

2015 ANNUAL REPORT

13: Feb 1669

(39) Articles of Agreement betwixt
Saybrook & Lyme

Whereas there hath been severall propositions betwixt the
inhabitanes of each Side of the River and the inhabitanes
one the West Side of the River; of the towns of Saybrook towards
a Louing parting

1 The inhabitanes one the east Side of the River desiring to
be a plantation by them selves; doe declare that they haue a
Consentency of Lands to entertaine twenty families

2 They declare that they will paye all excess of rates past and
all Rates due by the 1th of may next insuing that belongs
unto the towns and ministery: to be brought into the towns man
in the town order to witts Richard Rayment and Abraham Post
now in Colage

3 At the request of those one the east Side of the River to abate
them the proportion belonging to the ministery from the first of may
to the latter end of January next following the towns doe consent
thereto, and in Case that they haue not a ministery settled
amongst them then they are to pay Rates to the ministery one the
West Side: as for the future as formerly untill a ministery be settled
amongst them

4 In Reference to the Lands of hamonah they one the
east Side of the River doe fully & freely begin up all their
rights titles & Claims to all & every parcels of their Lands
to the inhabitanes of the West Side
engaging themselves to afford what helps they haue amongst
them for the recovery of their Lands they being Reason-
ably considered for that pain

5 That the Enuions at Nipawituck haue the same agreed upon
by the Governants maie betwixt the inhabitanes of
Saybrook & them:

6 The a bove said articles being agreed upon by the
Committees chosen one both Sides of the River the inhabitanes
of the east Side haue Liberty to be a plantation of themselves
or with help wharof the Committees do refer one both Sides
have Liberty left to their hands

John Watto l.
William: Great
Robert: Gays
William: Rowden
Zackariah: Sawyer

Mathew: Gifford
William: Waller
Benat: Moxian
John: Lays sen.
Richard: Smith
John: Campfory

Be it knowne to them whom it may concerne that
Robert lord of Saybrook hath sold to Henry Bennet
of Lyme one horse being a white gray Coloure and is
branded with T.W. one the near buttock: which aforesaid
said horse is sold to the said Bennet for a black heales
being three year old next Spring: being marked with
a Cross: one each ear: the aforesaid heales is
attestred by the said Robert lord this 18: Decem^r

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Front cover

THE LOVING PARTING 1665
Articles of Agreement
for the separation of Saybrook Colony
and the east side of the river (future "Lyme")

Bottom Portion
Record of a sale by Richard Lord
to Henry Bennet in exchange for a heifer.

Lyme Land Records, Vol 1, p. 39
State Archives, Connecticut State Library



FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2015

The articles of agreement between The Saybrook Colony and East Saybrook (later Lyme), February 13, 1665

A literal transcription*

“Wharas thar hath been several propositions betwixt the inhabitants of east side of the River and the inhabitants on the west side of the River of the towne of Saybrook towards a Loveing Parting:

“The inhabitants on the east side of the River desiring to be a plantation by them selfe do declare that they have a competency of Lands to entertain thirty families.

“They declare that they will pay all areres of rates past and all rates dew by the first of May next ensuing to the later end of January next ensuing, the town do consent thar unto; and in case they have not a minister selected amongst them, then they are to pay Rates as for the future to the minister on the west side as formerly until a minister be settled amongst them.

“In reference to the lands of Hamanasuk, they on the east side of the River doe fully and freely resine up all thar rights, titells, and clames to all and every parcel of the land to the inhabitants of the west side, engaging them selfs to afford what help they have amongst them for the recovery of those lands, they being reasonably considered for their pains.

“That the Indians at Nehanick have the land agreed upon by the covenants made betwixt the inhabitants of Saybrook and them.“The above said articles being agreed upon by the committees chosen on both sides of the River, the inhabitants of the east side have Liberty to be an plantation of them selfs. In witness whereof , the committee chosen on both sides have set their hands..”

John Waldo, William Pratt, Robert Lay, William Parker, Zackeriah Sanford, For the West Side.

Matthew Griswold, William Waller, Renold Marvin, John Lay. Richard Smith, John Comstock, For the East Side.”

* The Ancient Town of Lyme by Barbara Deitrick, Lyme Tercentenary Committee, Inc. 1965 .

Dedication

The Board of Selectmen has chosen to dedicate this year’s edition of the Annual Town Report to the Lyme Garden Club. The group was founded in 1930 and “civic improvement” is listed as one of its priorities in what might be characterized as an early model of a mission statement.

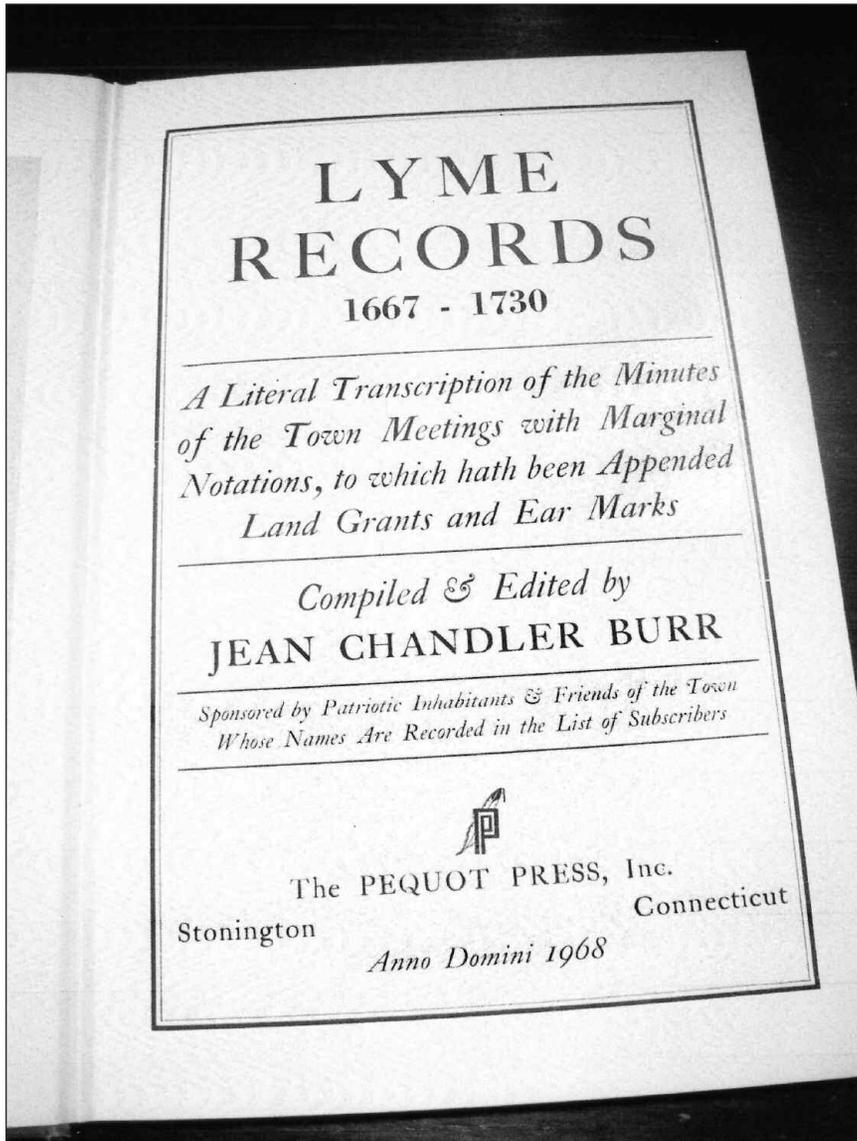
During the planning stage for development of the Town Campus Center, the Garden Club, which had maintained the Town Hall and Library grounds for many years, expressed a desire to develop and implement a landscaping plan for the new buildings that would aesthetically tie all the Campus Center elements together into a cohesive presentation.

The building committee gratefully accepted the offer and while town project funds were provided, the club made a substantial investment from its own coffers made possible by a bequest from the Herschle estate dating back to the mid-nineties. Funding aside, it was a labor intensive project from the outset with copious amounts of time and energy devoted to planting, weeding and watering.

Unfortunately, the weather gods did not cooperate at any point in the endeavor, serving a menu of extreme cold, snow and virtually no rain, a horticultural nightmare of epic proportions. To their credit, the members did not wilt under pressure (pardon the sorry pun). Their dedication was inspirational to those of us who observed their commitment first hand during extremely trying times.

Given the players, the outcome should never have been in doubt. Things have taken hold and are beginning to thrive. The result is a setting complementing the new and renovated buildings in a traditional New England fashion. (Well-done Sarah McCracken!)

On behalf of the town, thanks to the Lyme Garden Club for a superlative effort.



When Lyme resident, Jean Burr, was assisting the Town Clerk at Town Hall she found an old, fragile and difficult to read ledger which turned out to be the minutes of Lyme's early town meetings from 1667 to 1730. Very interested in Lyme's early history, she copied the entire ledger in her own hand, carefully edited, typed and indexed it. The manuscript was subsequently published in 1968 as Lyme Records. The original ledger is preserved in the Connecticut State Library.

The Beginnings of Lyme, Connecticut

The beginnings of the present Town of Lyme can be traced to the period of English colonizing ventures on the east coast of the North American continent in the early 1600s. One of these ventures involved an extensive tract of land in the lower Connecticut River Valley, extending east and west on both sides of the river and twelve miles north from Long Island Sound. While there had been some prior activity by European explorers and traders up the Connecticut River, they had neither settled nor colonized the area. The inhabitants at that time were several indigenous, Indian groups, which maintained settled villages, traditional hunting and fishing grounds, and networks of trails and trade.

In the 1620s, some notable English persons were associated with this lower Connecticut River venture: the Earl of Warwick, Viscount Say and Sele, and Lord Brooke (names from which versions of "Saye-Brooke" were derived), and George Fenwick Esq. None of these men settled in Saybrook except Fenwick, and he only briefly. But other English immigrants and families came, and by 1634 a fort and a small settlement had been established on the west bank at the mouth of the river. The population grew and in 1663 **the Saye-Brooke English settlers took an historic step, petitioning the Connecticut General Court in Hartford to permit a new, separate settlement or "plantation" on the east side of the river, to be independent of the Saye-Brooke Colony.**

After the petition to separate was approved and the required number of thirty families for the new plantation had been recruited, representatives for each side of the river jointly drafted the terms for the separation (see the document on the cover and in full transcription later in this Report). The act of separation came to be called the "Loving Parting". The document was signed Feb. 13, 1665 and the thirty families proceeded to survey, cultivate and settle the new "plantation" land, known at first as East Saybrook.

The capstone event occurred on May 9, 1667 when the General Court in Hartford ordered that "... the Plantation on the east side of the River over against Saybrooke for the future be named Lyme." The task of organizing and governing the new town proceeded in earnest. In August 1667, the first of all the town meetings to follow for the next 350 years took place. In this year of 2015, we honor and celebrate the beginnings of the Town of Lyme, Connecticut!

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Bacdayan, *Municipal Historian*

Proclamation The Loving Parting

Whereas, in 1631, the English Earl of Warwick granted an extensive tract of land in the Connecticut River Valley to Lord Saye and Sele, Lord Brooke and several others; and

Whereas, this land, extending north on both the east and west sides of the Connecticut River, became the Saybrook Colony, one of the earliest settlements in New England; and

Whereas, in 1644, the Saybrook Colony was incorporated into the Connecticut Colony by order of the Connecticut General Court in Hartford; and

Whereas, in 1663, the Saybrook Colony requested the Connecticut General Court to set up a plantation on the east side of the great River, known as East Saybrook; and

Whereas, on February 13, 1665, representatives of the settlers from both sides of the river signed an agreement, known as The Loving Parting, making East Saybrook a self-supporting community, separate from the Saybrook Colony; and

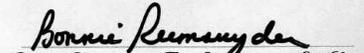
Whereas, in 1667, the Connecticut General Court assigned the name "Lyme" to the new community.

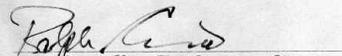
Therefore.....

In recognition of the 350th Anniversary of the signing of the "Loving Parting" and of the shared history of the Saybrook Colony with the present towns of Old Saybrook, Lyme, Old Lyme, East Lyme and Salem.

February 13, 2015 is hereby proclaimed "Loving Parting Day"


Carl Fortana, First Selectman, Old Saybrook


Bonnie Reimsnyder, First Selectwoman, Old Lyme


Ralph Eno, First Selectman, Lyme


Kevin F. Lyden, First Selectman, Salem

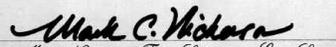

Mark Nicholson, First Selectman, East Lyme

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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
 Census 2010 – 2,406

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
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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	\$50.00
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Site Testing and Plan Review Subdivision

Perlot	\$150.00
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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 driveway	\$1,000.00

Certificate of Occupancy	\$10.00
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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
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Zoning Application (Plus \$60.00 State fee)	\$25.00
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Coastal Area Management Site Plan (Plus \$60.00 State fee)	\$50.00
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Percolation Test	\$10.00
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Planning & Zoning Regulations	\$20.00
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Inland Wetlands Regulations	\$10.00
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Inland Wetlands Permits (Plus \$60.00 State fee)	fee varies
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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 refrigerants	\$10.00
Tires (no rims)	\$2.00
Mattress & box springs	\$15.00

Propane Tanks (20 lb only)\$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, 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 Officer. 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 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 RiverCog at (860)581-8554 or www.rivercog.org.



Meetings

(At Town Hall unless notified otherwise)

Board of Selectmen1st & 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 7:00 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 Commission3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM
 Rogers Lake Authority2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM
 (held at Rogers Lake Clubhouse)
 Regional District 181st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM
 (held at Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School)
 Open Space Committee.....4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
 Recreation Commission3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
 Lymes' Senior Center Board of Directors3rd Monday of each month at 2:00 PM
 (held at the Lymes' Senior Center)

Town Calendar 2016

- January 1Supplemental motor vehicle taxes due
- February 20Last day to file assessment appeal application to Board of Assessment Appeals (forms available in Assessor's office)
- MarchBoard of Assessment Appeals holds hearings
- May 15Last day of payment of taxes due in July 2015 in order to avoid a tax lien.
- June 30Last day to license dog without penalty. Obtain licenses from the Town Clerk.

