



# Suffolk County Voter

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LWVSC Board Meeting: Thursday June 18 at SCCC, Main St., Riverhead

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## LWVSC Annual Convention Tuesday, May 5, 2015 11:30am-2:30pm The Cooperage Inn, 2218 Sound Ave, Baiting Hollow, NY

*After a winter we'd all like to forget, celebrate spring with a pleasant drive to this "Quaint American-Continental eatery using local produce & set in a country-style dining room".*

### Speaker: Suffolk County Legislator Al Krupski, 1st LD

We've asked Leg. Krupski to speak with us about his experience in the Suffolk County Legislature; about the challenges and rewards of being a Legislator; the issues which are most important to the citizens of Suffolk County; and share some insights into what he expects to be the significant or urgent issues in the coming year.

Cost: \$35 LWV members in advance; \$40 at door for LWV members and all non-members

Send check before April 24 (made out to LWV of Suffolk County) to:  
 Naomi Epstein, 3 Winterberry Lane, East Hampton NY 11937

#### Tentative Agenda:

11:30- checking in, having coffee/soft drinks and cash-bar wine/drinks, settling in

12:00- three course meal (appetizer and entree between 12 and 12:45)

Leg. Krupski remarks while we are having dessert

LWVSC annual meeting 1:30 - 2:30

LWV advocates that the Board of Elections (and Governor and Legislature) consider:

- How to modernize our voter registration system in NYS
- How to help county boards of elections encourage voter participation and satisfaction both through changes in law and through increased state funding

### LWVSC Board Meeting with Suffolk County Board of Elections on April 15

Ten LWVSC board members spent two hours with our county BOE to discuss a variety of issues including the NYVoter statewide voter database, early voting, electronic poll books, voter registration processes and enhancements, special elections, notifications to voters of upcoming elections, ballot design issues, ballot privacy and security, poll worker recruitment and training, election reporting, SC BOE's [suffolkvotes.com](http://suffolkvotes.com) website and the NYS BOE website [elections.ny.gov](http://elections.ny.gov) and possible enhancements, responsibilities of the county and state BOEs, budget and funding issues, and the election calendar. We learned that the BOE has no control over the administration and scheduling of village, library, and special district elections, and no longer owns any lever machines (they were sold for scrap).

We were most appreciative of the presence of Commissioner Anita Katz (D) as well as two Democratic, one Republican, and one Conservative representative of the SC BOE. (Unfortunately the new Republican Commissioner, Nick LaLota, was not present at our meeting.)

Our discussions were frank and engaging but ultimately disappointing since a great many of the improvements that we are lobbying for can only be changed via NYS Legislative action -such as the primary schedule as well as the requirement for the full face ballot which severely limits the legibility and design of not only the ballots, but also the type of voting machine available (an example- the full face paper ballot in 2015 for the towns of East Hampton and Southampton will be 30+” long). The SC BOE feels that New York State will be one of the last states to embrace innovation in voter registration, and feel that early voting is costly, complicated, and unlikely to be implemented.