

## MINUTES OF 37<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL LWVH ANNUAL MEETING

Held May 4, 2014

### BUSINESS MEETING

- Welcome, Introductions and Call to Order was made by Judy Samuelson, LWVH co-president.
- Adoption of Minutes of the May 2013 Meeting was proposed and passed.
- A proposal to have the minutes of the 2014 meeting reviewed and approved by two board members was also passed.
- The Treasurer's Report for 2013-2014 was presented by Eموke Boldvay and approved.
- The Budget for 2014-2015 was presented by Eموke Boldvay and approved.
- Four Changes to the By-laws were presented for consideration by Barbara McClancy
  1. The entire body of the document was re-formatted to comply with a standard, easy to read text. In the past the bylaws were not internally consistent in structure. This formatting did not require any content changes.
  2. In Article 1 (Name), the affiliates of the LWVH did not include the "League of Women Voters of Suffolk County", to which we pay dues. This omission has been added to our list of encompassing groups of which we are a part: LWVUS and LWVNYS.
  3. In Article 5 (Officers), Section 5 (Treasurer), the section that reads, in part, "the treasurer shall collect ... monies ...[and] deposit them in banks," the following was added: "and other financial institutions." This change was made due to the evolving nature of financial institutions engaged in LWVH business.
  4. In Article 10, (called..."National Convention, State Convention and Council") In all three Sections, the wording "shall select delegates" was changed to "selects delegates" to reduce possible mandatory inferences (i.e., to be clear that it is not mandatory to select, but one may select delegates to conventions.)

The proposed changes were approved.

- President's Report was made by Judy Samuelson, co-president. She reviewed the events and accomplishment of the LWVH over the previous twelve months.

### AWARDS

- Carrie Chapman Catt Award – Glorian Berk made the presentation to Joanne Samborn, this year’s honoree.
- Betty Desch Student Leadership Award – Beth Barth made the presentation to Emma Nueberger, a graduating senior at Southampton High School.

NOMINATIONS FOR 2014-2015

The Report of Nominating Committee was presented Terri Levin Davgin.

The following slate of officers, elected directors and nominating committee was presented for consideration by the Membership:

Name	Position	Term
Gladys Remler	Vice-President	2014 - 2016
Ursula Lynch	Vice-President	2014 - 2016
Emoke Boldvay	Treasurer	2014 - 2016
Anne Marshall	Elected Director	2014 - 2016
Barbara McClancy	Elected Director	2014 - 2016
Nancy Walter-Yvertes	Nominating Committee Co- Chair	2014 - 2015
Sylvia Baruch	Nominating Committee	2014 - 2015
Ann Sandford	Nominating Committee Co-Chair	2014 - 2015

In addition, the following Appointed Directors, to serve 1-year terms at the discretion of the Board were proposed: Joy Cordery, Valerie King, Judi Roth, and Joanne McEvoy-Samborn.

The slate was approved.

LOCAL POSITIONS AND PROGRAMS

- A summary of Local Positions - approved by the membership in May 2013 - was presented by co-president Glorian Berk for reconsideration.

1. RECYCLING AND SOLID WASTE. Support of recycling, composting and regional cooperation on solid waste management for Towns of Southampton and East Hampton supporting recycling, composting and regional cooperation (LWVH consensus 1989).
2. NEW COUNTY FOR THE EAST END Support of the formation of a new county composed of the towns of East Hampton, Riverhead, Shelter Island, Southampton and Southold. (LWVH consensus 1997)
3. CLOSURE OF MILLSTONE NUCLEAR POWER PLANT Support of the closure of the Millstone Nuclear Power Plant in Waterford, Connecticut, as there are no safe emergency or evacuation plans in place that would protect the public of East Hampton and Southampton as required by U. S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission regulations in the event of an emergency.
4. AFFORDABLE HOUSING Support of a diversity of affordable housing opportunities to meet the current and future housing needs of all citizens, regardless of economic circumstances. Support of mixed-use development and housing types of varying sizes and price ranges and encouragement of efficient permitting processes and collaborative community based planning for long-term land use. (LWVH consensus 2002)
5. WORK FORCE CENTER FOR DAY LABORERS. Support of the establishment of a hiring center for day laborers in the Hamptons as a humane response to day-laborer hiring practices Such a center will reduce traffic congestion and provide a safe and clean environment where an orderly hiring process can take place. (LWVH consensus 2007)
6. COUNCIL-TOWN MANAGER FORM OF GOVERNMENT Support the reorganization of town governments to create the position of town manager who will assume administrative responsibilities thereby providing town boards greater opportunity to set policy and strategic direction. (LWVH consensus 2010).

The positions were approved without amendment.

- The Programs report was presented by Glorian Berk.

At the January 13 2014 program planning meeting, seven items were put forward by members. At the March 5 meeting of the Board of Directors, these were reviewed and three of the seven were voted “recommended.”

1. Support creating an independent commission for redistricting following the next census. The issue will be on the ballot in November 2014. LWVH will lobby for passage. RECOMMENDED: support by educating public in July/August.

2. Support Women's Agenda. Discussion about whether to advocate passage as one bill or as 10 separate bills. LWVNY will ask for our support when bill/bills come up for a vote. RECOMMENDED: but only as a single bill.
3. Encourage registered voters to vote. RECOMMENDED. Included in voter registration/BOCES project and by extension, by ballot access study.
4. Address the issue of multiple election days (e.g. for school board, library budget, special district elections). NOT RECOMMENDED except by researching, publishing dates.
5. Address poverty and homelessness on East End. NOT RECOMMENDED for the League as a group. Individuals encouraged to help as they can.
6. Support Language access in town services. NOT RECOMMENDED as we lack resources.
7. Advocate for universal pre-kindergarten. NOT RECOMMENDED.

#### DIRECTIONS TO THE BOARD

Co-president Glorian Berk opened the floor for the membership to propose Directions to the Board for the coming year. There were no directives from the membership.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Respectfully submitted, Sally James, Recording Secretary LWVH