

LYME TOWN REPORT 2012

ANNUAL REPORT



Front Cover:

John Sterling House 1740 – A typical style home in Lyme, Connecticut.
Post and beam frame, central stone chimney stack, 2 1/2 stories, kitchen ell,
and shingle siding.

Oil painting by Margaret Cooper, 1933.

Photo by Lou Condron. Courtesy of the Lyme Public Hall Archives.

FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2012

Dedication

This year's edition of the Town Report is being dedicated to Ruth Young and her grandchildren Cathleen and Patrick.

Following the untimely passing of her son Philip, Cathleen and Patrick's father, the family made a truly remarkable decision which would insure that his legacy will be memorialized in perpetuity.

The family has held extensive acreage on Gungy and Beaverbrook Roads for many years. They have now given virtually all of it, less four house lots, to the Town of Lyme. 82 acres of the gift will be permanently preserved as open space for passive recreation purposes and named for Philip. Another 2-plus acres has been set aside as a building lot to be used for the town's affordable housing program at some time in the future.

This incredibly generous gesture, when coupled with the Lyme Land Conservation Trust's recent acquisition of an adjacent 46 acre parcel, creates an impressive greenway running from the Beebe Preserve on the south side of Beaverbrook Road through Hartman Park to the Salem town line.

The Board of Selectmen extends its thanks on behalf of the town to Ruth, Cathleen and Patrick for their vision and selfless commitment to our collective mission to preserve Lyme's heritage and rural character for generations to come.



Zebulon Ely House 1873 – This stone Italianate style house has a flat roof, deep overhangs, decorative cornices with hanging brackets, round-headed windows, and columns with decorative crowns. The third story and elaborate cupola have been removed.

House, Home and Heritage

When the topics of “heritage” and “character” in the Town of Lyme come up in conversation, the 18th century Colonial center-chimney houses that are still standing in town quickly come to mind. They are sturdy symbols of the town's early organization and settlement in the late 1600s. They hold stories of families, their resourcefulness and craftsmanship, and the livelihoods they drew from the land and rivers still around us.

Even though Lyme remained predominantly agricultural well into the twentieth century, residents became aware of other house styles through commerce, travel, education, and newcomers to the area. Lyme house builders soon gave local interpretation to styles that were becoming popular in New England and nationally in the late 18th into the 19th centuries. An exhibit at the Lyme Public Hall, “Lyme in Detail: Architectural Details of Lyme Homes” in 2012, offered new awareness and appreciation for the diversity of architectural styles that have been incorporated in the town's homes.

Three styles, called Revivalist, became popular in the period 1830 to 1880 – Greek, Gothic and Italianate. All had design elements drawn from Classical and European cultures that were given interpretation in American architecture, including homes. Many new houses, but also renovations and updates of older homes, embraced the fashion. Over time, a house might reflect details of one or more styles. The majority of homes for Lyme's growing population remained modest, functional and economical, built by homeowners and local carpenters suited to the families' needs. But one or more detail to the owner's taste from a Revivalist style could appear – around the front door, over the windows, under the eaves.



Dr. Josiah Griffin Ely House, c.1850 – This Italianate style house followed the fashion with a flat roof, deep overhangs with decorative brackets underneath, and columns with decorative crowns. Both the porch and columns have been removed.

Timely attention in the past few years has been given to the documentation of Lyme's historic houses. In 1976 the Lyme Bicentennial Commission produced a map showing the standing pre-Revolutionary period houses. In 1980 a survey was initiated by the Connecticut Historical Commission which documented structure, age, and historical and architectural significance of 115 houses built before 1850. The late Hiram Maxim researched Lyme Land Records for the ownership history of 75 homes built before 1850. The most recent undertaking was in 2010 when architectural historian James Sexton updated and expanded the 1980 survey in the "Town of Lyme Cultural Resources Survey", funded in part by the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism. A combined total of 280 houses, a few barns and public buildings built before 1951 are now documented. The two Survey reports are available to the public at the Town Hall and the Lyme Local History Archives (Lyme Public Hall). The Archives also holds Maxim's house research reports, material about historic Lyme houses and buildings, and self-help guides for home owners own house research. The local libraries have very good books on Connecticut and New England architecture.

The historic houses that are still standing in Lyme from the 18th and 19th century are a small percentage of the town's more than nine hundred houses on the current tax list. But their significance to the town is greater than their numbers imply. They give aesthetic appeal, a unique identity, and historic authenticity. And, they are irreplaceable.

Carolyn Bacdayan



Italian West 1826 Sterling City

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General Information

Office	Hours	Phone
Selectmen, Town Clerk	9:00 - 4:00*	434-7733
Building Inspector	By Appointment Tues. & Thur.	434-7733
Zoning Enforcement Officer	9:00 – 12:00 Mon. & Tues.	434-7733
Tax Collector	9:00 – 4:00, except Wed. (lunch 12:30 – 1:00)	434-8092
Assessor	9:00 – 4:00, except Thurs. (lunch 12:00 – 12:30)	434-8092
Lyme Consolidated School	8:00 – 4:00	434-1233
Public Health Nurse	By appointment	434-9003
Dog Warden	On Call	434-8239 or 434-8883
Public Library	Tues. & Thurs. 10:00 – 8:00 Wed. & Fri. 10:00 – 5:00 Sat. 10:00 – 4:00	434-2272
Refuse Disposal Area	9:00 – 12:00, 1:00 – 4:00 (Mon., Thurs., Sat.) Closed Holidays	
To request 9 Town Transit Dial-A-Ride service		510-0429

*Residents may apply for voting registration during these hours
 Census 1960 - 1,183
 Census 1990 – 1,944
 Census 2000 – 2,016

Street numbers should be displayed on all mailboxes or driveway entrances

Emergency Number – 911

- To report a fire
- Police
- To call an ambulance



Fee Schedule

Sewage Disposal System Permits

(includes application, administration, and inspection requirements)

Systems up to 1,999 gallon capacity:

New sewage system	\$150.00
Repair	\$50.00

Systems 2,000 gallon capacity or greater:

New sewage system.....	\$10.00 per 100 gallon capacity or part thereof
Repair	\$250.00

Engineer Plan Review for Sewage Disposal Systems

Sewage system less than 2,000 gpd	\$100.00
Sewage system 2,000-4,999 gpd	\$250.00
Sewage system 5,000 gpd or greater	\$500.00

Well Permit..... \$50.00

Septic/Water Review Letter

(Septic/water review letters provide for verification of inspection of sewage disposal system condition and water supply for government or corporate subsidized property purchase programs)
 Letter

Site Testing and Plan Review Subdivision

Per lot

Building Permits

1st \$1,000.....	\$15.00
Each additional \$1,000 (plus .26 per \$1,000 state fee).....	\$10.00
Permit renewal	\$10.00
Driveway bond for new driveways	\$1,000.00

Certificate of Occupancy \$10.00

Planning Commission

Subdivisions – minimum (plus \$60.00 State fee) 1-4 lots.....	\$200.00
Per lot – minimum per lot over 4	\$50.00

ZBA Applications (Plus \$60.00 State fee) \$200.00

Zoning Application (Plus \$60.00 State fee) \$25.00

Coastal Area Management Site Plan (Plus \$60.00 State fee) \$50.00

Percolation Test \$10.00

Planning & Zoning Regulations..... \$20.00

Inland Wetlands Regulations \$10.00

Inland Wetlands Permits (Plus \$60.00 State fee)..... fee varies

To Bulky Waste Haulers

Containers capable of holding up to 25 cubic yards	\$100.00
Containers holding or capable of holding up to 30 cubic yards	\$225.00
Containers holding or capable of holding over 30 cubic yards	\$350.00
Containers holding over 650 cubic yards will be charged \$5.00 per cubic yard. (Above minimum fee plus \$1.00 per tire, includes all trucks, 10 yards and over)	

Any unit containing freon	\$10.00
Tires (no rims)	\$25.00
Mattress & box springs	\$15.00
Propane Tanks	\$2.00
Stuffed Goods/Furniture (couches, chairs, office chairs, hassocks, etc)	\$15.00

Said fee shall become payable to the Town of Lyme upon disposal. Trip tickets must be filled out and signed by attendant. Trip tickets are available at the Lyme landfill. Commercial carriers are responsible for load and must take adequate precautions to preclude dumping of unacceptable materials. Metals must be deposited in designated areas.

Demolition materials (removal of building or fire damage) must have a special permit with fees to cover any additional cost to the Town of Lyme. Carriers must adhere to the hours posted. No paper goods, automobile salvage, oil or gas tanks, hazardous waste or other materials not classified as bulky waste may be deposited.

The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to make changes, as may be in the best interest of the Town of Lyme and the operating of a Bulky Waste area.

The Planning and Zoning Commission is responsible for production, administration and enforcement of the Town's plan of conservation and development, zoning regulations and subdivision regulations. There are a number of activities that require approval by the Commission before that activity can commence. An example is subdivision of land. In this example, Commission approval is a requirement of the Town's subdivision regulations and Connecticut law. See Bernie Gigliotti for fee schedule.

Over the past several years there has been a great increase in land use activities that has required varied permits and approvals. Concurrent with reviews of these activities the Commission has been involved in producing an up to date Lyme Plan of Development, and amending its Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. These have to be in compliance with the Tidal Wetlands Act, the Inland Wetlands Act, the Federal Flood Hazard Act, the Coastal Management Act, revision to the Public Health code and mandates from the Connecticut River Gateway Commission.

The increased complexity of the approval process has placed a greater burden on the applicant. The Commission Agent, the Zoning Enforcement Agent is available for guidance in these matters.

Appeals to the Zoning Board of Appeals may be made in accordance with instructions available from the Chairman of the Board, or from the Zoning Enforcement Officers. A public hearing will be scheduled in response to properly executed appeals, accompanied by a \$260 fee (\$200 town, \$60 state). Appeals should be received no later than the third Thursday of the previous month.

Passport applications may be processed through the District Probate Office, 302 Main Street, Old Saybrook or the Old Saybrook Post Office, 36 Main Street, Old Saybrook.

All motor boats must be registered with the State of Connecticut. Connecticut Motor Vehicle Department offices process these registrations.

Dogs must be registered during the month of June with licenses to be effective July 1st. Fees are \$8.00 for altered dogs and \$19.00 for all unaltered dogs.

Dump stickers are available at the Town Hall and must be shown at the dump before entering.

Copies of Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and Inland Wetland Regulations are available at the Town Clerk's office (see fee schedule).

To obtain a burning permit, you must fill out an application at the Town Hall. Permits are usually processed within 24 hours.

The Estuary Region Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located in Essex on Dump Road, Exit 4 off Route 9. It is open seasonally on selected Saturdays May through October from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM rain or shine. This special chemical waste collection service is only for residents of the Connecticut River Estuary Region towns, which includes Lyme. There is no fee. Commercial waste is not accepted. For additional information contact CRERPA at (860)388-3497 or www.crerpa.org.



Meetings

(At Town Hall unless notified otherwise)

- Board of Selectmen.....1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 3:30 PM
- Planning & Zoning Commission2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 PM
- Conservation & Inland Wetlands
Commission3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM
- Zoning Board of Appeals.....3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM
- Library Board
(held at the library).....4th Wednesday of the month in January, March,
May, and September and on the 1st Wednesday of the month in December.
Meetings begin at 4:00 PM
- Cemetery Commission.....3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM
- Rogers Lake Authority2nd Tuesday in March, June, Sept. & Dec.
(held at Lyme or Old Lyme Town Hall)
- Regional District 181st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM
(held at Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School)
- Open Space Committee4th Tuesday of each month at 7:30 PM
- Recreation Commission3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
- Lymes' Senior Center Board of Director3rd Monday of each month at 4:00 PM
(held at the Lymes' Senior Center)

Town Calendar 2012

January 1	Supplemental motor vehicle taxes due
February 20	Last day to file assessment appeal application to Board of Assessment Appeals (forms available in Assessor's office)
March	Board of Assessment Appeals holds hearings
May 15	Last day of payment of taxes due in July 2011 in order to avoid a tax lien.
June 30	Last day to license dog without penalty. Obtain licenses from the Town Clerk.
	End of Fiscal Year
August 1	Last day for timely payment of taxes levied on the list as of October 1, 2011
September	Board of Assessment Appeals meets, date to be announced. Motor Vehicle only.
September 30	Last day to file Veteran's Honorable Discharge papers or statement of current service (to be filed with Town Clerk).
October 1	List of all personal property owned on this date, except real estate and registered motor vehicles (to be filed with Assessor). Filing by Nov. 1
October 31	List of personal property must be filed on or before Nov. 1 to avoid 25% penalty. Last day to file first time Open Space declaration.



Selectmen's Report

The 2011-2012 fiscal year would have been considered relatively unremarkable had it not been for two events which by any measure ought to be considered noteworthy benchmarks in town history.

The first of these headline grabbers was Tropical Storm Irene which fortuitously had been downgraded from category one hurricane status by the time she descended on Lyme at the end of August. Even in a diminished capacity, the ferocity of the attendant winds had a catastrophic impact on our town. For the first 24 hours after the storm virtually all our streets and roads were impassable. Downed trees and limbs created impenetrable masses of debris interwoven with power, telephone and cable lines making the task of opening them up both difficult and dangerous.

It's common knowledge that small rural communities are usually the last to have power restored when the state experiences extreme storm damage and Irene proved to

be no exception. Most of Lyme's residents went for more than a week before getting electric service back. In the interim, our volunteer fire company, ambulance and town crew personnel performed exceptionally on many levels to keep residents safe and repair damaged infrastructure. Their job was made easier due to the fact that most folks bore the hardship and inconvenience with patience and good humor. In the end, federal disaster assistance more than compensated for costs incurred during the relief and clean-up effort.

The following spring, we voted by more than a two to one margin to approve a 4.7 million dollar project to build a new library and renovate and expand the town hall. This is the biggest capital building project undertaken since the construction of the town garage and Hamburg fire station nearly 30 years ago. It represents a significant commitment for our fiscally conservative community reflecting the realization that these two existing facilities are at the end of their useful life spans and that steps must be taken now to meet town needs for future generations.

These events provided more than ample excitement for a town that is generally used to a more laid back style. The rest of the year was pretty much "business as usual." Our budget revenue assumptions exceeded expectations and we spent less than projected in traditional Lyme fashion, keeping the town in good fiscal condition.

Finally, the selectmen would like to once again take this opportunity to thank the many volunteers who take time out of busy lives to serve on boards and commissions, emergency services organizations and myriad other groups. You play a major role in making Lyme the unique community it has become and hopefully will continue to be. And, as always, questions, comments and gentle criticisms are welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
The Lyme Board of Selectmen



Italianate Fan light door

State and Town Officers

Fiscal Year July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012

Office or Commission <u>Elected</u>	Official or Member	Expiration
First Selectman	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	Nov. 19, 2013
Second Selectman	Parker H. Lord	Nov. 19, 2013
Third Selectman	Steven E. Mattson	Nov. 19, 2013
Town Clerk	Linda A. Winzer	Jan. 6, 2014
Town Treasurer	William L. Hawthorne	Nov. 19, 2013
Tax Collector	Linda B. Ward	Nov. 19, 2013
Board of Finance	Thomas S. Childs, Jr.	Nov. 19, 2013
	James W. McFarland	Nov. 19, 2013
	Thomas Boyd	Nov. 17, 2015
	Judith H. Duran	Nov. 17, 2015
	Gary H. Reynolds, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 21, 2017
	David M. Brown, Sr.	Nov. 21, 2017
Board of Finance Alternates	*Andrea S. Wing	
	Matthew Sharp	Nov. 19, 2013
	Hugh Scott	Nov. 17, 2015
	Herbert Ross	Nov. 21, 2017
	*Eugenia L. West	
Board of Assessors	*David M. Brown, Sr.	
	Frederick Platt III, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 19, 2013
	Madeleine H. Mattson	Nov. 17, 2015
	Debra A. Yeomans	Nov. 21, 2017
Board of Assessment Appeals	Harry P. Broom, Jr., <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 19, 2013
	James W. McFarland	Nov. 17, 2015
	Hayden Reynolds	Nov. 21, 2017
	*Joseph H. Rhodes III	
Planning and Zoning Commission	K. C. Mazer	Nov. 19, 2013
	Kelvin N. Tyler	Nov. 19, 2013
	Joan H. Rich	Nov. 17, 2015
	David Tiffany, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 17, 2015
	Steven Mattson	Nov. 21, 2017
	E. Hunter Ward	Nov. 21, 2017
	William T. Koch, Jr.	Nov. 21, 2017
	*Robert Winslow, Jr.	
Zoning Board of Appeals	Jeanne Rutigliano	Nov. 19, 2013
	Fred Harger	Nov. 17, 2015
	David Lahm, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 17, 2015
	LeRay L. McFarland	Nov. 21, 2017
	Jack Sulger	Nov. 21, 2017
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates	Salvatore Caruso, Jr.	Nov. 19, 2013
	Ronald Wojcik	Nov. 17, 2015
	Ross Byrne	Nov. 21, 2017

Constables	Frederick Bliven	Nov. 19, 2013
	John M. King	Nov. 19, 2013
Lyme Public Library Directors	Ronald Wojcik	Nov. 19, 2013
	James Benn	Nov. 19, 2013
	Marta F. Cone	Nov. 19, 2013
	Judith F. Lightfoot, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 19, 2013
	vacancy	Nov. 17, 2015
	Bradford Moore Purcell	Nov. 17, 2015
	George J. Willauer	Nov. 17, 2015
	Susan Cole	Nov. 21, 2017
	Gina Gray	Nov. 21, 2017
	Janis T. Witkins	Nov. 21, 2017
	*Susan C. Jewett	
	*Linnie L. Pickering	
Lyme Members of Regional District #18, Board of Education	Beth A. Jones	Dec. 1, 2013
	James Patrick Witkins	Dec. 1, 2015
Registrar of Voters	Dianne F. Ahlberg	Jan. 9, 2013
	Kathleen Gigliotti	Jan. 9, 2013
State Representative 23rd District	Marilyn Guiliano	Jan. 9, 2013
State Senator 33rd District	Eileen Daily	Jan. 9, 2013

Appointed

Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission	Paul Armond, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 13, 2012	
	Patrick Crowley	Nov. 13, 2012	
	Priscilla Hammond	Nov. 13, 2012	
	Ben Kegley	Nov. 12, 2013	
	Beverly Crowther	Nov. 12, 2013	
	Roger Dill	Nov. 11, 2014	
	Thomas Reynolds	Nov. 11, 2014	
	*Frederick Bliven		
	Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission Alternates	Susan Hessel	Nov. 12, 2013
		Steven Kurlansky	Nov. 11, 2014
Cemetery Commission	Diana Boehning	April 15, 2013	
	Thomas Davies	April 15, 2013	
	Christine Plikus	April 15, 2013	
	Gordon M. Krusen, <i>Chairperson</i>	April 15, 2014	
	Nancy Roche	April 15, 2014	
	Bruce Stark	April 15, 2014	
	Ann Evans	April 15, 2015	
	Kim Kanabis	April 15, 2015	
	Marilyn Warren	April 15, 2015	

Town Counsel	Kenneth M. McKeever	
Sanitarian	George P. Calkins	
Zoning Enforcement Officer & Inland Wetlands Agent	Bernard Gigliotti	
Building Official	Ronald Rose	
Building Code Board of Appeals	Lee Duran	Nov. 30, 2012
	vacancy	Nov. 30, 2013
	vacancy	Nov. 30, 2014
	Francis Roche	Nov. 30, 2015
	Roger Mayotte	Nov. 30, 2016
	*Roland Wright	
Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission	Christian Peltenburg-Brechneff	Jan. 23, 2013
	Susan Tyler	Jan. 23, 2014
	Richard Prowell, <i>Chairperson</i>	Jan. 23, 2015
	E. Russell Learned	Jan. 23, 2016
	Lisa Holmes	Jan. 23, 2017
Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission Alternates	Harry (Skip) Broom, Jr.	Jan. 23, 2015
	Iain R. Horwath	Jan. 23, 2015
	Thomas Richardson	Jan. 23, 2015
	vacancy	Jan. 23, 2015
	vacancy	Jan. 23, 2015
Rogers Lake Authority	Michael Sicord	June 1, 2013
	Dennis Overfield	June 1, 2014
	Tom Mondelci	June 1, 2015
	*Walter Buch	
	*Fredrik Holth	
Recreation Commission	Heidi Meyer	Jan. 15, 2013
	Jason Thornton, <i>Chairperson</i>	Jan. 15, 2013
	vacancy	Jan. 15, 2013
Estuary Transit District	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	Feb. 1, 2016
Affordable Housing Committee	Mac Godley	
	K. C. Mazer	
	Isabel Roberge	
	Tina West, <i>Chairperson</i>	
Tree Warden	Lars D. Anderson	June 30, 2013
Burning Officer	Gary Weed	
Emergency Management Director	Lee Watkins	
Civil Preparedness Assistant	Tom Brown	
VSECI	John Evans	
Cable Advisory Council	Ellen Purcell	

CT Gateway Commission	Lisa Nicolai	June 30, 2014
	J. Melvin Woody, <i>Alt.</i>	June 30, 2014
Senior Center Board of Directors	Barbara Blackwell	June 30, 2013
	Ruth Young	June 30, 2013
	vacancy	June 30, 2013
CT River Estuary Regional Planning Agency	Richard Prowell	Feb. 1, 2014
	vacancy	Feb. 1, 2013
	*Joan Rich	
Municipal Historian	vacancy	
Public Health Nurse	Interim Healthcare	
Water Pollution Control Authority		
	J. Carter Courtney	June 30, 2013
	J. Melvin Woody	June 30, 2016
	David Cook	June 30, 2017
Lyme Volunteer Fire Company Chief	Tom Brown	
	*Pete Adams	
Town Marine Officer	Robert F. Roach	
Trustee, Fire Co. Incentive Program	John Yeomans	
	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	
Municipal Agent for the Elderly	Kathy Tisdale	
Director of Health	Dana Cavicke., M.D.	Oct. 27, 2014
Dog Warden	Donald Griffith	
Southeastern CT Tourism District	vacancy	
Mental Health Catchment Area Council	Linda Camarra	Apr. 30, 2013
Open Space Committee	Paul Armond	June 1, 2013
	Anthony Irving	June 1, 2013
	Parker Lord	June 1, 2013
	Lucius Stark	June 1, 2013
	Templeton Brown	June 1, 2014
	Barbara David	June 1, 2014
	Steven E. Mattson	June 1, 2014
	vacancy	June 1, 2014
	*John Feeney	
Eight Mile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee	Anthony Irving	
	Parker Lord	
	*Roger Dill	
Eight Mile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee Alternate	Erik Block	
Pension Advisory Committee	Tom Childs	May 4, 2013
	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	May 4, 2013
	John Friday	May 4, 2013
	Steven E. Mattson	May 4, 2013

Justices of the Peace

John Yeomans	May 4, 2013
Charlotte Beers	Jan. 7, 2013
Fred William Harger	Jan. 7, 2013
Patricia A. Harris	Jan. 7, 2013
Steven E. Mattson	Jan. 7, 2013
Gary Reynolds	Jan. 7, 2013
Norman R. Rich	Jan. 7, 2013
Jack F. Sulger, Jr.	Jan. 7, 2013
Anthony J. Sullivan	Jan. 7, 2013
Eleanor B. Sutton	Jan. 7, 2013
Ronald J. Wojcik	Jan. 7, 2013