End of Fiscal Year

- August 1Last day for timely payment of taxes levied on the list as of October 1, 2015
- SeptemberBoard of Assessment Appeals meets, date to be announced. Motor Vehicle only.
- September 30Last day to file Veteran's Honorable Discharge papers or statement of current service (to be filed with Town Clerk).
- October 1List 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 31List 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

It probably comes as no surprise that the Board of Selectmen would rate the winter of 2014-2015 as the signature feature of the past fiscal year. December was relatively mild and snow free, lulling us into a false sense of security and then.....

The town crew bore the brunt of an unrelenting onslaught of storm after storm piling up record snow accumulation while taxing equipment and budgets as well. As usual, Don Green, Mark Negrelli, Lars Anderson, Bobbie Collins and hired gun Pete Signore were more than up to the task, keeping up with virtually a two storms per week nightmare that persisted through March. Nobody does it better!

Town Hall and Library personnel also had to creep up a stressful winter driven learning curve that tested new HVAC systems and produced ice dam roof leaks to add insult to injury. However, both buildings stood up very well to an extreme test during their first full year of utilization which bodes well for the future.

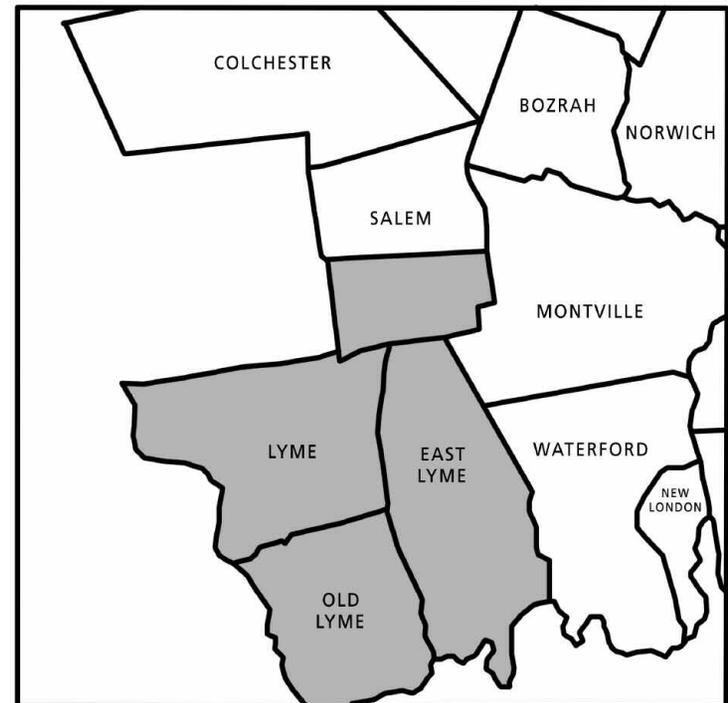
On a cheerier note, Lyme once again concluded the fiscal year with budget actuals exceeding income projections and operating costs coming in somewhat under estimates. Overtime, salt and sand and equipment maintenance costs had significant overruns as might be expected given the circumstances.

The town remains in sound fiscal shape with thanks to the Board of Finance for its continued vigilance.

With regret, the selectmen would like to thank Don Green for his years of service to the town. Don decided to retire at the end of the fiscal year after thirty years on the town crew with more than a decade of those years in the capacity of Road Foreman. We are certain he's going to enjoy this winter.

Finally, our thanks as always to Lyme's fantastic, dedicated army of volunteers who do so much to shape the character of the town. We would be a very different community without such selfless, dedicated service.

Respectfully submitted,
The Lyme Board of Selectmen



Shaded area of this current map shows the area proposed for the new "plantation" in 1665, to become the town of Lyme. The perimeter boundaries for Lyme remained from 1667 into the the mid-1800s when portions began to split off: first a section joined Salem, then other sections separated into the towns of East Lyme and South Lyme (later renamed Old Lyme).

State and Town Officers
Fiscal Year July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015

Office or Commission Elected	Official or Member	Expiration
First Selectman	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	Nov. 17, 2015
Second Selectman	Parker H. Lord	Nov. 17, 2015
Third Selectman	Steven E. Mattson	Nov. 17, 2015
Town Clerk	Linda A. Winzer	Jan. 4, 2016
Town Treasurer	William L. Hawthorne	Nov. 17, 2015
Tax Collector	Linda B. Ward	Nov. 17, 2015
Board of Finance	Thomas Boyd, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 17, 2015
	Judith H. Duran	Nov. 17, 2015
	David M. Brown, Sr.	Nov. 21, 2017
	Kathryn R. Wayland	Nov. 21, 2017
	Herbert Ross	Nov. 19, 2019
Board of Finance Alternates	Matthew Sharp	Nov. 19, 2019
	Peter S. Evankow	Nov. 17, 2015
	Jarrold M. Leonardo	Nov. 21, 2017
Board of Assessment Appeals	Lori Caine	Nov. 19, 2019
	vacancy	Nov. 17, 2015
	Hayden Reynolds	Nov. 21, 2017
	Harry P. Broom, Jr., <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 19, 2019
Planning and Zoning Commission	*James W. McFarland	
	Phyllis Ross	Nov. 17, 2015
	David Tiffany, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 17, 2015
	William T. Koch, Jr.	Nov. 21, 2017
	Steven Mattson	Nov. 21, 2017
	E. Hunter Ward	Nov. 21, 2017
	Ross C. Byrne	Nov. 19, 2019
Kelvin N. Tyler	Nov. 19, 2019	
Zoning Board of Appeals	Fred Harger	Nov. 17, 2015
	David Lahm, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 17, 2015
	Ronald Wojcik	Nov. 21, 2017
	Jack Sulger	Nov. 21, 2017
	Jeanne Rutigliano	Nov. 19, 2019
	*LeRay L. McFarland	

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates	Winnifred Gencarella Judith Davies Salvatore Caruso, Jr. *Ronald Wojcik	Nov. 17, 2015 Nov. 21, 2017 Nov. 19, 2019
Lyme Public Library Directors	Katherine Gibson	Nov. 17, 2015
	Holly Rubino	Nov. 17, 2015
	George J. Willauer	Nov. 17, 2015
	Susan Cole	Nov. 21, 2017
	Lorna McLaughlin	Nov. 21, 2017
	Jack Sulger	Nov. 21, 2017
Lyme Members of Regional District #18, Board of Education	James Benn	Nov. 19, 2019
	Judith F. Lightfoot, <i>Chairperson</i> Eugene (Chuck) A. Lynch	Nov. 19, 2019 Nov. 19, 2019
Lyme Members of Regional District #18, Board of Education	James Patrick Witkins	Dec. 1, 2015
	Beth A. Jones	Dec. 1, 2017
Registrar of Voters	Dianne F. Ahlberg	Jan. 4, 2017
	Kathleen Gigliotti	Jan. 4, 2017
State Representative 23rd District	Devin Carney	Jan. 4, 2017
State Senator 33rd District	Art Linares	Jan. 4, 2017
Appointed Board of Assessors	Madeleine H. Mattson	Nov. 17, 2015
	Debra A. Yeomans	Nov. 21, 2017
	Frederick Platt III, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 19, 2019
Constables	James C. Beers	Nov. 17, 2015
	Frederick Bliven	Nov. 17, 2015
	Ronald Wojcik	Nov. 17, 2015
Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission	Paul Armond, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 10, 2015
	Patrick Crowley	Nov. 10, 2015
	Priscilla Hammond	Nov. 10, 2015
	Beverly Crowther	Nov. 8, 2016
	Ben Kegley	Nov. 8, 2016
	Roger Dill	Nov. 14, 2017
	Thomas Reynolds	Nov. 14, 2017
	Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission Alternates	Susan Hessel
Steven Kurlansky		Nov. 14, 2017

Cemetery Commission	Diana Boehning	April 15, 2016
	Thomas Davies	April 15, 2016
	Christine Plikus	April 15, 2016
	Gordon M. Krusen, <i>Chairperson</i>	April 15, 2017
	Tina Kozlowski	April 15, 2017
	Bruce Stark	April 15, 2017
	Ann Evans	April 15, 2018
	Kim Kanabis	April 15, 2018
	Marilyn Warren	April 15, 2018
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	Francis Roche	Nov. 30, 2015
	Roger Mayotte	Nov. 30, 2016
	vacancy	Nov. 30, 2017
	vacancy	Nov. 30, 2018
	vacancy	Nov. 30, 2019
	*Lee Duran	
Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission	E. Russell Learned, <i>Chairperson</i>	Jan. 23, 2016
	Lisa Holmes	Jan. 23, 2017
	Christian Peltenburg-Brechneff	Jan. 23, 2018
	Susan Tyler	Jan. 23, 2019
	Harry (Skip) Broom, Jr.	Jan. 23, 2020
Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission Alternates	Iain R. Horwath	Jan. 23, 2018
	Thomas Richardson	Jan. 23, 2018
	vacancy	Jan. 23, 2018
	vacancy	Jan. 23, 2018
	vacancy	Jan. 23, 2018
Rogers Lake Authority	Michael Sicord	June 1, 2016
	Dennis Overfield	June 1, 2017
	Tom Mondelci	June 1, 2018
Recreation Commission	Trudy Burgess	Jan. 15, 2016
	Heidi Meyer	Jan. 15, 2016
	Carmela Monte	Jan. 15, 2016
	Jason Thornton, <i>Chairperson</i>	Jan. 15, 2016
	vacancy	Jan. 15, 2016
	vacancy	Jan. 15, 2016
	vacancy	Jan. 15, 2016

Estuary Transit District	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	Feb. 1, 2016
Affordable Housing Committee	Mac Godley	
	Isabel Roberge	
	Phyllis Ross	
	Tina West, <i>Chairperson</i>	
Tree Warden	Lars D. Anderson	June 30, 2017
Burning Officer	Gary Weed	
Emergency Management Director	Lee Watkins	
Emergency Management Deputy Directors	John Evans	
	Will Firgelewski	
	*Tom Brown	
Cable Advisory Council	Brian Bowes	
CT Gateway Commission	vacancy	June 30, 2016
	J. Melvin Woody, <i>Alt.</i>	June 30, 2016
	*Lisa Niccolai	
Senior Center Board of Directors	Diana Seckla	June 30, 2016
	Gary Weed	June 30, 2016
	Ruth Young	June 30, 2016
Lower CT River Valley Regional Planning Commisison	vacancy	May 1, 2017
	vacancy, <i>Alt.</i>	May 1, 2017
	*Phyllis Ross	
	*David Tiffany	
Municipal Historian	Carolyn Bacdayan	
Public Health Nurse	Interim Healthcare	
Veterans' Service Contact Person	David Lahm	
Water Pollution Control Authority	J. Melvin Woody	June 30, 2016
	David Cook	June 30, 2017
	J. Carter Courtney	June 30, 2018
Lyme Volunteer Fire Company Chief	James Leatherbee III	
	*Tom Brown	
Town Marine Officer	Robert F. Roach	
Trustee, Fire Co. Incentive Program	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	
	Matthew Sharp	

Municipal Agent for the Elderly	Kathy Tisdale	
Director of Health	Dana Cavicke., M.D.	Oct. 27, 2018
Dog Warden	Donald Griffith	
Eastern Regional Tourism District Board of Directors	Stephen Gencarella	Aug. 31, 2017
Mental Health Catchment Area Council	Linda Camarra	Apr. 30, 2017
Open Space Committee	Barbara David	June 1, 2016
	Steven E. Mattson	June 1, 2016
	Lisa Niccolai	June 1, 2016
	vacancy	June 1, 2016
	Paul Armond	June 1, 2017
	Anthony Irving	June 1, 2017
	Parker Lord	June 1, 2017
	Lucius Stark	June 1, 2017
Eight Mile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee	Anthony Irving Parker Lord	
Eight Mile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee Alternate	Erik Block	
Pension Advisory Committee	Tom Childs	May 4, 2016
	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	May 4, 2016
	John Friday	May 4, 2016
	Steven E. Mattson	May 4, 2016
	Matthew Sharp	May 4, 2016
Justices of the Peace	David Michael Adams, Jr.	Jan. 7, 2017
	Charlotte Beers	Jan. 7, 2017
	Emily Bjornberg	Jan. 7, 2017
	Daniel A. Hagan	Jan. 7, 2017
	Fred William Harger	Jan. 2, 2017
	Patricia A. Harris	Jan. 2, 2017
	Jack F. Sulger, Jr.	Jan. 7, 2017
	Anthony J. Sullivan	Jan. 7, 2017
	Eleanor B. Sutton	Jan. 7, 2017
	vacancy	
	vacancy	
Fire Marshal	David Roberge	
Welfare Director	Kathy Tisdale	
Open Space Coordinator	Wendy Hill	

Harbor Master	L. Thomas Reynolds
Town Campus Center Building Committee	*Robert Godley *Dan Hagan, <i>Chairman</i> *Richard Lightfoot *Eugene Lynch *Steven Mattson *Allen Petri *David Tiffany *Janis Witkins
	Democratic Town Committee
Dianne Ahlberg	John Kiker
Paul Armond	Mary Ann Kistner, <i>Secretary</i>
Carolyn Bacdayan	Jarrod Leonardo, <i>Treasurer</i>
Emily Bjornberg	Louise Lynch
Mary Ellen Caruso	Madeleine Mattson
Susan Cole	Steven E. Mattson, <i>Chairman</i>
Stephen Gencarella	LeRay McFarland
Winnifred Gencarella	Phyllis Ross
Fred W. Harger, <i>Vice Chairman</i>	Claire Sauer
Sue Hessel	Ronald Wojcik
	Republican Town Committee
Rowland Ballek, <i>Chairman</i>	David Lahm
Thomas Boyd	Isabel S. Roberge
Judith Davies	David J. Tiffany, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	John J. Tiffany, II
Donald C. Gerber	Linda A. Winzer, <i>Secretary</i>
Priscilla Hammond	James Witkins
Jonathan Jewett, <i>Treasurer</i>	Debra Yeomans
William T. Koch	

