

## LWV – Acton Area Positions Review Summary as of 2-17-98

The overall goal of the Positions Review Committee is to ensure that our portfolio of local League positions is powerful and useful. We met four times between November and February and addressed two main questions – Are our positions up-to-date? Might we strengthen our portfolio by adopting some positions as area positions so that they apply to more than just the originating town?

**Up to date?** Some of our local positions were developed as early as the 1960's. Many things have changed in our area towns since that time. We will recommend certain minor edits to bring some positions up-to-date. Also, we will recommend that 9 positions be retired.

**Area positions?** Our current (1997) portfolio contains 35 local positions – 11 Littleton positions, 20 Acton positions, 3 Stow positions, 1 Acton-Stow position, and no positions for Boxborough or Maynard. We can increase the League's ability to speak to issues in our towns by adopting area positions. We identified 12 positions that we think are appropriate candidates to become area positions. These candidate positions are current town positions or combinations of town positions, edited in minor ways to make them current and applicable to all of our area towns, but retaining the same essential meaning as the original positions. Seven positions that do not represent area issues will remain town-specific positions.

In summary, the revised position portfolio would include the following 19 positions:

	Position	Town				
		A	B	L	M	S
Education	Education	Area Position				
	Family Life Education					
	Local Education – Financing of Schools					
	Role of the Counselor in Acton & Acton-Boxborough Schools					
	Alternative Financing and Supplementary Programs in the Stow Schools					
Human Resources	Youth Counselor/Officer	Area Position				
	Mental Health Services					
	Acton Public Health Nursing Service					
Local Government	Local Government	Area Position				
	Town Meeting Proceedings	Area Position				
	Town Finances	Area Position				
Natural Resources	Zoning & Natural Resources	Area Position				
	Recreation Activities & Programs	Area Position				
	Conservation & Recreation Principles, Planning, & Acquisition	Area Position				
	Water Protection					
	Water Supply Management	Area Position				
	Environmental Protection	Area Position				
Transportation	Transportation	Area Position				
	Traffic Management	Area Position				

The revised position portfolio will be presented to the March local program-planning meeting. If accepted there, it will be presented to the members for adoption by concurrence at Annual Meeting. If you have questions, contact any member of the Positions Review Committee (Jo-Ann Berry, Donna Beusch, Carol Bibbins, Barbara Chick, Betsy Comstock, Meg Low, Sandi Pitcher, and Nancy Tavernier).

## Local Positions for the League of Women Voters – Acton Area

This chart presents the Position Review Committee's recommendation on each position in the current portfolio.

#	Town	Year	Positions in 1997	Recommendation for 1998 Positions
<b>Education: 5 positions</b>				
Create 1 area position – Education (1,2,6).				
4 positions remain town-specific.				
1	L	81	Education: High School	→ area position on Education
2	A	70	Survey of Schools	→ area position on Education
3	A	74	Family Life Education	Acton Only
4	A	77,84	Local Education – Financing of Schools	Acton Only
5	A	80	Role of the Counselor in Acton & Acton-Boxborough Schools	Acton Only
6	S	79-80	Stow School Study	→ area position on Education
7	S	84-85	Alternative Financing and Supplementary Programs in the Stow Schools	Stow Only
<b>Human Resources: 3 positions</b>				
Create 1 area position – Mental Health Services (9).				
2 positions remain town-specific.				
8	A	79	Youth Counselor/Officer	Acton Only (updated)
9	A,S	83	Mental Health Services	→ area position on Mental Health Services
10	A	91	Acton Public Health Nursing Service	Acton Only
<b>Local Government: 3 positions</b>				
Create 3 area positions – Local Government (15,22,23), Town Meeting Proceedings (17,18) & Town Finances (16).				
Retire 8 positions.				
11	A	65	Town Manager/Selectmen	Retire
12	L	84	Selectmen	Retire
13	A	71	Town Government	Retire
14	A	75	Legislative Body	Retire
15	A	75	Executive Body	→ area position on Local Government
16	A	76	Local Finance Study	→ area position on Town Finances
17	S	87	Town Meeting Procedures	→ area position on Town Meeting
18	A	97	Acton Town Meeting	→ area position on Town Meeting
19	L	83	Department of Public Works	Retire
20	L	86	Board of Assessors	Retire
21	L	77	Executive Branch of Town Government: Administration	Retire
22	L	79	Executive Branch of Town Government: Personnel	→ area position on Local Government
23	L	80	Executive Branch of Town Government: Purchasing	→ area position on Local Government
24	L	91	Town Financing: Alternatives	Retire

#	Town	Year	Positions in 1997	Recommendation for 1998 Positions
<b>Natural Resources: 6 positions</b>				
Create 5 area positions – Zoning & Natural Resources (25,26,27,28), Recreation Activities & Programs (29), Conservation & Recreation Principles, Planning, & Acquisition (29,30), Water Protection (31), Environment Protection (32).				
Retire 1 position.				
25	A	63,74	Flood Plain Zoning	→ area position on Zoning and Natural Resources
26	A	73	Planning and Zoning	→ area position on Zoning and Natural Resources
27	L	84	Zoning	→ area position on Zoning and Natural Resources
28	L	81	Planning: Growth and Development	→ area position on Zoning and Natural Resources
29	A	76	Recreation	→ area position on Recreation Activities and Programs
30	A	78	Conservation	→ area position on Conservation and Recreation Principles, Planning, and Acquisition
31	A	79	Acton's Water Management & Water Resource Management	→ area position on Water Protection → Acton (and Littleton?) position on Water Supply Management
32	A	82	Environmental Protection	→ area position on Environmental Protection
33	L	82	Solid Waste	Retire
<b>Transportation: 2 positions</b>				
Create 2 area positions – Transportation and Traffic Management				
34	A	81	Transportation	→ area position on Transportation
35	A	87-88	Traffic Management	→ area position on Traffic Management