Fire Marshal
Welfare Director
Open Space Coordinator
Harbor Master
Town Campus Center Advisory Committee

*John S. Drahan	
David Roberge	
Kathy Tisdale	
Linda Bireley	
Gary Reynolds	

Robert Godley	March 2, 2013
Dan Hagan, <i>Chairman</i>	March 2, 2013
Richard Lightfoot	March 2, 2013
Eugene Lynch	March 2, 2013
Steven Mattson	March 2, 2013
Allen Petri	March 2, 2013
David Tiffany	March 2, 2013
Janis Witkins	March 2, 2013
*Sara Qua	

Town Campus Center Building Committee

Robert Godley	June 4, 2013
Dan Hagan, <i>Chairman</i>	June 4, 2013
Richard Lightfoot	June 4, 2013
Eugene Lynch	June 4, 2013
Steven Mattson	June 4, 2013
Allen Petri	June 4, 2013
David Tiffany	June 4, 2013
Janis Witkins	June 4, 2013

Democratic Town Committee

Dianne Ahlberg	
Paul Armond	
Carolyn Bacdayan	
Cornelia Bessie	
Mary Ellen Caruso	
Susan Cole	
Toni Condron	
Marta Cone	
Fred W. Harger	
Sue Hessel	
Mary Ann Kistner, <i>Secretary</i>	

Madeleine Mattson	
Steven E. Mattson, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	
LeRay McFarland, <i>Chairman</i>	
Phyllis Ross	
Claire Sauer, <i>Treasurer</i>	
Ronald Wojcik	
*Bill Boehning	

Republican Town Committee

Rowland Ballek, <i>Chairman</i>	
Thomas Boyd	
Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	
Donald C. Gerber	
Priscilla Hammond	
Jonathan Jewett, <i>Treasurer</i>	
William T. Koch	
David Lahm	
Kevin C. Mazer	
Gary Reynolds	
Isabel S. Roberge	
David J. Tiffany, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	
John J. Tiffany, II	
Linda A. Winzer, <i>Secretary</i>	
James Witkins	
Debra Yeomans	
*David Cavicce	
*Nikki Hostnik	

*Indicates member sometime during fiscal year, but not at close of fiscal year



classical door surround

Summary of Expenditures

7/1/11 – 6/30/12

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
EXPENSES			
General Government			
Selectmen's Office	65,804.00	62,284.53	3,519.47
Town Clerk	45,788.00	45,145.92	642.08
Board of Finance	2,000.00	3,750.00	(1,750.00)
Tax Collector	40,575.00	36,823.05	3,751.95
Assessor's Office	52,410.00	47,411.32	4,998.68
Revaluation	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
Town Treasurer	8,711.00	8,710.68	.32
Election Expenses	16,836.00	10,743.35	6,092.65
Board of Tax Review	250.00	0.00	250.00
Planning & Zoning Commission	13,500.00	2,192.13	11,307.87
Zoning Board of Appeals	5,500.00	3,078.67	2,421.33
Zoning Officer	31,600.00	31,559.12	40.88
Harbor Maintenance	4,000.00	3,287.71	712.29
Conservation Commission	15,000.00	16,729.15	(1,729.15)
Pollution Control	1,457.00	1,456.25	0.75
Probate Court	2,662.00	1,330.00	1,332.00
Auditor's Expense	24,700.00	24,700.00	0.00
Town Counsel	12,500.00	17,479.95	(4,979.95)
Town Report	7,000.00	6,257.59	742.41
General Insurance	74,845.00	74,257.78	587.22
Workmen's Comp	22,500.00	22,035.00	465.00
Health Insurance	174,514.00	160,793.96	13,720.04
Employer Medicare and FICA	45,436.00	44,540.58	895.42
Retirement	43,130.00	37,251.31	5,878.69
Town Hall Expense	31,000.00	26,955.70	4,044.30
Heat & Fuel	68,702.00	69,365.42	(663.42)
Affordable Housing	20,000.00	9,515.00	10,485.00
Welfare Director/Elderly	7,098.00	7,097.28	0.72
Transportation District	1,907.00	1,907.00	0.00
Hadlyme Historic District	2,500.00	75.00	2,425.00
Public Safety			
Fire Marshal	5,500.00	4,173.12	1,326.88
Fire Company	48,250.00	46,655.25	1,594.75
VSECI	34,268.00	34,268.00	0.00
Complex Maintenance	17,660.00	12,880.42	4,779.58
Public Safety Utilities	22,000.00	19,731.81	2,268.19
Police	10,000.00	5,687.09	4,312.91
Emergency Management	7,500.00	5,508.46	1,991.54
Building Inspector	21,432.00	20,611.28	820.72

Hazardous Waste	7,668.00	5,808.00	1,860.00
Public Safety Pension	81,821.00	68,576.99	13,244.01
Highways			
Superintendent	58,785.00	56,527.51	2,257.49
Town Crew	130,115.00	119,354.10	10,760.90
Town Crew Benefits	20,796.00	22,760.99	(1,964.99)
Town Aid Roads Maintenance	424,858.85	425,298.48	(439.63)
General Maintenance	40,000.00	33,806.96	6,193.04
Snow and Ice Removal	45,000.00	15,816.22	29,183.78
Street Lighting	3,250.00	2,650.82	599.18
Street Signs	3,000.00	3,348.60	(348.60)
Garage Expense	1,000.00	546.75	453.25
Superintendent Expense	4,250.00	4,250.00	0.00
Tree Warden Expense	1,300.00	1,200.00	100.00
Sanitation			
Landfill Costs	55,173.00	53,801.34	1,371.66
Tipping Fees	63,825.00	56,608.98	7,216.02
Sanitarian	23,512.00	23,511.60	0.40
Recycling	18,857.00	16,760.19	2,096.81
Conservation of Health			
Health Officer	750.00	750.00	0.00
Visiting Nurses	4,500.00	3,948.60	551.40
Vital Statistics	75.00	0.00	75.00
Welfare			
TVCCA	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Women's Center	600.00	600.00	0.00
Family Service	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00
Regional Mental Health	116.00	116.00	0.00
Soup Kitchen	500.00	500.00	0.00
Library			
Library	134,779.00	134,734.26	44.74
Recreation			
Hartman Park	3,750.00	484.06	3,265.94
Park Maintenance	10,750.00	8,209.09	2,540.91
Recreation Commission	28,500.00	18,800.93	9,699.07
Rogers Lake Commission	11,010.00	11,146.30	(136.30)
Town Woods Property	24,509.00	33,585.71	(9,076.71)

Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous	2,000.00	932.50	1,067.50
Council of Small Towns	725.00	725.00	0.00
Soil Conservation	1,421.00	1,421.00	0.00
Moulson Fund	100.00	0.00	100.00
Data Processing	21,100.00	27,005.89	(5,905.89)
Contingent Account	2,000.00	185.00	1,815.00
8 Mile River Cemetery	6,100.00	5,040.00	1,060.00
Lyme Cemeteries	6,300.00	3,278.28	3,021.72
Dog Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
CRERPA	5,121.00	5,113.40	7.60
CRERPA Seniors	9,000.00	9,000.00	0.00
Lyme Youth Services	22,500.00	22,500.00	0.00
Elderly Housing	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Literacy Volunteers	600.00	600.00	0.00
CCM	1,326.00	1,326.00	0.00
Lymes' Senior Center	11,314.00	7,918.67	3,395.33
Open Space Reserve Fund	40,000.00	40,000.00	0.00
Secter	1,206.00	1,206.00	0.00
LCRPOB	100.00	0.00	100.00
2.5 Mill note	400,000.00	400,000.00	0.00

Education

Education	5,862,930.00	5,862,930.00	0.00
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Redemption of Debt – Interest

2.5 Mill note - Interest	16,000.00	16,085.56	(85.56)
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	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
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CAPITAL EXPENSES**Public Safety**

Rescue Truck Lease	75,628.00	75,627.24	0.76
Fire Company Equipment	25,900.00	21,857.01	4,042.99
Hadlyme Firehouse	2,000.00	2,253.55	(253.55)

Sanitation

Site Improvement	41,847.66	19,686.87	22,160.79
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Highways

Bridges	33,000.00	8,588.00	24,412.00
Highway Equipment	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Firehouse-Garage	22,500.00	20,750.91	1,749.09

Miscellaneous

Town Hall Improvements	88,076.20	78,298.45	9,777.75
Local Capital Improvement	80,000.00	80,000.00	0.00
Vital Records Restoral	3,500.00	3,369.76	130.24
Emergency Management	20,000.00	17,506.60	2,493.40
Lymes' Senior Center	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	9,061,379.71	8,794,106.05	267,273.66

**Lymes' Youth Service Bureau**

The mission of the Lymes' Youth Service Bureau (LYSB) is to empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in our community through a wide range of innovative and effective programs.

LYSB proudly serves as the primary youth serving organization for our community promoting positive youth development through programs and services to children and families in Old Lyme and Lyme. Founded in 1978 by a group of concerned citizens, LYSB is one of 100 Youth Service Bureaus in Connecticut. Most YSBs are municipal agencies, however LYSB is one of only a handful of private bureaus and therefore relies on the generous support of the community for nearly one half of our budget. We are grateful to the Town of Lyme for their municipal support and we enjoy collaborating with the town and schools on a variety of programs.

The LYSB playgroups are popular programs where children and their caregivers can make new friends and find support. Parents learn from each other, share ideas, and develop a network. Many lifelong friendships are forged at LYSB. We offer a full schedule of groups, based on the child's age.

LYSB continues to collaborate with our local prevention coalition *Community Action for Substance Free Youth* (CASFY). This group is comprised of community leaders, parents, teachers, and students that advocate and support our youth through education, communication, and participation. CASFY's goal is to reduce substance abuse among the youth of Lyme and Old Lyme and to positively affect the culture of student life. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the month at LYSB at 7:00 p.m. and welcome

attendance from any members of the community. Results from the Youth Survey and more information about CASFY are available on the LYSB website www.lysb.org.

At LYSB students can relax in a safe and supervised environment after school. We offer games, snacks, homework help and friendship. Please visit our website www.lysb.org or stop by our offices at 59 Lyme Street to learn about the youth programs we offer including:

- Playgroups for babies and toddlers, including music and Spanish
- Parent education
- After school programs
- Counseling
- Social services referrals
- Community service groups
- Prevention programs
- Summer programs
- Special events

LYSB Board of Directors

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Marcia Leverone, *Office Manager*

Affordable Housing

The affordable housing programs in Lyme made quiet progress this year. The generous gift of a building lot to the Town's program by Ruth Young and her grandchildren in memory of Phil Young has been completed and approved.

The Lyme Compact's Rogers Lake house, with the arrival of a new Habitat family, has changed its status to a deed-restricted land lease like all the other other houses in both programs.

This brings the total in both programs to eight plus one available lot. The committee welcomes questions and new committee members.

Respectfully,
Tina West, Isabel Roberge and Mac Godley



Elisha Miller 1853 – Houses with gable ends facing the road became common in the mid-1800s. The triangle gable end suggests the pediment of a Greek temple; the cornice returns emphasize this. The present owner has restored the house to its original 1850s condition.

Board of Finance

Lyme continues to be in good fiscal condition. Tax collections continue at a rate of nearly 100% thanks to the efforts of Linda Ward our Tax Collector. We have made our final payment on Mt. Archer Farm and thus have no long term debt with the exception of our share of Regional School District 18.

The building project a the high school is going well and has had lower than anticipated borrowing cost thanks to favorable interest rates. We continue to work closely with our representatives with Dave Brown heading our Education Sub-committee. Jim McFarland continues to serve on the school Building Committee.

Once again we have omitted the complete audit report with its clean opinion. This reduces the cost of printing and makes the annual report more readable. If you would like the complete report, copies are available at the Town Hall.

Our budget process begins in late January and we welcome attendance and comments from town residents. The meetings are usually on Monday evenings at 7:30 at the Hamburg Fire Station, but check the schedule at the Town Hall or on the town website www.townlyme.org as dates may change.

A special word of thanks to my board members for their efforts, and to the selectmen, boards, and commissions for being, for the most part, reasonable and easy to work with.

Respectfully submitted,
Gary Reynolds, *Chairman*



Burr House Gothic

Summary Of The Budget For The Year Ending June 30, 2013

	Actual 2010-2011	Amended 2011-2012	Proposed 2012-2013
DESCRIPTION			
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$960,020	\$991,890	\$605,991
REVENUES			
General Property tax	8,132,435	8,000,528	8,047,274
All Other Revenues	<u>828,443</u>	<u>499,038</u>	<u>498,715</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>8,960,878</u>	<u>8,499,566</u>	<u>8,545,898</u>
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	<u>9,920,898</u>	<u>9,491,456</u>	<u>9,151,980</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Operating Expense	8,297,144	8,466,437	8,115,461
Capital Expense	<u>631,864</u>	<u>419,028</u>	<u>543,023</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>8,929,008</u>	<u>8,885,465</u>	<u>8,658,484</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE	<u>\$991,890</u>	<u>\$605,991</u>	<u>\$493,496</u>

Budget For The Year Ending June 30, 2013

	Actual 2010-2011	Amended 2011-2012	Proposed 2012-2013
INCOME DETAIL			
TAXES, INTEREST, & LIEN FEES			
General Property Taxes	\$8,132,435	\$8,000,528	\$8,047,274
Tax Refund and Rebate	\$0	(\$3,000)	(\$5,000)
Interest & Lien Fees	<u>58,855</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$8,191,290</u>	<u>\$8,022,528</u>	<u>\$8,067,274</u>
LICENSES & PERMITS			
Mooring Permits	\$2,840	\$2,000	\$2,000
Building Permits	48,530	35,000	38,000
Conveyance Tax	58,249	35,000	38,000
Other Licenses & Permits	<u>4,625</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS	<u>\$114,244</u>	<u>\$75,500</u>	<u>\$81,500</u>
FINES, FEES & CHARGES			
ZBA Fees	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$750
P&Z Fees	1,015	1,000	1,000
Waste Disposal Fees	1,939	750	2,500
News/Recycl Profit Share	0	0	0
Town Clerk Fees	20,798	15,000	17,000
Refunds & Rebates	7,315	1,500	1,500
Visiting Nurse Receipts	352	500	500
Miscellaneous	9,934	5,000	5,000
Affordable Housing	3,627	3,000	3,000
Park & Rec Fees	<u>5,344</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>5,000</u>
TOTAL FINES, FEES & CHARGES	<u>\$51,324</u>	<u>\$35,250</u>	<u>\$36,250</u>

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE			
Supplemental Municipal Aid	\$6,580	\$7,167	\$6,806
Town Aid Roads	88,955	88,927	89,008
Education Equal. Grant	124,790	145,556	145,556
PILOT State Prop/C&H	17,285	17,537	17,517
Emergency Management	22,927	20,000	15,000
Tax Relief-Homeowners	23,096	20,000	20,000
Tax Relief-Veterans	411	400	400
Miscellaneous Grants	33,588	3,500	3,500
Boating Safety	5,487	0	0
Local Cap. Improv. Prog.	<u>35,047</u>	<u>25,551</u>	<u>25,928</u>
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL	<u>\$358,166</u>	<u>\$328,638</u>	<u>\$323,715</u>
REVENUE FROM USE TOWN MONEY			
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0
Eight Mile Cemetery	0	12,400	12,000
Interest on Investments	<u>10,206</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>7,500</u>
TOTAL REVENUE FROM USE TOWN MONEY	<u>\$10,206</u>	<u>\$22,400</u>	<u>\$19,500</u>
OTHER REVENUES			
Tel. Access Grant	\$9,713	\$11,500	\$9,000
Cap Non-Recurr. Fund	222,185	0	0
Hartman Park Fund	3,750	3,750	3,750
Open Space Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	<u>\$235,648</u>	<u>\$15,250</u>	<u>\$12,750</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$8,960,878</u>	<u>\$8,499,566</u>	<u>\$8,540,989</u>

	Actual 2010-2011	Amended 2011-2012	Proposed 2012-2013
EXPENSE DETAIL			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Selectman's Office	\$60,768	\$65,804	\$68,093
Town Clerk's Office	46,269	45,788	47,217
Board of Finance	3,477	2,000	3,500
Tax Collector's Office	36,146	40,575	40,424
Assessor's Office	52,783	52,410	52,585
Revaluation	15,000	15,000	2,500
Town Treasurer	8,556	8,711	8,869
Election Expenses	10,537	16,836	17,386
Board of Assessment Appeals	0	250	250
Planning & Zoning Comm.	4,110	13,500	12,000
Zoning Board of Appeals	3,275	5,500	5,000
Zoning Office	30,980	31,600	32,151
Harbor Maintenance	4,441	4,000	4,000
Conservation Commission	15,896	15,000	15,000
Pollution Control	1,456	1,457	1,457
Probate Court	1,168	2,662	2,000
Auditor's Expense	24,000	24,700	24,700

Town Counsel	8,774	12,500	15,000
Town Report	5,906	7,000	7,000
General Insurance	74,106	74,845	75,739
Workmen's Comp.	22,434	22,500	22,500
Health Insurance	158,546	174,514	167,853
FICA	44,487	45,436	45,055
Retirement	38,402	43,130	40,623
Town Hall Expense	29,873	31,000	31,000
Heat & Fuel	60,617	68,702	69,000
Affordable Housing	0	20,000	100
Elderly	6,958	7,098	7,240
Transportation Dist.	1,716	1,907	2,193
Hadlyme Hist. Dist.	<u>0</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	<u>\$770,681</u>	<u>\$856,925</u>	<u>\$822,935</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Fire Marshall	\$4,487	\$5,500	\$5,500
Fire Company	50,092	48,250	50,250
VSECI	31,831	34,268	37,913
Complex Maintenance	17,486	17,660	18,260
Public Safety Utilities	21,962	22,000	22,000
Police	5,290	10,000	10,000
Emergency Management	10,717	7,500	7,000
Building Inspector	19,743	21,432	22,004
Hazardous Waste	7,018	7,668	7,600
Public Safety Pension	<u>55,385</u>	<u>81,821</u>	<u>84,087</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>\$224,011</u>	<u>\$256,099</u>	<u>\$264,614</u>

HIGHWAYS			
Superintendent	\$58,644	\$58,785	\$59,962
Town Crew	125,745	130,115	126,137
Town Crew Benefits	18,810	20,796	21,105
Town Aid Roads Maint.	257,135	283,868	300,000
General Maintenance	37,945	40,000	40,000
Snow & Ice Removal	51,053	45,000	45,000
Street Lighting	2,680	3,250	3,000
Street Signs	1,459	3,000	2,000
Garage Expense	1,052	1,000	1,000
Superintendent Expense	4,250	4,250	4,250
Tree Warden Expense	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,300</u>	<u>1,200</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	<u>\$559,973</u>	<u>\$591,364</u>	<u>\$603,654</u>

SANITATION			
Landfill Costs	\$50,025	\$55,173	\$56,032
Tipping Fees	57,535	63,825	57,714
Sanitarian	23,051	23,512	23,982
Recycling	<u>15,679</u>	<u>18,857</u>	<u>19,257</u>
TOTAL SANITATION	<u>\$146,290</u>	<u>\$161,367</u>	<u>\$156,985</u>

CONSERVATION OF HEALTH			
Health Officer	\$750	\$750	\$750
Visiting Nurses	3,663	4,500	4,500
Vital Statistics	0	75	75
TOTAL HEALTH	<u>\$4,413</u>	<u>\$5,325</u>	<u>\$5,325</u>
WELFARE			
Women's Center	\$500	\$600	\$500
T.V.C.A.	1,000	1,000	1,000
Soup Kitchen	500	500	500
Family Service	3,500	3,500	3,500
Reg. Mental Health	<u>116</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>116</u>
TOTAL WELFARE	<u>\$5,616</u>	<u>\$5,716</u>	<u>\$5,616</u>
LIBRARY			
TOTAL LIBRARY EXPENSE	<u>\$127,899</u>	<u>\$134,779</u>	<u>\$138,997</u>
RECREATION			
Hartman Park	\$985	\$3,750	\$3,750
Park Maintenance	7,525	10,750	10,893
Recreation Commission	11,885	28,500	28,500
Rogers Lake Commission	7,514	11,010	48,685
Town Woods Property	<u>26,289</u>	<u>24,509</u>	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL RECREATION	<u>\$54,207</u>	<u>\$78,519</u>	<u>\$121,828</u>
MISCELLANEOUS			
Miscellaneous	\$91	\$2,000	\$2,000
Council of Sm. Towns	725	725	725
CT River Cons. Dist.	1,421	1,421	1,421
Moulson Fund	0	100	100
Contingent Account	1,350	2,000	2,000
Data Processing	26,828	21,100	30,000
8 Mile River Cemetery	6,278	6,100	3,800
Lyme Cemeteries	2,292	6,300	5,800
Dog Fund	4,999	5,000	5,000
CRERPA	5090	5,121	5,712
CRERPA Seniors	9,000	9,000	9,500
Lyme Youth Services	22,000	22,500	23,000
Elderly Housing	1,500	1,500	1,500
Literacy Volunteers	600	600	600
CCM	1,326	1,326	1,353
L/OL Senior Center	7,229	11,314	13,062
Secter	1,250	1,206	706
LRCPOB	0	100	100
Brevillier Challenge	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	<u>\$91,979</u>	<u>\$97,413</u>	<u>\$109,379</u>

EDUCATION			
District #18 Expense	<u>\$5,895,593</u>	<u>\$5,862,930</u>	<u>\$5,885,453</u>
REDEMPTION OF DEBT - INTEREST			
General Obligation Bonds Interest	<u>\$31,482</u>	<u>\$16,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
REDEMPTION OF DEBT - PRINCIPAL			
General Obligation Bonds Principal	<u>\$385,000</u>	<u>\$400,000</u>	<u>\$0</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	<u>\$8,297,144</u>	<u>\$8,466,437</u>	<u>\$8,114,786</u>
	Actual	Amended	Proposed
	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
CAPITAL EXPENSE			
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			
Office Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY			
Fire Truck Lease	\$72,599	\$0	\$75,000
Rescue Truck Lease	75,628	75,628	0
Fire Company Equipment	28,515	25,900	22,600
Hadlyme Firehouse	<u>2,340</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>\$179,082</u>	<u>\$103,528</u>	<u>\$99,600</u>
SANITATION			
Site Improvement	\$0	\$30,000	\$33,420
TOTAL SANITATION	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$30,000</u>	<u>\$33,420</u>
HIGHWAYS			
Bridges	\$75,279	\$33,000	\$0
Highway Equipment	105,613	5,000	5,000
Firehouse-Garage	0	22,500	0
Town Trucks	<u>146,242</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	<u>\$327,134</u>	<u>\$60,500</u>	<u>\$5,000</u>
MISCELLANEOUS			
Town Hall Improvements	\$25,000	\$80,000	\$135,128
Local Capital Improvement	50,000	80,000	175,000
Vital Rec. Restoral	0	3,500	4,000
Emergency Management	20,655	20,000	13,000
L/OL Senior Center	0	1,500	2,875
Open Space	29,993	40,000	75,000
Town Woods Development	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	<u>\$125,648</u>	<u>\$225,000</u>	<u>\$405,003</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE	<u>\$631,864</u>	<u>\$419,028</u>	<u>\$543,023</u>

	Actual 2010-2011	Amended 2011-2012	Proposed 2012-2013
GENERAL BUDGET SUMMARY			
TOTAL INCOME	<u>\$8,960,878</u>	<u>\$8,499,566</u>	<u>\$8,540,989</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	8,297,144	8,466,437	8,114,786
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE	631,864	419,028	543,023
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>\$8,929,008</u>	<u>\$8,885,485</u>	<u>\$8,657,809</u>
PLAN SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$31,870</u>	<u>(\$385,899)</u>	<u>(\$116,820)</u>

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Finance, Town of Lyme
 Gary Reynolds, *Chairman*
 Thomas Boyd, *Clerk*

The audited financial report for the year ended June 30, 2010 is available at the Town Hall.



Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee

The Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee (ERWSSC) is pleased to contribute to the Town of Lyme's annual report. Much has been accomplished by ERWSSC during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. It is only possible however, due to the support of the three main watershed towns, local land trusts, partner organizations and community involvement.

Some of the main highlights of 2011-2012 include:

- The stormwater outlet mapping project which was funded by National Fish and Wildlife Foundation through a Long Island Sound Futures Fund Grant was completed earlier this year. This mapping, conducted for each of the three towns, is a critical component in documenting drainage infrastructure and assisting in long-term management. Effective stormwater management protects water quality as well as minimizing damage due to flooding. As the receiving town, in terms of flows from the Eightmile River, Lyme benefits from the management efforts of the towns upstream as well as its own.
- With the help of four college students (two from Lyme), ERWSSC completed its third season of summer monitoring for bacteria and temperature fluctuations. Results from the monitoring will be used by ERWSSC, local health departments and Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to assess water quality of the Eightmile River.
- In May, ERWSSC hosted a two-day regional training program for the National Park Service on Wild & Scenic designation. The major source of funding for ERWSSC's staff and activities comes through National Park Service as part of the National Wild & Scenic Partnership Rivers Program.
- ERWSSC was approached by the town of East Lyme to request support in establishing a four town trail system. Rising to the challenge, ERWSSC has established a trail planning

working group which has put together a preliminary trail network, using existing pathways, connecting the towns of East Lyme, Salem, East Haddam and Lyme.

- Periodic updates to open space mapping are an important part of protecting the resources of any watershed. The last mapping update by ERWSSC also included areas surrounding the watershed. A six-town open space map, including the towns of Colchester, East Haddam, Salem, Lyme, East Lyme and Lyme allows ERWSSC to look at preserved lands beyond watershed borders. Information from the map will be used to assess habitat resources, greenways and future trail access points.

ERWSSC is a non-profit, non-regulatory committee responsible for ensuring the protection of the outstanding resources of the Eightmile River Watershed. This is accomplished through implementation of the Watershed Management Plan. ERWSSC truly appreciates the support of the Lyme Land Conservation Trust and the Town of Lyme in meeting its goals.



Lyme Garden Club

The Lyme Garden Club, a member of Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and National Garden Clubs, Inc., was established in 1930 as a non-profit organization for educational and charitable purposes. The Club mission is to unite its members in a personal quest in the cultivation of plants and to encourage and maintain the highest standards of excellence in conservation, civic improvement, and all branches of horticulture.

To that end, in 2006 the Lyme Garden Club began a project to beautify our already scenic Highway 156 and other town properties with a yearly planting of about 1200 daffodil bulbs. Each spring the yellow blooms brighten sites along Hamburg Road, the Blood Street triangle, town cemeteries, and other town properties. Garden club members also maintain town gardens at the Lyme Library, the Town Hall, the senior housing facility at Lymewood, and the Lyme Fire Company. The Betty Cleghorn Herb Garden, a Club project, enhances the entry to the Lyme Library. In 2010 the club undertook a massive project to beautify the northern slope at the Fire Company by eliminating invasive plants and overgrown, dead and dying shrubs. Native and drought tolerant plants now are being established on the entrance to Lyme's busy recycling center, but keeping that slope looking good is an ongoing, difficult project. In addition to spring and fall clean-ups at these sites, members volunteer to weed and water these areas on a weekly basis from June through October.

In addition to the horticulture work, a group of members march in the July Fourth Parade, decorate tables for the yearly Firemen's Steak Dinner, create seasonal wreaths for the door of the library, and fashion evergreen swags to adorn town buildings and cemeteries at winter holiday time. Further, for the past two years, the Lyme Garden Club has supervised and judged the Flower Division at the Hamburg Fair.

Fundraising efforts at Ashlawn Farmers' Market and Old Lyme Midsummer Festival offer garden-related items made by members, various flowering bulbs, and several bird-seed combinations. The profits help fund not only civic beautification and our monthly programs, but also go to support National, State, and local projects. This year Lyme Garden Club sent donations to the Dover Delaware Memorial Garden for the Fallen, the Federated Garden Clubs Garden Therapy Program, the Connecticut College Arboretum, and the Roof Garden at the Children's Science Center in Hartford. In addition, more local contributions went to the Lyme Fire Department, the Lyme Art Association, Harkness Memorial Park, and the McCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation/Brevellier Fund.

Monthly meetings, usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Lyme Fire Company, offer programs on the environment, conservation, and horticulture. Anyone with an interest in gardening and "digging in the dirt" is invited to attend these programs and become part of the membership. For more information about the Lyme Garden Club, please contact Ellen Fennema at ellenfennema@att.net or Donna Secondino at donnasecondino@sbcglobal.net.



Lyme Parks and Recreation

To begin this year's annual report I would like to give a big thank you to our committee and welcome some new members. Trudy Burgess and Carmella Monte will be joining us this year. It will be nice to have some parents of younger kids to help with fresh ideas and provide changes to fit the needs of the youngest ones. We would like to add on a few more members as well. The Parks and Recreation department is running smoother all the time due to our dedicated committee members. Without them many programs would not be possible. Heidi Schumacher serves on our committee with continued dedication. We would also like to acknowledge that Prescott Littlefield received the volunteer of the year award for his many years of dedication to coaching in our sports programs. There are several others I would like to acknowledge for their services: Don Bugbee, Linda Winzer, District 18, Ruth Perry, Trudy and Todd Burgess, Megan Eno, Ralph Eno, and all the parents who volunteer to coach and assist. Without all of you these programs would not be possible.

This year we held many successful programs like soccer, basketball, swimming, science, computers, and art. Many great partnerships have also made for great summer activities. We'd like to thank Between the Lines, Hamburg Cove Yacht Club, and Mad Science for helping us with continued summer camps. Alyson Duxberry is continuing exercise classes at Lyme School on Monday nights and there will be men's pickup basketball games again this winter. We are also looking into some exciting new daytrips this coming year and some community activities for families to enjoy together. We had an excellent turn out this year at our annual July 4th concert and picnic accompanied by the band Two for the Show.

We would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in joining our committee or serve your community, as well as new ideas to build on the great programs we already have. To contact us the email address is (kristenthornton@aol.com). We hope that this will open the doors of communication between our department and the community. The address will provide a means of forwarding signup sheets, answering questions, and planning our programs in a more timely and efficient manner. We are looking forward to the opportunities this service will provide. We are happy to be working with a dedicated young man, Noah Christiano, who is preparing a town website dedicated to volunteer opportunities. Thanks to all for being a part of another successful year with Lyme Park and Recreation.

Sincerely,
Jason Thornton



Lyme Planning & Zoning Commission

Once again the Lyme Planning and Zoning Commission had a very light work schedule for the 2011-2012 year. The commission met a grand total of five times for the year ending July 1, 2012. During that period the commission granted two special exceptions and issued one letter of consideration to the Board of Selectmen. This light schedule seems to be reflective of the current state of the economy. As much as I would like to make this report more riveting, the facts dictate otherwise!

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Tiffany, *Chairman*



Federal Classical Door Broom

Open Space Preservation, Management and Maintenance

The Open Space Committee is an appointed Town advisory body that endeavors to proactively identify and evaluate open space acquisition opportunities throughout the Town and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The Town's existing open spaces are managed and maintained by the Open Space Coordinator, a part time Town position that was established in 2005. The Open Space coordinator regularly attends Open Space Committee meetings and both entities coordinate their activities through the Board of Selectmen.

Open Space Committee

The Lyme Plan of Conservation and Development (revised every ten years) is used to guide the Committee. This plan establishes the ecological, aesthetic, cultural and recreational values that the residents of Lyme have identified as being important to the protection of the town's conservation identity. Certain characteristics such as size, location, ecological or cultural significance, natural features, (scenic vistas, geology etc.) suitability for multiple use (such as the ability to accommodate an affordable housing lot) and recreational potential are taken into account when the Open Space Committee evaluates the desirability of a particular parcel.

The feasibility of an initiative is as important as its desirability, so the Open Space Committee also works to ensure that the appropriate parties are 'at the table' when a project is reviewed. In some instances the Town's interests are best served through partnerships with the State, other towns and/or non-profit groups like the Lyme Land Conservation Trust and The Nature Conservancy. In other instances, it may be most advantageous for the Town to act alone. When the Committee determines that an initiative to purchase or otherwise protect a desirable property is properly structured, feasible and in the best interests of the Town, it works as an advocate to bring the initiative before the Town's leadership and ultimately to you, to vote on at a Town Meeting.

From July 2011, through June 2012, the Open Space Committee pursued the updating of the Town Maps, showing areas preserved, and by whom they were owned. At the time of this report, the maps are with the Zoning Enforcement Officer, Bernie Gigliotti, who is reviewing them.

The Town's Open Space Reserve Fund balance is presently \$58,978.66. For the fiscal year 2013, the budgeted contribution from the Town to the Open Space Committee will be \$75,000.00. The Committee is working to build up this fund, so that it will be of a size to make a purchase, or help with a purchase, should the need arise.

In May 2012, at the Annual Town Meeting, the Town of Lyme voted to accept Ruth Young's very generous donation of 82.32 acres of open space and a 2.15-acre affordable building lot. The properties are on Gungy and Beaverbrook Roads and had been recommended for acquisition by the Open Space Committee. The Board of Selectmen, worked with the landowner to organize the gift according to the donor's wishes. Thus, three existing parcels of two acres each have been retained for family members, and a small non-conforming lot for a cellular phone tower has been separated out. (The cell

tower lot will revert to Town ownership should the cell-tower be discontinued). This is a significant gift, for which the Town of Lyme will remain eternally grateful.

The property will be known as "The Philip E. Young Memorial Preserve" and will be protected in perpetuity through a declaration of restrictive covenants that will run with the land. The purposes of the declaration of restrictive covenants include:

- Assuring that the open space parcel will be retained forever dominantly in its natural, forested, open space and scenic condition;
- Protecting rare plants, animals, or plant communities in the open space parcel;
- Protecting the scenic vista of the open space parcel as viewed from adjacent public areas;
- Preventing any use of the open space parcel that will significantly impair or interfere with the conservation values or interest of the open space parcel.

Allowed activities include management activities necessary to maintain and enhance the open space parcel as a relatively natural habitat for fish, wildlife and plant communities and the creation and maintenance of foot trails and woods roads for hiking and passive recreation.

On June 27th, 2012, another wonderful property was preserved that had also been recommended for conservation by the Open Space Committee. In the end, the owner decided to work out an agreement with the Lyme Land Conservation Trust, which acquired the 46 acre woodland property, also on Gungy Road. The purchase was enabled by donations to the LLCT from members of The Sargent family. The preserve will be called "Walbridge Woodlands". Along with the above Philip E Young Memorial Preserve, this acquisition completes a vast, eight-mile greenway of protected land, running from Darrow Pond in East Lyme, west through virtually the entire breadth of Lyme, almost to the Connecticut River.

Members of the Committee this year, were: Barbara David, Templeton Brown, Steven Mattson, Paul Armond, Lucius Stark, Tony Irving and Parker Lord; Linda Bireley attended regularly in her role as The Open Space Coordinator. When business required it, we met monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Town Hall.

Open Space Coordinator

From July 2011 through June 2012 the Town's Open Space Coordinator focused on: managing and maintaining Hartman Park, the Jewett Preserve (with The Nature Conservancy, TNC), Mt. Archer Woods/Eno Preserve (with the Lyme Land Conservation Trust, LLCT) and the Czikowsky Preserve (with TNC and LLCT). Trail development and maintenance on the newly acquired Philip E. Young Memorial Preserve will begin in fiscal year 2012-2013. In addition, the Coordinator continued to administer the hunting program for both the Town of Lyme (TOL) and LLCT.

Hunting Program

The systematic and consistent process that was developed for granting permission for hunting deer on selected Town and LLCT properties continued in 2011. This process

required that hunters using firearms request permission two weeks before the start of deer firearm season and attend a mandatory meeting with the Coordinator and at least one Selectman to receive permits to hunt deer. The process limited the number of individuals hunting deer at any one time on particular properties and required signs to be posted on properties where permission to hunt had been granted. There is no hunting on weekends. Permits for hunting deer (with bow), goose and turkey were granted as requested until the maximum number of hunters per property was achieved.

In spring 2012 the program was reviewed, modified and updated by the LLCT and TOL. Changes to the TOL/LLCT hunting program:

- For deer/firearm hunting in Jewett, Mt Archer Woods/Eno, 30 hunters will be issued permits for either "A" period or "B" period (15 hunters each) to hunt all three properties
- During the deer firearm and muzzleloader seasons Preserves will be open to ONLY hunting M-F as we've done for Jewett; Preserves will be open to other users on weekends.
- We will follow State land deer/muzzleloader season 12/5 – 12/18
- "Closure" notices to be posted at entrances and where trails cross into abutting properties
- We will notify the public of the closures dates through a press release
- Hunters will no longer be required to post a "hunting" sign.
- Added Chestnut Hill Preserve to the hunting program
- Junior hunters may be permitted to hunt.

A total of 237 hunting permits were issued in 2011 to 66 different individuals to hunt on eight different properties in Town. Of these, 90 permits were issued to 30 individuals that requested hunting deer with rifle or shotgun in the three properties managed as a unit on Mount Archer: Mt. Archer Woods, Eno Preserve and Jewett Preserve. To provide hunting opportunities to as many individuals as possible on these properties, individuals were combined in groups of 4 – 6 individuals and each group was assigned specific dates to hunt. Permits were also issued for hunting deer with a muzzleloader in the fall of 2011 and for hunting turkey in the spring of 2012.

For comparison, in 2010, 218 permits were issued to 63 individuals with 84 permits being issued to 28 individuals to hunt deer with rifle or shotgun in the Mount Archer area.

Every hunter requesting a deer permit was given a postcard to voluntarily report the number of deer taken. Of the 66 cards that were issued, 8 were returned, reporting 5 deer taken for 49 hunter-days of effort. For comparison, in 2010, 14 cards were returned, reporting 7 deer taken during 76 hunter-days.

OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT / MAINTENANCE

Czikowsky Preserve

This Preserve was obtained in March 2010. It is co-owned by the Town of Lyme

and TNC and is further protected by a Conservation Restriction (CR) held by the LLCT. The purposes of the CR include:

- Ensuring the Property will be forever retained in an undeveloped, open space, and forested condition for plants and wildlife and
- Encouraging the development of a complex and mature natural forest ecosystem that experiences natural cycles of growth, maturation, accumulation of forest biological legacies, disturbance, and regeneration and that is subject only to natural disturbances and those human activities which are designed solely to enhance the healthy long term functioning of the natural forest ecosystem
- Permitting limited recreational use of the Protected Property in a manner consistent with the goals identified in the recitals to this Conservation Restriction

To achieve these purposes, the Protected Property shall be identified as a wildlife and natural area sanctuary and not be identified as open for public access on any map, website, posting, communication or other form of oral, written, or electronic communication. However, pedestrian access that does not result in noticeable human disturbance of the Protected Property is allowed. Human disturbance includes, by way of illustration and not limitation, trails, footpaths, woods roads, roads parking areas, debris, and garbage.

Usage

No groups requested permission to visit the Czikowsky Preserve.

Maintenance

This Preserve is managed jointly by the Town and TNC, with oversight from LLCT, who holds the CR. The Town and TNC are jointly developing a Management Plan, modeled on the one for the Jewett Preserve.

In February 2012 representatives from TNC, TOL and LLCT met with abutting neighbors to discuss parking issues.

On March 30, 2012, representatives from TNC and TOL met to review the draft management plan, the past year's activity, and also plan for the coming year's activity. Based on this meeting, the following maintenance was completed on May 30, 2012:

To benefit two state rare plant species growing on the banks of the Eightmile River, immediately north of the Joshuatown Road bridge, four volunteers and TNC and TOL staff engaged in vegetation management along approximately 200' of river frontage. The rare species are Swamp Lousewort (*Pedicularis lanceolata*, Threatened) and Pale Green Orchid (*Platanthera flava*, Special Concern). Management included hand-pulling of the invasive Japanese Stiltgrass (*Microstegium vimineum*) adjacent to individual stems of the rare plants, as well as brush cutting much of the bank to maintain an open, grassy type of habitat, which the plants prefer.

www.nps.gov/plants/alien/pubs/midatlantic/mivi.htm

HARTMAN PARK

Usage

This Park was not as heavily used as in previous years. A total of 184 people reported using Hartman Park from July 2011 – June 2012. This was far fewer than the 269 people who reported using the Park during the same period last year. Because not everyone signs the log book, it is likely that 2 – 3 times that number actually used the Park's facilities. The most popular activity was hiking, followed by bird watching, dog walking and visiting the fairy village, biking and letterboxing/geocaching. Over half of the visitors were local (East Lyme/Niantic, 19 %; Lyme/Hadlyme 17 %, Old Lyme, 11%, Waterford 9%). The rest were from other towns in Connecticut.

Maintenance

The following maintenance was completed in Hartman Park. The Willis family planted flowers by Charity's Bench; Tom Bischoff mowed the Hartman field; many trees blown down in the two storms that occurred in the fall of 2011 were cleared; disk blazes on many sections of trails were replaced with larger, more visible plastic blazes (this work will continue into 2012 – 2013); one bridge was replaced; and several trails were recovered. This work would not have been possible without the 118 hours of help from over 20 volunteers.

JEWETT PRESERVE

Usage

From July 2011 to June 2012 a total of 258 people reported using the Preserve as compared to 211 in the same period last year. Because not everyone signs the log book, it is likely that 2 – 3 times that number actually used the Preserve. The most popular activity was hiking, followed by dog walking and bird/wildlife watching. Most visitors were from Lyme/Hadlyme (36%); East Lyme/Niantic (9%); Old Lyme (7%); Salem (7%) and Colchester (5%); 40% were from other towns in Connecticut and 1% were from out of state.

Maintenance

This Preserve is managed jointly by the Town and TNC under a recently signed management plan. This past winter Tom Bischoff, under contract with the Town and TNC, mowed the field in the Preserve, continuing to reduce the number of autumn olive and other invasive shrubs. Parker Lord mowed the Yellow Trail through the field twice and portions of the White Trail. Many trees blown down in the two storms that occurred in the fall of 2011 were cleared; vegetation, including invasive barberry, was cleared from the edges of several sections of trails; a new orange trail between the two legs of the white trail was cleared and marked. This work would not have been possible without the 48 hours of help from over 10 volunteers.

MT. ARCHER WOODS/ENO PRESERVE

Usage

These two abutting properties are at the top of Mount Archer and across the road from the Jewett Preserve. From July 2011 – June 2012, Mt. Archer Woods log book indicated that 145 people used the Preserve vs. 229 during the same period last year. Because not everyone signs the log book, it is likely that 2 – 3 times that number actually used the Woods' facilities. The most popular activity was hiking, followed by dog walking, letterboxing/geocaching, and bird/wildlife watching. Most visitors were from Lyme/Hadlyme (41 %), Old Lyme (10%), East Lyme (8%), East Haddam (9%) Colchester (6%) and Norwich (6%); 18% were from other towns in Connecticut and 6% were from out of state.

Maintenance

These properties are managed jointly by the Town and LLCT. Many trees blown down in the two storms that occurred in the fall of 2011 were cleared; the white trail was rerouted slightly to move it farther away from private property. This work would not have been possible without the 57 hours of help from 7 volunteers.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara David, *Open Space Committee*
Linda E. Bireley, *Open Space Coordinator*



Lyme Public Hall Association

The Lyme Public Hall Association is committed to preserving and promoting Lyme's history, culture, and community. Located in the heart of Hamburg on Route 156, the historic Hall has become a center of community activity through its offering of a variety of programs. Housed in the building is the Lyme Public Hall Local History Archives, a safe climate-controlled repository for treasured historic paper materials donated by town residents. In recognition of the work being done to preserve local history, the Hall received a grant from the Essex Savings Bank's Community Investment Program. The Local History Archives continues to thrive under the capable stewardship of volunteer archivist Carolyn Bacdayan, and she responds to visits and inquiries from hundreds of people each year. The Archives are open by set hours for drop-in visitors or by appointment. With the passage of the Town Campus project, we look forward to a purpose-built space for the Archives in the future. For more information, to donate, or to volunteer, call Carolyn Bacdayan at 860 434-9292.

The annual meeting of the Lyme Public Hall is held the second Thursday in June. Everyone is invited to attend the community potluck supper and the presentation that follows. In 2012, the annual meeting featured the ShoreGrass Band, a local group specializing in old-time music. The program of Civil War-era tunes fit in nicely with our focus on the 150th anniversary of that conflict.

Other programs included the second in a series of presentations and walks with Jim Beers in honor of the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War. Both were wonderful examples of the passion for local history that many of our fellow townspeople possess. A talk by Dr. John Pfeiffer on the Nehantic Indians, a discussion of antique and vintage photographs with Matthew Isenberg, and a quilting workshop rounded out our offerings.

The 4th of July weekend featured a fascinating exhibit called "Lyme In Detail" that showcased historic homes in town. Annual events included the town wide Spring Clean-Sweep on Earth Day weekend, the Annual Tag Sale fundraiser in August, and the popular Chowder Dinner in November. The Lyme Public Hall is available to rent for meetings and events by organizations or private individuals. The Association is run entirely by volunteers and depends solely upon member's dues, donations, and the Hall's fundraisers to maintain the building and to carry on its activities. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining or volunteering in any way, please call 860 434-6115 or visit our newly revamped website at www.lymepublichall.org.

Hundreds of hours of volunteer time are donated to the Hall and the greater community each year by the Board of Directors and Association members. Officers and Directors for 2011-2012 were: Leslie Lewis (President), William Denow (Vice President), Bethany Clark (Secretary), Jerry Ehlen (Treasurer); Morgan Ely, Kathy Tisdale, George House, Patty Kurlansky, Ann Brubaker, Debbie Mazer, Barbara Carlson, Roger Dill, and Doris Rand.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lewis, *President*



Lyme Cemetery Commission

Again in Fiscal '12 the most noteworthy activity was focused on the ongoing rehabilitation and increased public awareness of Lyme's "Ancient" (over 100 years old) cemeteries, under the inspiration and leadership of Parker Lord and his band of cemetery stewards and work party volunteers. There were some half-dozen scheduled work parties at Selden Cemetery, capped off with Parker's celebratory brunch. A breakthrough in the sustainable restoration of broken headstones was brought to Selden by Bill Denow, whose research found the materials and procedure to enable a dozen repairs that so far have survived intact.