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

Summary of Expenditures
7/1/14 – 6/30/15

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
EXPENSES			
General Government			
Selectmen's Office	70,606.00	68,833.43	1,772.57
Town Clerk	50,975.00	49,902.94	1,072.06
Board of Finance	3,800.00	3,750.00	50.00
Tax Collector	43,312.00	38,757.52	4,554.48
Assessor's Office	55,561.00	47,721.02	7,839.98
Revaluation	15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
Town Treasurer	9,275.00	10,047.44	(772.44)
Election Expenses	21,689.00	12,330.89	9,358.11
Board of Tax Review	250.00	127.60	122.40
Planning & Zoning Commission	10,000.00	9,265.48	734.52
Zoning Board of Appeals	5,000.00	2,910.23	2,089.77
Zoning Officer	33,714.00	36,356.40	(2,642.40)
Harbor Maintenance	4,000.00	3,566.24	433.76
Conservation Commission	11,000.00	2,646.81	8,353.19
Pollution Control	1,457.00	1,456.25	0.75
Probate Court	1,500.00	1,330.00	170.00
Auditor's Expense	26,200.00	25,400.00	800.00
Town Counsel	12,500.00	2,625.00	9,875.00
Town Report	7,000.00	6,141.48	858.52
General Insurance	80,000.00	81,789.90	(1,789.90)
Workmen's Comp	26,599.00	22,012.00	4,587.00
Health Insurance	151,072.00	150,372.26	699.74
Employer Medicare and FICA	48,211.00	52,047.89	(3,836.89)
Retirement	45,062.00	44,828.11	233.89
Town Hall Expense	45,555.00	43,844.74	1,710.26
Heat & Fuel	56,000.00	59,243.03	(3,243.03)
Affordable Housing	500.00	0.00	500.00
Welfare Director/Elderly	7,606.00	8,239.53	(633.53)
Transportation District	2,648.00	2,648.00	0.00
Hadlyme Historic District	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Public Safety			
Fire Marshal	5,873.00	5,170.36	702.64
Fire Company	54,564.00	65,351.22	(10,787.22)
VSECI	41,428.00	41,428.00	0.00
Complex Maintenance	17,400.00	14,292.07	3,107.93
Public Safety Utilities	22,000.00	15,886.41	6,113.59
Police	20,000.00	11,106.60	8,893.40
Emergency Management	8,000.00	12,696.08	(4,696.08)
Building Inspector	22,967.00	22,546.69	420.31

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Hazardous Waste	11,845.00	10,530.46	1,314.54
Public Safety Pension	82,158.00	77,905.32	4,252.68
Highways			
Superintendent	62,997.00	69,297.13	(6,300.13)
Town Crew	133,506.00	146,373.22	(12,867.22)
Town Crew Benefits	21,971.00	34,971.05	(13,000.05)
Town Aid Roads Maintenance	411,554.00	364,873.38	46,680.62
General Maintenance	40,000.00	45,123.24	(5,123.24)
Snow and Ice Removal	50,000.00	69,873.93	(19,873.93)
Street Lighting	3,000.00	2,467.63	532.37
Street Signs	4,000.00	340.00	3,660.00
Garage Expense	1,000.00	672.80	327.20
Superintendent Expense	4,250.00	4,250.00	0.00
Tree Warden Expense	1,200.00	1,200.00	0.00
Sanitation			
Landfill Costs	64,275.00	57,800.97	6,474.03
Tipping Fees	54,560.00	46,560.76	7,999.24
Sanitarian	25,196.00	27,295.58	(2,099.58)
Recycling	26,993.00	29,047.36	(2,054.36)
Conservation of Health			
Health Officer	750.00	750.00	0.00
Visiting Nurses	4,500.00	2,543.88	1,956.12
Vital Statistics	75.00	0.00	75.00
Welfare			
TVCCA	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Women's Center	500.00	500.00	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	142,496.00	145,297.95	(2,801.95)
Recreation			
Hartman Park	3,750.00	415.99	3,334.01
Park Maintenance	11,316.00	11,165.00	151.00
Recreation Commission	18,850.00	9,201.16	9,648.84
Rogers Lake Commission	54,700.00	50,705.13	3,994.87
Town Woods Property	33,789.00	34,022.51	(233.51)
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous	4,000.00	3,287.79	712.21
Council of Small Towns	725.00	725.00	0.00
Soil Conservation	1,421.00	1,421.00	0.00

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Data Processing	35,000.00	35,173.38	(173.38)
Contingent Account	4,000.00	3,032.42	967.58
8 Mile River Cemetery	6,970.00	4,847.66	2,122.34
Lyme Cemeteries	5,400.00	2,573.41	2,826.59
Dog Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
CRERPA	4,811.00	4,810.50	0.50
CRERPA Seniors	9,950.00	9,950.00	0.00
Lyme Youth Services	24,000.00	25,507.76	(1,507.76)
Elderly Housing	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Literacy Volunteers	500.00	500.00	0.00
CCM	1,339.00	1,339.00	0.00
Lymes' Senior Center	21,506.00	19,826.81	1,679.19
Open Space Reserve Fund	75,000.00	75,000.00	0.00
Secter	843.00	842.10	0.90
Education			
Education	6,556,450.00	6,556,450.00	0.00
General Obligation Bonds			
Interest	118,369.00	118,368.06	0.94
Principal	350,000.00	350,000.00	0.00
	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
CAPITAL EXPENSES			
Public Safety			
Fire Truck Lease	20,000.00	12,646.48	7,353.52
Fire Company Equipment	26,520.00	27,501.98	(981.98)
Sanitation			
Site Improvement	37,563.00	37,536.00	27.00
Highways			
Highway Equipment	3,000.00	590.10	2,409.90
Town Truck	21,225.00	24,043.33	(2,818.33)
Miscellaneous			
Town Hall Improvements	1,921,555.72	1,817,164.09	104,391.63
Local Capital Improvement	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00
Vital Records Restoral	5,000.00	5,171.58	(171.58)
Emergency Management	13,000.00	11,241.19	1,758.81
Lymes' Senior Center	8,638.00	7,923.17	714.83
TOTAL EXPENSE	11,771,956.72	11,563,944.88	208,011.8

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 non-profit agencies, 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 its 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 Tuesday 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 in the following areas:

- Early childhood
- Parent education
- After school programming
- Counseling
- Juvenile Justice
- Social service referrals
- Community service
- Prevention
- Summer programming
- Holiday Giving

LYSB Board of Directors

Cyndi Miller Aird	Dini Mallory
Michael Boardman	Tracy McGlinchey, <i>Secretary</i>
Christopher Buckley, <i>Chairman</i>	Michele Mergy, <i>Vice Chairman</i>
Trudy Burgess	Ritz Nichele
Candace Engdall	Leslie O'Connor
Liz Frankel	Vivian Senft
Katie Gingras	Mackenzie Swaney, <i>Youth Member</i>
Susie Kelly	Suzanne Thompson
Ford Klier, <i>Youth Member</i>	Wendy Visgilio
Christopher Macadam, <i>Treasurer</i>	

LYSB Staff

Mary V. Seidner, *Director*
Arleen C. Sharp, *Parent Resource Supervisor*
Missy C. Garvin, *Youth Programs Coordinator*
Lisa Buckley, *Administrative Assistant*
Natasha Kennedy, *LCSW, Youth and Family Counselor Consultant*
Karen Fischer, *Prevention Coordinator*



Affordable Housing

2016 marks the 10th anniversary of the Men of Lyme calendar, which raised \$30,000 for affordable housing in Lyme - is anyone interested in a repeat? Some of you guys still look pretty good and there must be a few more men who'd volunteer?

Both the Town program and the Lyme Compact had quiet years. All the houses are occupied and we have not heard of families who are looking for affordable houses since local house prices are still close to the \$175,000- \$200,000 range that our houses would need to sell for.

We would be happy to answer questions about both programs.

Board of Finance

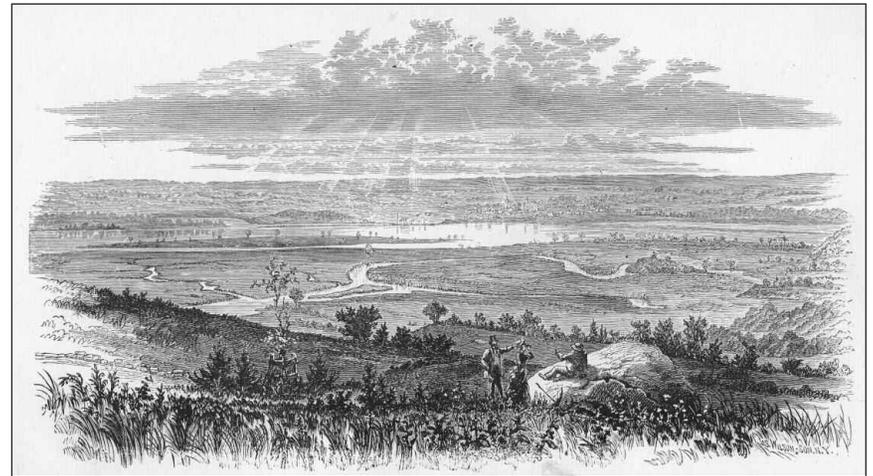
Thanks to the good work by the Selectmen in managing the town finances, the year ended June 30, 2015 about \$300,000 below budget, which allowed a portion of that surplus to be applied towards the fiscal year 2016. Still the mil rate had to be increased by 2.9%; however, although comparison of mil rates with other towns is not entirely fair because of differing assessment years, it is significant that only 11 of the 169 Connecticut have a lower mill rate than Lyme.

The next several years will provide a challenge for the Board as a significant number of capital expenditures, such as the Town dump closure, must be addressed. I am confident, however, that somehow the Board and the Selectmen will find a reasonable path to work the way through this higher than usual level of needed capital expenses.

With some sadness, I must report that after 13 years service on this Board I have decided not to seek re-election in November. It is time for younger members to take over. Fortunately, the Board has many excellent members. I am confident that the Board will continue to keep the expenses as low as possible yet allow for the Town to continue to provide the best service possible.

In order to reduce the cost of printing the entire audit and to make this annual report more readable, a shortened report is provided. If you would like a complete report, you may obtain one from the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted
Thomas Boyd, *Chairman*



This view depicts some of the land and resources in the new town of Lyme that early settlers were interested in acquiring – rivers, coves, marshes and meadows. The hill would have had virgin forest as well. Over time, names have changed: Six Mile Island became Goose Island; the Great Meadow came to be known as Ely Meadows, and Prospect Hill would be the Lord Hill area. Illustration from *The Ely Ancestry*, Calumet Press, 1902.

**Summary Of The Budget
For The Year Ending June 30, 2016**

DESCRIPTION	Actual 2013-2014	Adopted 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
FUND BALANCE SUMMARY			
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$1,135,527	\$2,193,376	\$822,186
CURRENT YEAR SURPLUS ESTIMATE			\$300,000
REVISED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE			\$1,122,186
REVENUES			
General Property tax	8,547,287	8,581,725	9,021,446
All Other Revenues	5,383,518	1,058,291	808,530
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>13,930,805</u>	<u>9,640,016</u>	<u>9,829,976</u>
TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING	<u>15,066,332</u>	<u>11,833,392</u>	<u>10,952,162</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Operating Expense	8,599,254	9,361,845	9,470,230
Capital Expense	4,273,702	1,649,361	615,662
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>12,872,956</u>	<u>11,011,206</u>	<u>10,085,892</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE	<u>\$2,193,376</u>	<u>\$822,186</u>	<u>\$866,270</u>

Budget For The Year Ending June 30, 2015

INCOME DETAIL	Actual 2013-2014	Adopted 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
General Property Taxes	\$8,481,692	\$8,557,225	\$8,996,946
Tax Refund and Rebate	-2,756	-3,500	-3,500
Interest & Lien Fees	68,351	28,000	28,000
TAXES, INTEREST, & LIEN FEES	<u>\$8,547,287</u>	<u>\$8,581,725</u>	<u>\$9,021,446</u>
LICENSES & PERMITS			
Mooring Permits	\$2,965	\$2,000	\$2,200
Building Permits	123,668	35,000	40,000
Conveyance Tax	45,750	38,000	45,000
Other Licenses & Permits	7,320	4,000	4,500
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS	<u>\$179,703</u>	<u>\$79,000</u>	<u>\$91,700</u>
ZBA Fees	\$2,000	\$750	\$1,000
P&Z Fees	2,240	750	750
Waste Disposal Fees	2,562	2,500	2,500
Town Clerk Fees	20,354	20,000	20,000
Refunds & Rebates	25,773	2,000	2,000
Visiting Nurse Receipts	260	300	300
Miscellaneous	4,371	5,000	5,000
Affordable Housing	3,640	3,250	3,500
Hadlyme Historic District	60	0	0
Park & Rec Fees	4,340	4,000	4,000
TOTAL FINES, FEES & CHARGES	<u>\$65,600</u>	<u>\$38,550</u>	<u>\$39,050</u>

	Actual 2013-2014	Adopted 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
Supplemental Municipal Aid	\$6,940	\$5,742	\$8,442
Town Aid Roads	180,231	180,231	180,143
Education Equal. Grant	145,556	145,556	145,446
PILOT State Prop/C&H	15,645	13,778	16,549
Emergency Management	33,848	13,000	15,000
Tax Relief-Homeowners	22,015	20,000	20,000
Tax Relief-Veterans	335	330	330
Miscellaneous Grants	16,819	5,000	5,000
Local Cap. Improv. Prog.	25,854	25,854	25,763
STEAP	500,000	0	0
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV.	<u>\$947,243</u>	<u>\$409,491</u>	<u>\$416,673</u>
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
Eight Mile Cemetery	12,300	6,000	0
Interest on Investments	9,117	7,500	7,500
TOTAL REVENUE FROM TOWN MONEY	<u>\$13,174</u>	<u>\$19,800</u>	<u>\$13,500</u>
Tel. Access Grant	\$9,189	\$9,000	\$9,000
Cap Non-Recurr. Fund	50,000	0	50,000
Hartman Park Fund	3,750	3,750	3,750
Town Hall/Library	606,616	505,000	103,800
Bond Proceeds	3,500,000	0	0
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	<u>\$4,169,555</u>	<u>\$517,750</u>	<u>\$166,550</u>
LPL Foundation support	0	0	40,000
Library Trust Fund Use	0	0	7,000
Trust fundraising events	0	0	18,000
Fundraising & gifts	0	0	6,100
State funding & grants	0	0	3,482
Fines, fees, & misc.	0	0	2,475
TOTAL LIBRARY REVENUES	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>77,057</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>\$13,930,805</u>	<u>\$9,640,016</u>	<u>\$9,829,976</u>
EXPENSE DETAIL			
Selectman's Office	\$63,646	\$70,606	\$70,418
Town Clerk's Office	47,339	50,975	54,228
Board of Finance	3,750	3,800	3,800
Tax Collector's Office	41,739	43,312	44,203
Assessor's Office	46,003	55,561	57,681
Revaluation	600	15,000	15,000
Town Treasurer	9,069	9,275	9,486
Election Expenses	8,919	21,689	14,007
Board of Assessment Appeals	0	250	250
Planning & Zoning Comm.	6,051	10,000	10,000
Zoning Board of Appeals	4,963	5,000	5,000
Zoning Office	32,940	33,714	34,507
Harbor Maintenance	2,500	4,000	4,000
Conservation Commission	5,674	11,000	11,000
Pollution Control	1,456	1,457	1,457
Probate Court	1,330	1,500	1,500
Auditor's Expense	25,400	26,200	27,300

