

Ipswich League of Women Voters
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History

The Ipswich League of Women Voters (LWV) was an active, influential organization in Ipswich from 1957 until 1999. At its peak, membership numbered approximately 92 women in the late 1950's and early 1960's. In addition to the useful booklets and calendars the LWV prepared and distributed on a regular basis, perhaps the most useful and labor-intensive service provided was that of the Observer Corps. For each official Town meeting, such as those held by the Board of Selectmen, School Committee, and Planning Board, a League member would attend and report on the meeting according to LVW guidelines. Ipswich was fortunate to have such a vigilant watchdog organization for so many years. The LVW was also important in providing valuable voter information. Unfortunately, the group disbanded when it became apparent that fewer and fewer women had the necessary time to devote to providing such an important but unpaid public service.

Scope and Content/Series Description

11 boxes (5.5 linear feet)

1953-1995

The records are divided into six series: Governance, Reports, Issues, Publicity, Booklets, and Calendars. The Governance series is the backbone of the collection and is comprised of approximately seven boxes of folders in chronological order from 1957 to 1995. These Ipswich Leaguer folders contain minutes of LVW meetings, annual meeting reports, membership lists, listings of events, newsletters and related correspondence. The Reports series contains Observer Corps reports from the 1970's for Town meetings, such as the School Committee. The Issues series contains information compiled by LVW members on topics of public interest such as cable TV, nuclear power, and recycling. The Publicity series contains news clippings from the mid 1980's. The Booklet series contains the three booklets on Ipswich published by the League in 1957, 1966, and 1989. The final series contains the attractive and useful calendars prepared and distributed by the Ipswich League of Women Voters from 1980 to 1994.

The main strength of the collection is the chronological record of LVW organization and activities from 1957 to 1995. Records for the last few years of the League's existence will be donated to Ipswich Public Library at a later date.

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IPSWICH LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

Container List 2002.07

Series I Governance

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
1	1	Ipswich LVW Handbook	1984-1985
1	2	Observer Corps Handbook	no date
1	3	Open Meeting Law	1973
1	4	Local Program Notes	1973-1974
1	5	Membership Lists	1958-1978
1	6	Board Organization	1978-1983
1	7	Finance	1971-1980
1	8	Membership Campaign	1975-1985
1	9	Non-partisanship Policy	1972-1989
1	10	Provisional League Bulletin	1953-1956
Note: Ipswich Leaguer folders contain minutes, annual meeting reports, calendar of events, newsletters, and correspondence.			
1	11	Ipswich Leaguer	1957-1961
1	12	Ipswich Leaguer	1957-1961
1	13	Ipswich Leaguer	1961-1962
1	14	Ipswich Leaguer	1963-1965
2	1	Ipswich Leaguer	1963-1964
2	2	Ipswich Leaguer	1964-1965
2	3	Ipswich Leaguer	1965-1966

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
2	4	Ipswich Leaguer	1966-1967
2	5	Ipswich Leaguer	1967-1968
2	6	Ipswich Leaguer	1968-1969
2	7	Ipswich Leaguer	1969-1970
3	1	Ipswich Leaguer	1970
3	2	Ipswich Leaguer	1970-1971
3	3	Ipswich Leaguer	1971-1972
3	4	Ipswich Leaguer	1971
3	5	Ipswich Leaguer	1972-1973
4	1	Ipswich Leaguer	1973-1974
4	2	Ipswich Leaguer	1973-1974
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5	1	Ipswich Leaguer	1976-1977
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5	3	Ipswich Leaguer	1978-1979
5	4	Ipswich Leaguer	1979-1980
6	1	Ipswich Leaguer	1980-1981
6	2	Ipswich Leaguer	1981-1982
6	3	Ipswich Leaguer	1983-1984
6	4	Ipswich Leaguer	1984-1985

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
6	5	Ipswich Leaguer	1986
7	1	Ipswich Leaguer	1987-1988
7	2	Board Minutes, etc.	1988-1989
7	3	Board Minutes, etc	1989-1990
7	4	Newsletter, Minutes, etc.	1990-1991
7	5	Board Minutes, etc	1991-1992
7	6	Annual Meeting, etc.	1992-1993
7	7	Annual Meeting, etc.	1995

