And look for our surveying of the voters through the Hingham Journal in the coming weeks, which asks them quite candidly: Why do you or don't you attend Town Meeting.

All Member Fall Social/Meeting

Mark your calendars!

The League of Women Voters of Hingham
will hold their 3rd Annual
All Member Fall Social/Meeting

Topic:

HINGHAM TOWN MEETING STUDY

Wednesday, September 23, 2009

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Hingham Public Library

Whiton Room

You may have heard about the exciting new Town Meeting Study the LWVH has been conducting. Now is your chance to come join us for an in-depth discussion about the committee's progress and where they are headed.

Don't miss this exciting opportunity!



**The League of Women
Voters of Hingham**



**THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HINGHAM
ANNOUNCES ITS 2009 BULB SALE FUNDRAISER!**

Dear League of Women Voters of Hingham Supporters,

Help us reach our goal of \$1,000 in sales!

If we meet our goal, we can keep our membership dues low.

The League in Hingham is energized and wants to continue to offer and expand our programs. Your participation in this fundraiser will support our studies, including the Town Meeting Study, continue to allow us to send out "Thank You for Registering to Vote" postcards and host our annual Candidates' Night forum.

If you're running out of space in your yard, these bulbs make an excellent gift for birthdays, Christmas and special occasions. Don't forget to check with your neighbors and friends. Plant in the fall — these bulbs can be planted from early fall to late winter. Give a potted bulb as a gift! These bulbs can be sold to anyone and the profits help support the League's mission.

We invite all members and their friends to pre-order your bulbs with the attached order form. E-mail your order to Debbie Courteau at d.courteau@verizon.net. Print the order form and fill it in. Send the completed form and your check to Marisa Costello a 43 Woodlock Road, Hingham, MA 02043.

Bulbs will be available for pick up on September 26, 2009 between 10:00 am and 1:00 pm in Hingham Square at 88 North Street (corner of North & South Streets next to Hingham Gift Company). Additional bulbs will also be available for purchase at that time.

If you need more information, call Debbie Courteau at 781-335-7558 or email to d.courteau@verizon.net.

The deadline for ordering is August 1, 2009.

Thank You for Your Support!








BULB SALE FUNDRAISER—ORDER FORM

The League of Women
Voters of Hingham

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ E-mail: _____

Photo	Bulb	Quantity/Price	Total Order
	Tulips Blooms in late spring; strong 18 – 24” stems; col- ors: hot pink and red	10 bulbs for \$10 20 bulbs for \$15	
	Daffodils Tete-a-Tete Blooms early in the sea- son; each 6-8” stem pro- duces 1-3 lemon yellow	10 bulbs for \$10 20 bulbs for \$15	
	Hyacinths Blooms in mid-spring; col- ors: dark blue and pink	5 bulbs for \$10 13 bulbs for \$15	
	Crocus Blooms in early spring; each large bulb produces 2-4 flowers; assorted col- ors	10 bulbs for \$10 20 bulbs for \$15	
	Iris White Excelsior Blooms in late spring; pure white iris with a touch of yellow	10 bulbs for \$10 20 bulbs for \$15	

1. E-mail your order as soon as possible by to Debbie Courteau at d.courteau@verizon.net.
2. Mail a check made payable to “League of Women Voters of Hingham” along with this order form to: Marisa Costello, 43 Woodlock Road, Hingham, MA 02043.
3. Bulbs may be picked up September 26th in Hingham Square at 88 North Street (corner of North & South Streets next to Hingham Gift Company). Additional bulbs will also be available for purchase at that time.
4. If you have any questions, please call Debbie Courteau at 781-335-7558 or e-mail above.

The deadline for ordering is August 1, 2009.

Thank You for You Support!!!

Highlights, Happenings and Business of LWVMA Convention 2009

By Debbie Courteau

On May 29 – 30, the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts (LWVMA) held their Convention. The purpose of Convention was to welcome the new LWVMA President, Zaxaro Bennett and determine the program of the LWVMA for the 2009-2011 biennium.