	Actual 2013-2014	Adopted 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
Town Counsel	10,048	12,500	12,500
Town Report	6,070	7,000	7,000
General Insurance	77,468	80,000	82,078
Workmen's Comp.	22,012	26,599	26,599
Health Insurance	157,757	151,072	156,940
FICA	47,955	48,211	50,114
Retirement	46,673	45,062	43,173
Town Hall Expense	31,153	45,555	61,370
Heat & Fuel	76,949	56,000	41,751
Affordable Housing	0	500	500
Elderly	7,420	7,606	7,796
Transportation Dist.	2,522	2,648	2,847
Hadlyme Hist. Dist.	<u>0</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>500</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOV'T	<u>\$786,406</u>	<u>\$847,092</u>	<u>\$857,005</u>
Fire Marshal	\$4,913	\$5,873	\$5,985
Fire Company	50,991	54,564	55,000
VSECI	39,291	41,428	43,637
Complex Maintenance	16,992	17,400	24,100
Public Safety Utilities	20,003	22,000	22,000
Police	9,989	20,000	20,000
Emergency Management	7,106	8,000	22,000
Building Inspector	22,107	22,967	23,466
Hazardous Waste	7,432	11,845	11,993
Public Safety Pension	<u>77,882</u>	<u>82,158</u>	<u>92,181</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>\$256,706</u>	<u>\$286,235</u>	<u>\$320,362</u>
Superintendent	\$63,659	\$62,997	\$64,572
Town Crew	136,735	133,506	135,887
Town Crew Benefits	21,354	21,971	23,279
Town Aid Roads Maint.	234,719	312,644	311,844
General Maintenance	44,125	40,000	49,000
Snow & Ice Removal	64,070	50,000	60,000
Street Lighting	3,095	3,000	3,250
Street Signs	2,569	4,000	3,500
Garage Expense	464	1,000	1,000
Superintendent Expense	4,250	4,250	4,250
Tree Warden Expense	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,465</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	<u>\$576,240</u>	<u>\$634,568</u>	<u>\$658,047</u>
Landfill Costs	\$57,896	\$64,275	\$63,500
Tipping Fees	46,334	54,560	55,440
Sanitarian	24,603	25,196	25,826
Recycling	<u>27,952</u>	<u>26,993</u>	<u>28,653</u>
TOTAL SANITATION	<u>\$156,785</u>	<u>\$171,024</u>	<u>\$173,419</u>

	Actual 2013-2014	Adopted 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
Health Officer	\$750	\$750	\$750
Visiting Nurses	3,761	4,500	4,500
Vital Statistics	<u>28</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>
TOTAL CONSERVATION OF HEALTH	<u>\$4,539</u>	<u>\$5,325</u>	<u>\$5,325</u>
Women's Center	\$500	\$500	\$500
T.V.C.C.A.	1,000	1,000	1,000
Soup Kitchen	00	500	500
Family Service	3,500	3,500	3,675
Reg. Mental Health	<u>116</u>	<u>116</u>	<u>116</u>
TOTAL WELFARE	<u>\$5,116</u>	<u>\$5,616</u>	<u>\$5,791</u>
Books & magazines	0	0	9,497
Supplies	0	0	3,900
Computer/IT expense	0	0	4,470
Licenses & Databases	0	0	4,278
Utilities & telecommunication	0	0	24,946
Building maintenance & refuse	0	0	16,982
Audio-Visual	0	0	3,300
Program	0	0	2,375
Newsletter, postage & booksale	0	0	3,964
Dues, travel & misc	0	0	2,265
Trust fund spending	0	0	5,000
Benefits	0	0	25,300
Library staff	<u>142,249</u>	<u>142,496</u>	<u>112,891</u>
TOTAL LIBRARY	<u>142,249</u>	<u>142,496</u>	<u>229,168</u>
Hartman Park	791	3,750	2,000
Park Maintenance	10,762	11,316	11,898
Recreation Commission	19,074	18,850	18,000
Rogers Lake Commission	18,663	50,000	35,913
Town Woods Property	<u>31,349</u>	<u>33,789</u>	<u>35,060</u>
TOTAL RECREATION	<u>80,639</u>	<u>117,705</u>	<u>102,871</u>
Miscellaneous	470	4,000	4,000
Council of Sm. Towns	725	725	725
CT River Cons. Dist.	1,421	1,421	1,421
Contingent Account	3,398	4,000	4,000
Data Processing	28,591	35,000	31,840
8 Mile River Cemetery	5,140	6,970	6,900
Lyme Cemeteries	2,666	5,400	5,800
Dog Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000
CRERPA	4,812	4,811	5,505
CRERPA Seniors	9,750	9,950	10,447
Lyme Youth Services	23,500	24,000	24,500
Elderly Housing	1,500	1,500	1,500
Literacy Volunteers	800	500	500
CCM	1,339	1,339	1,339
L/OL Senior Center	17,649	21,506	24,381
Secter	<u>706</u>	<u>843</u>	<u>843</u>
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	<u>107,467</u>	<u>126,965</u>	<u>128,701</u>

	Actual 2013-2014	Adopted 2014-2015	Proposed 2015-2016
District #18 Expense	<u>6,483,107</u>	<u>6,556,450</u>	<u>6,559,697</u>
TOTAL EDUCATION	<u>6,483,107</u>	<u>6,556,450</u>	<u>6,559,697</u>
General Obligation Bonds Interest	0	118,369	79,844
General Obligation Bonds Principal	<u>0</u>	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
TOTAL REDEMPTION OF DEBT	<u>0</u>	<u>468,369</u>	<u>429,844</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	<u>8,599,254</u>	<u>9,361,845</u>	<u>9,470,230</u>
CAPITAL EXPENSE			
Office Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Fire Truck Lease	96,200	20,000	0
Fire Company Equipment	17,585	26,520	55,000
Hadlyme Firehouse	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>113,785</u>	<u>46,520</u>	<u>56,500</u>
Site Improvement	<u>60,446</u>	<u>37,563</u>	<u>43,932</u>
TOTAL SANITATION	<u>60,446</u>	<u>37,563</u>	<u>43,932</u>
Bridges	0	0	0
Highway Equipment	0	3,000	129,000
Firehouse-Garage	0	0	1,500
Town Trucks	<u>0</u>	<u>21,225</u>	<u>24,044</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	<u>0</u>	<u>24,225</u>	<u>154,544</u>
Town Hall Improvements	3,815,585	1,264,415	96,000
Local Capital Improvement	175,000	175,000	175,000
Vital Rec. Restoral	11,928	5,000	3,000
Emergency Management	20,562	13,000	15,000
L/OL Senior Center	1,546	8,638	7,936
Open Space	74,850	75,000	50,000
Library Trust Fund	0	0	13,000
Town Woods Development	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>750</u>
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	<u>4,099,471</u>	<u>1,541,053</u>	<u>360,686</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE	<u>4,273,702</u>	<u>1,649,361</u>	<u>615,662</u>
GENERAL BUDGET SUMMARY -			
TOTAL INCOME	<u>13,930,805</u>	<u>9,640,016</u>	<u>9,829,976</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	8,599,254	9,361,845	9,470,230
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE	<u>4,273,702</u>	<u>1,649,361</u>	<u>615,662</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	<u>12,872,956</u>	<u>11,011,206</u>	<u>10,085,892</u>
PLAN SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	1,057,849	-1,371,190	-255,916

Respectfully submitted by the Board of Finance, Town of Lyme
Thomas Boyd, Chairman; Judith Duran, Clerk The audited financial report
for the year ended June 30, 2014 is available at the Town Hall.

Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee

The Eightmile River Watershed Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee (ER-WSCC) continues to meet its charge of protecting the Outstanding Resource Values of the watershed. Identifying at least one Outstanding Resource Value is a requirement for federal recognition as a Wild & Scenic River. The Eightmile River Watershed has six ORVs. These include: a). natural watershed hydrology conditions, b). high water quality, c). regionally significant geology, d). presence of unique, including rare, species and healthy natural communities, e). a relatively undisturbed cultural landscape and finally, f). an overall intact watershed ecosystem.

Some of our highlights this year include:

Moulson Pond Fishway Video System: After all the problems last year with the newly installed video system at the Moulson Pond Fishway, we had smooth sailing this year. With the help of many very dedicated volunteers, we were able to get very accurate fish counts for the spring run. A total of 11,587 fish passed through the fishway. Of special note, was the passage of an adult Atlantic Salmon, which DEEP officials determined must have been at least 4 years old and the passage of 11,690 Blueback Herring, some of the highest recorded numbers in the state.

Road culvert mapping: ERWSSC applied for and received a grant from the Society of Women Environmental Professionals to hire two summer interns to complete road culvert mapping in the watershed. While dams are a key culprit in preventing fish and other wildlife passage, road culverts or pipes are another less known obstacle, but much more prevalent on the landscape. To effectively manage infrastructure, accurate data collection is an important step. All data is uploaded to a 13 state database that will allow both local and regional managers to evaluate need for replacement and in some cases response to large storm events.

Community Programs: This past summer, ERWSSC initiated a new community summer program at Devil's Hopyard State Park, "Programs in the Park". Three free family programs were presented on Saturdays in July on the topics of native wildlife, reptiles and stream bugs. Visitors got to experience native creatures and artifacts up close and learn about their unique adaptations.

Baseline Stream Water Quality: We completed a second year of summer stream monitoring with the help of two college interns. Summer is an extremely challenging time for fish, due to lower flows and higher temperatures. We measured water temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, total dissolved solids and salinity. Establishing baseline conditions allows us to compare changes over time and can alert us to potential problems.

Seining for Bridle Shiners: Bridle shiners are an important prey species that used to be abundant in Connecticut. Numbers have dwindled to the point of needing protection. In an effort to identify distinct populations this past summer we went seining in several local streams with DEEP fisheries biologists. We were able to locate two new populations of Bridle Shiners, one in Beaver Brook in Lyme and the other in Salem.

The Multi Town-Watershed Trail: Slow but steady has been our motto for the development of this multi town trail. As planned the trail will start at Darrow Pond in East Lyme, continue through to Salem, then Lyme then to East Haddam. About this time last year though, the trail plan ended at the Eightmile River at the location of a previous road crossing with a missing deck. ERWSCC was able to secure a \$10,000 grant from the National Park Service which combined with funds from the Town of East Haddam and East Haddam Land Trust will allow the decking to be restored and the trail to continue northward. The town of Colchester has joined the effort and filed for a design grant that would provide a key link as the plan continues northward. The trail will be named the Richard H. Goodwin Trail.

It seems the list could go on and on, but there is always more to do. ERWSCC appreciates all the support it receives from the Town of Lyme and Lyme Land Conservation Trust in continuing its efforts in protecting the outstanding resources of the Eightmile River.

Respectfully submitted,
Patricia Young, *Program Director*



Lyme Garden Club

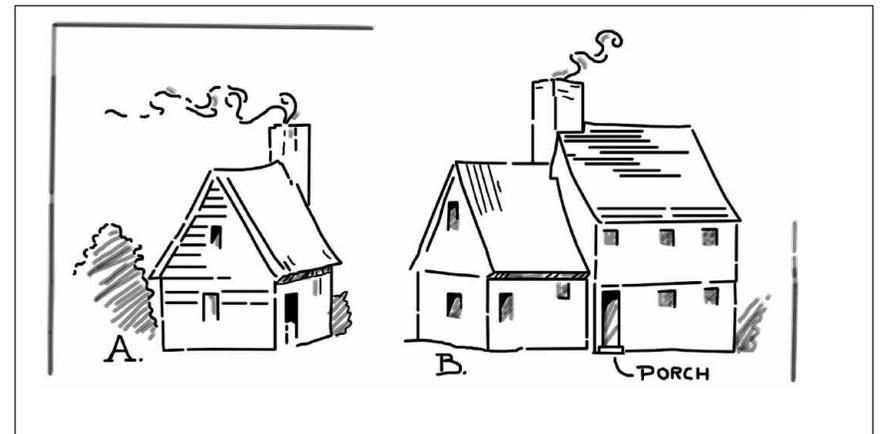
The Lyme Garden Club, a member of Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut and National Garden Clubs, Inc., was established in 1930 as a non-profit organization for educational and charitable purposes. The club mission is to unite its members in a personal quest in the cultivation of plants and to encourage and maintain the highest standard 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, Lymewood and the Lyme Fire Company. In 2013 the club undertook a massive project to develop and refine landscape plans for the renovated town hall and the new library. The landscaping was installed in 2014-2015 and is being closely monitored, weeded, watered and maintained. Herb gardens on either side of the new Lyme Library entrance were installed which acknowledges the original herb garden at the library designed by Betty Cleghorn. At the town hall, entry gardens were established and maintained, with varied plant interest throughout the seasons. In addition to spring and fall clean-ups at these sites, members volunteer to weed and water these areas on a weekly basis from May through October. A “green” was created between the town hall and library and a meadow is created at the library.

In addition, to the horticulture work, a group of members march in the July Fourth Cove Road Parade, decorate tables for the yearly Firemen’s Steak Dinner, create weekly floral display for the library desk and fashion evergreen swags to adorn town buildings and cemeteries at winter holiday time. Further, for the past four years, the Lyme Garden Club has supervised and judged the Flower Division of the Lyme Grange Hamburg Fair.

Fundraising efforts at Ashlawn Farm Market and Old Lyme MidSummer Festival offer garden-related items made by members, various flowering bulbs, and several birdseed combinations. The profits help fund not only civic beautification and our monthly programs, but also go to support state and local projects. This year Lyme Garden Club sent donations to the Federated Garden Clubs Garden Therapy Program, the Connecticut College Arboretum, and the CT Agriculture Experiment Station. In addition, more local contributions went to the Lyme Fire Company, Common Good Gardens, The Lyme Art Association, Harkness Memorial State Park, Lyme Veterans Group, and the McCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation/Brevellier Fund.

