



# LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

## CONCORD - CARLISLE

### Concord Town Meeting 2008

**The Board of the Concord–Carlisle League of Women Voters considered the following warrant articles that were thought to be controversial. The League Board, at their April 2008 meeting, voted to recommend the following action on these articles:**

**Article 7** Town Budget \$30,882,206. A **Yes** vote is recommended.

**Article 8** Concord Public Schools \$27,206,200. A **Yes** vote is recommended.

**Article 9** Concord-Carlisle Regional High School \$13,488,028  
Minuteman Regional High School \$574,55.  
A **Yes** vote is recommended.

**Article 10** Stabilization Fund. We found this a prudent use of unexpected non-recurring surplus monies and “free cash “. Investing this money for use when multiple school building loans peak in 2011 will level future tax rates. A **Yes** vote is recommended.

**Article 27** Bruce Freeman Rail Trail Town Article (as written). This article is the culmination of years of work and study. The town’s committee has held multiple hearings and been very sensitive to citizen’s concerns. We feel the trail will be source of great pleasure to individuals and families in the town and surrounding communities. A **Yes** vote is recommended.

**Article 28** Better Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. This alternative trail plan prepared by a privately funded consultant has not been exposed to the same public and town board scrutiny as the town committee plan. A **No** vote is recommended.

**Article 29** Access for all for the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. This article asks that the rail trail be paved. We agree that for use by regular bikes, wheel chairs, roller skates and baby carriages the trail would be easier to navigate, safer, and more stable if paved, with soft shoulders where possible. A paved surface would also be easier and less costly for the town to maintain. A **Yes** vote is recommended if either article 27 and/or 28 passes.

**Article 30** Funding for Continuing Work on the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. The \$50,000 in extra funding seems necessary and crucial to the project. A **Yes** vote is recommended.

**Articles 31** Community Preservation Committee Appropriation  
Recommendations listed on warrant page 22 is well thought out, and an appropriate use of CPA funds. A **Yes** vote is recommended.

**Article 37** Comprehensive Long Range Plan Update. This article has been withdrawn by the original petitioner but may still be moved. The League feels that West Concord would be better served by the working task force set up by the selectmen in co-operation with West Concord citizens and the planning board. A **No** vote is recommended.

**Article 46** Adoption of a Quorum Rule. We feel the adoption of this proposed state law is necessary to the proper functioning and voting ability of any town committee. A **Yes** vote is recommended.

The League of Women Voters is a non-partisan grass roots organization of women and men formed in 1920 and dedicated to the principles of self-government established by the Constitution of the United States. The League works to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.