Series II Reports

8	1	Ipswich School Committee Meetings	1972
8	2	Ipswich School Committee Meetings	1973
8	3	Ipswich School Committee Meetings	1974
8	4	Ipswich School Committee Meetings	1974
8	5	Observer Corps Reports	1971-1972
8	6	Observer Corps Reports	1973-1975

Series III Issues

8	7	Ballot Questions	1990
8	8	Cable TV	1983
8	9	Capital Planning	1983
8	10	Day Care	1983-1986

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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
8	11	Drug, Alcohol Abuse	1988
8	12	Education	1973-1978
9	1	Filtration Plant	1983-1984
9	2	Historic Preservation	1960-1988
9	3	Housing	1988-1989
9	4	Know Your Schools	1965-1969
9	5	Know Your Town #1	1989
9	6	Know Your Town #2	1989
9	7	Land Bank, Land Use	1969-1988
9	8	Lyme Disease	1987
9	9	Nuclear Power Study #1	1970-1971
10	1	Nuclear Power Study #2	1970-1971
10	2	Nuclear Power Study #3	1970-1971
10	3	Presidential Debates	1988
10	4	Recycling	1991
10	5	Representative Town Meeting	1995
10	6	Star Wars	1986
10	7	Star Wars: Cassette "National Security, Not for Experts Only"	1983
10	8	Water Conservation	1977
10	9	Zoning By-law Amendment	1977
10	10	Zoning	1973-1975

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Series IV Publicity

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Dates</u>
10	11	Newspaper Publicity	1983-1984
10	12	Town Appreciation Day	1986

Series V Booklets

11	1	Ipswich -- About the Town	1957
11	2	Ipswich -- About the Town	1966
11	3	Ipswich -- Know Your Town	1989
11	4	Children's Resource Book	1993

Series VI Calendars

11	5	Ipswich LWV Calendars	1980-1983
11	6	Ipswich LWV Calendars	1984-1987
11	7	Ipswich LWV Calendars	1988-1991
11	8	Ipswich LWV Calendars	1992-1994

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Series 1		Governance	
Box	Folder	Title	Dates
1	1	League of Women Voters of Massachusetts: Focus on Action: Communities and	Sept. 1985
1	2	Reservation form for 'Pre-Primary Special Event' sponsored by LWV Massachusetts Citizen Education Fund's Democracy Network	March 2000
1	2	Flyer: League of Women Voters of Massachusetts 'Day on the Hill'	Feb. 15, 2000
1	2	Action Alerts	1998
1	2	Sample Letter to Your Representatives and Senators	March 2000
1	2	Action Alert to: State and Local League and DPM Subscribers; from: Becky Cain, President and Eleanor Revelle, Program Committee Chair; subject: United Nations Funding	March 16, 1998
1	2	Flyer: Get Connected	undated
1	2	Action Alert – Pick a Day 'Take a few moments' Before the End of September	Aug. 12, 1997
1	2	<i>The Massachusetts Voter</i> . Vol. 71 No. 2	March 1995
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	Feb. 1998
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	June 1998
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	Nov. 1998
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	Oct 1997
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	Sept. 1997

1	3	ILWV Bulletin	June 1997
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	May 1997
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	1997
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	Jan 1997
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	Sept. 1996
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	1996
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	1995
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	Oct 1995
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	July 1995
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	April 1995
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	March 1995
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	Oct /Nov 1994
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	Dec. 1994
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	May 1994
1	3	ILWV Bulletin	Dec. 1993-Jan. 1994
1	4	ILWV April Newsletter	1999
1	4	ILWV March Newsletter	1999
1	4	ILWV January Newsletter	1999
1	4	ILWV October Newsletter	1998
1	4	ILWV September Newsletter	1998
1	4	ILWV November Newsletter	1997
1	5	IWLW Minutes of the 3/10/98 Board Meetings	1998
1	5	Notice of Meeting and Agenda	Oct. 9, 1997
1	5	Annual Winder Breakfast Report	undated