The fourth annual "Call to Rakes" cleanup of Joshuatown Cemetery summoned its usual large turnout.

Special kudos and thanks to Tom Neff, whose admirable efforts resulted in the difficult rebuild of a collapsed section of the perimeter stone wall at Gillett Cemetery.

Praises due once again for Jim Beers, Tom Davies, and Bruce Stark for all the effort researching and placing flags for Memorial Day at the hundreds of Veteran gravesites

throughout the cemeteries, this year augmented by the acquisition of a third and fourth batch of Veteran flag holders. They are working on a data base for the gravesites, and are planning an eventual series of mini-histories, one for each cemetery.

In response to inquiries about the possibility of "green" (environmentally friendly) burial in Lyme, the bottom line is that the only green option available here is use of a biodegradable receptacle for cremains. However the issues –both in Connecticut and beyond– are complex, fraught with ambiguity, and under pressure for change; anyone interested in pursuing the subject is invited to contact the Chairman at 860 434-1564 for a brief summary of his investigation of the issues, with numerous links for further research.

In Fiscal '12 there were two plots sold, and four interments. Copies of the revised Rules and Regulations, published and posted in 2010, are available at the kiosk in the cemetery, the Library, and the Town Hall. Contact the Chairman at 860 434-1564 for further information.

The current Cemetery Commission members are Diana Boehning, Tom Davies, Ann Evans, Kim Kanabis, Gordon Krusen (Chairman), Christine Plikus, Nancy Roche, Bruce Stark, and Marilyn Warren (Secretary).

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Krusen, *Chairman*



Vital Statistics

MARRIAGES JULY 2011 – JUNE 2012

James Michael Rogers to Lindsay Jennifer Miller	July 3, 2011
Jeffrey Raymond Nelson to Jennifer Lynne Ellis	July 3, 2011
Christopher Alan Pellerin to Liza A. Kuhns	July 9, 2011
Damian Huston Francis to Amanda Lynn Jacobs	July 22, 2011
Taylor James Clemons to Jessica Rane Bezdziecki	July 30, 2011
Philip John Mongillo III to Michele Marie Arsenault	July 31, 2011
John Robert Regan to Sarah Elizabeth Hunt	August 6, 2011
Jimmy Santiago, Jr. to Teena Marie Reynolds	August 13, 2011
Logan Gray Chittenden to Angela Leigh Goen	August 27, 2011
James Christopher Oldfield to Heather Katherine Green	September 3, 2011
Justin Lawrence Miner to Krislynn Mathewson	September 10, 2011
James Robert Gaskell to Nicole Renee Annino	September 10, 2011
Joseph Krukowski to Jennifer Ann Murray	September 17, 2011
Lodewyk Johannes Jiskoot, Jr. to Dawn Marie Clark	September 17, 2011
Roger James Shawn, Jr. to Barbara Jean Kurtis	September 17, 2011
Stephen Bradley Montgomery to Elizabeth Christine Zeller	September 17, 2011
James Arnold Pray, Jr. to Wendy Ann Grosso	September 24, 2011
James Howard Leatherbee III to Pamela Dee Good	September 24, 2011

Mark R. Kistela to Hannah C. Jacobsen	September 25, 2011
Andrew Stanford Green to Nell Leland Soper	October 1, 2011
Nicholas Michael Pont to Kimberly Ann Fogg	October 9, 2011
Joey Christopher Backman to Colleen Marie Hopkins	October 21, 2011
Joshua Fitzpatrick Kirby to Sarah Elizabeth Lucas	November 11, 2011
Eric Emil Laabs to Maureen C. Mulhall	November 28, 2011
Donald Samuel Quigley to Marguerite Anne d'Aprile-Smith	October 22, 2011
Ryan Richard Bartlett to Jessica Alisha Montoya	January 3, 2012
Charles Louis Celone to Susan Kay Lawrence	March 31, 2012
Michael John Capone, Jr. to Kasarin Supakijkarun	March 15, 2012
Thomas Joseph DiMaggio to Tiesha Potvin Coale	May 1, 2012
Patrick Ellis Tracey to Lindsay Ryan Thomas	June 2, 2012
Andrew Doak Bennett to Stephanie Mae Shearer	June 16, 2012
Daniel Allan Smith to Amy Sue Haas	June 16, 2012
Scott Michael Duba to Elana Kean Sedgwick	June 23, 2012

DEATHS
JULY 2011 – JUNE 2012

Robert M. Bagwell	Born August 23, 1948 Died February 16, 2011
Joseph J. Golub, Jr.	Born May 18, 1951 Died July 10, 2011
Alta Bauer	Born September 30, 1919 Died August 18, 2011
Fredrik Davidson Holth	Born December 31, 1940 Died August 25, 2011
George Washington Patterson VI	Born March 27, 1952 Died August 29, 2011
Virginia P. Sankow	Born March 7, 1926 Died September 8, 2011
Richard F. Lamb	Born February 16, 1926 Died September 14, 2011
Regina K. Klimek	Born February 24, 1920 Died September 19, 2011
Roland H. Wright	Born April 25, 1917 Died September 27, 2011
Mark Alan Wainger	Born January 27, 1952 Died October 8, 2011
Leonora Parsons Prowell	Born February 10, 1915 Died October 27, 2011
Marilyn Elizabeth Flynn	Born March 10, 1929 Died November 3, 2011
Ruth E. Byrne	Born January 2, 1958 Died November 6, 2011

David Wilson McCoy	Born April 8, 1916 Died November 12, 2011
Kyong Won Yu	Born February 19, 1948 Died November 20, 2011
Paul K. Darcy	Born November 6, 1918 Died January 5, 2012
William McCaffrey	Born September 2, 1953 Died January 9, 2012
Robert Joseph McLaughlin	Born March 10, 1954 Died January 22, 2012
Gordon I. Ulmer, Jr.	Born October 28, 1932 Died February 4, 2012
Nelson J. Denny	Born September 7, 1946 Died April 5, 2012
David Billingham	Born December 5, 1936 Died April 23, 2012
Stuart Carlton Dickerman II	Born January 19, 1952 Died April 26, 2012
Henri C. Veit	Born June 17, 1925 Died June 23, 2012



Volunteer Opportunities

Lyme is what it is due in large part to the countless volunteers who give countless hours doing what needs to be done. With the size of our town being what it is, there are not many paid programs or services. Much of what we have and benefit from is a direct result of the kindness and generosity of others. Listed below, in no particular order, are some of the volunteer opportunities available to all. If you participate in a volunteer organization that is not listed here, my apologies in advance for the omission. Please let me know and the group will be included in next year's list. Whether you are a long time volunteer, a first timer, or new resident looking for a way to get to know your neighbors, take a moment to look over this list. Perhaps there is something that interests you, a group or organization that might benefit from a skill or gift that you possess. If you have difficulty in locating a contact person or phone number for any group, let me know and I will do my best to put you in touch with them. And while you're reading, please take another moment to pause and reflect on the various organizations and the many, many people who make them work. They deserve our gratitude and heartfelt thanks for helping to make Lyme the kind of community we are proud to call home.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Tisdale

WITHIN THE TOWN OF LYME

All the commissions, boards, and groups whose reports can be found within the pages of this town report.

Lyme Public Library
Lyme School PTO
Lyme Fire Company
Lyme Fire Company Auxiliary
Lyme Ambulance Association
Lyme Public Hall Association
Hadlyme Public Hall Association
First Congregational Church of Lyme

Grassy Hill Congregational Church
Lyme Grange #147
Hamburg Fair Committee
Lyme Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts
Lyme Daisies/Brownies/Girl Scouts
Lyme Garden Club
Lyme Affordable Housing
Lyme Public Library

WITHIN THE LYME/OLD LYME COMMUNITY

Lymes' Senior Center	Saint Ann's Episcopal Church
Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools Volunteer Program	Florence Griswold Museum
Shoreline Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry	Lyme Academy of Fine Arts
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding	Literacy Volunteers – Valley Shore
Lymes Youth Service Bureau	Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library
First Congregational Church of Old Lyme	VFW Post 1467
Christ the King Church	American Legion Post 41



Municipal Agent for the Elderly

The role of the Municipal Agent for the Elderly is to disseminate information to elderly persons and assist them in learning about the community resources available to them. Listed below are the agencies and phone numbers most often requested by senior citizens in Lyme:

INFOLINE (dial 211) This is a telephone information, referral, advocacy, and crisis helpline. INFOLINE is free, confidential, and available 24 hours a day every day.

CTHelpNet.org (www.CTHelpNet.org) There are numerous state agencies, federal agencies and private organizations that provide information on elder care for Connecticut's senior citizens. Trying to find the appropriate agency or organization for a particular

need may at times be difficult. CTHelpNet.org was created to help you navigate through the maze of information on elder care. In the table of contents you will find elder care services that may be of interest to you. If you click on a particular item, you will be guided to a resource that may help you. CTHelpNet.org continually monitors the elder care field and updates the website as needed.

Interim Healthcare (860-434-9003) Visiting nursing service is provided to the Town of Lyme by Interim Healthcare. A nurse from Interim Healthcare is at the Lymes' Senior Center every Friday from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM for Lyme residents.

Estuary Council of Senior Clubs (860-388-1611) www.ecsenior.org Call for the following services: meal site reservations, homebound meal delivery, claims filing assistance, identification cards, information and referral, regular transportation to medical appointments and dial-a-ride to other community destinations.

Senior Resources (formerly Eastern CT Area Agency on Aging) (860-887-3561) www.seniorresourcesec.org Offers the CHOICES Program which provides older adults with health insurance counseling, information and referral to senior services, and eligibility screening for general state and federal benefits programs.

Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA) – Energy Assistance (860-889-1365) www.tvcca.org Administers the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP), the State Appropriated Fuel Assistance (SAFA) Program, and Contingency Heating Assistance Program (CHAP) to help low income households pay their heating bills.

Lymes' Senior Center (860-434-4127) Lunchtime meal site, programs such as exercise, Tai Chi, computer instruction, card playing, pool table, creative writing, bingo, art lessons, jigsaw puzzle corner, outdoor lawn games.

Lymewood (860-434-2120) Elderly housing.

Department of Social Services Elderly Services Division: Referral Line (1-800-218-6631) www.ct.gov or call DSS Middletown office (860-704-3100) Services include Alzheimer's Programs, Medicare Assignment Program (ConnMAP), Conservator of Estate Program, Conservator of Person Program, Eldercare Locator Service, Information and Referral, Nursing Home Ombudsman Office, Prescription Drug Assistance (ConnPACE), Medicare Savings Programs (QMB, SLMB, ALMB).

Connecticut Legal Services, Inc. (860-456-1761) Provides free legal services to seniors with great social and/or economic need.

Grandparents as Parents Support Program (GAPS) (860-887-3561) The DSS Elderly Services Division has developed a network of over 120 agencies, individuals and organizations that are providing service or assistance to grandparents and relatives who have taken on the responsibility of parenting.

Protective Services (1-888-385-4225 or 860-704-3046) If you suspect or believe that an elderly person age 60 or older is a victim of abuse, neglect (including self-neglect) or exploitation, contact Protective Services.

Connecticut Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract to the Elderly Programs (ConnPACE) (1-800-423-5026) The Department of Social Services operates the ConnPACE program, which pays the cost of prescription drugs, after a \$12 co-pay per prescription for people 65 and older. Effective January 1, 2008, incomes must be under \$23,700 for single persons, or under \$31,900 for married couples. Applications are available at the Lyme Town Hall or online at www.connpace.com.

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) 1-866-974-SNAP www.ctfoodstamps.org This is the former Food Stamp Program. Beginning July 1, 2009, eligibility requirements change making it easier to obtain Food Stamp assistance. The website includes a SNAP Benefit Online Calculator to help you determine if you are eligible, or call the number listed for assistance.

State Elderly Tax Relief Program The basic qualifications for this program are that you own the property for which the credit is sought and be at least 65 years of age by the end of the calendar year. Qualifying income for the 2007 Grand List was \$29,800 single and \$36,500 married. All income statements must be provided. Application may be made between February 1st and May 15th. Contact the Assessor's office with any questions (860-434-8092).

Lyme Elderly Tax Relief Program The basic qualifications for this program are that it be your principal residence and you have five years of residency as of the first day of October prior to the filing period. Applicants must be 65 years of age by October 1st. Qualifying income may not exceed \$40,000 if single or \$47,500 if married/civil union. No taxes due to the Town of Lyme may be in arrears. Application may be made between February 1st and May 15th. Contact the Assessor's office with any questions (860-434-8092).

Heat Advisory Information The State of Connecticut has recommended that local municipalities establish Cooling Centers for vulnerable residents when heat advisories are issued. The location of the Cooling Center for affected Lyme residents is the Lymes' Senior Center, 26 Townwoods Road, Old Lyme. Should a heat advisory be issued, elderly residents are urged to check the following for announcements regarding opening of the local Cooling Center: WFSB-3, WTNH-8, WVIT-30 television; lymeline.com; Comcast Public Access Channel 14; Municipal Website. When in operation during heat advisories, the Cooling Center will be open until 8:00 PM. Contact the Lymes' Senior Center (860-434-4127) or the town hall (434-7733) with questions.

As your Municipal Agent for the Elderly, I am available to hear your questions, comments, concerns, or ideas. Feel free to call me during regular business hours at 860-434-1920 and I will be happy to assist you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathy Tisdale, *Municipal Agent for the Elderly, Lyme*

Lyme Ambulance Association

Since 1976 we have been able to provide no fee ambulance service to our friends and neighbors in Lyme. We are the last volunteer EMS service east of the Connecticut River to offer no fee service. We have operated as a non-profit, membership type organization for these past 36 years with minimal financial support from the town. We have asked each household in Lyme to become a member to support our no fee service. Last year, the number of households that became members dipped to less than 500 of the 1000+ households in Lyme.

Lyme Ambulance responded to 213 emergency calls between July 2011 and June 2012, more than in any previous year; 150 of those required patient transport to an emergency care facility. Daytime calls (155) outnumbered night calls (58) by 3:1. We answered 19 calls for mutual aid to East Haddam and 14 calls for motor vehicle accidents during that period. We are also on hand at fire scenes, not only to cover accident victims but also to provide rehabilitation support to fire personnel.

Our volunteers are a dedicated bunch. In addition to responding to EMS calls, we each average at least six hours per month of training, prepping the ambulances and serving at public service events such as the Hamburg Fair, local horse shows, and regional emergency drills. That is in addition to being on call one night (6 pm to 6 am) each week. Daytime calls are handled by responders as they are available. We are also required to recertify every three years, which requires a minimum 36-hour course.

Four additional Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) began responding with us this year: Paul Ahnell (also trained as a driver), André Yeomans, Mike Slezycski, and Mara Fischer. Iain Horwath, Kari Darna and Gaby Thibodeaux are in the process of qualifying as EMTs and drivers. These newcomers help us distribute the workload and keep pace with departures. Rich Monahan, a frequent daytime responder for seven years who took charge of driver training, moved away in November. Karen Dahle retired in March after 18 years of active service; she will continue to serve on the Board of Directors.

Please consider volunteering, to help us maintain 24-hour response capability! We welcome interested applicants at any time, and training is available throughout the year. We are experiencing pressure during the day and on weekdays, when fewer crew members are available to respond. If you want to know more, contact Carter Courtney (860-434-0057) or Carl Clement (860-434-1533), or check out information on our web site, www.lymeambulance.org.

John Yeomans, one of the founding directors of Lyme Ambulance, made a decision to retire from the Board in June 2012. Through his energetic initiative in 1975, LAA found an early benefactor, gathered its first volunteers, refitted a used Cadillac for its first ambulance, and was legally registered by the state. For many years, he's been on hand to contribute his knowledge, insight, and wisdom to the Board of Directors. It is with great appreciation for his many years of dedication to Lyme Ambulance that we accepted his resignation.

We continue to offer the American Heart Association class, "CPR for Family and Friends" to Lyme residents free of charge, thanks to the leadership of Lyme's own

Karen Dahle, EMS Instructor. The class at the end of March was fully enrolled, with 22 participants. Consider renewing your acquaintance with this life-saving technique; the American Heart Association has simplified the recommended procedure,

We accept donations throughout the year. Please send your tax exempt contribution to P.O. Box 911, Hadlyme, CT 06439, or respond to our annual appeal by mail in the fall. Thank you for all your past, current, and future support.

Respectfully submitted,
Betsy Morgan, President

2011-2012 Board of Directors

Officers

Betsy Morgan, <i>President</i>	Carl Clement, <i>Chief of Service</i>
Andrew Smith, <i>Vice President</i>	Laurie Sulger, <i>Treasurer</i>
Sarah Rose, <i>Board Secretary</i>	

Members from the Community

Douglas Evans	David Roberge
Sirgen Orzech*	John Yeomans*
Ken Plimpton	
*Past Presidents	

Ex officio: Ralph Eno, *First Selectman* Pete Adams, *Fire Chief*

2011-2012 Operations Crew

Josh Adams, <i>EMT</i>	Mara Fischer, <i>EMT</i>
Paul Ahnell, <i>EMT & Driver</i>	Rich German, <i>EMT</i>
Russell Albrycht, <i>EMT</i>	Fred Harger, <i>EMT</i>
Heidi Bill, <i>EMT</i>	Iain Horwath, <i>EMT</i>
Linda Bireley, <i>EMT</i>	Ernest Lammer, <i>Driver</i>
Sherry Block, <i>EMT</i>	James Leatherbee, <i>EMR & Driver</i>
David Brown, <i>EMT</i>	Doug LoPresti, <i>EMT</i>
Tom Brown, <i>EMT</i>	Ed McCusker, <i>Driver</i>
Carl Clement, <i>EMT Chief</i>	Lorna McLaughlin, <i>webmaster</i>
Anne Clement, <i>staff</i>	Rich Monahan, <i>EMR & Driver</i>
Carter Courtney, <i>EMT & Driver</i>	Betsy Morgan, <i>EMT</i>
Beverly Crowther, <i>Secretary</i>	Allen Petri, <i>EMT</i>
Karen Dahle, <i>EMT & EMS-I</i>	Ron Rose, <i>EMT & Driver</i>
Kari Darna, <i>EMT in training</i>	Michael Slezycski, <i>EMT</i>
Tom Darna, <i>EMT & Driver</i>	Kelly Smith, <i>EMR & Driver</i>
John Falstrom, <i>staff</i>	David Sturgell, <i>EMT in Training</i>
Robert Farrell, <i>EMT & Driver</i>	Gabriele Thibodeaux, <i>Driver in Training</i>
Bill Firgelewski, <i>Driver</i>	André Yeomans, <i>EMT</i>
Will Firgelewski, <i>EMT & Driver</i>	Scott Yeomans, <i>Driver</i>

N.B. In June 2012, Ken Plimpton and John Yeomans resigned from the Board. Paul Ahnell, Robert Martensen, Kelly Smith and Mike Slezycski were elected in their stead. Tom Brown, as the newly elected Fire Chief, replaced Pete Adams as an *ex officio* Board member.



Lyme Fire Company

Our Volunteers - Members of Our Community Serving Our Community

After the previous year of extremes due to the aftermath of tropical storm Katrina, fortunately the last year has been a little more serene in our Lyme community. We as a fire department remain vigilant though, since we all now have a better understanding of the hardships that we can encounter during a natural disaster. I would like to think that Katrina brought us all a little closer, and made us appreciate even more our tight knit community. Though the fire department and Lyme Ambulance got a lot of credit for mobilizing during that disaster, it was our dedicated town crew that were out in the bright yellow dump trucks trying to clear roads, against all odds, to facilitate emergency vehicles and power line crews to get through areas of our town that were completely cut off. A special thanks to our town crew for your dedication and support.

This last year, Tom Brown became our new Fire Chief (Y-1), and we thank outgoing Chief, Pete Adams, for his years of leadership and service. As a department, we continue to respond to many forms of emergency and non-emergency events, the most common being home automatic fire alarms, motor vehicle accidents and mutual aid responses to our neighboring communities. We continue to grow and develop our relationships with our neighbors and particularly appreciate the increased collaboration with East Haddam, which our town shares a large border with and with whom we worked closely on a missing person search and other emergency responses this last year.

With our town not having fire hydrants and some of our neighboring towns also having limited water supplies, our tanker, Y-14, has been on the road often, supporting Salem, Old Lyme, East Haddam, Old Saybrook, Essex and even distant towns based on our tanker task force and mutual aid response system. This is an important water "cooperative" system, since when our trucks go out of town to help others, it is also reciprocated many times over such as when we fought the Tiffany Farm barn fire. A barn fire requires a significant amount of water to put out a wooden structure filled with burning hay. Mixed amongst our own Lyme fire apparatus were those of our neighbors and we should credit our ability to stop the fire before it consumed the whole building to this successful reciprocal aid system. It works.

I am also happy to report that our department continues to draw new volunteer members, and this last year we have seen a resurgence in interest in the department on many levels, young and old, front line and contributing members. Yes it takes interior qualified men and women to fight fires, and skilled pump operators and drivers to get to the scene and deliver water, but it is also the unsung heroes that process the huge amount of fire department paperwork, keep the books, organize fundraisers, keep the station in order, support our Grange and the Hamburg Fair, and honor those in our community, who have given the ultimate sacrifice. Without the behind the scenes support, we could not function as a department. We salute these invaluable members of the fire company and the Auxilliary of the Lyme Fire Company.

On behalf of the Fire Chief, officers and members of the Lyme Fire Company and Auxiliary, thank you for your continued support and generosity. We wish you a prosperous and safe 2012 and please practice fire safety at home by making sure your smoke or fire alarm has fresh batteries or is serviced annually. Also, if possible, please make sure your house number is clearly marked making it easier and faster for our town's first responders to be able to come to your aid.

Respectfully submitted,
John Evans, *Foreman*



Auxiliary of the Lyme Fire Company

The Auxiliary of the Lyme Fire Company was established to support the Lyme Fire Company in its departmental functions and fundraising activities.

We help the fire company with the Annual Steak Dinner held every October and the Breakfast with Santa fundraiser in December.

Meetings are held on a quarterly basis on the second Wednesday of the month (April, June, September and December) at the Hamburg Fire Station at 7:30 p.m. New members are always welcome to join the Auxiliary and are invited to attend one of our meetings. It is not necessary to have a family member in the fire company in order to join.

Officers for 2012 are as follows:

President: Ann Evans

Vice President: Linda Courtney

Treasurer: Doreen Lammer

Secretary: Jackie Mildrum

Other members include Helen Aroh, Daphne Babcock, Megan Eno, Ann Griffith, Marie McCusker, Marilyn Swaney, and Debra Yeomans. Veteran members include Charlotte Beers, Barbara Gustafson, Ellie Sutton, and Margo Shay.