The LWVMA Board recommended, and membership adopted, three priority action issues:

- Education: action on education initiatives, including mandated pre-kindergarten, distribution of funding, and special education funding.
- Health Care: action on health care initiatives, including monitoring the implementation of new health care laws and adoption of a single payer system.
- Basic Human Needs – Affordable Housing: action on basic human needs initiatives, including affordable housing.

The LWVMA Board did not recommend any new studies for the next biennium. The LWVMA Board recommended two re-studies for the next biennium:

- Transportation: a re-study of the LWVMA position, adopted in 1975: "A statewide public transportation service, accessible to all, that provides access to jobs, housing, and services while creating minimum disruption of the environment; public monies allocated flexibility to meet public transportation needs." The scope of the

study would focus on expanding the position to include private and public transportation issues, modernization of the public transit system, maintenance of highways and bridges, environmental impact, and funding.

Home Rule:" a re-study of the LWVMA position, adopted in 1966: "An effective state Government: home rule for Massachusetts cities and towns in local matters." The scope of the study would include the implementation and effectiveness of home rule in local, county, and state governments.

For LWVMA positions in Government, please see their website at www.lwvma.org.

There was much talk at Convention about LWVMA's budget. There is only enough money left in the budget to last three months. A negative budget has been proposed. A quick breakdown shows:

LMVMA income: \$213,334, with expenses of \$229,607 leaves a negative net of \$16,273. The Phonathon netted \$16,167, and \$25,000 was expected. Guardian of Democracy Award Dinner covered expenses, but did not net any income. Net was expected to be \$75,000. The Spring Fund Raiser netted \$3,395. \$20,000 was expected. Interest from all trust funds, CD's and other accounts has been lower than expected. The Scharfman Fund also ended negative \$29,690. Sponsor-

ship of the Student Essay Contest was not renewed prior to announcement of the contest, so all expenses and awards were absorbed by the Scharfman Trust for \$25,000. To prevent this from happening again, sponsorship is being confirmed now.

There was discussion about moving the LWVMA office out of Boston. But, rent now is low and being in Boston gives us visibility, along with close and fast access to the State House. Moving costs would trump any lesser rent fees. To lower costs, LWVMA will greatly cut back on paper mailings and brochures.

Positions supported by LWVMA in 2008 include:

- Casino Gambling: LWVMA is strongly opposed to the establishment of Class III gambling.
- Education/Education Finance: efforts continue to monitor the state's distribution of local aid for education. Efforts to revise the Chapter 70 formula have been overshadowed by the state's fiscal problems. Equal Rights/Reproductive Rights: works with the Massachusetts Coalition for Choice in schools; worked to prohibit sex-based classifications in insurance policies; supported passage of a bill that allows women to breast feed infants in public places;

supported a bill that would add transgender individuals to a list of groups protected under anti-discrimination laws.

- Fiscal Policy: joined the Coalition for our Communities to oppose Question One proposition to eliminate the State's income tax.
- Meeting Basic Human Needs: supported increasing the Earned income Credit; supported restoring food stamps to eligible, legal immigrants.

There were workshops at Convention on examples of events local leagues can accomplish. Our Hingham league is considering holding during the coming year the following:

A workshop on *How to Run a "How*

to Run for Office" Training: Mass. has had fewer contested races state-wide than any other in the country in the 2008 election. A strong democracy depends on having choices on the ballot. Our local league can encourage and train those who are thinking about running for office or those who may work in a candidate's campaign. We need to take the opportunity to gather ideas on how to encourage more people to run for office at all levels.

A workshop on *Open meeting Law and Public Records Forum*: To refresh the memories of those already on town Boards and Committees. Include our Town Clerk, Michael Sullivan or Jason Tate from the Office of Campaign Finance, or the DA or Assistant DA from Plymouth county to come and speak.