1	5	Octavia Hamlin Bequest	undated
1	6	ILWV Annual Meeting 1993-1994	May 26, 1994
1	7	ILWV Annual Meeting	May 1996
1	7	Phone Tree - ILWV	1996-1997
1	8	ILWV Annual Meeting	May 1997
1	8	ILWV Dues form (2 copies)	1997-1998
1	9	Local Programs Continued for Support	1998
1	9	Letter to ILWV members absent from Annual Meeting	June 23, 1998
1	9	Flyer: League of Women Voters Ipswich Annual Meeting	June 13, 1998
1	9	LWVI Budget FY 1997-8/Proposed FY 99	1998
1	9	1998-99 Officers and Directors	1998
1	10	ILWV Annual Meeting	May 22, 1999
1	10	Minutes of Annual Meeting	May 22, 1999
1	11	Letter to ILWV Members; from Alma Cheney for the Board of Directors	May 23, 1999
1	11	Letter to League President or Local Government Official; from League of Women Voters of Brookline; subject: Upcoming Air/Land Rights Meeting on February 12, 2000	Jan. 11, 2000
1	11	Letter to Members of the Ipswich League of Women Voters; from Marie Rodgers, President	Jan. 24, 2000
1	11	Letter to Barbara Ostberg; from Marie Rodgers	Sept. 7, 1999
1	11	Letter to Local League Presidents; from: Renita Polsinelli, LWVM Vice President; subject: A Salute to the League of Women Voters	January 1998

1	11	Invitation to: Democratic or Republican Convention, Winthrop School, Ipswich, MA.	Oct. 11, 1998
1	11	President's Message	undated
1	11	Letter to Ipswich Leaguer; from Patricia J. Hagadorn, Chair	Feb. 11, 1994
Series 2		Reports	
1	12	Newspaper Clipping (copy) – <i>Salem Evening News</i> – 'Look ahead on spending,' League says'	undated
1	12	Letter to David Player, Chairman, Board of Selectmen; from Barbara Ostberg	Nov. 15, 1983
1	12	Report to Board of Selectmen, School Committee, Finance Committee; from: George E. Howe, Town Manager; subject: Six Year Capital Plan FY85-90	Oct. 28, 1983
1	12	Letter to Board of Selectmen; from: League of Women Voters of Ipswich; subject: Capital Outlay Program	June 8, 1983
1	12	'Proposal to Institute a Capital Outlay System for the Town of Ipswich;' to: Board of Selectmen; from: League of Women Voters of Ipswich	May 2, 1983
1	12	'Capital Improvement Planning Consensus Questions' Notes (handwritten and copied) recommending formation of Capital Planning Committee	undated
1	12	Information packet compiled by Alice Shurcliff for Ruth Edmonds, Barbara Ostberg, and George Howe regarding Capital Planning	undated
1	12	Preliminary budget for FY84-89	undated
1	12	"Article 12. Capital Budgeting and Investment Committee"	undated
1	12	"Jim Hynes, Holliston – Chairman of the Finance Committee and of the Capital Outlay Committee"	undated

1	12	"Public Works Office;" to: George E. Howe, Town Manager; from Armand T. Michaud, Public Works Director; subject: Six (6) Year Projections	April 27, 1982
1	12	"Decision to incorporate Capital Improvement Planning in Budget Process and Determine tool for accomplishment"	undated
1	12	"14.00 The Capital Program Committee"	undated
1	12	Report (draft) regarding Capital Planning committee	undated
1	12	Letter to Ruth Edmonds, Barbara Ostberg, and George Howe; from Alice Shurcliff; subject: Capital Outlay Planning	Dec. 15, 1982
Series 3		Issues	
1	13	Ipswich, Massachusetts Precinct map	undated
1	13	Town of Ipswich – Town Census Book Street Index	undated
1	14	"Ipswich Water Supply: Issues and Answers"	Nov. 1998
1	14	League of Women Voters of Massachusetts Campaign for Clean Elections: Summary of the Clean Elections Law	undated
1	14	Program Outline: US Health Care Reform Prescriptions for Change	Oct. 29, 1992
1	15	Flood Insurance Study: Town of Ipswich, Massachusetts, Essex County – Federal Emergency Management Agency	Feb. 5, 1985
1	15	National Flood Insurance Program – Floodway Flood Boundary and Floodway Map – Town of Ipswich, Massachusetts, Essex County – Map Index (brochure) (effective date: Aug. 5, 1985) – Federal Emergency Management Agency	Aug. 5, 1985
1	15	National Flood Insurance Program – Floodway Flood Boundary and Floodway Map – Town of Ipswich, Massachusetts, Essex County – Panel 7 of 10 (effective date: Aug. 5, 1985) - Federal Emergency Management Agency	Aug. 5, 1985