Monthly meetings, usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Lyme Fire Company Hamburg Station, offer programs on the environment, conservation, and horticulture and related topics. Anyone with an interest in gardening is invited to attend these programs and become part of the membership. For more information about the Lyme Garden Club, please contact Lori Caine at lori@caines.com or Marie Martin at rieriem44@gmail.com.



The earliest houses in 17th century Lyme, as in New England as a whole, were small with a single chimney at one end for heat and cooking. As larger houses were needed, the colonial center-chimney style evolved, with multiple fireplaces connected to the center chimney in the surrounding rooms. This style is an iconic marker of Lyme’s colonial heritage.

Lyme Parks and Recreation

Thanking all of the people who make park and rec possible is again at the top of the list for this year's annual report. Heidi Schumacher serves on our committee with continued dedication to our annual 4th of July parade along with her daughters Maddy and Olivia. We are hoping to add on a few more members as well. Parents of young kids in town would be a valuable addition. We would also like to thank Carmella Monte and the Town Grange for making this annual event possible. There are several others I would like to acknowledge for their services: Don Bugbee, Linda Winzer, District 18, Trudy and Todd Burgess, Ralph Eno, Jake Bocian, and all the parents who volunteer to coach and assist. Without all of you these programs would not be possible. In addition we would like to thank the Lyme library. It has become a wonderful location for us to host programs and we are looking forward to seeing what new programs we can bring to community there.

As the needs and interests of families change, we would love to hear some ideas of what families are looking for these days. With travel and club sports becoming more popular the sports programs are getting smaller, so we are looking to start some new programs that will better suit the community. They could be sports related or some new hobby kids might be interested in. Please email Kristen Thornton with any thoughts at kristenthornton@aol.com.

This year we held many successful programs like soccer, basketball, swimming, and art. The Old Lyme summer camp was a success again, giving the opportunity for the kids in both Lyme and Old Lyme to come together before they reach middle school. Summer swim lessons, yoga, soccer, and arts and crafts also had another successful year. Free Swim night at the East Lyme Aquatic Center continues to be a big hit, running the first and third Saturday's of every month From 5:00 – 7:00 pm, November through April. We are also looking into some exciting new daytrips this coming year and some community activities for families to enjoy together.

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). The address will provide a means of forwarding signup sheets, answering questions, and planning our programs in a more timely and efficient manner. Please like us on facebook to get updated information about activities and cancellations. Feel free to post ideas, photos from our activities, or any great information that might be of interest to our community. We are looking forward to the opportunities this service will provide. All new programs are also posted on the town website and District 18 community page for easy access. Thanks to all for being a part of another successful year with Lyme Park and Recreation.

Sincerely,
Jason Thornton

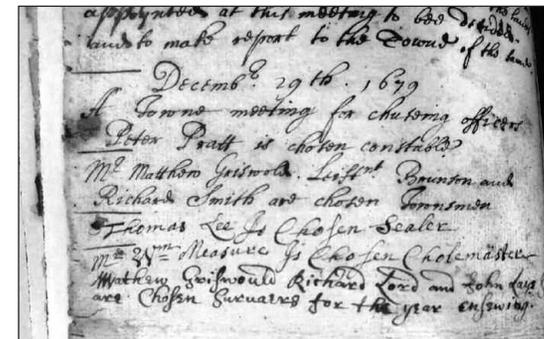
Lyme Planning & Zoning Commission

This year the Lyme Planning and Zoning Commission met nine out of the twelve regularly scheduled calendar months and generally had a slightly lighter schedule than normal. Numerous meetings were utilized to review the results of the questionnaire distributed to Lyme residents in preparation for the 2015 Lyme Plan of Development. The return rate for the questionnaire was 22% and the detailed results are available for review at the Lyme Town Hall.

Other actions taken include the ramping up of an unresolved enforcement action for illegal clearing of vegetation along the Outer Hamburg Cove Waterfront, the opening of a public hearing for a Special Permit application to conduct wine tastings and vineyard tours (the application was later withdrawn), the approval of a 70 acre subdivision which resulted in the creation of one additional lot, both resulting lots with pre-existing buildings already in place, the approval of a 12 acre subdivision creating one additional lot, also with pre-existing buildings on each resulting lot, approval of an application to remove Ed Bills Pond Dam along with the remedial stream restoration within the pond boundaries, and finally approval of a special permit to construct an accessory garage with an apartment within an RU-40 district.

The planning and Zoning Commission meets at 7:30 PM on the second Monday of each month in the new conference room at the Lyme Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
David J Tiffany, *Chairman*



Detail of Lyme Town Meeting Minutes, December 29, 1679

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Mr. Matthew Griswold, Leiftn Brunson and Richard Smith are chosen Townsmen [position similar to present selectmen]

—Thomas Lee Jr Chosen Sealer [to check the quality of leather or accuracy of scales]

—Mr. Wm Measure Chosen Cholemaster [schoolmaster]

*Matthew Griswold Richard Lord and John Laye Sr.
are chosen Survaers [land surveyors] for the year ensuing.*

Open Space Preservation, Management and Maintenance

The Open Space Committee is an appointed Town advisory board 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. 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 last Plan of Conservation and Development survey was conducted town-wide in 2014 and is pending approval by a public hearing in November 2015. The report can be viewed on the Town of Lyme website.

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.

In October 2014, the State of Connecticut granted the Town of Lyme and the Land conservation Trust \$351,000 towards the purchase price of property on Selden Road with CT River access via Selden Cove. The grant covered the maximum allowable amount of 60% of the purchase price. The rest of the purchase price was raised from the Town's Open Space Reserve Fund and from private donations. The Lyme Land Conservation Trust acted as the "purchaser" and the title passed to the Town shortly after closing. This property, which will be mowed annually to maintain the open meadow, includes 157 feet of waterfront access along Selden Cove on the Connecticut River. Brackish tidal wetlands and river marshland along the creek provides breeding, foraging, and resting habitat for migratory bird species, and is recognized as a "Wetlands of International Importance." The site will be developed in the near future to provide public parking and canoe/kayak access to the river.

The Town's Open Space Reserve Fund was established to provide for open space purchases. Its balance at the end of the fiscal year ending 2015 can be found in the Treasurer's Report. The Open Space Committee encourages annual budgeted contributions from the Town 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.

Members of the Committee this year, were: Barbara David, Lisa Niccolai, Steven Mattson, Paul Armond, Lucius Stark, Tony Irving and Parker Lord. Open Space Coordinator Wendolyn Hill and Eightmile River Steward of the Nature Conservancy, Liz Robinson, regularly attended meetings. When business required it, the committee met monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Town Hall.

OPEN SPACE COORDINATOR

Wendolyn Hill is the Town's Open Space Coordinator, who is responsible for ensuring that the town-owned preserves and open space are protected, maintained, and managed in close cooperation with the Town of Lyme Open Space Committee, the Lyme Land Conservation Trust (LLCT) and other conservation groups.

From July 2014 through June 2015 the Open Space Coordinator focused on managing and maintaining the town of Lyme's Open Space, including leading walks on the town-wide properties, documentation, keeping maps up-to-date and available, maintaining trails and signage, and managing invasive plant species. In addition, the Coordinator continued to administer the hunting program for both the Town of Lyme and LLCT.

Hunting Program

The Town of Lyme and the Lyme Land Conservation Trust have developed a systematic and consistent process for granting consent for hunting on selected Town and LLCT properties. The hunting program was fully subscribed for all the available properties and seasons. Hunters received consent to hunt deer with bow, rifle, or muzzleloader; and to hunt turkey and goose with bow or shotgun.

Open Space Management / Maintenance

Volunteers, who often participate in regular work parties, provided much needed support for the Open Space management and maintenance of Lyme's Open Space.

Czikowsky Hill Preserve

This 96-acre 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 held by the LLCT. Pedestrian access that does not result in noticeable human disturbance is allowed; hence the Preserve has no trails or parking area. The upper and lower field were mowed to maintain the meadow habitat for bluebirds and other wildlife, and to keep invasive plant species under control.

Hartman Park and the Philip E. Young Memorial Preserve

John and Kelly Bill Hartman donated the 302-acre Hartman Park, located on the east side of Gungy Road, to the town of Lyme in 1988. Ruth Young donated the 82-acre Philip E. Young Preserve in memory of her son Philip to the town of Lyme in June 2012. Keith Sikora is the volunteer steward for the Young Preserve.

A new updated map and brochure has been developed which encompasses the trails of the three contiguous properties Hartman Park, Walbridge Woods, and the Philip E. Young Preserve. The area of the three combined preserves have been named “The Corner Trails” because the properties are in the northeast corner of Lyme. Lyme Land Conservation Trust Environmental Director Lisa Niccolai created an updated map of the existing trail system using GPS technology. The trail system has been simplified and signage is planned to maintain consistency and to aid in navigating the trails. Wendolyn Hill updated the brochure based upon the original Town-wide brochure design created by Lisa Reneson.

Throughout the year, regular trail maintenance and work parties at Hartman Park were led by Wendolyn Hill. Significant historical sites in Hartman Park, such as Three Chimneys, charcoal kilns, and remnants of other foundations were cleaned up. Saplings and invasives were removed.

The field in the northern area of Hartman Park is mowed annually to maintain the meadow habitat for bluebirds and other wildlife, and to keep invasive plant species under control.

Parker Lord created a new trail through Hartman Park as part of the Richard P. Goodwin Trail system, which extends through East Haddam, Salem, Lyme and East Lyme.

Jewett Preserve

This 434-acre preserve was created in October 2004. This Preserve is owned and managed jointly by the Town and TNC under a Management Plan. 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. There is ongoing work to control invasives on the property.

Mt. Archer Woods/Eno Preserve

Mt. Archer Woods is a 275-acre Town-owned property. The Lyme Land Conservation Trust owns the abutting hundred-acre Chauncey Eno Preserve. The town and LLCT manage these properties jointly. Brantley Buerger is the volunteer steward of Mt Archer Woods. He contributes many hours to keeping the parking area clean, and keeping the trails maintained and cleared of downed trees.

Maps of the Corner Trails, Jewett, Mt Archer Woods, as well as other trails in Lyme are available at the town Hall and at www.lymelandtrust.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara David, *Open Space Committee*
Wendolyn B. Hill, *Open Space Coordinator*

Lyme Public Hall Association & Lyme Local History Archives

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 new Lyme Public Library is the Lyme Local History Archives, a safe climate-controlled repository for treasured historic paper materials donated by town residents. The Local History Archives continues to thrive under the capable stewardship of volunteer archivist and town historian Carolyn Bacdayan, and she responds to visits and inquiries from hundreds of people each year. The Archives are open Tuesdays 2 – 5 pm, Thursdays 10 am – 1 pm, or by appointment. For more information, to donate items or to volunteer, call Carolyn Bacdayan at 860 598-9760.

To recognize the 350th anniversary of the “Loving Parting” between the Saybrook and Lyme colonies in 1665, the programs for 2015 focused on early years of the town’s settlement. The July 4th exhibit featured copies of documents and historical information, including the town’s first families. It was a great hit with attendees. Descendants of these families were invited to come share their knowledge and have their photos taken to be included in the Archives. Other programs included the fifth and last in a series of presentations with Jim Beers in honor of the 150th anniversary of the start of the Civil War, a talk by Bruce Stark on local involvement in the War of 1812, and Dr. John Pfeiffer speaking on the lumbering industry in 17th century Lyme.

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 2015, the annual meeting featured William Hosley of Terra Firma Northeast, who discussed the important role of local communities and organizations in preserving historical and cultural assets. Other 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 860 526-8886 or visit our website at www.lymepublihall.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 2014-2015 were: Leslie Lewis (President), William Denow (Vice President), Bethany Clark (Secretary), Jerry Ehlen (Treasurer); Kathy Tisdale, George House, Lisa McCarthy, Barbara Carlson, Doris Rand., and Richard Jones.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lewis, *President*

The Hadlyme Cove Cemetery

According to tradition, this graveyard was first used for those people who were not acceptable for burial in the Congregational Church Cemetery. Some of these early burials were members of the Baptist Church then located on the “Old Norwich Stage Road”, [Banning Road]. Some of them also had a bit of Native American ancestry. Very quickly however, it became a local area non-denominational cemetery.

The first burial in this cemetery was in 1826 and it was then known as the graveyard at “Comstock’s Ferry”. The Comstock family ran the ferry for many years and had a shipyard adjacent to the ferry from 1807 to 1888. They also had a quarry in Whale Bone Cove and built small boats there too. Many members of the Comstock family were buried in the cemetery when it was opened to all.

In 1885, the Hadlyme Cove Cemetery Association was first formed, land other than the “old section” was purchased, plots laid out, and the cemetery was renamed “The Hadlyme Cove Cemetery”. In 1893 bylaws, rules, and regulations were formally adopted.

There are more than 500 burials in the cemetery, not all have grave markers. Over the years some common fieldstone markers were removed. There are almost 70 veterans, from the American Revolution to Viet Nam, and one who served in the Canadian Army.

Among the more notable people buried here are two of William Gillette’s Japanese associates. One died in 1924, little is known of him. The other, Yukitaca Osaki, died in 1942. He was a political refugee and lived in the little house under the hill just north of the ferry slip. Even though it was 1942, he was so well liked that the people of Hadlyme put up his gravestone. Buried here also are local artist Thomas W. Nason; and W. Langdon Kihn, who painted the western Indian tribes for National Geographic from the 1930’s to the early 1950’s.

Some notable women are Dr. Alice Hamilton, nationally known for her work in industrial medicine; and her sister Edith Hamilton, a nationally known educator. These two women were very active in the early twentieth century women’s suffrage movement. They were also the first women to be allowed to become members of the Hadlyme Cove Cemetery Association. This list of notables would not be complete without mentioning the writer Dominick Dunne, whose last residence was on “Dutch Point” at the opposite end of the causeway from the cemetery.

Mention must be made of the largest monument in the cemetery; it is that of General Elihu Geer, who lived in the old colonial house at the top of Geer Hill, which he acquired from his Selden in-laws. Although much of his family is buried around the monument, the General himself is actually buried in Hartford.

The oddest burial is perhaps that of Wesley Wickersham who was a British Government Civil Servant in India during World War II. When he died, an Indian who had served with him and thought very highly of him, Khidarnath Khanna, had had his ashes sent to the Wickershams and asked that they be buried with Wesley Wickersham. This caused the sexton of the cemetery, Les Geer, great displeasure.

