

LWV Westford Agenda – Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2022, 7:30 p.m. via Zoom

Time (approx.)	Discussion Item	Lead
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Admin

7:30	Approve minutes of July 13th Steering Committee meeting	Laura
	Treasurer's Report	Vicky
	Membership Report	Lynn
	Publicity	Mary Anne
	Communications • eBulletins • Facebook • Instagram • Website • Google calendar	Laura Vicky Gloria Marilyn
	New Steering Committee member? Sarah Chmielewski	Laura
	Review & approve policies & guidelines • Collaboration with other organizations • Conflict of interest • Debates & forums • Nonpartisanship	Lynn
	Merger with the Chelmsford League	Lynn

Voter Service/Citizen Education

8:00	Prop 2½ and the debt exclusion event: Sept. 28	
	Special Town Meeting preview:	Laura
	Special Town Meeting banner update	Mary Anne
	Mock elections in the schools	
	Voter registration drives	
	Candidates' Night for state senator/state rep.	Lynn
	How-to videos	Laura/Vicky/Gloria

Outreach Activities and Partnerships

8:20	Civic Socials • Sept. 21: Town Meeting mentor training/Angela Harkness • Oct. 19: Roe v Wade/LWVMA • Nov. 16: Dr. Chew • Dec. ?: Holiday party • Jan. 18: State senator	
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Study

8:40	Expanding voting rights to 16- and 17-year-olds and to non-citizen residents with legal status study update	Gloria
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Action

8:50	Supporting hybrid town committee/board meetings	Lynn/Gloria
	Supporting Prop. 2½ debt exclusion for library expansion	Lynn

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Reminder: Local action priorities recommended by Annual Meeting:

1. Continue video interviews with town committee chairs to explain what the committees do.
2. Support the Town Meeting and debt exclusion votes for the library expansion and renovation, after investigating if we can support it without doing a study.
3. Advocate that all in-person public meetings of town boards and committees allow members of the public to participate remotely.
4. Advocate that all town boards and committees post meeting summaries as soon as possible after their meetings similar to the Select Board's Actions Taken agendas (e.g. westfordma.gov/AgendaCenter/ViewFile/Agenda/04262022-4245).
5. Advocate that the webpage for every town board/committee on the town's website include an email address that forwards to every member of the board/committee or provide another way for residents to contact the board members without having to use their individual addresses. This includes publicizing the process for how to contact town boards and committees and what happens to those emails. Include education about emails becoming part of the public record and encourage committees to acknowledge all written communication.
6. Investigate if there are better ways to register voters at WA and Nashoba Tech. Run registration drives in the fall.
7. Organize mock elections in the schools before the November election.
8. Work with other local Leagues to organize candidates' nights for state rep and state senate candidates, if those seats are contested.
9. Organize a forum/meeting/Civic Social with our new state senator after the November election.
10. Work with the Town Clerk to promote recruitment of poll workers.
11. Follow up on our survey of polling place accessibility with the Commission on Disability.
12. Continue to advocate for a robust voting rights bill at the State level that includes same-day voter registration.
13. Monitor the implementation of Access to Town Meeting Committee's recommendations to the Select Board.

Topic: LWV Steering Committee meeting

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