1	15	National Flood Insurance Program – Floodway Flood Boundary and Floodway Map – Town of Ipswich, Massachusetts, Essex County – Panel 10 of 10 (effective date: Aug. 5, 1985) - Federal Emergency Management Agency	Aug. 5, 1985
1	16	Newspaper clipping (unknown origin, probably <i>Ipswich Chronicle</i>) – “Vote ‘Yes’ on Article 10 For Hazardous Waste Pickup”	undated
1	16	Newspaper clipping (<i>Ipswich Chronicle</i>) – ‘Hazardous Waste Pickup Planned’	Nov. 19, 1987
1	16	Newspaper clipping (copy; <i>Ipswich Chronicle</i>) – ‘Hazardous Wastes Lurk in Most Basements’	Dec. 3, 1987
1	16	Newspaper clipping (copy; <i>Ipswich Chronicle</i>) – ‘Support Hazardous Waste Pickup’	Dec. 10, 1987
1	16	Letter; to: Board of Selectmen and Members of the Finance Committee; from: Barbara Ostberg (for Ipswich League of Women Voters and the Recycling Committee); Subject: Household Hazardous Waste Collection	Dec. 15, 1992
1	16	Letter; to: Board of Selectmen and Members of the Finance Committee; from: Barbara Ostberg; Subject: Household Hazardous Waste	Sept. 26, 1992
1	16	Meeting Agenda – Household Hazardous Waste Committee	Feb. 29, 19??
1	16	Information Packet regarding ‘Solid Waste’ and ‘Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day’	1989
1	16	Hazardous Waste Day information	Nov. 5, 1994
1	16	“Household Hazardous Waste Collection”	undated
1	16	Flyer: “Household Hazardous Waste Collection”	May 18, 19??
1	16	“Household hazardous waste: what is it?”	undated

1	16	Letter to the Editor (for several local papers); from: Barbara Ostberg (for the Solid Waste Recycling Committee and Ipswich League of Women Voters) (undated)	undated
1	16	Flyers and Information sheets: Household Hazardous Waste Unit Meeting	undated
1	16	Letter; to: Ipswich Realtors; from: Health Dept., Dept. of Public Works, and Ipswich Solid Waste Advisory Committee	Aug. 15, 1996
1	16	"A Visit to Resco"	1996
1	16	Solid Waste Advisory Committee report	Sept. 25, 1995
1	16	Flyer: "Paint Collection Oil Based and Latex Paint"	1996
1	16	Solid Waste Advisory Committee report	Aug. 30, 1995
1	16	"How to dispose of your hazardous household products"	1981
1	16	Letter to: Scott Cassel, Director of Policy/ Planning; from: Barbara Ostberg, Solid Waste Committee, League of Women Voters	March 28, 1995
1	16	Letter to: Barbara Ostberg, Solid Waste Committee, League of Women Voters; from: Scott Cassel, Director of Waste Policy and Planning	May 25, 1995
1	16	Letter to: members of the Board of Selectmen; from: Armand Michaud, DPW and Barbara Ostberg, Recycling Committee; subject: Waste Oil	April 22, 1991
1	16	Letter to: Barbara Ostberg; from Armand Michaud	June 28, 1991
1	16	Open letter from Barbara Ostberg, Ipswich Solid Waste Advisory Committee	Oct. 1, 1991
1	16	Letter to the Editor; from Barbara Ostberg, Ipswich Recycling Committee & Ipswich League of Women Voters	May 7, 1991
1	16	Survey: "Need: To prevent used motor oil from contaminating our soil & water"	undated