Every gravestone has its story, but there is no room here to tell them all. There are no large plots left in the cemetery for burials, but there are a few cremation plots still available.

Jim Leatherbee, *President of the Hadlyme Cove Cemetery Association.*



Cable Advisory Council

Cable Advisory Council Scholarships Awarded

The Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council has awarded \$2,000 scholarships to local high school seniors: Olivia Angeli, Lyme-Old Lyme High School, and Austin Gometz, Hale-Ray High School. The students submitted essays on tourism in their towns as part of their application packages, and have given permission for their essays to be published.

The Council initiated its scholarship program in 2010, offering awards for graduating seniors from member towns planning to enter a communications program or a communications related field after high school graduation. In 2010, scholarship awards were presented to four Lyme-Old Lyme High School graduates: Sophie Bakoledis, Sarah Briscoe, Megan Devlin, and Sarah Schmidt.

In 2011, scholarships were awarded to three graduating seniors: Dane Paracuelles of Haddam-Killingworth High School, and Sophia G. Harvey and Elissa F. DeBruyn of Lyme-Old Lyme High School. Awardees in 2012 were Carli Smith and Daniel Koenigs of Lyme-Old Lyme High School. In 2013, Lyme High Old Lyme High School seniors Meghan Nosal, Blaise Berglund, and Lindsey Kneppshield received scholarships from the Advisory Council. There were no applicants in 2014.

The Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council meets quarterly and represents the towns of East Haddam, Haddam Neck, Hadlyme, Lyme, Old Lyme, and Salem. Scholarship materials are provided each fall to the Guidance Offices at the public high schools in the represented towns.

Lyme Cemetery Commission

While Lyme cemetery activity in the year of Fiscal 2015 proved less spectacular than that of Fiscal 2014, there were some noteworthy achievements:

The addition of the list of interred at Eight Mile River Cemetery completes the monumental Archives Excel spreadsheet of headstone information, providing an on-line list of every recorded gravesite in the Town of Lyme. The linkage of this material for access through the revised and updated pamphlet *Information for Visitors to Lyme Cemeteries* newly included in the official Town of Lyme website constitutes a one-stop long-range source of a huge amount of cemetery detail, history, customs, and regulation. It offers all those who inquire about a deceased relative “supposed to be buried in some cemetery in Lyme” the opportunity to confirm from afar not only whether such relative is indeed buried in one of the 27 cemeteries in the current Town of Lyme, but also—just as important—whether he/she is buried in one of the many additional cemeteries in portions of the adjacent towns of East Haddam, Salem, East Lyme, and Old Lyme, which prior to 1855 were included in the much larger area of the original Town of Lyme established in 1667.

Access routes: (a) for general information: townlyme.org → “Town Departments” → “Cemeteries of Lyme” → “link” → “Information for Visitors”.

(b) for direct access to Excel spreadsheets: lymepublichall.org → “Lyme Local Historical Archives” → “Headstones and Cemeteries” .

Once again kudos to Parker Lord, the cemetery “stewards”, and a host of volunteers for their restoration and rehab work in a number of the “Ancient Burial Grounds” (as the State has formally designated all cemeteries over one-hundred years old), especially their exemplary work in reconstructing broken headstones.

We welcome the addition of a new (27th) cemetery to the official role: the (private) Willauer/Woody Cemetery, laid out in a ten-acre enclosure on the Willauer property just south of Beaver Brook Road. There are currently no interments or memorials on this site.

The serious consequences of the blizzard January 23/24 2015 required the closing of Eight Mile River Cemetery (Lymes’s only active cemetery) to prevent damage to headstones and shrubbery from “blind” intrusion and attempted plowing, and to avoid liability exposure for injuries due to treacherous footing. This being the third closing in six years, following many years without need for such drastic action, perhaps the climatologists’ predictions of increased intensity of winter storms are beginning to be borne out...

Ongoing praise to Jim Beers, Tom Davies, Bruce Stark, and Jim Leatherbee for their continuing hard work placing and maintaining flags at Veterans’ graves throughout the town. The extra effort to adjust the holders to display the flags at uniform height has already drawn compliments. Henceforth, the flags will be removed in early winter each year. Among the new flag holders are those distinguishing Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War veterans.

In Fiscal 2015 at Eight Mile River Cemetery there were fourteen plots sold, and seven interments. The continuing price of a standard burial plot is \$600, cremains plot \$300 — well below the area norm. Copies of the Rules & Regulations are available at the kiosk in the cemetery, the Town Clerk’s Office, and the Library. Contact the Chairman at 860 434-1564 for further information.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Krusen, *Chairman*



Vital Statistics

DEATHS
JULY 2014 – JUNE 2015

Mildred Kelly Arnott	Born November 18, 1917 Died June 9, 2014
Andrew Gardner	Born October 10, 1961 Died July 29, 2014
Richard Wilkins	Born August 18, 1928 Died August 12, 2014
Yale Kneeland III	Born December 30, 1937 Died August 25, 2014
Lee Albert Duran	Born February 2, 1941 Died August 30, 2014
George Washington Patterson V	Born October 3, 1925 Died August 28, 2014
William Benjamin Paradis	Born October 25, 1927 Died September 28, 2014
Theodora Champion Cooksley	Born March 31, 1931 Died October 12, 2014
Emma Baltazzi Angier	Born December 7, 1932 Died October 14, 2014
Florence S. Dane	Born October 15, 1919 Died October 27, 2014

Walter Gustav Sjoquist	Born November 27, 1919 Died October 31, 2014
Pearl Louise Sjoquist	Born November 12, 1923 Died November 1, 2014
Denise Huntington Firgelewski	Born April 26, 1952 Died November 5, 2014
Cynthia Joan Fogle	Born September 2, 1958 Died November 6, 2014
Gretchen Lee Mann	Born March 27, 1947 Died January 22, 2015
Craig Lee Hanson	Born August 14, 1959 Died February 12, 2015
Genevieve Helen Powaleny	Born June 1, 1924 Died February 19, 2015
Anthony Campbell Thurston	Born March 22, 1937 Died February 20, 2015
Conrad R. Brault	Born August 27, 1929 Died February 23, 2015
John M. Mazako, Jr.	Born September 14, 1980 Died March 22, 2015
Margaret Victoria Skwarek	Born May 4, 1922 Died March 29, 2015
Frank John Skwarek	Born July 16, 1918 Died April 1, 2015
Gladys Bellucci Roberts	Born December 6, 1919 Died April 3, 2015
Doris White	Born March 6, 1921 Died May 20, 2015
Jenny Wood-Muller	Born February 16, 1928 Died June 3, 2015
Roy E. Bonjour	Born January 14, 1934 Died June 16, 2015
Emil Sigmund "Max" Ewankow	Born September 5, 1926 Died June 27, 2015

MARRIAGES
JULY 2014 – JUNE 2015

William John Hurtle to Jennifer Whitney Tiffany	June 21, 2014
Jacob Allen Wells to Shaina Elise Kus	July 14, 2014
William Seth Adams to Nicole Samantha Gluck	July 26, 2014
Ronald Warrren Gebler to Lourdes Tamondong Miguel	July 31, 2014
Craig Eugene Scheel to Amy Rita Salvatore	August 1, 2014
Ronald Frederick Milardo to Stacey Lynette Doyle	August 7, 2014
David A. Irwin to Susanne Schreiber	August 9, 2014
Juan Felix Perez to Celeni Rivas	August 9, 2014
Jonathan Roger Dionne to Marlem Cardoso-Lopez	August 16, 2014
David Paul Russo to Kaillie Alice Plyler	August 16, 2014
Sarah E. Brister to Carly A. Manley	August 21, 2014
Catherine Jeanne Spencer to Mary Caldwell Schroeder	August 21, 2014
Christopher James Bement to Laura Emily Vono	August 23, 2014
Christopher Richard Anderson to Laura Jean Naber	September 6, 2014
Christopher Anthony Ezzo, Jr. to Angela Dolores LaGrange	September 13, 2014
Jeffrey Robert Standish to Erin Nicole Reemsnyder	September 13, 2014
Katherine Regina Lears to Toni-Jean Phillips	September 20, 2014
Gabriel Leandro Benitez Meiss to Meia Rae Pheonix	September 20, 2014
Joseph Michael O'Brien to Felicia Marie Cote	September 20, 2014
Steven Pat Belanger to Samantha Erin Spencer	September 27, 2014
Charles Morris Beal to Laura Jean Coon	September 27, 2014
E. Hunter Ward, Jr. to Christina Maria Deloureiro Amaral	October 4, 2014
Alex C. Sparkman to Ashley M. Thomas	October 10, 2014
Benjamin Murray Cooley to Alexandra Tabitha Lieberman	October 25, 2014
John Allen Christenson to Sonya Alexis Berry	November 14, 2014
Daniel Earl Canova to Christopher James McAllister	December 13, 2014
Michael S. Reale to Beverly A. Reale	March 22, 2015
Raymond Andrew Nelson Witt to Dawn Michelle Allaire	April 4, 2015
Iain Richard Horwath to Johrdyn Chrystine Eckard	April 25, 2015
Donald Wayne Martin to Nicole Marie Scacciaferro	May 9, 2015
Miles Douglas McDonald to Katelyn Elizabeth Vaughan	May 20, 2015
Jeffrey Jon Albert to Denise Evelyn Rand	June 13, 2015
Michael Garrett Hilsman to Laura Susan Flaig	June 27, 2015
Joseph Alan Adcock, Jr. to Kyle Genevieve Fitch	June 27, 2015
Terrance M. Kenney to Wannu Olsen	June 27, 2015

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*



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 a newly revised application for a Certificate of Appropriateness. This is now available on the Town's website. It will no longer be necessary to submit five copies, as the application will now be electronically available to the Commissioners, and there is no longer a fee to apply.

There was one application during this reporting period, which was unanimously approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Holmes
Clerk, and local CLG contact

Lyme Ambulance Association, Inc.

Lyme Ambulance Association (LAA) serves Lyme as an independent, self-supporting, non-profit organization, distinct from the Lyme Fire Company and Lyme town government. Our mission is to assist in sustaining and improving the overall wellness of Lyme residents. We carry out our mission primarily through our ambulance services, and also by disseminating information designed to reduce the call for emergency services. Our two ambulances and a crew of state-certified responders are on call 24/7. We depend on support from Lyme households to cover our yearly operating expenses—for ambulance maintenance, insurance, supplies, crew equipment and training. Thanks to your donations, and the commitment of trained volunteers, we continue to provide “no fee” ambulance transport in town and are looking forward to celebrating our 40th anniversary in 2016.

Over the past year, we answered 183 emergency calls, provided rehab to firefighters on fire scenes, and responded to 10 mutual aid calls for East Haddam. If someone in your household needs special assistance in case of an emergency, please register that information with the town hall, by completing the form found at the back of this booklet.

This year our Board committees continued to evolve in scope and activity. Volunteer information, upcoming events and health information can be viewed on our recently rebuilt web site: www.lymeambulance.org. Over the past year we've conducted training classes and information seminars and were on hand to serve at community events. In August our crews staffed the First Aid booth at the Hamburg Fair & offered free glucose testing and blood pressure screenings. We provided medical support for the Lyme Land Trust's “Tour de Lyme” bicycle rally as well as for a Hunters' Pace event at Lord Creek Farm.

One important improvement has been the increase in the number of times the popular class, “CPR for Friends and Family” has been offered. While our volunteers are well trained and dedicated, they still require time to get to a call and the importance of immediate action can't be stressed enough in the event of a cardiac arrest. The knowledge of CPR can literally make the difference between life and death when witnessing a cardiac arrest. We will continue to offer these classes and we encourage everyone to take advantage of this life saving technique.

Every year we recognize the crew members who have made the greatest number of ambulance runs. These tend to be personnel who are available during the day (when 70% of our calls occur) and who are doubly trained as ambulance driver and EMT or EMR, so they can respond in whatever role is required to complete the crew. Carter Courtney, Paul Ahnell, and Greg Thing were the top three responders in 2014.

We are always in need of more emergency responders; recruitment and training are available year-round for medical technicians (EMT, EMR), drivers and support staff. We invite anyone interested to attend one of our monthly Operations meetings (Sept-June, 2nd Sunday of the month, 6:00 pm at Hamburg Station). For more information, please call Carter Courtney at 860- 434-0057, or Carl Clement at 860-434-1533.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Smith, *President*

2014-2015 Board of Directors

Officers

Andrew Smith, *President*
Carter Courtney, *Vice President*
Pat Harris, *Board Secretary*
Carl Clement, *Chief of Service*
Adam McEwen, *Treasurer*

From the Operations Group

Paul Ahnell
Tom Darna
Karen Dahle
Betsy Morgan
Ron Rose

From the Community

Wil Bradford
Judy Davies
Ronald Katz
Sirgen Orzech
David Roberge
Claire Sauer

Ex officio: Ralph Eno, *First Selectman*, Tom Brown, *Fire Chief*

2014-2015 Operations Crew

Josh Adams, *EMT*
Paul Ahnell, *EMT, Driver*
Russell Albrycht, *EMT*
Heidi Bill, *EMT*
Linda Bireley, *staff, EMT*
Sherry Block, *EMT*
Judy Brault, *staff*
L.Louise Brown, *EMT*
Tom Brown, *EMT*
Carl Clement, *EMT, Driver,*
Chief of Service
Anne Clement, *staff*
Alan Cone, *EMR, Driver*
Carter Courtney, *EMT, Driver*
Beverly Crowther, *Secretary*
Tom Darna, *EMT, Driver*
Assistant Chief

Jerry Ehlen, *EMR, Driver*
John Falstrom, *staff*
Will Firgelewski, *EMT, Driver*
Mara Fischer, *EMT*
Rick Lacey, *EMR, Driver*
James Leatherbee, *Driver*
Ed McCusker, *Driver*
George Mooney, *EMR, Driver*
Allen Petri, *EMT*
Kelly Smith, *EMR, Driver*
Katelyn Sturgell, *EMR, Driver*
Gabriele Thibodeaux, *EMR, Driver*
Greg Thing, *EMR, Driver*
Ed Vidou, *EMR, Driver*
André Yeomans, *EMT*
Scott Yeomans, *Driver*

N.B. Special thanks for their service to Pat Harris and Wil Bradford, who stepped down from the Board in June 2015. Deb Lees, accepting the position of Secretary, and Diana Fiske, accepting the Publicity Committee Chair, were elected in their stead.

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.

