



League of Women Voters of Lexington
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Dear League Member,

September 2021

As with most things in this era of COVID, keeping the League of Women Voters of Lexington's programs up and running in the past year was a challenge. In February of 2021 we held our first virtual Candidates' Night and, thanks to the technical savvy and dedication of our board members, it was a big success. We concluded our programming in June by welcoming Dr. William Moomaw, Emeritus Professor of International Environmental Policy at the Fletcher School, as our guest speaker. Dr. Moomaw focused on the importance of Massachusetts forests and their role in addressing climate change and stemming biodiversity loss.

In anticipation of Special Town Meeting beginning on November 8, 2021, our **First Fridays** series will begin on October 1st with a presentation of proposed zoning amendments including Structures in Yards, Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Permitting, Solar Energy Systems, Residential Development, and Residential Parking. Panelists will include Amanda Loomis, Planning Director; Sheila Page, Assistant Planning Director; Stella Carr, Sustainability Director; James Kelly, Building Commissioner; and Charles Hornig, Planning Board Chair.

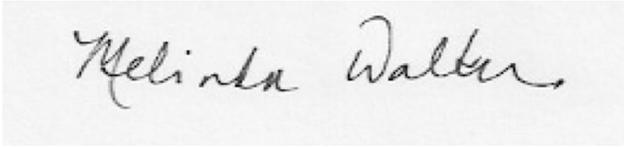
First Fridays will continue through May, and will cover a wide range of topics from the impacts of the 2020 Census to the impact of COVID-19 on the viability of Lexington businesses. At our annual meeting in June of 2022 we will host a lively debate (we hope) on the "Fair Share Amendment." The amendment will be on the ballot on November 8, 2022. Panelists will include both proponents and opponents of the question, and there will be ample time for questions from the audience.

Every year, I remind our members that a significant portion of our dues are allocated towards state and national membership fees. The Massachusetts League has a team of over twenty 'Legislative Specialists' who share their expertise in forums and testify on Beacon Hill. If you check out the information about this team (https://lwvma.org/about/our-team-2/#LWVMA_Legislative_Specialists), you will find Lexington's own Pat Costello, longtime Lexington League member, on the list.

As I conclude this letter, I feel I would be remiss if I did not include a special thanks to board members Margaret Coppe and Charles Hornig for their diligence and professionalism as we went 'all virtual' in 2021. Their collaborative efforts ensured everyone was welcomed and able to participate in our public service events throughout the year.

There are two ways you can renew your membership: Fill out the form at the bottom of this page and enclose it along with a check in the enclosed envelope, or renew on-line at www.lwvlexington.org.

Thank you,



Melinda Walker
Membership Chair

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LWV of Lexington Membership Form September 2021 through August 31, 2022

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2nd Household Member _____

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ENCLOSED: Dues & Donations (Please circle all that apply.)

Regular Membership \$60.00

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TOTAL \$ _____