

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF WINCHESTER

Open Meeting
Wednesday, January 11, 2023, 7:00 p.m.

Board members/Attendees:

Elizabeth Brodbine Ghoniem	Caroline Shamu
Trã Evrigenis	Susan Verdicchio
Kim Foley	
Marie Lee	
Marilyn Mullane	

The January 11th Open League hybrid meeting resulted in fifteen in person attendees, including three panelists, and four by Zoom. This was our first attempt at a hybrid meeting.

AGENDA

FACILITATOR: Susan Verdicchio
SECRETARY: Marie Lee
Called to order at 7:00 pm

1. **Minutes** from December 14, 2022 were approved.
2. **Treasurer's Report** – presented by Jean Herbert, Treasurer. Accepted .

3. **Panel discussion: Women Running for Office.**

SC member Susan Verdicchio moderated an informative and engaging discussion of running for office with the following panelists: Michelle Ciccolo, MA State Rep; Ruth Trimarchi, Winchester Board of Health Chair and Town Meeting Member; and Stephanie Zaremba, Winchester Town Meeting Member, Precinct 1. Areas explored included what motivated these women to run in their first race, what they learned or discovered about the process as they went through it, expectations about campaign costs and fundraising, the time demands of running and serving in office, and maintaining a good work-life balance. League members in the audience asked a number of thought-provoking questions, including how to make it easier to apply for appointed positions on small local appointed boards or committees (as the first step to getting more involved), and how to elevate the voices of renters in local decision-making.

The panel discussion ended at 8:00pm.

4. **Upcoming meetings:**

Date	Facilitator	Secretary	Host
Wed. Feb. 15	Trã Everigenis	Robin Swan	
Wed. March 15 Note: Confirm Scheduling of case study	Robin Swan	Kim Foley	