The Estuary Transit District is governed by a board of directors. Each member town appoints one representative, each having a weighted vote based on the population of the town he or she represents. Towns receiving contracted services appoint a non-voting member. The directors serve in a voluntary capacity to adopt policy, set budgets and conduct long term planning for the district. Regular board meetings are held on the third Friday of every other month at 9:30 A.M. at the Estuary Transit District. All meetings are open to the public.

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. Free connections are offered onto 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 as well as the towns of Durham, East Haddam, and Haddam 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.

ETD's services are subsidized by federal, state and local funding. This allows for inexpensive fares of \$1.50 for deviated fixed routes and \$3.00 for Dial-A-Ride. ETD also receives a Title III grant through the area agency on aging which allows area senior citizens to ride any ETD service on a donation basis in lieu of the fare.

More than 107,000 passenger trips we provided during the fiscal year, more than doubling the annual trips provided just six years ago. Though ETD has continued to grow senior ridership, 80% of all trips are made by persons below 60 years of age, and over half of all trips are employment related.

Though the expansion of services slowed this year, ETD is aggressively pursuing funding to provide new deviated fixed route service between Middletown and Madison along Route 81. Funds are also being sought to extend the Shoreline Shuttle hours as well as make service adjustments to improve the on-time performance.

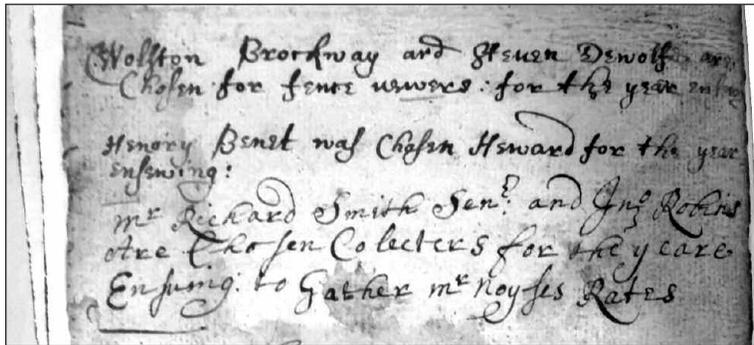
ETD continued to grow its unrestricted fund balance, which is now at almost 12% of the annual operating budget. This has enhanced ETD's cash flow position, reducing the need for borrowing and reducing interest expense.

Board of Directors

Name	Town
Noel Bishop	Westbrook
Joan Gay	Killingworth
Ralph Eno, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Lyme
John Forbis, <i>Treasurer</i>	Old Lyme
Roland Laine	Old Saybrook
Peter Bierrie	Essex
Richard Smith	Deep River
Leslie Strauss, <i>Chairman</i>	Chester
Virginia Zawoy, <i>Secretary</i>	Clinton

Administrative Staff

Name	Position
Joseph Comerford	Executive Director
Ryan Visci	Operations Manager
Halyna Famiglietti	Finance Manager



Detail of Lyme Town Meeting Minutes, Dec. 29, 1679 cont'd

*Wolston Brockway and Steven Dewolf are
Chosen for fence viewers for the year ensewing [to check fencing between private properties]*

*Henry Benet was chosen Heward for the year ensewing [to protect hay crops, confine and impound
stray stock]*

*Mr. Richard Smith Senr And Jno Robins Are
Chosen Colecters for the yeare*

Ensuing to Gather Mr. Noyes Rates [taxes for the minister's pay]

*A literal transcription of the minutes offers interesting reading, in 17th century language and spelling,
of the business of setting up the civic structure of the new Town of Lyme. It is available at the Lyme
Public Library. See Lyme Records, 1667-1730 . Compiled and Edited by Jean Chandler Burr. Pequot
Press, 1968.*



Lyme Fire Company

Our Volunteers - Members of Our Community Serving Our Community

Dear Lyme Neighbor,

Last year has seen many upgrades and enhancements to both of our fire stations located in Hamburg and Hadlyme. Some of the improvements have been functional such as updated radio communications and providing internet access for computers, to more visible changes such as the new doors on Hamburg station. This was all made possible through generous donations from people in our community and other local supporters.

We continue to have many automatic fire alarms which is the majority of our emergency responses. Access to unoccupied homes continues to be difficult and we are required to make entry to assess the situation. When a key holder is not available a Knox Box installed onto your home allows us to gain access without having to use forcible entry techniques.

This year we have an active truck committee responsible for purchasing a new Class A engine allowing us to retire our 1989 Engine 21, currently located in the Hadlyme fire station.

In our continued effort of having properly trained first responders, we have had many members take classes such as Fire Fighter 1, Emergency Medical Technician, Incident Command, Rope Rescue, Fire Cadet training at the Connecticut Fire Academy and other essential courses that provide important skills.

As a reminder, we are always looking for new members and if you are interested in joining the fire company, please feel free to stop by either the Hamburg or Hadlyme stations on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm. Applications can also be downloaded from our website at: www.lymefireco.org.

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 2016 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,

Pete Adams, *Foreman, Lyme Fire Company, Inc.*

foreman@lymefireco.org

Line Officers

Fire Chief Jamie Leatherbee
Deputy Fire Chief John Evans
Assistant Chief (Hamburg) Joshua Adams
Assistant Chief (Hadlyme) Mark Wayland
Captain (Hamburg) Jason Zelek
Captain (Hadlyme) William Firgelewski

Administrative Officers

Foreman Pete Adams
Secretary Tom Davies
Treasurer Kristina White
Captain Fire Police Bill Firgelewski



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 fund raising activities.

We help the fire company with the Annual Steak Dinner held every October and the Breakfast with Santa fundraiser in December as well as other events that require our assistance.

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.

It was with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Denise Firgelewski this past November, 2014. She was a long-standing member of the Auxiliary and will be missed by all of our members. She always played a big part in cutting the pies for the Annual Firemen's Steak Dinner.

Officers for 2015 are as follows:
 President: Linda Courtney
 Vice President: Debra Yeomans
 Secretary: Jackie Mildrum

Other members include Helen Aroh, Christy Babcock, Daphne Babcock, Megan Eno, Ann Evans, Ann Griffith, Bonnie King, Doreen Lammer, and Marilyn Swaney. Veteran members include Charlotte Beers, Barbara Gustafson, and Ellie Sutton.

Respectfully submitted,
 Jackie Mildrum, *Secretary*

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

Lyme Public Library	Grassy Hill Congregational Church
Lyme School PTO	Lyme Grange #147
Lyme Fire Company	Hamburg Fair Committee
Lyme Fire Company Auxiliary	Lyme Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts
Lyme Ambulance Association	Lyme Daisies/Brownies/Girl Scouts
Lyme Public Hall Association	Lyme Garden Club
Hadlyme Public Hall Association	Lyme Affordable Housing
First Congregational Church of Lyme	

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

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, Additional Veteran Exemption and Town Elderly Relief Program (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, and town freeze. Filing period begins for Elderly Renters Program (Income Limit Applies).
September 15 - September 30 -	Deadline for filing Elderly Renters Program. 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.
December 31 -	Filing deadline for Application for Tax Exempt Status for charitable and certain other organizations (quadrennial filing). 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.

Since we are in between the periodic property reassessments mandated by the State, the past year has been a relatively quiet and uneventful one at the Lyme Tax Assessor's Office, with Debra maintaining and updating property records as necessary.

While many in our town may be familiar with the process through which a value is assigned to their (Real Estate) property and improvements, we thought we should clarify the procedure for assessment and taxation on Automobiles and Personal Property.

Whenever a resident registers a motor vehicle with the State, the State notifies the town of that resident's vehicle ownership, and the town then assigns a value to that motor vehicle based on the average retail value given for that specific vehicle in the N.A.D.A (National Automobile Dealers Association) book. The Town applies a factor of 70% to the "Book Value" of the vehicles in arriving at the assessed value. The list from the State is based on vehicles registered up until 10/1; any vehicle purchased shortly after 10/1 is picked up on a supplemental list, and the tax on those vehicles is pro rated and billed separately in January.

All owners of taxable personal property are required to file a Declaration Of Personal Property form by November 1. While this tax is aimed primarily at businesses in Town, covering taxable items such as business related equipment, it does include, as well, items such as farm equipment and unregistered vehicles or horses which are taxable when owned by residents who are not in business per se. Established farms are entitled to certain exemptions. Valuations for the taxable items are derived from the forms filed by the taxpayers, and a 70% factor is applied to that amount in arriving at the assessed value. Any residents who may have questions about whether or not they own property which is taxable under this regulation should contact the Assessor's Office at Town Hall for a complete list of taxable items.

Further, regarding motor vehicles, we would appreciate the help of all Lyme Taxpayers in verifying that the Tax Code listed on your Motor Vehicle Registration is shown as 075, which is the correct Code for Lyme, and not 105 which is the Tax Code for Old Lyme. Having the Old Lyme code on your registration will not mean that your motor vehicle tax bill will never catch up with you - it just means that every time the Old Lyme tax assessors office gets an update on a vehicle which is actually a "Lyme" vehicle, the forms have to be forwarded to Lyme. Since this confusion mean much unnecessary work for the two towns' assessors, it would be much appreciated if everyone could check their registrations and notify the D.M.V. if the registration does not reflect the correct "075" Tax Code.

Finally, as always, we thank Debra Yeomans for her courteous and diligent work throughout the year in the assessor's office. The Assessor's Office is open 9 to Noon, and 12:30 TO 4:00, and is closed on Thursdays.

Respectfully Submitted,
Frederick J. Platt 111, *Chairperson*
Debra Yeomans
Madeline H. Mattson

Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

RiverCOG, one of Connecticut's nine Regional Planning Organizations, is governed by the chief elected officials of its 17 member towns: Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook. The RiverCOG is responsible for planning of regional land use, transportation, emergency preparedness, environmental conservation, economic development, and homeland security. RiverCOG also provides regional services such as household hazardous waste collection.

Current officers for RiverCOG are Cathy Lino (Killingworth), serving as Chairperson, Dick Smith (Deep River) as Vice-Chairperson, Susan Bransfield (Portland) as Secretary, and Ed Meehan (Chester) as Treasurer. In December, RiverCOG welcomed Sam Gold to fill the role of Executive Director. Sam comes to us from the Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments in Waterbury, where he served as Executive Director. Sam is a member of the American Institute of Certified planners and has thirteen years of regional planning experience.

Under state statute, RiverCOG through its Regional Planning Committee (RPC), reviews proposed zoning text and map changes that affect property within 500 feet of municipal boundaries and subdivisions which touch or cross town lines. The RPC is also working with staff on the first Regional Plan of Conservation of Development for the Lower Connecticut River Valley Region. The RPC includes a representative and alternate from each municipal Planning Commission in the region.

RiverCOG also conducts regional transportation planning as a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (RiverMPO). As an MPO, RiverCOG is responsible for programing federal and state transportation funds provided to the region by the U.S. and Connecticut Departments of Transportation. In fiscal year 2015 RiverCOG completed its first Long Range Transportation Plan for the new region, conducted a series of rail corridor studies focused on the Valley Railroad State Park, and the completion of a regional digital parcel database (GIS).

RiverCOG hosts and staffs various regional initiatives and commissions including: the Connecticut River Gateway Commission, the Shoreline Basic Needs Task Force, the Land Trust Exchange, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Regional Agricultural Commission, the RiverCOG Strategic Economic Growth Committee and other groups as space and time permits.

The River COG board approved the same annual dues rate for fiscal year 2015 as in fiscal year 2016. Total annual dues collected for fiscal year 2015 totaled \$146,953.42. The RiverCOG leveraged every dollar of local dues with over \$13 in other grants. The total budget of RiverCOG budget was \$2,082,323 in fiscal year 2015.

A copy of our full annual report is available on our website: www.rivercog.org.

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.

Scenic Preservation Responsibilities

While other organizations have primarily concerned themselves with natural ecological systems in the river valley, this Commission has concentrated much of 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. The Commission is in the final stage of donating their last two parcels of protected land, one in Chester and one in East Haddam.

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.

As of June 30, 2015, 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 Gateway Commission

has completed new additions to the existing standards and has discussed them with each of the eight member town zoning authorities. It is expected that the new standards will be adopted and included in each town's zoning regulations by the end of 2015.

Other Activities

RiverCOG 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

Delegates

Members as of June 30, 2015 include: Margaret Wilson (Treasurer) and Martha Wallace of Chester; Nancy Fischbach; Harvey Thomas and Emmett Lyman of East Haddam; Claire Matthews and Jerri MacMillian of Essex; Susan R. Bement and Derek Turner of Haddam, J. Melvin Woody (Chairman) and Emily Bjornberg of Lyme; Peter Cable and Suzanne Thompson (Vice Chairman) of Old Lyme; Madeline Fish (Secretary) and Belinda Ahern of Old Saybrook; Raul de Brigard of RiverCOG; 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. Going into fiscal year 2015-2016, the Commission continues to seek a regional representative from RiverCOG.

Contact

For more information, contact River COG Senior Planner and Gateway staff J. H. Torrance Downes at (860) 581-8554 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 2013 Grand List total net assessment of \$513,668,184 before changes, and the Motor Vehicle Supplement List of \$2,622,987.

Item	Budget Estimate	Actual Collections	Collections Above Estimate
Taxes	\$8,557,225	\$8,676,580	\$119,355
Interest	28,000	49,069	21,069
Total	\$8,585,225	\$8,725,649	\$140,424

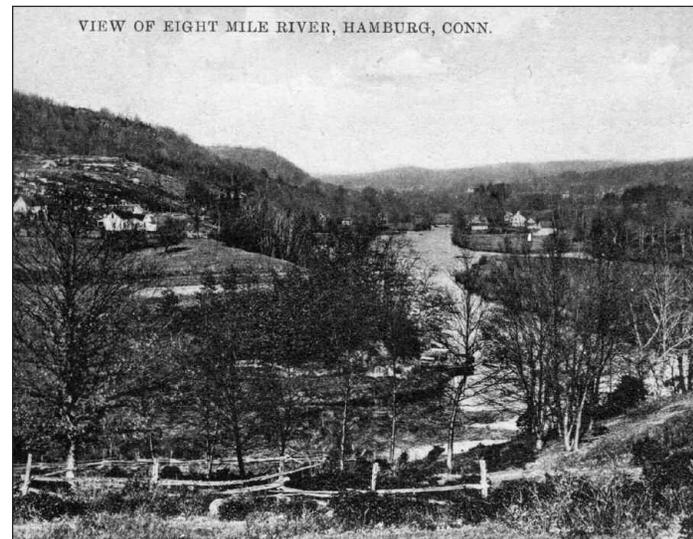
The current year collection was \$8,615,124 which represents 99.08% of the total \$8,694,963 due on the 2013 Grand List.