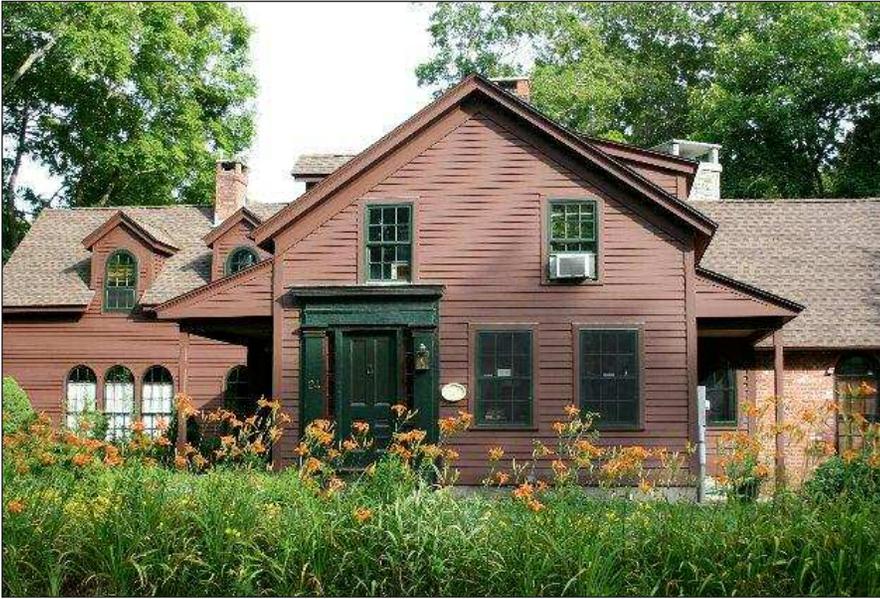
Respectfully submitted,
Jackie Mildrum, *Secretary*



Capt. Comstock (also Spencer) House, 1812 – Federal period house shows Classical influences: strict symmetry in all arrangements, entablature and pilasters in the door-surround, decorative cornices and pediment, and quoins. A chimney on both sides and a center hallway moved away from the Colonial style center chimney. An Italianate style veranda, probably added later.



Levi Luther House 1730 – Cape Cod house style characteristics are a low, 8 ft. high symmetrical facade, no external ornament, steep pitched roof, large center chimney stack for multiple fireplaces, and post and beam frame of heavy timbers.



Levi Luther House 1852 – The Gothic Revival style challenged the formality of the Greek Revival style, favoring peaked gables, round-headed or pointed windows and irregular layout. The door surround adds a Greek Revival element to the house style.



Celia LaPlace House 1883 – Revival styles are combined on the facade: Greek pilasters and entablature in the door surround, a Gothic style peaked roof (and gargoye), and an Italianate style deep overhang with a round-headed window.



Joseph Sill House 1725 – The salt box or lean-to Colonial is a variation on the typical Colonial. Some started as one-story, later raised to two, but the new roof sloped from roof ridge to first floor. Greek Revival style door-surround has been added here.



Samuel Pierson House 1717 – The Cape Cod house needed multiple windows for light to penetrate around the large chimney stack in the 2nd floor space. Interesting variations occur. Wood shingles were typical siding and roofing.



Pierson House 1690 – The Colonial style house had a facade with symmetrical windows and center door, sturdy post and beam construction, steep roof and large central chimney stack. Stone rather than brick was common here for chimney base and top.



John Randall Sterling House c.1860 – This front gable house has many elaborate Italianate features – deep overhangs, round-headed windows and decorative brackets under the eaves.

Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission

The mission of the Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission is to preserve and protect the historic architectural character and the rural cultural landscape within the Historic District. The goals of the Commission are to foster preservation, restoration and renovation; to relate new buildings to existing ones in an appropriate manner; to prevent compromise of the historic composition of the area; to maintain the rural character of the area; to maintain and enhance what is historic and significant; to encourage excellence in design; and to maintain the desirability of historic houses as homes for today. The commission's handbook includes the history of Hadlyme, the mission, goals and duties of the Commission, design guidelines, rules and procedures, and an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness. There was one such application this past year.

The other members include Richard Prowell, Chairman, Russell Learned, Susan Tyler and Christian Peltenburg-Brechneff.

Respectfully submitted,
 Lisa K. Holmes
 Clerk, and local Certified Local Government contact



Gambrel windows

Estuary Transit District

The Estuary Transit District (ETD) was formed in 1981 by the nine towns of the Connecticut River Estuary region. The nine towns include Clinton, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook. ETD's mission is to provide local, coordinated public transportation for all residents of the area. To meet this goal, ETD operates public transit via the 9 Town Transit (9TT) service.

9TT's four deviated fixed routes serve the main corridors of the region and provide connections to public transit providers serving the surrounding regions. The routes include the Old Saybrook to Madison Shoreline Shuttle, the Old Saybrook to Chester Riverside Shuttle, the Old Saybrook to Middletown Mid-Shore Express, and the new Old Saybrook to New London Southeast Shuttle. These routes offer free connections to the New Haven, New London/Norwich, Middletown, and Hartford area bus services.

In addition to the deviated fixed routes, 9TT provides door-to-door service throughout all nine towns of the Estuary region through its Dial-A-Ride service. As with all of 9TT's services, the Dial-A-Ride service is open to all persons with no age or disability restrictions. During the year, ETD expanded Dial-A-Ride services to include the town of Haddam.

During the year, ETD expanded the service hours of its Southeast Shuttle and Mid-Shore Express services to improve availability for work and school related trips. This combined with the marketing efforts have led to an increase in ridership of 29% over the previous fiscal year to 94,163 trips and 80% of trips being persons below 60 years of age. The continued growth has led to a need to purchase larger buses to accommodate the growing passenger loads.

After completing nearly \$900,000 in capital purchases over the past two years, ETD was awarded an additional \$675,000 to purchase seven replacement buses. In addition, ETD received funding to make three of the replacement buses hybrid electric, continuing the commitment to clean fuel technology.

The Estuary Transit District is governed by the ETD Board of Directors made up of one representative from each town, each having a weighted vote based on the population of the town they represent. The Directors serve in a voluntary capacity to adopt policy, set budgets and conduct long term planning for the district. In 2008, the board hired First Transit, Inc., a professional transit management company, to provide an Executive Director to manage the day to day business of ETD. Regular board meetings are held on the third Friday every other month at 9:00 A.M. at the Estuary Transit District. All meetings are open to the public.

ETD continued to grow its unrestricted fund balance during the 2011-2012 fiscal year through aggressive financial management by staff and the board. This has enhanced ETD's cash flow position, reducing the need for borrowing.

Board of Directors

Noel Bishop
Richard Cabral, *Chairman*
Ralph Eno
John Forbis, *Treasurer*
Roland Laine
Jack Spangler
Richard Smith
Leslie Strauss, *Vice-Chairman*
Virginia Zawoy, *Secretary*

Westbrook
Killingworth
Lyme
Old Lyme
Old Saybrook
Essex
Deep River
Chester
Clinton

Administrative Staff

Joseph Comerford
Paul Tyrrell
Halyna Famiglietti
Sue Traskos

Executive Director
Operations Manager
Finance Manager
Lead Dispatcher



Greek door

Board of Assessors

October is the assessment date throughout Connecticut. **Lyme's town Tax Code for all registered motor vehicles 075.**

Filing Periods:

January 31 -	Deadline for filing application for blind exemption.
February 1 -	Filing period begins for Elderly & Totally Disabled Homeowners, and Additional Veteran Exemption (Income limit applies).
February 28 -	Disabled Veterans must submit statement from V.A. showing disability rating of 10% or more annually for exemption. Not required if applicant is 65 or 100% permanently disabled, and V.A. statement previously filed.
May 15 -	Deadline for filing Elderly and totally Disabled Owners application. Filing period begins for Elderly Renters Program (Income Limit Applies).
September 15 -	Deadline for filing Elderly Renters Program.
September 30 -	Veterans claiming exemption for first time must file DD214 (Honorable Discharge) with Town Clerk.
October 1 -	Deadline for filing Additional Veterans Exemption Application (Income limit applies).
October 31 -	Filing Deadline for Exemption on Farm Machinery, Horses, or Ponies used exclusively in farm operation (Sec 14-1): Income / Expense Limit applicable.
November 1 -	Open Space Classification filing deadline. Filing deadline for Personal Property Declaration on all unregistered motor vehicles, machinery, farming / mechanic tools, horses, ponies, asses (not used in farming), commercial furniture / fixtures / equipment, farm machinery, leased equipment, and all other tangible goods. Failure to file will result in a 25% penalty. Filing deadline for Application for Tax Exempt Status for charitable and certain other organizations (quadrennial filing).
December 31 -	Filing deadline for Application of Motor Vehicle Exemption for serviceperson stationed out of state.

Please note that any appeals of assessment must be made in writing to the Board of Assessment Appeals by February 20th.

The Assessors Office is open 9 to Noon, and 12:30 TO 4:00, and is closed on Thursdays.

The past year has been relatively quiet in the Assessment department, and the only news is that there will be a statistical (as opposed to a physical) revaluation of Real Estate property coming up in 2013. The State of Connecticut mandates that each Town conduct a revaluation of all real property every five years, and, that the Town complete a physical revaluation of all real property every ten years. Since we went

through a physical "reval" four years ago for the '2008 Grand List, it is now time for Lyme to again go through the process for the 2013 List. The Assessor's Office is currently initiating work towards that (re) assessment.

Over the past year, there have been a number of calls to the Assessor's Office questioning why, with real estate values in the area dropping, the individual property taxes have not decreased as well. These calls indicate some misunderstanding about the manner in which the final tax bills are calculated.

After the value all of the taxable property in the town - Real Estate, Personal Property, and Motor Vehicles- has been attained through a physical or statistical (re) valuation, the net assessment of each property is calculated by applying a 70% factor to the appraised market value of that property. All of the net assessed values are added together to arrive at the Grand List. The mil rate and the resulting amount of taxes due from each property owner is set by the Board Of Finance by dividing the approved Town budget figure by the net grand list amount. In the case of Lyme, the mll rate for the Tax Year, 2012 - based on the 2011 Grand list- was 13.5. Without State aid to the town, the mil rate would have been 14.03.

It is important for taxpayers to understand that the assessed values used for tax purposes represent a "snapshot" of the town's real estate values at a specific point in time. It is that snapshot that determines each taxpayer's share of the pie (The Grand List) for which they are taxed - as compared to their neighbors'. We are all assessed at the same time to determine our relative share, so, as real estate prices go up and down, our individual "relative" share of the pie remains the same with a few exceptions here and there.

The town taxpayer has two avenues to follow in affecting his or her tax bill:

- 1) Anyone questioning his assessment has until February 20th to file a written appeal with the Board Of Assessment Appeals.
- 2) Since the other factor affecting the Tax Rate is the Town Budget, as proposed by the Board of Finance - which has to be approved by the town's taxpayers - it is prudent for all taxpayers to pay attention to the town budget so that they may provide their input by voting to approve or not approve the budget as presented. All property owners are notified by mail of the dates of the town meetings where the budget is voted on, and all taxpayers should exercise their rights and responsibilities by attending those meetings to provide input in the process which directly affects their tax bills.

Respectfully submitted;
Frederick J. Platt III, *chairman*
Debra A. Yeomans
Madeline H. Mattson

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

HISTORY

In 1973, the Connecticut Legislature recognized the Lower Connecticut River Valley as one of the State’s most important natural, recreational and scenic areas, and authorized establishment of the Connecticut River Gateway Commission. In July 1974, the Commission became operational with eight eligible towns, two regional planning agencies and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection participating.

The Gateway Conservation Zone is about 30 miles long and includes those portions of its eight member towns (Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook, including the Borough of Fenwick) within view of the river. Since 1973, this area has been recognized as a unique area. The Nature Conservancy has designated the lower Connecticut River as one of its “Last Great Places”; the river’s tidelands were recognized as an “internationally significant” habitat for waterfowl under the terms of the international Ramsar Convention; the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior has recognized the Lower Connecticut River Valley as “one of the most important ecological landscapes” in the United States; and in 1999, the River was designated as one of 14 American Heritage Rivers by the President of the United States. The State Greenways Council designated the Gateway Conservation Zone as an official State Greenway in 2007. In May of 2012, U.S. Department of the Interior Secretary Ken Salazar established the entire Connecticut River as the nation’s first “National Blueway”, further adding to the Connecticut River’s full “trophy case”. The National Blueway program is a part of the America’s Great Outdoors Initiative.

SCENIC PRESERVATION RESPONSIBILITIES

While other organizations have primarily concerned themselves with natural ecological systems in the river valley, this Commission has concentrated its attention on the protection of key lands along the river that contribute to the valley’s scenic qualities. Since its inception, the Commission has worked with others to protect well over 1,000 acres of land through over \$1 million in gifts or purchase of scenic easements, development rights and fee simple titles. These are located in all eight towns, ranging from the estuarine marshes of Old Lyme to the heights of Mount Tom in East Haddam. In recent years, the Commission assisted the Old Saybrook Land Trust with a portion of the funding for purchase of property along the Old Saybrook waterfront, acquisition of the Roger Tory Peterson property in Old Lyme and has committed to funding toward the purchase of a riverfront parcel in the Town of Chester. In East Haddam, the Gateway Commission donated a large parcel of Gateway-owned conservation land to the East Haddam Land Trust. The Commission also owns a 37 acre parcel that is surrounded by the Machimoodus State Park that they will likely donate to the State of Connecticut at some point in the future. Most of the properties donated to the Gateway Commission are transferred to the State of Connecticut for stewardship.

LAND USE OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITIES

Another significant role assigned to the Gateway Commission by the 1973 legislation is establishment of common zoning standards for height, setback, lot coverage and the like, which member towns have agreed to adopt and enforce within the Gateway Conservation Zone. At its monthly meetings, the Commission reviews and acts on zone changes, regulations changes and variance applications affecting land within the Conservation Zone referred to it by local boards and commissions. No zone change or change in regulations affecting land within the Conservation Zone can become effective without the Commission’s approval, a statutory responsibility that gives the Commission a great deal of authority and say over land use along the river in the lower river valley. It’s a responsibility that the Commission takes very seriously.

The Gateway Commission officially amended its zoning standards on February 26, 2004. Revisions include a new requirement for a vegetative buffer area along the riverfront, clarification of limitations on the height of structures, and greater emphasis on blending new structures with existing topography and landscaping. In order to accomplish these goals, local Planning & Zoning Commissions are now responsible for conducting Special Permit reviews for structures in excess of 4,000 square feet in total area in order to understand and mitigate adverse impacts of such large development on the “*natural and traditional riverway scene*”. As a courtesy, the Gateway Commission, through staff, continues to offer to review these applications on behalf of the local Commissions at their own cost. These standards respond to continuing concerns over highly visible, large, new homes along the river bank and in the upland hills facing the river, as well as extensive tree-cutting for new development or new views for existing development. There may be two to three Special Exception applications reviewed per year in each municipality. There were approximately 25 variances applications reviewed during the 2011 – 2012 fiscal year.

As of June 30, 2012, Gateway member towns of Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook have incorporated the 2004 standards into their zoning regulations as required by State Statute. The Town of Essex is currently in discussions that may lead to the adoption of the 2004 standards into their Zoning Regulations. The Commission hopes that 2012 is the year that Essex joins the other seven member towns in adopting the protective standards.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

During the 2011-2012 fiscal year, the Gateway Commission closely followed the proposed conveyance of 17 acres of river view property to a private developer in Haddam in trade for acreage adjacent to the Cockaponsett State Park, also in Haddam. Although a Special Act was passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor in 2011, the conveyance proposal ended - for now - when State-sanctioned appraisals were completed and the private developer decided to terminate their involvement in the trade based upon the discrepancy in the appraised values of the two properties. Some worry that with the Special Act still “on the books”, there is always a possibility that the conveyance could go forward at another time. Among many other reasons, the

conveyance was considered ill-advised due to the resulting reluctance land benefactors now have when it comes to donating their land to the State of Connecticut for preservation purposes. The Gateway Commission, opposed to the conveyance and the legislation, will continue to monitor that situation.

During the fiscal year, the Commission updated their Mission Booklet and printed 6,000 copies to distribute to the public. In addition to local town halls and libraries, copies were sent to area real estate agencies to inform agents about the Gateway protective mission. The Commission and its staff are always ready to consult and assist the public and its member towns when it comes to protection of the viewscape of the lower Connecticut River. The Mission Booklet can be viewed on the Gateway Commission's website at www.ctrivergateway.org.

CRERPA (which will become a part of the 17-town Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Government during the 2012-2013 fiscal year) Environmental Planner Margot Burns has continued the collaboration of land trusts within the lower Connecticut River – the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange (LTE) - with an eye toward a greater alliance and coordination amongst the trusts. Conservation effectiveness is the goal which is being pursued through regional collaboration without losing individual autonomy. The Gateway Commission's sister land trust – the Connecticut River Land Trust – participates in the alliance work. Find out about the Exchange at www.lcrlandtrustexchange.org.

As a part of the overall effort to better serve the public, Gateway Commission staff J.H. Torrance Downes continues to update design as well as information on the Commission's website. The site includes photographs from the lower river valley, the Gateway's development standards, state statutes governing their authority, minutes, agendas, Annual Reports and other pertinent information. The "News" section of the website is used to continually update the river community on topics related to the preservation mission of the Gateway Commission.

On June 7, 2012, the Gateway Commission held their annual river tour of the Gateway Conservation Zone. Although some rain fell, it was nothing like the severe thunderstorms that raced through the lower valley during the Gateway Commission's 2011 boat trip which ended up staying tied to the dock. During the river trip, the Commission updates attending local, state and federal dignitaries on events that occurred throughout the year that impacted or may impact the Gateway Conservation Zone. The Gateway Commission will conduct the river trip again in June of 2013.

FINANCES

Until 1991, the State supported the work of the Commission with a modest annual appropriation for administrative purposes. These funds were removed from the state budget in 1992. The Commission has had no state financial support since that time and has had to rely on income from its land acquisition fund to meet its administrative costs of approximately \$48,000 per year. The absence of legal fees and Mission Booklet printing costs that occurred during fiscal year 2010-2011 resulted in less administrative

costs for the Commission during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. Even with the economic uncertainty that continued to exist during the past fiscal year, the Commission's investment portfolio – which is closely monitored - continued to make gains, thereby again putting Gateway in a good financial position for the upcoming 2012-2013 fiscal year.

DELEGATES

Members as of June 30, 2012 include: Margaret Wilson (Treasurer) and Martha Wallace of Chester; Nancy Fischbach (Vice Chairman) and Amy Petrone of Deep River; Harvey Thomas and Emmett Lyman of East Haddam; Wally Schieferdecker of Essex; Susan R. Bement and Derek Turner of Haddam, J. Melvin Woody (Chairman) and Lisa Niccolai of Lyme; Peter Cable and Suzanne Thompson of Old Lyme; Madeline Fish (Secretary) and Belinda Ahern of Old Saybrook; Raul de Brigard and Stasia DeMichele of the Midstate Regional Planning Agency; and David Blatt of the Connecticut DEP (Commissioner's Representative). Fenwick Borough has been designated an ad hoc member and is represented by Borough Warden Ethel Davis. The Commission continues to seek representatives from the Town of Essex and for CRERPA.

FUTURE DIRECTION

The Gateway continues to explore a number of initiatives and collaborations that they feel further their mission to protect the "*natural and traditional riverway scene*" of the lower Connecticut River. Those initiatives include continued participation in the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange (LTE), continuing efforts to expand their education and outreach through active community involvement and the enhancement of stewardship efforts in the lower river valley by finalizing the transfer of several properties owned by the Commission to the State of Connecticut or to local conservation organizations. The Commission is also a partner in an ongoing effort to preserve the Haddam Neck site of the decommissioned Connecticut Yankee atomic power plant. As always, the Gateway Commission continues to financially support land preservation efforts where the conservation of such properties furthers their mission.

CONTACT

For more information, contact River COG/CRERPA Senior Planner and Gateway staff J. H. Torrance Downes at (860) 388-3497 or at tdownes@rivercog.org. Contact information can also be found on the web at www.ctrivergateway.org.

Report of the Tax Collector

Below is a comparison of Tax Collection figures based on the 2010 Grand List total net assessment of \$605,068,385 before changes, and the Motor Vehicle Supplement List of \$2,082,016.

Item	Budget Estimate	Actual Collections	Collections Above Estimate
Taxes	\$8,000,528	\$8,086,611	\$86,083
Interest	25,000	45,988	20,988
Total	\$8,025,528	\$8,132,599	\$107,071

The current year collection was \$8,020,116 which represents 99.04% of the total \$8,097,973 due on the 2010 Grand List.

The Tax Collector's Office is open 9:00 – 12:30 and 1:00 – 4:00 every day except Wednesday. During the collection period in July, it remains open Monday – Friday until 4:00 p.m.

We want to remind any resident who feels he may need more time meeting his tax obligations to please call or stop by the tax office to inquire about a payment plan. Communication with our taxpayers is essential and we will strive to work with them to obtain our goal of collecting the maximum amount of receivables while converting previously delinquent taxpayers into current taxpayers.

NOTE: When you renew your Motor Vehicle registrations, please review the mailing address. A number of residents have registered their vehicles at their street address, but they only receive mail at a post office box. The Dept. of Motor Vehicles requires both addresses, and they supply us with the mailing address.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ward, *Tax Collector*



Cable Advisory Council

In June 2010, The Comcast Advisory Council which represents the Towns of East Haddam, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Salem voted to use a designated portion of its funds to subsidize capital and equipment costs related to the production of community, governmental and educational programming in addition to funding scholarships to area high school seniors planning to enter a communications program or a communications related field after high school graduation. Four student applications were received and funds were awarded. The Council also voted to continue the Scholarship/Grants

program for the year 2011. Scholarship and Municipal Grant Applications were provided to the Guidance Departments of the local high schools and Town Selectman offices in early 2011. The funds are provided, with consideration being given this year for only one grant application from each of the communities and high schools. In June 2011, scholarships were awarded to three graduating seniors from area high schools, and grants awarded to the Towns of Salem and Old Lyme.

The Comcast studio, located in Old Lyme, is now open for studio tours. Residents are invited to sign up for free future training workshops and learn more about how to become involved in Public Access Television. Information packets about the Public Access TV studio and channel will be available at the Studio. The Comcast access coordinator serving this area is producing a section of videos featuring local attractions, as well as Public Service Announcements, all of which is a part of Comcast on Demand services. Participation in Comcast/Old Lyme Area Community Access Television is open to any resident or nonprofit organization in East Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Salem. The Advisory Council is now developing promotional material about Public Access opportunities that will be distributed to local libraries and Town Halls.

Respectfully submitted,
Robin Purcell



Lyme Land Conservation Trust, Inc.

2011-2012 was a year of accomplishment and change for the Lyme Land Trust. Some of the highlights are presented below.

Land Preservation

The past year was marked by instances of extraordinary generosity that permitted the Land Trust to preserve two environmentally important parcels of land in Lyme without fund raising campaigns. Both parcels are adjacent to and expand land that is already protected and used recreationally by the public. Both properties were at the top of the Land Trust's "must preserve" list.

The first to be protected was the Chestnut Hill Preserve, a beautiful 40-acre parcel of forest, wetlands and streams on the south side of Sterling Hill Road abutting the Nehantic State Forest. The land was purchased through funds contributed equally by the Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection and the HJ Promise Foundation. The HJ Promise Foundation is the charitable fund of Lyme residents who wish to remain anonymous. Since the purchase, the Land Trust has created a trail through the preserve that links up with trails in the State Forest.

