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Biographical Note

The local League of Women Voters began as a provincial group of 100 members in 1966. Upon completion of the booklet "Know Your Community" (covering Gloucester and Rockport) the organization became a member of the state League of Women Voters in 1968. The League's primary role is to inform the public of issues at a local level as well as a broader general interest. The League, most often on local TV, interviews candidates for local offices.

Studies on a local level include harbor usage, water resources, sewers, housing, juvenile justice, local health care, legalized casino gambling and education. On a broader side, the League

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involved itself with state wide health care, housing, domestic violence, birth control and abortion.

Scope and Content of the Collection

The documents of the Cape Ann League of Women Voters cover the years 1966 - 2000. The documents detail local concerns as well as issues of a wider impact. The members form a consensus opinion and then present the pros and cons of their study to the public. An important part of the League is to encourage people to vote and informing them of local issues and candidates' stances.

The documents include membership lists, minutes of meetings and bulletins from 1970 - 2000.

Container List

Box #1

Folders

1. Awards: Letter re: Gloucester Paint Factory, news clippings Organization 1967
2. Pamphlet "Know Your Community,"
Local programs: water resources 1982/83, Housing study consensus 1977, Juvenile Justice consensus 1980, Health care 1987, Legalized casino gambling 1987
Survey: Rockport Schools 1969-1972, Gloucester Schools 1969-1972
State consensus on school choice 1994
3. Energy Fair 1979, Spotlight on City Hall-TV interviews 1996, Application to League of Women Voters Mass. Chapter 1967, Misc. data prior to 1967 about early league
4. Membership lists 1966-1997
5. By-Laws, Membership handbook, Local programs 1993/94: harbor, housing, Juvenile justice, human needs study 1987, State wide health care 1999, welfare 1970, housing 1977, violence 1993/95, birth control, abortion 1972
6. Open space study 2000, report on sewers 1971, harbor study 1971, housing study 1971, water study 1992/93

Box #2

Folders

1. Annual meetings 1980's, Minutes 1990-1999
2. Bulletins 1970 -1975, bulletins 1976-1979
3. Bulletins 1980-1989
4. Bulletins 1990's
5. Voter service (misc.)
6. Voter service clippings