



THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF AMHERST SUPPORTS:

ARTICLE 36: SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAG PROHIBITION

Plastic bags contribute to the pollution of our oceans, lakes, and streams and have a deleterious effect on wildlife. Relatively few are recycled and they do not degrade readily in landfills. Restricting their use will help reduce Amherst's solid waste and protect the environment.

The League supports policies to reduce the generation of solid and hazardous waste and promote reuse and recycling. The League supports policies to preserve the integrity of the ecosystem and promote maximum protection of public health and safety and the environment.

ARTICLE 37: WEST BAY ROAD PEDESTRIAN IMPROVEMENTS

West Bay Road, with its high-speed traffic, is a dangerous road. A safe pedestrian crossing is sorely needed and long overdue. Many seniors live in the residence area and have no safe access to the cultural resources at Hampshire College. Students have no safe access to Atkins Country Market. Atkins Corner is a designated village center. Yet, without a pedestrian link between the residences, cultural centers at Hampshire College, and the Atkins Country Market, it cannot truly function as a village center.

The League supports sound traffic planning, taking into consideration community goals and needs, safety, and environmental and social impact.

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