1	16	Letter to Chris Sanduli, Ipswich Chronicle; from Barbara Ostberg; subject: The Two Household Hazardous Waste collections scheduled for Fall 1993	Sept. 3, 1993
1	16	General mailing to Ipswich Residents from Ipswich Solid Waste Advisory Committee	1990?
1	16	Letter to Barbara Ostberg; from James R. Engel	May 27, 1997
1	16	Letter to Barbara Ostberg; from James R. Engel	May 8, 1996
1	17	Newspaper clipping (unknown paper); Letter to the Editor: 'Fight litter with 'yes' vote on Question No. 4'	undated
1	17	Newspaper clipping (<i>Ipswich Today</i>); Letter to the Editor	Oct. 29, 1982
1	17	Informational letter: Campaign to Save the Massachusetts Bottle Bill	Oct. 28, 1982
1	17	Newspaper insert (unknown paper); Bottling up the Truth	undated, 1982?
1	17	Brochure: Meet the Litter Lobby	undated, 1982?
1	17	Brochure: Had Enough?	undated, 1982?
1	17	Flyer: Had Enough? Vote for the Bottle Bill	undated, 1982?
1	17	Flyer: Bottle Bill opponents want to sell you a bag of goods.	undated, 1982?
1	17	Memorandum: to: Bottle Bill Activists; from: Susan Birmingham, Field Operations Director; subject: Fall Timeline and Local Committee Ideas	Sept. 20, 1982
1	17	Information packet: Cash for Trash: A Guide for Bottle Bill Clean A Thons	undated, 1982?
1	17	Memorandum: Securing Endorsements and Setting Up Speaking Engagements: A how-to for local coordinators	undated, 1982?

1	17	Memorandum: Fall Strategy for Local Bottle Bill Committees: 5 People per precinct	undated, 1982?
1	17	Flyer: Facts on Deposit Laws	undated, 1982?
1	17	Flyer: Warn them about these leters.	undated, 1982?
1	17	Letter to: N. R. Coordinators/Bottle Bill Specialists; from: Dana Duxbury; subject: Bottle Bill Redux – by Elise Wellington, LWV Needham	August 1982
1	17	Bottle Bill Fact Sheet #1 of 10: Litter	undated, 1982?
1	17	Bottle Bill Fact Sheet #2 of 10: Recycling & Solid Waste	undated, 1982?
1	17	Bottle Bill Fact Sheet #3 of 10: Public Opinion	undated, 1982?
1	17	Bottle Bill Fact Sheet #4 of 10: Jobs	undated, 1982?
1	17	Bottle Bill Fact Sheet #5 of 10: Energy	undated, 1982?
1	17	Bottle Bill Fact Sheet #6 of 10: Costs & Prices	undated, 1982?
1	17	Bottle Bill Fact Sheet #7 of 10: Alternative “Anti-Litter” Proposals	undated, 1982?
1	17	Bottle Bill Fact Sheet #8 of 10: Water	undated, 1982?
1	17	Bottle Bill Fact Sheet #9 of 10: Convenience	undated, 1982?
1	17	Bottle Bill Fact Sheet #10 of 10: Sanitation	undated, 1982?
1	17	Memorandum: The Impact of Deposit Legislation on Water Usage	May 1981
1	17	Handwritten notes: Container Industry Jobs 1976-81	undated

Series 4 Publicity

Series 5 Booklets

1	18	Brochure: Welcome to the Massachusetts House of Representatives	undated
1	18	Brochure: Welcome to the Massachusetts Senate	undated

1	18	Brochure: Inside the State House	undated
1	18	Brochure: Voting in Massachusetts	undated
1	18	Booklet: The Great and General Court: The Legislature of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts; prepared by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts	May 1965
1	18	Booklet: There Ought to be a Law; prepared by the League of Women Voters of Massachusetts	undated
1	18	Brochure: Law Making in Massachusetts	undated
1	18	"What is your legislative I.Q.?"	undated
1	18	"Government of Mass." – League of Women Voters of Massachusetts	1976

Series 6

Calendars