The second was a lovely 48 acre parcel just south of Hartman State Park on the east side of Gungy road. Members of the family of the late David C. Sargent contributed the

entire purchase price of the property and created a stewardship fund to be administered by the Land Trust. The fund will ensure the proper maintenance of the preserve and support education programs. At the Sargents' request, the preserve has been named Walbridge Woodlands. It features a dramatic ridge with seasonal views of surrounding forests, striking stone outcroppings and ledge rock, quiet wetlands and a unique stone wall livestock enclosure that bespeaks the land's pastoral history. It will be open to the public, and access will be predominately through Hartman Park.

The generous contributions that preserved Chestnut Hill and Walbridge Woodlands enable the Town of Lyme and the Land Trust to better pursue their joint objective of protecting environmentally important land in Lyme considering that neither Town funds nor residents' donations were required to purchase these properties.

Stewardship:

The Land Trust's land management responsibilities have grown exponentially over the past ten years. We now have nearly 100 properties and easements for which we are responsible, comprising nearly 3,000 acres in Lyme. Stewardship activities include monitoring and defending the conservation restrictions on easement properties, creating and maintaining hiking trails and controlling invasive plants on our owned properties. These activities consume substantial amounts of time and money but greatly benefit the public.

Monitoring and defending the easements under our stewardship has required the creation and maintenance of a sophisticated electronic data bank that contains all of our easement and title records, our baseline reports regarding the original conditions of our properties under management (which themselves are labor intensive to prepare) and our yearly monitoring reports. It has also required the defense of one of our easements through court proceedings. Were this work done solely by paid staff, the Land Trust's annual budget would be more than the Town's residents could support. Fortunately, the Land Trust has been able to recruit volunteers to shoulder the lion's share of the effort required. Nor are their efforts limited to Land Trust properties.

More than 70 Land Trust volunteers have put in more than 1000 hours during the year looking after woodlands and fields in Lyme that are protected as open space under ownership or easements held by the Town of Lyme, The Nature Conservancy and the Land Trust. An energetic new initiative to mobilize volunteers and organize work parties was launched in January, in part spurred by the debris left in the wake of violent and destructive storms during the second half of 2011. Former Land Trust President and current Lyme Open Space and Fishways Coordinator, Linda Bireley, and Don Gerber, Chairman of the Land Trust's Stewardship Committee, have led this effort which has featured regular Wednesday work parties to clean up and improve the preserves in Lyme. Storm damage, inspecting and marking boundaries, remarking trails, clearing back saplings and barberry and work on trail repair have all been within their purview.

The Annual Paint-Out and Photo Contest:

In conjunction with the Lyman Allyn Art Museum and the Lyme Art Association, the Land Trust hosted its Second Annual Paint-Out this Spring. It was held at Clucas

Field on Brush Hill Road, and was a resounding success. Dozens of painters participated in the event, creating an astounding variety of paintings while viewing the same landscape! These were later vetted in a juried competition and ultimately displayed in the Lyman Allyn Museum which hosted a very well attended reception for the artists and members of the interested public. Later the paintings were mounted at the Lyme Art Association where they were available for purchase. The Paint-Out also provided grist for the Land Trust's annual meeting in June this year which featured a lecture by Susan Ballek on the enduring relationship between art and landscape.

One of our most popular activities each year is the annual Photo Contest which the Land Trust organizes in conjunction with the Old Lyme, East Haddam, Essex and Salem Land Trusts. And this year's contest again produced a spate of arresting and beautiful photographs. Winning photographs can be viewed on our web site: www.lymelandtrust.org. Both the Paint-Out and the Photo Contest are part of the Land Trust's effort to deepen the Lyme's residents' connection with the stunningly beautiful and unique landscape in which they live and which we work hard to enhance and protect.

Communications, Education and Events:

The Land Trust committee that manages our communications, events, hikes, lectures and membership relations is the Communications, Education and Events Committee. As in the past, this Committee organized a number of hikes (featuring talks on geology, the control of invasive plants and Lyme's history as reflected in its landscape) and lectures (on topics including the endangered Eastern Cottontail, snakes and the recognition and control of household toxins). The Committee also creates and publishes our Newsletter in which we seek to provide Lyme residents with interesting and timely news and articles regarding our activities and our landscape and environment.

While on this topic, it is important to note that the growth of the Land Trust and the dramatic increase in the complexity of the operational requirements we face make it imperative that we increase our fund raising efforts. As we have reported, there is a large and growing gap between members' dues and contributions – our only source of operating funds – and our annual budget. This year the Trust's Development Committee mapped out a fund raising program that will have two principal components. Henceforth the Land Trust will sponsor a charity bike riding event, the Tour de Lyme, which will be held each year in the Spring. Next year the date has been set for May 11, 2013. Unlike other area charities, the Land Trust has never held fund raising events. The Tour de Lyme will fill that gap. The Land Trust will also engage in an educational program that will better inform residents of its financial needs and urge them to increase their annual contributions consistent with their means.

This topic would not be complete without mentioning that the Land Trust plunged this year into the age of social media by launching its own Facebook page. The page is intended as another way for members and friends to keep up to date on Land Trust events and news.

Organizational Changes:

During the year Linda Bireley ended her staff relationship with the Trust which she has served faithfully and effectively for so many years. We are grateful to her and thank her for her service. Also, recognizing the accomplishments of Project Manager, Lisa Niccoali, the Board promoted her last year to the part time staff position of Environmental Director.

The Board also determined that the Land Trust required the services of an Executive Director. Our responsibilities have increased to the point that they can no longer be managed solely by volunteer directors despite the fact that they are a very dedicated and hard working group. Accordingly, the Board asked George Moore, our President since 2007, to step down as our President and to become our first Executive Director. At the same time, the Board elected John Pritchard to succeed him as president.

Directors and Officers who served in 2011-2012:

Andy Baxter, *Treasurer*

Diana Boehning

Temp Brown, *Vice President*

Carrie Ermler

Donald Gerber

George Lombardino

George Moore, *President to January 2012*

John Pritchard, *President as of January 2012*

Tom Shoemaker

Molly Turner, *Secretary*

Humphrey Tyler

Milton Walters

Melvin Woody

Rick Worcester

Respectfully Submitted:

John Pritchard, *President*



Italianate column

Literacy Volunteers

Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore, CT, Inc. trains volunteer tutors to teach Basic Reading and English as a Second Language to residents of the Valley Shore area who cannot read, write or speak English, or who would like to improve these basic skills. This one-to-one instruction is strictly confidential and is completely without charge to the student.

In 2011/2012 from the Town of Lyme, we had 17 volunteers and 4 tutors. Our total number of volunteers for 2011/2012 was 151 and the total number of active tutors was 96. Some of the volunteers/tutors from Lyme were: Cornelia Bessie (Board Emeritus) and Christine Egri, one of most active volunteers, who has taken on the responsibility to head our Book Committee.

Our total number of students in 2011/2012 was 152, with 7 of them residing in Lyme. Our students represented 70 different countries.

As usual we had a busy year. Our tutors spent 3,595 hours tutoring our students during 2011/2012. Tutors spent 1,813 hours preparing for those lessons. In addition, our volunteers spent 4,619 hours in other ways helping to make our programs successful.

LVVS services the valley shore communities of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Guilford, Killingworth, Lyme, Madison, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook and Westbrook.

John J. Ferrara, *Executive Director*



Lyme Public Library

2011-2012 was a celebratory year for the Lyme Public Library as we looked to both the future and the past. Planning began in earnest for the Library's 100th Anniversary in 2013. The year-long celebration will take us back to the 20th century, while the new 6,300 square foot library that was approved by Lyme voters at a referendum in May will benefit us well into the 21st. The Town Campus Center Planning Committee, along with architect Bruce Tuthill, designed a library with a flexible floor plan that can adapt to future trends in libraries as well as provide meeting space for library programs and town organizations, a separate children's room, a comfortable reading area with a fireplace, and badly needed staff work space and storage space. The building will also provide space for the Lyme Public Hall Archives which will help to preserve the historical collection and make them more accessible to patrons.

Also with an eye to the future, the Library completed a Strategic Plan to ensure that the Library continues to implement its vision and fulfill its mission. The Library's new vision statement: ***The Lyme Public Library – Connecting Our Community to the World*** – outlines our belief that the library is an essential part of ensuring success in an increasingly complex global community. Whether it is literally connecting patrons through technology or providing critical information via print resources, programs, children's literacy programs, job search and career support, and more, the Library enriches the lives of its patrons and helps make sense of 21st century life.

Much of what occurred at the Library during the year revolved around technology. Also as a result of the Strategic Planning process, a Technology Committee was formed to develop a five year plan for the current library and future facility. Just how much technology has invaded our lives became apparent in late August and early September after tropical storm Irene caused weeks-long power outages across much of the state. The Library was fortunate to get power back after a few days. As a service to the community, the Library remained open extended hours on Friday and Saturday, and also opened on Sunday and Monday to allow residents to use our computers or bring their own, charge cell phones, laptops, etc, and cool off in the air conditioning. In November the Library began offering e-books through Library Connection, Inc. and Overdrive. Patrons are now able to download e-books to their computers, e-readers, tablet computers and smart phones. In addition, the Library received a grant from the Community Foundation of Eastern CT to purchase e-readers that can be checked out and iPads that can be used within the Library. Even library programs had a technology theme. Nancy Meinke, the Technology Coordinator at Lyme Consolidated School, presented two program series: *"Is This Thing On?: a Six-week Course Designed for Adults Who Didn't Grow Up with Computers in Their Classroom, Let Alone Their Home,* and *Holiday Digital Photography*, a two-week course to help patrons get the most out of their digital cameras and take great holiday photos. Even Emma the cat hopped on the technology bandwagon! She joined Twitter and hopes patrons will follow her at @EmmaLymePLCat.

Programming remained an integral part of children's services as well with preschool story hours led by Children's Librarian Barbara Carlson, after school and summer reading programs led by Kristen Thornton and special programs such as Take Your Child to the Library Day and One Book Every Young Child. The Library was proud to participate in Take Your Child to the Library Day on February 4. The idea was brought forth by a Connecticut librarian. It not only spread to the whole state, but to other parts of the nation and will now be an annual event. The Library had activities, games, and stories available to every child who came to the library that day. The Library also participated again in the One Book Every Young Child program. The program was a collaboration between the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut, the Connecticut Library Consortium and eleven public libraries in the Foundation's service area. The purpose of the program was to highlight the importance of early literacy development in preschoolers, teach practices to parents and caregivers that promote literacy development, and increase the ability of libraries and community agencies to respond to early literacy needs through collaboration. The title chosen for the year was *If You Were a Penguin* by Wendell and Florence Minor. On March 29, the Library hosted Penguins-a-Plenty, an interactive program presented by the Children's Museum of SE CT. Children from the Grasshopper Green Preschool joined other Lyme children for this fun and educational program. The program also allowed each library to purchase fifty books to be distributed to children ages birth to three years.

We anticipate an exciting year ahead as we celebrate the Library's 100th Anniversary in 2013 and work on the Town Hall/Library project progresses. A special note of appreciation goes to the Town Campus Center Planning Committee, architect Bruce Tuthill, and the Board of Selectman for their dedication and many long months of work in making this long awaited project a reality. We are also grateful for the continued support from many individuals, members of the Library Board, the Library Anniversary Committee, Town Hall and the Board of Finance, and community organizations and businesses such as the Lyme Garden Club, Lyme/Old Lyme Lions Club, The Lyme Old Lyme Junior Women's Club, the Lyme Land Conservation Trust, the Lyme Consolidated School, Lyme Public Library, Inc., Essex Savings Bank, the John and Kelly Hartman Foundation, and the Community Foundation of Eastern CT.

As we celebrate the last 100 years and remember all those who contributed so much to the library over the last century, we look forward to the next 100 with the same enthusiasm, dedication, and commitment that has made the Lyme Public Library such an integral part of the community.

Respectfully submitted,
Judith F. Lightfoot, *Library Board President*
Theresa R. Conley, *Library Director*

Lyme Public Library Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012

Carryover Balance of Checking Account a as of 6/30/11	3,633.91	
Balance of Savings Account	965.70	
Town of Lyme Expenditures	134,734.26	
GRANTS		
State of Connecticut	1,557.00	
Grants	3,000.00	
GIFTS		
Lyme Public Library, Inc.	37,800.00	
Gifts/Donations	1,295.00	
Fines	1,384.90	
Fax, Copier, etc.	242.31	
Donations-Cat Fund	261.87	
Lost Books	154.05	
Miscellaneous	0.00	
FUNDS RAISED BY BOARD OF DIRECTORS		
Book Sales/Merchandise	4,830.17	
Total Receipts		189,859.17
EXPENDITURES		
Audio Visual	3,016.50	
Benefits	27,620.32	
Books	16,306.44	
Book Sales Expenses	1,896.01	
Building Maintenance	6,175.62	
Capital Equipment	2,300.00	
Cat Expense	246.23	
Computer Expense	4,433.39	
Dues/Conferences	909.00	
Licenses	3,797.97	
Magazines/Periodicals	2,355.56	
Miscellaneous	519.85	
Postage	1,117.40	
Printing	1,110.00	
Programs	1,630.61	
Refuse	240.00	
Salaries	104,452.36	
Supplies	3,041.88	
Telephone	3,075.39	
Travel	518.60	
Utilities	<u>2,338.32</u>	
Total Expenditures		<u>187,101.45</u>
Difference		<u>2,757.72</u>

Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency

As of the end of the 2011/2012 fiscal year, the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA) completed its 45th and final year of planning for the nine-town Estuary region. Beginning with the 2012/2013 fiscal year, CRERPA has merged with the Midstate Regional Planning Agency to the north to form the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments. The new organization, commonly referred to as the "RiverCOG", represents the 17 towns of the lower Connecticut River from Cromwell and Middletown south and will replace both RPAs, which will cease to exist once audits are conducted and the books are closed. This Annual Report will therefore address CRERPA in the past tense.

For the 45 years of its operation, the CRERPA board has consisted of two representatives from each member town, one representing the Board of Selectmen and the other representing the Planning Commission. The CRERPA Board met on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Agency office in the Saybrook Junction Marketplace. The outgoing Chairman is Bruce Edgerton of Deep River.

CRERPA staff consisted of full and part-time employees. Independent consultants were occasionally contracted on an as needed basis. CRERPA was supported financially from a variety of federal, state and local sources. A significant portion of the CRERPA budget included the annual contribution of its member towns, with other major support coming from the Connecticut Department of Transportation, the State Office of Policy and Management, the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, and the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The new RiverCOG will be funded in the same manner.

REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

Throughout its 45 year history, CRERPA assisted its member towns to work together voluntarily to solve common problems effecting the Estuary Region. During the final year, CRERPA provided staff support and meeting space for several area organizations including the following:

The Connecticut River Estuary Metropolitan Planning Organization: The CREMPO Board, which will continue to exist for the foreseeable future, consists of the following: the nine chief elected officials and their alternates, a CRERPA board representative and alternate, and a representative from the Estuary Transit District. CREMPO provides executive oversight for transportation state and federal transportation funding within the region, planning and regional projects. During 2011-2012, CRERPA and CREMPO made significant progress on transportation preparedness for emergency response during disasters; including a special project for a geo-spatial transportation database for the 30 towns in DEMHS Region 2; planning for integrated transportation for pedestrians, bicyclists, public bus passengers, rail, and automobile, work on rail systems, and freight planning,

Although designated as an urban area, the region is characterized by small town centers separated by rural scenic areas and roadways. The need for alternative

transportation, more efficient use of the automobile and inter-modal planning remains an important goal of the region even with limited funding opportunities. The most promising work is with the small public transit system, including expansion of the Estuary Transit District with connections to Middletown's public bus service and streamlined service to New London's rail station. The planning for rail parking, and expansion, transit oriented development regulations, and expansion of Shoreline East service is another high priority.

The Lower Connecticut Valley Selectman's Association (LCVSA), which met prior to the existence of CRERPA, brought the chief elected officials of the region together monthly to discuss common interests, including transportation, elderly services, solid waste disposal and recycling. The LCVSA oversaw the operation of a regional household hazardous waste collection facility in Essex and is involved in emergency planning efforts. First Selectman Dick Smith of Deep River was the LCVSA Chairman during its final year.

Janice Ehle/Meyer served as the CRERPA Recycling, Environmental Education, and HHW Coordinator. Janice will continue to organize and manage the Household Hazardous Waste and electronics collections at the regional facility in Essex, which was operated by CRERPA on behalf of the nine towns, for the new RiverCOG.

The Connecticut River Gateway Commission, which met monthly at the CRERPA office, was established in 1973 by State Statute to protect the scenic and environmental qualities of the Lower Connecticut River through a compact among the eight towns that border the River estuary. The Commission participates in the acquisition of land and easements for conservation purposes. Gateway member towns have agreed to adopt common zoning standards for development in the State designated Gateway Area. The Gateway Commission has agreed that RiverCOG will provide staffing services moving forward into the future.

The Connecticut River Gateway Coast Guard Auxiliary, Flotilla 25-02, which met monthly at the CRERPA offices. The Auxiliary will continue to meet at the new RiverCOG offices as well.

REGIONAL SUPPORT SERVICES

Local Technical Assistance: A major component of CRERPA's work program throughout the years included technical assistance to individual member towns including review and comment on inter-municipal referrals for zoning applications, zone changes, subdivisions or as required by statute. CRERPA staff was available to answer questions or conduct research on land use and planning for local officials as requested. Those services will be provided for most of the new 17-town region by staff of the RiverCOG.

GIS and Environmental Planning: CRERPA, with support from Eastern Connecticut Resource Conservation and Development Area, established and had served as the coordinator for the Lower Connecticut River and Coastal Region Land Trust Exchange (LTE), an informal organization whose members include: Chester Land Trust, Clinton Land Conservation Trust, Deep River Land Trust, Essex Land Trust, Lyme Land

Conservation Trust, Old Lyme Land Conservation Trust, Old Saybrook Land Trust, Westbrook Land Conservation Trust, Haddam Land Trust, East Haddam Land Trust, Middlesex County Land Trust, Connecticut River Land Trust, and Salem Land Trust. CRERPA and the LTE have embraced and participates in the Wildlands and Woodlands initiative to further the burgeoning New England wide landscape scale preservation, conservation, and development vision. The RiverCOG will continue to support CRERPA's GIS and Environmental Planning programs moving forward.

CRERPA developed a Viewshed Education Model for the land use commissions of the Estuary Region and Connecticut River Gateway member towns. The study began in the Spring with a survey of the Commissions to assess the attitudes and perceptions of the Commissioners towards viewshed protection on a local and regional scale, but also designed to encourage them to think about what viewsheds within their towns and the region they feel are important and why. The study will conclude with a report back to the Commissions which will include the results of the survey, examples of existing Connecticut viewsheds regulations, and a representative regional geographic information system (GIS) viewshed model.

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The Estuary Transit District: (ETD) was established in 1981, with the help of CRERPA, to provide public transportation in the Region. In July, 2003, CRERPA successfully transferred administration of the program to an independent office for the Estuary Transit District. CRERPA provides transportation planning services for the district.

Harbor Management: Studies funded by the CTDEP and NOAA enabled CRERPA to be involved with several of the Harbor Management Commissions that exist on the lower river valley. CRERPA has also been involved in the guidance of a multi town effort to develop standards for private residential docks in the lower river and has recently worked with the Town of Westbrook to assist them in developing its first harbor management plan. Staff of the RiverCOG will continue to assist local harbor management commissions as needed.

Kayak and Canoe Trails: Through recent years, CRERPA has provided educational materials for canoers and kayakers through their Connecticut River Estuary Canoe and Kayak Trail program. This very popular service includes the trail map series of maps for waters of Old Lyme, Essex, Deep River and Old Saybrook. Free laminated trail guides can be found in most local libraries, town halls, the DEP Marine Headquarters, at the new RiverCOG office in Centerbrook, and online at the CRERPA website

(www.crerpa.org). The CRERPA website will soon be replaced with a new site designed especially for the RiverCOG.

Emergency Management Planning: CRERPA assisted in facilitation and the RiverCOG will continue to work with the Valley Shore Emergency Management Association (VSEMA) to facilitate their emergency planning goals with GIS, financial services, and grant writing support. Jean Davies represents the interests of the CRERPA region on the DEMHS Region 2 Emergency Planning Team for emergency planning, sheltering, and evacuation.

DEMHS: During the fiscal year, CRERPA continued its responsibility of being the Fiduciary Agent for the Region 2 Regional Emergency Planning Team (REPT). Region 2 consists of the Chief Elected Officials of the thirty participating towns which span from Milford to Old Saybrook and New Haven to Meriden. The Region takes in the South Central and parts of four other Regional Planning Organizations. The responsibilities include facilitating the development and expenditure of the annual budget, working with the Emergency Support Function (ESF) committees to prepare and amend the Regional Emergency Support Plan (RESP), observing the regional emergency exercise; inventorying of shared equipment, preparation of financial and written status reports and other ancillary tasks that arise. RiverCOG will continue to provide such facilitation.

Community Garden: CRERPA offered to the Estuary region a chance to purchase a seasonal plot and garden. The community garden is behind the Pratt House in Essex. The 10 x 10 plots are in full sun and fully fenced. The soil is prepared with manure and turned ready to plant. Classes are offered throughout the year on garden issues.

CRERPA staff assisted member towns with local open space plans, which serve as building blocks for a regional greenway plan. The greenway plan will be part of the background work for the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development Board Members which, as of June 30, 2012, consisted of the following representatives:

CHESTER	Sally Murray
CLINTON	Alan Kravitz.
DEEP RIVER	Bruce Edgerton, <i>Chairman</i>
ESSEX	Robert Laundry, Alan Kerr
KILLINGWORTH	Stephanie Warren
LYME	Rich Prowell
OLD LYME	Jane Marsh, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
OLD SAYBROOK	Karen Jo Marcolini, Cathryn Flanagan
WESTBROOK	William Neale, <i>Secretary</i>

CRERPA STAFF: Linda Krause, Executive Director; J. H. Torrance Downes, Senior Planner; L. Jean Davies, AICP, Principal Planner; Margot Burns, Environmental Planner; Jay Northrup, Senior Regional Planner; Janice Ehle-Meyer, Recycling Coordinator; Dorothy Papp, Financial Administrator; Pat Anthony, Office Manager.

Hadlyme Hall Garden Club

The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club was established in 2000 with its primary concentration in providing beautification to four public gardens areas that are all located within the Lyme (Hadlyme) community. The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club created and maintains the circular garden island at the crossroads of Rte. 82 and Ferry Road. The club also maintains the window boxes at the Hadlyme North School, the 9/11 memorial garden & planters in front of the Rte 82 Lyme Firehouse, the planters at the Chester-Hadlyme Ferry landing, the planter at the Hadlyme Post Office as well as the gardens at the Hadlyme Public Hall grounds & the new garden triangle at the corner of Joshuatown Road and Ferry Road. We make handmade Christmas wreaths for the Hadlyme North School, Hadlyme Congregational Church, Hadlyme Post Office, & Hadlyme Public Hall. Our window displays at the Hadlyme Post Office, done by member Sandy Ahlsen, have been a great addition to the Hadlyme Four Corners.

