



**League of Women Voters of the Hamptons
38th Annual Members Meeting
Sunday, May 17, 2015 at 1 PM
Southampton Cultural Center**

The annual meeting is attended by members of the Board of Directors and members of the League of Women Voters of the Hamptons and guests. Only members of the LWVH are able to take part in the voting process. Approximately 50 members attended. Co-Presidents Glorian Berk and Judy Samuelson sat at the dais along with Recording Secretary Barbara McClancy.

The meeting was called to order at 1:25 PM.

Glorian welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order. She then introduced our speaker, Congressman Lee Zeldin. Representative Zeldin, our newly elected Congressman, spoke for about an hour and gave his first impressions of Washington DC as a member of Congress. He gave a brief biography of himself and spoke about his interest in our environment. Living on Long Island, our water supply is of special interest to him as is the fate of Plum Island. He touched on many issues he hopes to address such as veteran's affairs and PTSD, East Hampton airport noise, education, and surface transportation. He then answered audience questions.

The Annual Meeting convened at approximately 2:30 PM.

- Barbara McClancy asked that the minutes of the May, 2014 Annual Meeting be approved and it was done so by acclamation.
- Eموke Boldvay, treasurer, reported income at \$23,920 and expenditures at \$25,684. That indicates a small short fall, but the fiscal year is not over yet. The report was accepted and placed in her files.
- The Budget Committee, consisting of Eموke Boldvay, Sue Beiger and Glorian Berk, with input from all the committee chairs, worked on the budget. It was distributed to the membership and was presented by Glorian, who asked for its approval. It passed by a show of hands.
- By-Law updates that were recommended by Judi Roth and Estelle Gellman were presented by Estelle. She explained that changes were necessary for clarification of terminology and to comply with new technology. A motion was presented and approved by a show of hands.
- Judi Roth presented the changes recommended by her and Estelle Gellman for the clarification of the Non-Partisanship Policy. This policy was approved by the membership.

Presidents Report

The president's report was presented by Judy Samuelson. She spoke of a long list of accomplishments by the Board of Directors and the membership in the last year. She explained that

the Board of Directors must remain non-partisan. She thanked the Natural Resources Committee for a successful maritime visit to Stony Brook's lab at the Southampton campus. Voter Registration was thanked for the September "Get out the Vote Day", the registering of new citizens at the Islip Federal Court House, their successful debates and the Consensus on term limits and primaries in NYS. Arlene Hinkemeyer as Public Relations was acknowledged for her usual excellent job of publicizing our events. The Membership and Government Committees were revitalized this year by Estelle Gellman, with Joanne McAvoy-Samborn co/chairing Membership. Valerie King took over the Health Committee and will be doing a PIM in June in conjunction with the Natural Resources Committee. Julia Kayser & Pat Arceri put together the "Blahs Luncheon" in January, and we did need it, considering the snowy winter we had.

Carrie Chapman Catt Award

Judy Samuelson presented the Carrie Chapman Catt Award to Naomi Epstein, for her untiring work chairing the Government Committee and for presenting the "Town Manger" system of government to our towns, CAC's and many other benevolent organizations. She is also an active member of the Health Committee and on the Board of Directors of the LWVSC.

Betty Desch Student Leadership Award

The Betty Desch Award was presented by Beth Barth. She explained that it was awarded to a high school senior for showing exceptional leadership skills. This year the award went to Natalie Palumbo, a senior at Southampton High School. She is involved in the Best Buddy program which pairs high school students with disabled students and is involved in resurrecting the ferry service at Agawam Lake. Natalie is also a talented dancer. Unfortunately she couldn't attend, as she had a prior commitment to dance at a high school recital. She will be invited to attend an Education Committee meeting to accept her award and a proclamation prepared by Congressman Zeldin in recognition of her accomplishments.

Nominating Committee

The nominating committee was represented by its chair, Ann Sandford. She presented the slate of nominees, a copy of which is attached. She then asked if there were any nominations from the floor. There were none, and the prepared slate was approved by acclamation.

Programs and Positions

Programs suggested at our planning meeting in January were presented by Judy Samuelson.

1. Maintain a presence at local government meetings, and make the LWVH voice heard.
2. Support research and actions to promote alternative sources of energy.
3. Seek out new members in affinity groups in our area, e.g., CAC's, PTA's.
4. Raise the visibility of the LWVH by participating in local events like parades.
5. Participate in local programs such as "Adopt a Road" in East Hampton.
6. Try to create junior LWV chapters in local high schools.
7. Support the Town Manager form of government in our towns.
8. Act to help abolish human trafficking.

All these programs were approved by the membership except for numbers 6 and 8. The program to create junior leagues was not approved because many past attempts to get students involved were futile. Although human trafficking is a serious issue, it is believed to be impractical for a local league to impact.

The Local Positions presented at last year's meeting were presented today by Judy. They were all approved by the membership.

1. Support recycling and regional cooperation on solid waste management.
2. Support the creation of Peconic County, consisting of Riverhead, Southold, Shelter Island, East Hampton and Southampton.
3. Encourage the closing of the Millstone Nuclear Power Plant for safety reasons.
4. Support mixed use development and affordable housing.
5. Work to establish a work force center for day laborers.
6. Support the Council-Manager form of government in East and Southampton.

Directions to the Board

Judy asked the audience if there were any directions to the Board. There were three.

1. Gene Samuelson stated in reference to the treasurer's report of a short fall in fund that the Board research an increase in membership dues. This will be referred to the Membership Committee.
2. Sharon Sugama suggested the Holiday Party be held during daylight hours for safety reasons.
3. Abby Roden, the president of Southampton High School's senior class, questioned rejecting Program Item 6. She believes she can help our education committee meet with willing students. This will be referred to the Education Committee.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted by
Barbara McClancy, Recording Secretary, LWVH