In case you are wondering, the Lotte E. Scharfman Memorial Citi-

zen Education Fund (the Scharfman Fund) was established as an educational trust in 1971 by the LWVMA. Its mission is to encourage informed and active citizen participation in government through citizen education and voters service projects. It serves the public by providing advice and training on how to make government responsive and accessible. The Fund was established in memory of a League president who died in 1970 on her forty-second birthday. Lotte was a refugee from Hitler's Germany who devoted her life to working for the democratic process and to helping citizens gain access to government. She is widely credited with coining the phrase, "Democracy is not a spectator sport."



Co-President, Debbie Courteau holds the banner for the 4th of July Parade



Co-President, Lynn Cotter helps register to vote at this year's annual Taste of Hingham event.



The marchers in the 2009 Hingham 4th of July Parade. Way to Go!

Hingham Conservation Commission - Observer Corps Report

Other Participating Boards – None

Date/Time of Meeting – May 18, 2009 7:00 PM

Place of Meeting – Hingham Town Hall

Meeting Posted on Website and Agenda Attached? Yes

Members Attending – Bill Grafton; Carolyn Nielson; Eugene Babin, Vice Chairman; Charles Barry; Cliff Prentiss

Conservation Department – *Abigail Childs, Assistant to the Conservation Officer*

Chaired by: Samuel Chapin

Submitted by: Lynn Cotter

Old/New Business :

Requests for Determination of Applicability – None

Notices of Intent –

Seal Cove Road: As of May 14th, there was no DEP #. This is regarding an easement that crosses 2 properties and where the beach association has rights to the beach. The requested work is to help facilitate access to beach easement/beach front. The turf lawn edge is eroding from all the foot traffic and tide. They want to make the beach access more easily walkable and safer. They plan to use granite steps and unmoveable gravel and will do beach nourishment. It is somewhat in a flood zone, but not a huge velocity. The beach association is not incorporated and there are 14 lots started in 1950's in which the easements went with the properties. John Roche was the agreed upon spokesperson from the beach assn. There was a letter with technical questions which was addressed. The entire assn. is in favor. The question raised was whether the assn had the rights to do maintenance work on the easement, brought up by Eugene Babin. Cliff Prentiss believes that the committee can vote as the contractual easement question belongs to the attorneys, where the commission is responsible for the wetlands. It passed 4 to 1 (Eugene Babin voted no). It is a closed hearing subject to a DEP# and , as well as a chance to review sand nourishment in a year and see what happens with the salt marsh and marine life.

29 Bel Air Road – requested a continuance to 6/15/09

23 Bel Air Road - requested a continuance to 6/15/09

1 Pinecrest Road – requested a continuance to 6/15/09

Certificates of Compliance –

74 Charles Street – no action

29 Pioneer Road - accepted

27 Cushion Street – accepted for 1 year

Orders of Conditions -

South Pleasant Street & Lazell Streets - stonewater management will maintain water systems. Gravel removal can regulate the site. Cliff Prentiss will do a site visit two times per day. Motion was made and accepted.

Next Meeting June 1, 2009 - 7:00 PM, Hingham Town Hall

LWV of Hingham Membership Form

2009 - 2010

Please mail to:
Marisa Costello
43 Woodlock Road, Hingham, MA 02043

Name _____

2nd Member _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Email* _____

* Please provide email address to receive the VOTER Newsletter and other membership announcements

Individual	\$50.
Household	\$75. (\$50, first member; \$25 second)
Full time student	\$25.
CONTRIBUTION	\$ _____
PAYMENT ENCLOSED	\$ _____

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization encouraging the informed and active participation of citizens in government. It influences public policy through education and advocacy. We never support or oppose any political party or candidate. We are delighted to get help from our Members. Below is a list of activities in need of your help. Please check or circle any items with which you can assist:

_____ **Voter Education**

- * Help run Candidates Night
- * Register voters
- * Pass out "I Voted Today" stickers at the polls

_____ **Advocacy**

- * Town Meeting Study
- * Report on Town Boards with Observer Corps
- * "Know Your Town" Publication

_____ **Social Event Planning**

- * Plan All-Member meetings, including Annual Meeting