This year, Hadlyme Hall Garden Club committed to nurturing a new outreach program to provide community involvement opportunities to the youth of our Hadlyme community. The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club engaged the services of Lyme-Old Lyme High School senior, Robert McDonald for the summer. Mr. McDonald provided key community services by maintaining a watering schedule of Hadlyme's community garden spaces. Mr. McDonald will be awarded a scholarship of \$500 for his commitment to this important community service at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School commencement in June 2013.

Our educational programs this past year by Karen Wiswell, have included tours of local gardens and road trips to see garden displays in Hadlyme, Chester & Danielson, CT. Members also partook in plant swap night, various social gatherings, and were participants of an informative lecture by noted local garden author, Lee May.

The garden club 2011-2012 membership comprises of 31 members. For information regarding garden club membership, please contact Linda Elgart, Membership Chair, at 860-526-4145.



The Estuary Council of Seniors

The Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. (ECSI) is a non-profit regional senior center located at 220 Main Street in Old Saybrook with café sites in Clinton, Westbrook, Chester and Old Lyme. Since 1974, the ECSI's mission has been to promote senior's quality of life, community involvement and independent living. Last year the ECSI provided over 80,000 nutritious meals including Meals On Wheels, 1,000 rides to medical outpatient appointments outside the nine-town Estuary Region, 676 free preventative health screenings and social and exercise programs too numerous to count.

Tropical Storm Irene came through the area in late August, 2011, leaving homes without power for days even weeks. ECSI was only closed one day and was delivering Meals On Wheels to all of our clients within three days. ECSI welcomed many area residents without power for the comfort of air conditioning, a hot meal, free WiFi, and a place to charge their cell phones.

During the 2011/2012 fiscal year, ECSI provided 23 Lyme seniors with 631 congregate meals and 15 Meals On Wheels (homebound meals). 2 Lyme seniors were provided 16 rides to medical appointments outside the nine-town Estuary REgion through Stan Greimann EMOTS program. In total 51 Lyme Seniors received 769 services through ECSI.

ECSI is funded in part by contributions from the nine towns in the Estuary Region, Senior Resources Agency on Aging with Title III funds made available under the Older Americans Act, other grants, individual donations and fund raising efforts. Like many other non-profit organizations, ECSI's funding is being cut due to the state budget cuts to Senior Resources. I would like to thank the Town of Lyme for its continued support of our programs.

For information on our lunch program, Meals On Wheels, EMOTS, exercise programs, and social programs please call 388-1611 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Paula C. Ferrara, *Executive Director*



Zoning Board of Appeals 2012

There were five appeals filed for the 2011 - 2012 fiscal year. All five variances were granted. For the past four years the Board has had light activity that is most likely attributable to the continuing down housing market. Due to the light activity the board only met five out of the 12 months. There is very little going on in Lyme in the way of building projects which require the involvement of our land use boards and commissions. As noted in the past, the ZBA is often considered the court of last resort for Lyme residents desiring to undertake home improvements but because of compliance issues with town zoning regulations are unable to do so. It is the right of any property owner to seek relief from the appeals board in the form of a variance if he or she believes their rights are being unduly restricted.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets on the third Thursday of each month in the town hall conference room. Meetings begin at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Lahm, *Chairman*



MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

In the past five years The MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation has given out over one million dollars to students from Lyme and Old Lyme. For the school year 2011-2012 the Foundation awarded \$248,150 to 88 students going on to college, 19 from Lyme and 69 from Old Lyme. For the 2012-2013 school year the Foundation plans to award \$248,900 to students from Lyme and Old Lyme.

The Foundation held its annual reception on June 7, 2012 at the Lyme Art Association for this year's high school graduates who were receiving grants. At the reception, in addition to its regular grants, the Foundation presented two \$500.00 awards; the W.E.S. Griswold Valedictorian Award to Nick Walker from Old Lyme who will attend Bowdoin College and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award to Kevin Pan from Old Lyme who will attend the University of Pennsylvania. Bill Griswold was President of the Foundation from 1965 to 1992 and Willis Umberger was Secretary/Treasurer of the Foundation from 1966 to 1986.

The Annual Meeting of the Foundation was held on September 22, 2011. Two new members were elected to the Foundation; Leslie Gourlay from Lyme and Judith Reed from Old Lyme. Two members were elected to the Foundation's Board of Directors for a three year term; Ken Levin and Marcy Withington. They replaced Steven Ames and Anne Clement whose terms had expired. Foundation officers elected at the meeting were; President Rowland Ballek, Vice President Mary Seidner and Secretary/Treasurer Edward Perkins.

The MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation has a long standing tradition of providing financial support to local students going on to further their education at colleges and universities after their high school years. The Foundation is continually striving to increase the size of its endowment so the awards can keep pace with the ever increasing cost of college tuitions. This year Gordon Ulmer from Lyme left a substantial bequest to the Lyme (Brevillier) portion of the fund which was greatly appreciated.

All high school graduates who have maintained permanent residence in Old Lyme or Lyme for at least two years are eligible to apply for a MacCurdy Salisbury grant. This applies not only to students attending Regional District 18 but to those attending high school out of town. Grants are given for four years and are paid out semi-annually to the students provided that a student's grades do not fall below 2.0 GPA and the student (family) remains a town resident. Applications and instructions are available at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Guidance Office or on our website: MacCurdySalisbury.org.

Rowland Ballek, *President*



seated L-R: Valerie LeMay, Erica Schillawski, Emily Paine, Courtney Detuzzi, Rebecca Gagne, Hallie Hallman, Laura Becher, standing L-R: Andrew Walker, Jon Whitaker, Nick Walker, Alden Martin, Nathan Algar, Kevin Pan, Jeffrey Winters, Graham Girty, Dan Kurpaska, Erin Rowland, John Paul Abarca. missing from photo: Margareta Carter, Amy Lee

Lyme Conservation Commission *acting as the* Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

As a reflection of the continued economic downturn, the total number of applications for activities in a regulated area was low. Of the applications received by the Agency, 13 were approved, some with modifications and 1 application was denied. There were an additional 5 applications that resulted from enforcement actions by the Agency.

The denied application in the 2011-2012 fiscal year was for the same property that resulted in a denial in the previous fiscal year. These two denials produced two separate lawsuits. Negotiations are underway for an out of court settlement for both of the lawsuits. An out of court settlement for third lawsuit from the previous fiscal year is also in progress, but resolution has not been reached as yet in any of these cases.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul A. Armond, *Chairman*



Region 18 (Lyme/Old Lyme) Public Schools

The 2011-2012 school year in the Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools was an exceptionally busy one that produced amazing results in a variety of different areas. It is with great pride that we share this annual report with the citizens of Lyme and Old Lyme.

Again this year, the Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Schools were recognized on both the state and national level for numerous awards. Lyme-Old Lyme High School was named a gold medal school by *U.S. News & World Report*. This distinction was bestowed on only a select group of schools across the nation. The high school was also named one of the top 100 STEM (Science-Technology-Engineering-Math) high schools in the United States. Center School earned the distinction of being named the Connecticut Association of Schools' Elementary School of the Year. This was a tremendous honor for the students, staff, and the community. Additionally, Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School was honored with the Connecticut Technology Educator Association's Connecticut Middle School Technology Program of the Year award. On a team and individual level, the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School Science Club won the Connecticut Science Olympiad, and two Lyme-Old Lyme High School students were named as National Merit Scholars. Our staff was also acknowledged for their great work. A teacher from Lyme-Old Lyme High School was named as a Connecticut State Teacher of the Year semi-finalist, and our high school principal was named the Connecticut Association of Schools Outstanding First Year Principal.

As a school system, we continue to plan for the future and, as such, conducted a district wide study and issued a report on elementary equity across Region #18. In preparation for our declining enrollment, we implemented the first year of the elementary redistricting plan and prepared for year two.

In an ongoing effort to increase the efficiency of our operation, we engaged in a number of new technology initiatives. We introduced Applitrack, an electronic human resources delivery and management program. Now, all employment applications are submitted and reviewed electronically. In other areas, we have initiated a plan to digitize all records for retention purposes. Perhaps our biggest technological advance resulted from our collaboration with the Lyme-Old Lyme Education Foundation and the Parent-Teacher Organizations for a block grant to advance the implementation of our technology plan.

During the 2011-2012 school year, we made many upgrades to our facilities. As of July we had completed approximately 75% of the construction of the Lyme-Old Lyme High School renovation project. In an effort to cut costs, the district relocated its Central Administrative Offices from an off campus leased space to the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School. We upgraded our campus boiler system and replaced the roof at Mile Creek School.

In the area of finance, the towns approved a 1.52% increase in the school budget for the 2012-13 year. This included a \$123,000 reduction in the budget not withstanding debt service. Other reductions were achieved by the Board of Education negotiation of a 0% salary increase for both the teacher and administrator unions for the 2012-2013 year.

In November, the Region #18 Board of Education named a new Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School Principal and a new Center School Principal. Later in the year, as a result of two retirements, the district hired a new Lyme-Old Lyme High School Assistant Principal and a new Superintendent of Schools.

Finally, and of the utmost importance, the district continued to prepare our students for the new Common Core State Standards. We revised our elementary report card to include standards based reporting and to employ a computerized format. We expanded parent portal use of Power School at the secondary level and integrated the computer program, Relan-Pro, into our World Language instruction. The high school added a new Advanced Placement Psychology course and a new American History Through Film course. As well, the Board of Education adopted new textbooks in Physics, Pre-Calculus, and Mathematics for grades K-8.

CLASS OFFICERS

Nicholas Walker, *President*
Nicholas Bellas, *Vice President*
Taylor Miller, *Secretary*
Kevin Pan, *Treasurer*
Carli Smith, *Class Historian*

CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS

λ *Member National Honor Society, Gold Honor Cord*
ψ *CAPT Scholar, Silver Honor Cord*
ω *Academic Letter Recipient*
* *Korean War Veteran*

John Paul Abarca ψ
Nathaniel Martin Algar
Victoria Beth Arruda
Kathryn Margaret Astley λ ψ ω
Emma Kaye Ballachino ψ ω
James Edward Barri λ
Vincent Anthony Basileo
Laura Mortensen Becher
Sarah Elizabeth Behringer ψ ω
Nicholas Joseph Bellas λ ψ ω
Alyssa Katherine Bernblum
Michelle Suzanne Berryman ψ ω
Cory Steven Bounphakdy
Todd Alan Buroff ψ
Ross Haden Burr ψ
Jordan Marie Buscetto
Robert Douglas Buttrick λ ψ ω
Kaisea Louise Caramante
Tyler Paul Carnese
Kristin Audrey Cathcart ω
Samuel Evan Clark
Aaron Jon Clippinger λ ψ ω
Daniel Patrick Coburn ψ
Mark Andrew-Slater Colburn ψ ω
Christian John Cotter-Garfield
Julia Grey Crespo λ
Alexi Anne Dare
Courtney Jessy Detuzzi
Colin Pearce Devlin
Shannon Catherine Duffy λ ψ ω
Zachary Taylor Edwards
Cynthia Micaela Espinoza
James Willed Fairfield-Sonn ψ ω
Sterlin Walter Feeney
Allison Susan Fiscus λ ψ ω
Rebecca Lee Gagne λ ψ

Leyha Marie Galbo
David Clarence Gardner
James Aubert Gaudet ω
Graham Morgan Girty
Molly Justine Goodwin
Alexander Duncan Guitar ψ ω
Hallie Carol Hallman λ
Kyle Prescott Hardy
Zachary David Hoblin
James Harry Hubbard
Tyler Fairchild Hurtt
Brendon Richard Johnson ψ
Thomas Alan Jordan ψ ω
Mary Patricia Klein λ
Daniel Shaw-Larson Koenigs
Taavi Jaan Koiv-Haus λ ψ ω
Daniel Leonard Kurpaska λ ψ ω
Amy Louise Lee λ ψ ω
Valerie Jeanne LeMay
Rebecca Athena Manchester
Molly Bellemore Mann λ ψ ω
Vincenzo Jerome Marafito λ ψ ω
Alden Edward Martin ψ ω
Daniel John Mayne λ ψ ω
Jeremy Patrick McCarthy
Sean Andrew McMahan ψ ω
John Michael Milazzo λ ψ
Taylor Brooke Miller λ ψ ω
Jonathan Charles Montesanto
Kaitlyn Ann Mueller λ ω
Ryan Michael Nunn ψ
Emily Catherine Paine λ ψ ω
Kevin Rui Pan λ ψ ω
John David Pearson
Colby Wayne Penfield
Andrew Joseph Poirier

Emily Marie Powers λ ψ ω
Kelsey Noel Riggs ω
Phoebe Ann Ritrovato λ ψ ω
Benjamin James Roche ψ ω
Anthony Armand Romeo λ ψ ω
Jennifer Fiona Ross ψ ω
Erin Marie Rowland ψ ω
Francesca Ann Salkin
Jonathan Francis Saunders
Erica Dorothy Schillawski ψ ω
Dylan Walden Sheffield ψ
Dylan Taylor Shusta
Dustin Mac-Rae Sibley
Ariadne Eastman Skoufos ψ ω
Carli Theriault Smith

Jason Paul Stankiewicz
Lyla June Stanland ψ ω
Nicolette Shayla Strizzi λ ψ ω
Chris Sun
John Thomas Testa
Frederick Bartlett Tharin
Brett Richards Tucker
Carleton Andrew Walker
Nicholas David Walker λ ψ ω
Samantha Marie Ward λ ψ ω
Jonathan David Whitaker
Patrick Vincent Wilczynski λ ψ ω
Beth Ann Willard ψ ω
Jeffrey Scott Winters
Alvah Holland Reynolds, Jr. *



Hadlyme Public Hall Association

Our mission to provide a place for the Hadlyme and surrounding communities to meet was continued with vigor and a full calendar this past year, the beginning of our second century of service to the community.

Our membership is faithful to the preservation of our hall and its activities. A dedicated board of directors planned, and with membership help, provided a Spring Breakfast, Chicken Barbeque, several music café's, a community Tag Sale, Harvest Dinner, and our annual Thanksgiving Weekend Art Show. The hall space is provided for community meeting including those of the Hadlyme Hall Garden Club. Further, the hall exterior was painted this year, windows repaired, and floors refinished, as part of our ongoing maintenance program.

Many hall members continued to be active in the ongoing effort to keep our Chester-Hadlyme and Rocky Hill-Glastobury Ferry service running. A collaboration was formed with the Connecticut Department of Transportation to offer service awareness and to highlight the historical significance of both river ferries and their local tourism impact, and to provide local insight for possible service and annual financial status improvements through ideas and proposals. This effort has resulted in a renewed awareness by state officials in the historical, local service, and tourism importance of this service and has resulted in identification of funding to not only keep the service running in the short term, but to invest in new environmentally friendly engines for both boats (to be installed in the next winter layover), hiring of a full staff for the Rocky Hill- Glastonbury service, and approval of a state grant to erect a new shore side facility in Rocky Hill for staff and visitors. Moreover, the DOT has realized that the Chester-Hadlyme Ferry is an historic service and has been so noted in new signage of the type used for Connecticut historic places.

The Association Membership consists of 152 regular members plus 15 Life Members. It is managed by a board of twelve members. The hall can accommodate up to 120 people and has a full kitchen. It is available for rental. Current information about the hall can be found on our website, hadlymehall.com.

Submitted by:
 Curtis J. Michael
 Hadlyme Public Hall Associated, Inc.



Lyme VNA Statistics

	<u>VISITS</u>	<u>HOURS</u>
Home Health Visits	13	13
Flu Clinic	148	5
Total Patients Seen	185	
Blood Pressure	136	
Immunizations	17	
Injections	17	
Other	15	
HOURS		<u>47</u>
TOTAL HOURS		65



Burr House Gothic

Rogers Lake Authority

Rogers Lake Authority has experienced many changes since the untimely passing of Fredrik Holth, previous chairman, in August of 2011. A new Rogers Lake Authority has emerged. Meetings are now held monthly on the second Wednesday of the month, at the Rogers Lake West Shores Association community center on Rogers Lake Trail in Old Lyme. Meetings are at 7:30 p.m., everyone is welcome to attend.

Dr. George Knocklein, a limnologist, has continued with his study in the fall of Rogers Lake with its weed related problems. George concluded that the invasive weed fanwort has returned after the hand pulling in the fall of 2010. An attempt to get New England Aquatic to do hand pulling in the fall of 2011 was postponed due to a scheduling problem and abnormal cold temperatures. A date of June or July 2012 was agreed upon for the hand pulling to proceed. At the conclusion of George's study, a Rogers Lake Aquatic Plant Management Plan was developed. First, is to contract a suction harvesting company for harvesting the fanwort in the summer of 2012. Second, is to harvest a sizeable test area of the invasive weed, variable milfoil to evaluate the results of this process. Third, is to buy five new benthic mats to be placed in shallow and less traveled areas. These mats are 7 feet by 100 feet and will be installed and maintained by an aquatic company. A probable placement could be Haines Park for sizeable results. Due to these aggressive plans, the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme have responded with a comparable budget to attack these problems.

A memorial bench has been obtained and inscribed in memory of Fredrik Holth to show that all the time and efforts of Fred's thankless work is remembered. This bench is to be situated at Haines Park in the area of the new environmental planting on the East side of the park. It has been a lengthy process beginning with the purchase of the bench and getting wetlands to approve the plans to begin the work for the environmental garden. The finalization of this project is not known at this time.

Again, the Rogers Lake Authority is thankful for all the volunteers and the Health of the Lake Committee with the three proactive approaches to the welfare of Rogers Lake. The Rogers Lake Authority looks forward to working with the towns of Old Lyme and Lyme in finding solutions to the weed problems as they exist. I would like to thank all members and associates of the Rogers Lake Authority for all their work to make Rogers Lake a better place.

Richard J. Smith Sr.
chairman RLA

Lymes' Senior Center

The Lymes' Senior Center has plenty of activities to offer. Bridge, Sittercise, Tai Chi, Exercise Classes, Watercolor Paint Class, Creative Writer's Workshop and etc. Please feel free to call for more info. A delicious nutritious lunch is served Monday through Friday at 12:00pm for a small donation of \$3.00. Meals on Wheels are available for any senior who is homebound. Please call 388-1611 to make a reservation.

The Lymes' Senior Center Celebrated the Roaring Nineties!

Twenty-four Old Lyme and Lyme residents collectively celebrated birthdays on August 1st that put them into the nineties at the Lymes' Senior Center. The Lymes' Senior Center celebrated birthdays in a big way that day with a party for everyone whose age puts them at least 20 years over the three-score and 10 that used to be the norm.



Senior Center Director Sherry White (right) with Hilma Berggren, 98, who is the oldest member of the Lymes' Senior Center. Credit: Jayne Keedle

Twenty-four residents of Old Lyme and Lyme fall into that category this year, with the oldest being Hilma Berggren, who turns 98 this year. Jim Noyes joked that he was included in the bunch because he's 89 and three-quarters and they didn't think he'd make it!

They celebrated with songs and games, including a sexiest leg contest that Lymes' Senior Center Director Sherry White somehow conned Lyme First Selectman Ralph Eno into joining. In addition to sharing cake, they also shared a few of their secrets to longevity.

Agnes Birzell, 94, attributed her long life to "drinking a little beer." Margaret Leathers, 93, said that keeping up with her younger friends helped her stay young. George F. King, 90, said he thinks everyone would live as long as he has if they also had "a good better half!"

A big **THANK YOU** for the following people who made this celebration a success:

Rebecca Sears, *Bride Brook Health & Rehab Center*
 Marilyn Giuliano, *State Representative*
 Ralph Eno, *Lyme First Selectman*
 Bonnie Reemsnyder, *Old Lyme First Selectwoman*
 Linda Camarra, *VNA Nurse*
 Ann Griffith/Judy Dutton/Steve Carpenter

Lymes' Senior Center 2012 Special Events

Sep 05 Senior Club Meeting/Music Entertainment	1:00pm
Sep 19 Senior Club Meeting/Bingo	1:00pm
Sep 20 Men's Breakfast	9:30am
Sep 21 Senior Club Jonah Day Trip	TBD
Oct 03 Senior Club Meeting/Music Entertainment	1:00pm
Oct 17 Senior Club Meeting/Bingo	1:00pm
Oct 17 Lions Club Low Vision Clinic	1:00pm
Oct 27 VFW Halloween Pig Roast	6:00pm
Nov 06 Election Day ("Red, White & Blue Luncheon")	12:00pm
Nov 07 Senior Club Meeting/Music Entertainment	1:00pm
Nov 15 Thanksgiving Luncheon	12:00pm
Nov 21 Senior Club Meeting/Bingo	1:00pm
Dec 05 Senior Club Meeting/Music Entertainment	1:00pm

Submitted by:
 Sherry A. White, *Director*



82 Salem Road 1745 windows

Municipal Elections

WARNING-MUNICIPAL ELECTION-TOWN OF LYME-NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Pursuant to Sections 9-226 and 9-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the electors of the Town of Lyme are hereby warned to meet at the Lyme Fire Station on Tuesday, the 8th day of November 2011 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM (EST) then and there to give their votes for the persons to fill the following offices:

A First Selectman, two (2) Selectmen, a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector, each for a term of two (2) years; two (2) members of the Board of Finance, each for a term of six (6) years; one (1) member of the Board of Finance Alternate for a term of six (6) years; one (1) member of the Board of Assessors for a term of six (6) years; one (1) member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term of six (6) years; three (3) members of the Planning and Zoning Commission for a term of six (6) years; two (2) members of the Zoning Board of Appeals for a term of six (6) years; one (1) member of the Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate for a term of six (6) years; three (3) Library Trustees for a term of six (6) years; three (3) constables for a term of two (2) years; and one (1) member of the Regional Board of Education for a term of four (4) years.

Dated at Lyme, Connecticut this 26th day of October 2011.

Ralph F. Eno, Jr.
Parker H. Lord
Steven E. Mattson

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE

Pursuant to Section 240 of the Connecticut General Statutes, Notice is hereby given that the Location of the polling place for the Municipal Election in the Town of Lyme will be held on the 8th day of November 2011 from 6:00 AM to 8:00 PM (EST) at: Lyme Fire Station, 215 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT.

Dated at Lyme, Connecticut this 26th day of October 2011.

Linda Winzer, Town Clerk, Town of Lyme
Recorded by: Linda A. Winzer, Town Clerk

RESULTS-MUNICIPAL ELECTION-TOWN OF LYME-NOVEMBER 8, 2011

Electors and citizens qualified to vote met at the Lyme Fire Station to cast their votes for:

First Selectman	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	R	259
Selectman	Steven E. Mattson	D	109
Selectman	Parker H. Lord	R	178
Town Clerk	Linda A. Winzer	D	119
Town Clerk	Linda A. Winzer	R	161
Town Treasurer	William L. Hawthorne	R	246
Tax Collector	Linda B. Ward	R	249
Board of Finance	Gary H. Reynolds	R	229

Board of Finance	David M. Brown, Sr.	R	240
Board of Finance Alternate	Herbert Ross	D	206
Board of Assessors	Debra A. Yeomans	R	250
Board of Assessment Appeals	Hayden Reynolds	R	237
Planning and Zoning Commission	Steven E. Mattson	D	153
Planning and Zoning Commission	William T. Koch, Jr.	R	193
Planning and Zoning Commission	E. Hunter Ward	R	183
Zoning Board of Appeals	LeRay L. McFarland	D	180
Zoning Board of Appeals	Jack F. Sulger	R	202
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate	Ross C. Byrne	R	234
Library Trustees	Susan Cole	D	157
Library Trustees	Gina Gray	R	161
Library Trustees	Janis T. Witkins	R	191
Constables	Ronald J. Wojcik	D	111
Constables	Frederick A. Bliven	R	185
Constables	John M. King	R	216
Regional Board of Education	James P. Witkins	D	99
Regional Board of Education	James P. Witkins	R	174

Total Number of Registered Voters:	1794
Total Number of Voters having Voted by Absentee Ballot:	5
Total Number of Voters having Voted in Person:	284
Total Number of Voters having Voted in Person and by Absentee Ballot:	289

Recorded: Linda A. Winzer, *Town Clerk*

NOTICE-REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY-APRIL 24, 2012

Notice is hereby given that a Presidential Preference Primary of the Republican Party will be held on April 24, 2012, in each town. Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the candidates (including the category "Uncommitted") which are to appear on the ballot at said primary in the manner and in the order in which such names and category are herein listed, under the office designation "Nomination for President of the United States", together with the addresses of such candidates:

Newt Gingrich, Atlanta, GA
Ron Paul, Springfield, VA
Mitt Romney, Boston MA
Rick Santorum, Verona PA
Uncommitted

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut this 20th day of March, 2012.

Denise Merrill
Secretary of the State

The foregoing is a copy of the notice which I have received from the Office of the Secretary of the State in accordance with Secs. 9-433 and 9-471 of the General Statutes. As provided, such primary will be held on April 24, 2012. The hours of voting at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows:

Hours of Voting: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Location of Polling Place

Voting District

Lyme Fire Station, 215 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT.

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Dated at Lyme, Connecticut this 21st day of March, 2012

Linda A. Winzer, Town Clerk, Town of Lyme

Recorded by: Linda A. Winzer, *Town Clerk*

RESULTS-REPUBLICAN PRESIDENTIAL PREFERENCE PRIMARY-APRIL 24, 2012

Electors met at the Lyme Fire Station at 215 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM to cast their votes. Election officials included the following: Moderator: Carl Clement; Checker: Penny Eno; Ballot Clerks: Diana Lord and Arthur Reichenbach; Registrars: Kathleen Gigliotti and Dianne Ahlberg.

Results:

Newt Gingrich	6
Ron Paul	21
Mitt Romney	94
Rick Santorum	3
Uncommitted	6
Total number of names on active Republican enrollment list in town:	571
Total number of names checked on the official checklist as having voted by absentee ballot:	2
Total number of names checked on the official check list as having voted in person:	128
Total number of names checked on the official check list as having voted in town:	130

Recorded by: Linda A. Winzer, *Town Clerk*

NOTICE-REFERENDUM-TOWN OF LYME-MAY 22, 2012

Electors, taxpayers and citizens qualified to vote in Town Referendum are hereby warned and notified that a referendum vote to consider and act on a resolution authorizing construction of a new Library and renovation and expansion of the Town Hall will be held Tuesday, May 22, 2012 between the hours of 6:00 AM EDT and 8:00 PM EDT at the Hamburg Fire Station, 213 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT.

Copies of the enabling resolution are available at the Lyme Town Hall.

Town of Lyme Board of Selectmen

Ralph F. Eno, Jr.

Parker H. Lord

Steven Mattson

Dated at Lyme, Connecticut this 20th day of April, 2012.

Linda A. Winzer, Town Clerk, Town of Lyme

Recorded by: Linda A. Winzer, *Town Clerk*

RESULTS-REFERENDUM-TOWN OF LYME-MAY 22, 2012

Electors, taxpayers and citizens qualified to vote in Town Referendum met on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 between the hours of 6:00 AM EDT and 8:00 PM EDT at the Hamburg Fire Station, 213 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT to cast their votes on the following resolution authorizing construction of a new Library and renovation and expansion of the Town Hall:

“Be it resolved by electors and taxpayers of the Town of Lyme that the Board of Selectmen and/or its duly appointed representatives be authorized to obtain and expend funding for the construction of a new Library and renovation and expansion of the Town Hall in an amount not to exceed 4.7 million (\$4,700,000) dollars.

Notwithstanding the availability of federal or state funds, be it further resolved that municipal (Town of Lyme) public financing and expenditures for the project shall be capped at 3.7 million (\$3,700,000) dollars. A minimum of 1 million (\$1,000,000) dollars shall be raised or pledged from private donations and/or grants before actual construction shall proceed with the project to begin no earlier than fiscal year 2013-2014.”

Moderator: Marion Ewankow; Poll Workers: Pat Harris (Checker), Diana Lord (Checker), Elizabeth Lawlor (Absentee Ballot Counter); Registrars: Kathleen Gigliotti, Dianne Ahlberg

Total number of electors on registry list:	1810
Total number of electors having voted by absentee ballot:	21
Total number of electors having voted in person:	348
Total number of property owners assessed on last grand list for not less than \$1,000 having voted:	8
Total number of persons having voted:	377
Total number rejected:	3
Total number voted YES:	266
Total number voted NO:	108

Referendum passed.

Linda A. Winzer, Town Clerk, Town of Lyme

Recorded by: Linda A. Winzer, *Town Clerk*

**Treasurer's Report
2011-2012**

Balance, Checking Account June 30, 2011		163,233
Tax Collector:		
Taxes	8,069,698	
Interest & Fees	47,456	
		8,117,154
State of Connecticut:		
Capital Improvement	20,751	
Telephone Access Line Tax	10,287	
Elderly Tax Relief	24,837	
Supplemental Municipal Aid	6,360	
Education Grant	145,556	
Civil Preparedness	15,242	
State Property	17,544	
Boating Grant	0	
Veteran's Exemptions	474	
Other Grants	39,152	
		280,203
Special Revenue:		
Town Aid Road Fund	88,008	
Affordable Housing Program	3,233	
		92,241
Interest:		
Investments	7,986	
		7,986
Miscellaneous:		
Building Permits	74,740	
Conveyance Taxes	57,782	
Mooring Permits	2,520	
Other Permits	4,540	
Planning & Zoning	720	
Zoning Board of Appeals	800	
Town Clerk Fees	25,191	
Refunds & Rebates	5,889	
Waste Disposal Fees	3,778	
Miscellaneous	14,724	
Other Receipts	7,075	
		197,759
Total Receipts		8,858,576
Less: Change in accruals		0
Plus: Decrease in CT STIF Investments		500,000
Less: Selectmen's Disbursements		8,821,089
Balance, Checking Account, June 30, 2011		537,487

Balance in Banks

General Fund:	
Account:	
CT Short Term Investment Fund	500,000.00

Reserve Funds:

Citizens Bank	6,063.00
Essex Savings Bank	8,458.25
Liberty Bank for Savings	3,260.14
Liberty Bank	8,431.07
Morgan Stanley - Capital Transfer	157,740.81
Morgan Stanley - Open Space Reserve Fund	70,978.64

Special Funds:

Harbor Improvement Fund	671.51
Kovalenko Fund	1,271.53
Moulson-Ely Fund	4,572.52
Town Deposit Fund	8,368.80
World War I Memorial	865.34
Town Aid Road Fund	8,646.48

Balance, July 1, 2011

Add: Current Allocation	89,007.81	
Interest	9.09	
		89,016.90
Less: Expended to General Fund		88,007.81

Balance, Essex Savings Bank, June 30, 2011

		8,655.57
Cemetery Trust Fund		
Balance, July 1, 2011		158,982.67
Add: Interest	1,829.06	
Plot Sales	600.00	
Less: Exp to General Fund	-12,400.00	

Balance, June 30, 2012

		-9,970.94
		149,011.73

Balance, June 30, 2012

Essex Savings bank	6,230.41
Citizens Bank	24,031.96
Certificates of Deposit (3)	118,749.36

Dog Fund

Balance, July 1, 2010		7,541.54
Add: Town Clerk-Surcharge, Unaltered Dogs	78.00	
Town Clerk-Surcharge, Altered Dogs	502.00	
Town Clerk - License Fees	1,411.00	
Warden-Impoundment Fees	75.00	
Town of Lyme Appropriation	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	331.00	
		7,397.00

Less: Warden-Salary and Fees	2,475.00	
Warden-Expenses	2,200.00	
State of Connecticut-Surcharge	488.00	
State of Connecticut-50% of Fees	682.00	
Advertising	0.00	
Dog tags, Supplies	27.50	
		5,872.50

Balance, June 30, 2012 9,066.04
Hartman Park

Balance July 1, 2011		6,680.12
Add: Contributions	2,000.00	
Less: Exp to General Fund	3,750.00	
Balance June 30, 2012		4,930.12

Pension Fund

Balance July 1, 2011		621,952.77
Add: Town of Lyme-Contributions	32,839.31	
Gains/Losses	-15,793.88	
Less: Pension Payments	114,208.84	

Balance June 30, 2012 524,789.36

William L. Hawthorne, *Treasurer*



R. Congden House c.1850 – Gothic Revival style features here are the board and batten siding, the projecting steeply pitched gables, round-headed windows, and the decorative elements on the window hoods, door surround and front gable .

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2012**

	General Fund	Capital Nonrecurring Fund	Lyme Cemeteries Trust Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash of \$155,012)	\$ 751,104	\$ 106,953	\$ 149,012	\$ 96,479	\$ 1,103,548
Investments	500,000	77,294	-	12,047	589,341
Receivables, net:					
Property taxes	144,390	-	-	-	144,390
Intergovernmental	7,617	-	-	-	7,617
Other	5,482	-	-	-	5,482
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,408,593	\$ 184,247	\$ 149,012	\$ 108,526	\$ 1,850,378
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 153,165	\$ -	\$ 5,482	\$ -	\$ 158,647
Performance bond deposits	38,849	-	-	-	38,849
Unearned revenue	132,636	-	-	-	132,636
Total liabilities	324,650	-	5,482	-	330,132
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable	-	-	143,530	6,000	149,530
Restricted	-	-	-	8,042	8,042
Assigned	186,681	184,247	-	94,484	465,412
Unassigned	897,262	-	-	-	897,262
Total fund balances	1,083,943	184,247	143,530	108,526	1,520,246
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,408,593	\$ 184,247	\$ 149,012	\$ 108,526	\$ 1,850,378

See notes to basic financial statements.

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Taxes, interest and lien fees:				
General property taxes	\$ 7,997,528	\$ 7,997,528	\$ 8,069,698	\$ 72,170
Interest and lien fees	25,000	25,000	47,456	22,456
Total taxes, interest and lien fees	<u>8,022,528</u>	<u>8,022,528</u>	<u>8,117,154</u>	<u>94,626</u>
Licenses and permits:				
Mooring permits	2,000	2,000	2,520	520
Building permits	35,000	35,000	74,740	39,740
Conveyance tax	35,000	35,000	57,781	22,781
Other licenses and permits	3,500	3,500	4,540	1,040
Total licenses and permits	<u>75,500</u>	<u>75,500</u>	<u>139,581</u>	<u>64,081</u>
Charges for services:				
Zoning board of appeals fees	1,000	1,000	800	(200)
Planning and zoning fees	1,000	1,000	720	(280)
Waste disposal fees	750	750	3,778	3,028
Town clerk fees	15,000	15,000	25,191	10,191
Refunds and rebates	1,500	1,500	5,889	4,389
Visiting nurse receipts	500	500	382	(118)
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,000	14,602	9,602
Parks and recreation fees	7,500	7,500	3,065	(4,435)
Affordable housing	3,000	3,000	3,233	233
Total charges for services	<u>35,250</u>	<u>35,250</u>	<u>57,660</u>	<u>22,410</u>
Intergovernmental:				
Town aid roads	88,927	88,927	89,008	81
Local capital improvement program	25,551	25,551	20,751	(4,800)
Education equalization grant	145,556	145,556	145,556	-
PILOT state property	17,537	17,537	17,544	7
Mashantucket grant	7,167	7,167	6,360	(807)
Civil preparedness	20,000	20,000	6,518	(13,482)
Tax relief - homeowners	20,000	20,000	24,837	4,837
Tax relief - veterans	400	400	474	74
Miscellaneous grants	3,500	3,500	11,066	7,566
FEMA	-	-	36,810	36,810
Total Intergovernmental	<u>328,638</u>	<u>328,638</u>	<u>358,924</u>	<u>30,286</u>

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**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Investment income:				
Interest on investments	\$ 22,400	\$ 22,400	\$ 7,986	(\$ 14,414)
Total investment income	<u>22,400</u>	<u>22,400</u>	<u>7,986</u>	<u>(14,414)</u>
Other revenue:				
Telephone access grant	11,500	11,500	10,287	(1,213)
Total other revenue	<u>11,500</u>	<u>11,500</u>	<u>10,287</u>	<u>(1,213)</u>
Total revenues	<u>8,495,816</u>	<u>8,495,816</u>	<u>8,691,592</u>	<u>195,776</u>
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in	3,750	3,750	3,750	-
Total other financing sources	<u>3,750</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>3,750</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	<u>\$ 8,499,566</u>	<u>\$ 8,499,566</u>	<u>\$ 8,695,342</u>	<u>\$ 195,776</u>

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
General Government:				
Selectmen	\$ 65,804	\$ 65,804	\$ 62,285	\$ 3,519
Town clerk	45,788	45,788	45,146	642
Board of finance	2,000	2,000	3,750	(1,750)
Tax collector	40,575	40,575	36,823	3,752
Assessor's office	52,410	52,410	47,411	4,999
Revaluation	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Town treasurer	8,711	8,711	8,711	-
Election expenses	16,836	16,836	10,743	6,093
Board of assessment appeals	250	250	-	250
Planning and zoning commission	13,500	13,500	2,192	11,308
Zoning board of appeals	5,500	5,500	3,079	2,421
Zoning officer	31,600	31,600	31,559	41
Harbor maintenance	4,000	4,000	3,288	712
Conservation commission	15,000	15,000	16,729	(1,729)
Pollution control	1,457	1,457	1,456	1
Probate court	2,662	2,662	1,330	1,332
Auditor's expense	24,700	24,700	24,700	-
Town counsel	12,500	12,500	17,480	(4,980)
Town report	7,000	7,000	6,258	742
General insurance	74,845	74,845	74,258	587
Workers' compensation insurance	22,500	22,500	22,035	465
Health insurance	174,514	174,514	160,794	13,720
FICA	45,436	45,436	44,541	895
Retirement	43,130	43,130	35,576	7,554
Town hall expense	31,000	31,000	29,456	1,544
Heat and fuel	68,702	68,702	69,365	(663)
Affordable housing	20,000	20,000	20,097	(97)
Elderly	7,098	7,098	7,097	1
Transportation distribution	1,907	1,907	1,907	-
Hadlyme historic district	2,500	2,500	75	2,425
Total general government	856,925	856,925	803,141	53,784
Public Safety:				
Fire marshal	5,500	5,500	4,173	1,327
Fire company	48,250	48,250	46,655	1,595
VSECI	34,268	34,268	34,268	-
Complex maintenance	17,660	17,660	12,800	4,860
Public safety utilities	22,000	22,000	19,732	2,268
Police	10,000	10,000	5,687	4,313
Civil preparedness	7,500	7,500	5,508	1,992
Building inspector	21,432	21,432	20,611	821
Hazardous waste	7,668	7,668	5,808	1,860
Public safety pension	81,821	81,821	66,277	15,544
Total public safety	256,099	256,099	221,519	34,580

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**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Highways:				
Superintendent	\$ 58,785	\$ 58,785	\$ 56,527	\$ 2,258
Town crew	130,115	130,115	119,354	10,761
Town crew benefits	20,796	20,796	22,761	(1,965)
Town aid road - maintenance	283,868	283,868	286,860	(2,992)
General maintenance	40,000	40,000	33,807	6,193
Snow and ice removal	45,000	45,000	15,816	29,184
Street lighting	3,250	3,250	2,651	599
Street signs	3,000	3,000	3,349	(349)
Garage expense	1,000	1,000	547	453
Superintendent expense	4,250	4,250	4,250	-
Tree Warden expense	1,300	1,300	1,200	100
Total highways	591,364	591,364	547,122	44,242
Sanitation:				
Dump maintenance	55,173	55,173	54,801	372
Tipping fees	63,825	63,825	56,609	7,216
Sanitarian	23,512	23,512	23,512	-
Recycling	18,857	18,857	16,760	2,097
Total sanitation	161,367	161,367	151,682	9,685
Conservation of Health:				
Health officer	750	750	750	-
Visiting nurses	4,500	4,500	3,949	551
Vital statistics	75	75	-	75
Total conservation of health	5,325	5,325	4,699	626
Welfare:				
Women's center	600	600	600	-
T.V.C.C.A.	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Soup kitchen	500	500	500	-
Family service	3,500	3,500	3,500	-
Regional mental health	116	116	116	-
Total welfare	5,716	5,716	5,716	-

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**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Library	\$ 134,779	\$ 134,779	\$ 134,734	\$ 45
Recreation:				
Hartman park	3,750	3,750	484	3,266
Park maintenance	10,750	10,750	8,209	2,541
Recreation commission	28,500	28,500	18,801	9,699
Rogers lake commission	11,010	11,010	11,146	(136)
Town Woods property	24,509	24,509	33,586	(9,077)
Total recreation	78,519	78,519	72,226	6,293
Miscellaneous:				
Miscellaneous	2,000	2,000	1,082	918
Council of small towns	725	725	725	-
CT river conservation district	1,421	1,421	1,421	-
Moulson fund	100	100	-	100
Data processing	21,100	21,100	27,006	(5,906)
Contingent account	2,000	2,000	185	1,815
Eight-mile cemetery	6,100	6,100	5,040	1,060
Lyme cemeteries	6,300	6,300	3,278	3,022
C.R.E.R.P.A.	5,121	5,121	5,113	8
C.R.E.R.P.A. seniors	9,000	9,000	9,000	-
Lyme youth services	22,500	22,500	22,500	-
Elderly housing	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
Literary volunteers	600	600	600	-
CCM	1,326	1,326	1,326	-
Lyme/Old Lyme senior center	11,314	11,314	8,719	2,595
Secter	1,206	1,206	1,206	-
LRCPOB	100	100	-	100
Total miscellaneous	92,413	92,413	88,701	3,712
Education:				
Regional School District No. 18	5,862,930	5,862,930	5,862,930	-

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**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
Redemption of Debt				
Principal and Interest:				
General obligation bonds principal	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -
General obligation bonds interest	16,000	16,000	16,086	(86)
Total redemption of debt principal and interest	416,000	416,000	416,086	(86)
Capital Outlay:				
Fire company equipment	25,900	25,900	21,857	4,043
Rescue truck lease	75,628	75,628	75,627	1
Sanitation site improvement	30,000	30,000	30,000	-
Bridges	33,000	33,000	8,588	24,412
Hadlyme fire house	2,000	2,000	2,254	(254)
Town hall improvements	80,000	80,000	59,640	20,360
Highway equipment	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
Firehouse - garage	22,500	22,500	20,751	1,749
L/OL senior center	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
Vital records restoration	3,500	3,500	3,370	130
Civil preparedness radios	20,000	20,000	17,507	2,493
Total capital outlay	299,028	299,028	239,594	59,434
Total expenditures	8,760,465	8,760,465	8,548,150	212,315
Other Financing Uses:				
Transfers out:				
Open space/reserve funds	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Local capital improvement	80,000	80,000	80,000	-
Dog fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Total transfers out	125,000	125,000	125,000	-
Total expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 8,885,465	\$ 8,885,465	\$ 8,673,150	\$ 212,315

TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
 REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2012

Grand List Year	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2011	Current Year Levy	Lawful Corrections		Transfer To Suspend	Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Collections			Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2012	
			Additions	Deductions			Taxes	Interest	Lien Fees		Total
1995	\$ 407	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 407	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
1996	49	-	-	-	-	49	-	-	-	-	49
1997	(156)	-	-	-	-	(156)	-	-	-	-	(156)
1998	101	-	-	-	-	101	-	-	-	-	101
1999	1,271	-	-	-	-	1,271	-	-	-	-	1,271
2000	1,530	-	-	-	-	1,530	-	-	-	-	1,530
2001	2,334	-	-	-	-	2,334	-	-	-	-	2,334
2002	1,611	-	-	-	-	1,611	-	-	-	-	1,611
2003	1,932	-	-	-	-	1,932	8	24	61	24	1,903
2004	2,795	-	-	-	-	2,795	78	48	751	48	2,170
2005	3,839	-	-	-	-	3,214	43	546	24	613	3,171
2006	6,706	-	-	-	-	5,849	981	313	48	1,342	4,868
2007	18,334	-	-	-	-	17,356	4,100	2,524	48	6,672	13,256
2008	30,767	-	65	3,130	695	27,007	13,842	4,311	144	18,297	13,165
2009	72,831	-	166	4,561	301	68,135	46,875	12,729	312	59,916	21,260
Total Prior Years	144,351	-	231	8,098	3,456	133,028	66,495	20,509	648	87,652	66,533
2010	-	8,105,921	6,988	14,581	355	8,097,973	8,020,116	24,767	64	8,044,947	77,857
Total	\$ 144,351	\$ 8,105,921	\$ 7,219	\$ 22,679	\$ 3,811	\$ 8,231,001	\$ 8,086,611	\$ 45,276	\$ 712	\$ 8,132,599	\$ 144,390
							60 Day collections-June 30, 2011	(29,740)			
							60 Day collections-June 30, 2012	11,715			
							Taxes, interest and lien fees	\$ 8,114,574			

*Uncollected taxes eliminated pursuant to Section 12-165 of the CT General Statutes.

Emergency Management

In our continuing effort to make sure people with special needs are attended to in the event of either natural disasters or nuclear power plant emergencies, Lyme's Emergency Management Office is again incorporating the following form in this year's Town Report. Our Emergency Management Group wants to know about all people in town who might need special help in an emergency; so your cooperation and participation are greatly appreciated.

If you fall into this Special Needs category, please fill out the form and return it to:

Lyme Emergency Management
 480 Hamburg Road
 Lyme, CT 06371

Lyme Emergency Management

Date _____ Name _____

If you need transportation or any other assistance during an emergency, please fill out this SPECIAL NEEDS form and mail it now. In an emergency, you would be assisted by local emergency workers.

Street _____
 Apartment # _____ Town _____

I am hearing impaired Yes No
 Telephone # _____

I have impaired vision Yes No

I am otherwise disabled Yes No

Please explain:

I would need a ride in an evacuation Yes No

If you know of others who may need help, please list their names and addresses:

I am a part-time resident ___Yes ___No

List months you are here:

Even if you have previously sent in a card like this, you should send it in again whenever you receive a new booklet.

This information will remain confidential.

The Fire Company and Ambulance Association again request Lyme residents to post their house numbers in a clearly visible location so they may more effectively serve us in times of emergency.

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
LYME, CONNECTICUT 06371

Local Boxholder

Credits:

Appreciation is extended to the Lyme Local History Archives (Lyme Public Hall) and to the "Town of Lyme Cultural Resources Survey" for materials and information used in the preparation of "House, Home and Heritage".

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