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*



Archeological evidence shows there were Indian settlements and seasonal camps in the Eight Mile River watershed as early as 4,000-6,000 years ago. The Eight Mile River and its tributaries are mentioned by name repeatedly in Lyme's earliest town meeting minutes when surveying, land division and settlement picked up after 1667. Looking north from Huckleberry Hill, above Hamburg Cove, past Candlewood Ridge toward Mt. Archer. Post card c.1920.

Lyme Land Conservation Trust, Inc.

Last year we at the Land Trust reported on the completion of our application for accreditation by the Land Trust Alliance. This year we are proud to report that we have been accredited. This achievement caps a seven-year process of improving and refining our practices and procedures in 26 areas of performance, including corporate governance, financial health and reporting practices, land and conservation easement acquisition, stewardship of our properties and easements, documentation and record keeping and ethical practices, among many others.

We helped the Town of Lyme achieve a long-sought goal: providing additional public access to the Connecticut River. Working with local property owners, the Town and the State, we raised the money needed to purchase approximately three acres on Selden Road bordering Selden Cove. The Town now owns the property which will provide public access to some of the most beautiful waters in the area for canoeing and kayaking.

This year also saw the trial of claims the Land Trust and the Attorney General of the State of Connecticut have made against a local property owner for alleged violations of an important easement we hold on the property. In a victory for conservation, acknowledged by our peers nationwide, the court held that the land owner had violated the easement and ordered the property restored to its previously natural condition. The court also awarded the Land Trust damages and its legal fees. The landowner has appealed the judgment.

Our charitable fund raising event, the Tour de Lyme, entered its third year and was another resounding success. We hosted 725 road and off road riders at the beautiful Ashlawn Farm for a morning of riding on the incomparable rural roads and trails of Lyme.

In an especially exciting development, a non-profit film company, Visionaries LLC, chose the Land Trust, the Town and its residents as the subjects of a film made for public television. The film, introduced by actor Sam Waterston, will be aired on over 100 PBS stations next year. It celebrates the conservation mindedness of Lyme and focuses on the close relationships among the Land Trust, Town officials and our citizenry that have led to the protection of over 100 properties, including some 3,000 acres by the Land Trust alone.

Land Preservation

Our Preservation Committee headed by Anthony Irving continually review properties, which meet our conservation criteria that could be significant additions to our conserved properties.

Our objective over the coming years is to continue to build on the Land Trust's past success in recognizing and preserving properties that define and contribute to the Lyme landscape.

Stewardship of our Properties and Conservation Easements

The Stewardship Committee, under the leadership of Don Gerber, stewards 3,000 acres spread over 102 properties, including properties we own and private land on which we hold conservation easements. To ensure that all properties are protected and preserved, we rely on our strong relationships with both the Town and the community, and encourage use of Land Trust Preserves by both adults and children. Land Trust volunteers led a hike in the Banningwood Preserve with the Lyme-Old Lyme Girl Scouts, and helped manage the seasonal hunting program shared with the Town.

Several projects this year improved trails: we constructed the 0.7 mile long Yellow Trail along Roaring Brook in Banningwood and upgraded the bridge; we participated in an Eagle Scout project to install a new bridge on the Honey Hill Red Trail. We mowed fields to maintain wildlife habitat and posted trail hazard signs. The Land Trust also spent a good deal of time mapping projects in the past year. A new map was created which includes five contiguous properties: Hartman Park, Walbridge Woodlands, the Young Preserve and two of the Beebe properties on Gungy and Grassy Hill roads.

Land Trust Events

During the past year our Events Committee chaired by Angie Falstrom arranged a number of well-attended events to encourage people to get outside and explore our area's natural beauty and wildlife. We hiked and biked, painted, photographed, and learned about local wildlife, plants, history, and ecology.

In mid-September, we joined with the East Haddam Land Trust to host an introduction to geocaching for all ages in Mount Archer Preserve. Swallows put on a fabulous show for our Fall Tree Swallow Cruise on the *RiverQuest*. Earth Day in April at the Lyme Consolidated School engaged children in hands-on lessons and demonstrations about biology, geology, and ecology at the Eightmile River.

In May, bird enthusiast Rob Braunfield led an evening walk in Pleasant Valley, and for Connecticut Trails Day in June, 32 hikers experienced views of river, wetlands and hillsides along the trails in Lord Creek Farm, thanks to the hospitality of owner Jane Davison. Organized hikes took place in various preserves on Tuesday mornings throughout the year when weather permitted.

Two of our events focused on preserving local scenery with brush or camera. In October, Banningwood Preserve was the site for our third annual *en plein air* Paint-out: Celebrating Lyme's Beauty. Artists from this area and beyond came to paint on location, and their works were subsequently exhibited at the Lyme Art Association and the Lyman Allyn Art Museum in New London. The ninth annual Land Trusts' Photo Contest, a cooperative effort with other area land trusts, invited amateur photographers from five area towns to submit photos. All photos were exhibited at a reception at the Lymes' Senior Center in March.

Land Trust Communications

The Land Trust continuously works to improve communications with our members and the Lyme community. In years past, the Land Trust relied primarily on postcards, printed bulletins and newsletters, news releases in local newspapers and email to provide its members and the Lyme community with notice of upcoming events and news of its many programs. As new communications innovations evolve, we are quick to adopt them, but not at the expense of tried and true.

We are very proud of our high-quality newsletter, published and mailed to all town residents and members three times a year. Much credit is due to outgoing Director and Publisher Humphrey Tyler and his volunteer team for creating a highly readable and visually appealing publication that informs people of the many facets of Lyme outdoors.

Under the guidance of Director, Wendolyn Hill, our Land Trust web page www.lymelandtrust.org has continued to evolve.

Funding the Land Trust

Under the leadership of Milt Walters, Chair of our Philanthropy Committee, and thanks to the creativity and hard work of directors and members, the Land Trust has developed new ways to help fund our organization. We continue to be grateful to the residents of Lyme for their generous support.

Membership renewals play a key role in our budget. The percentage of Lyme households with memberships – about fifty percent – is one that few, if any, other land trusts can equal. Membership dues and added contributions were considerably up over last year thanks importantly to the 41 members of our President's Circle who annually contribute \$1,000 or more to the Trust.

The Tour de Lyme has become the Spring Cycling Event of the Eastern Connecticut shore, and continues to exceed our optimistic expectations. Net revenues and rider registrations both increased nicely from last year, the latter by 20%.

As part of our longer term initiatives, we look forward to members and other supporters engaging in deferred giving plans such as charitable gift annuities available through the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut and bequests through estate planning.

John Pritchard, *President*

Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore, CT, Inc.

Literacy Volunteers Valley Shore is a 501(c) 3 non-profit agency dedicated to tutoring area residents to read, write and speak English to help them improve their life and work skills. This year L.V.V.S. tutored more than 238 students, spending 12,781 hours of volunteer's time to deliver 10,166 hours of instruction. But numbers alone don't tell the entire story. Our student's stories best illustrate the impact of our efforts. Stories like that of Sabrina Kosky who spoke no English when she arrived here but built her own business, became a citizen and is now pursuing a college education; all with the help Literacy Volunteers provided. As she says, "Years ago I was living in Brazil dreaming an American dream and now I am here living it."

The support of our area towns means we can help build more success stories like Sabrina's each year. Yet we have a great deal of distance to make up in our goal to eradicate illiteracy. A 2013 assessment by the American Institute for Research shows over 9,000 adults between the ages of 18 and 64 who lack basic literacy skills in the valley shore area – including over 162 in Lyme alone. Our goal is to increase our capacity incrementally in the coming years to allow us to serve 100% of the literacy needs of our communities and to make this year the finest in our history.

Serving the towns of: Chester, Clinton, Deep River, Essex, Guilford, Killingworth, Lyme, Madison, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook.

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Lyme Public Library

2014-2015 was the realization of a dream for the Library. After almost twenty years of hoping, planning, and false starts, the doors to our new Library building officially opened on October 7, 2014. The building was not 100% complete, and we were missing some furniture (most notably the circulation desk!), but the Building Committee, staff, Library Board, and volunteers all improvised to make things work until the remaining furniture arrived over the next few weeks.

July 2014 began with the library staff, Friends, and volunteers working hard to complete all the tasks that needed to be finished before the move. These included weeding the collection, processing new materials so they would be shelf-ready when the new library opened, sorting through items that had accumulated over 40 years, discarding items that were no longer needed, and packing the items that would be moved to the new library. The Library remained open throughout the summer while work continued, but at the close of business on Saturday, September 20, the Library closed for the move. The following day, volunteers began moving boxes and furniture across the parking lot to the new building. Later that week, movers arrived to move the library books and shelves. It seemed like a monumental task, but it went smoothly thanks to advance planning and coordination and the efficiency of the moving company. Finally, the computers and phones were working, the books were in place, offices and work spaces were set-up, a makeshift circulation desk was made out of bookshelves, and it was time to open! With a healthy supply of doughnuts generously donated by the Hadlyme Country Store and lots of volunteers and Library Board members on hand to assist patrons, the Library opened on Tuesday, October 7.

The response from the community was overwhelmingly positive. The meeting rooms were in demand almost immediately by local organizations. The first official library use of our new program room was on October 15 with the first story hour for preschoolers, and two days later the first program offering for adults was a book talk and signing by Jim Benn for his 9th Billy Boyle novel, *The Rest is Silence*. It was wonderful to have 60 people attending in the beautiful and comfortable new program room. Patrons were thrilled with the large collection of brand new books and DVDs on the shelves, the comfortable reading area with a fireplace, and the bright, colorful and welcoming children's room. Also, the relocation of the Lyme Public Hall Archives to the new library building has been a welcome development for both residents and the library, and we look forward to partnering with the Archives on programming and displays.

The new library is everything we hoped it would be. Circulation for the year was up 18% and attendance was up 34% even though the new building was only open for 9 of the 12 months.

One thing we know for sure is that none of this would have happened without the support of the community. We extend our continued appreciation to the Town Campus Center Building Committee, architect Bruce Tuthill, and the Board of Selectmen for all their efforts in making the new library a reality. We are also grateful for the continued support from many individuals, members of the Library Board, Town Hall and the Board of Finance, and community organizations and businesses such as the Friends of the Lyme Public Library, Lyme Garden Club, the Lyme Land Conservation Trust, the Lyme Consolidated School, Lyme Public Library Foundation, Essex Savings Bank, the John and Kelly Hartman Foundation, the Cerimon Fund, and the Community Foundation of Eastern CT. With continued support, we hope to broaden and expand the number and variety of programs and services we offer to our community.

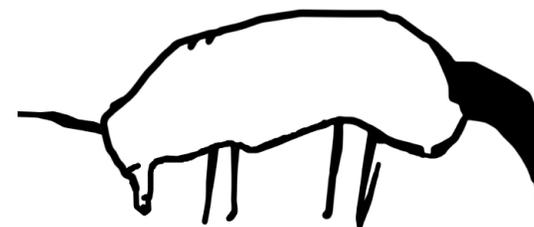


Municipal Historian

In 1987 the Connecticut General Assembly passed legislation which encouraged each of the 169 Connecticut towns to appoint a municipal historian to collect and preserve material about the town's historical heritage and to promote awareness and appreciation of it. Lyme's first volunteer appointee was Elizabeth Plimpton (1988-1992); the second was Hiram P. Maxim (1993-2002). I was appointed the third in April 2014. My current position as Archivist for the Lyme Local History Archives (an entity of the Lyme Public Hall Association, Inc.) and my new role as Town Historian are nicely supportive and complementary to each other and, I hope, for bringing the town's heritage into focus for greater appreciation and enjoyment.

Carolyn Bacdayan

ATTAWAUHOOD



his mark

Attawauhood (1630-1676) was the son of Uncas, an influential leader of the Mohegan Indians. He was known as "Joshua", his English name used in the colonial records. He lived in today's Joshuatown area near Eight Mile (Brockway) Island and had many English friends and supporters. Joshua has been memorialized in the naming of several landmarks, roads, rivers, creeks and coves in the region.

Lyme Public Library Treasurer's Report
July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Balance of Checking Account as of 6/30/14	12,696.35	
Town of Lyme Expenditures	148,445.72	
GRANTS		
State of Connecticut	1,484.00	
GIFTS		
Lyme Public Library, Inc.	40,000.00	
L.P.L. Enrichment Fund	1,193.22	
Enrichment Fund Board Expense	9,200.39	
Gifts/Donations	1,783.20	
Grants	5,779.26	
Fines	1,355.86	
Fax, Copier, etc.	474.60	
Miscellaneous	902.49	
INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING		
Book Sales/Merchandise	3,507.59	
Total Receipts		226,822.68
EXPENDITURES		
Audio Visual	3,048.73	
Benefits	27,245.06	
Book Fundraising Expenses	8,149.04	
Books	15,883.19	
Book Sales Expenses	871.25	
Building Maintenance	10,678.32	
Capital Equipment	3,485.24	
Computer Expense	4,131.16	
Dues/Conferences	830.00	
Licenses	4,000.76	
Magazines/Periodicals	2,410.89	
Miscellaneous	1,835.53	
Moving Expenses	2,240.65	
Newsletter	2,493.22	
Postage	212.80	
Programs	1,917.20	
Refuse	240.00	
Salaries	110,814.77	
Supplies	5,938.30	
Telephone	2,637.65	
Travel	251.24	
Utilities	16,995.68	
Total Expenditures		226,310.68
Difference		512.00

Hadlyme Hall Garden Club

The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club's primary emphasis is on the beautification of four public gardens areas that are all located within the Lyme community. The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club plants and maintains the circular garden island at the crossroads of Rte. 82 and Ferry Road. The club also maintains the planters in front of the Lyme Firehouse, the planters at the Hadlyme Ferry landing as well as the gardens at the Hadlyme Public Hall grounds & the triangle garden at the intersection of Joshuatown and Ferry Road.

The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club is committed to continuing our popular outreach program to provide community involvement opportunities to the youth of the Hadlyme community. The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club engaged the services of Lyme-Old Lyme High School student, Meredith Duxbury for our 2015 summer season. Ms. Duxbury provided key community services by maintaining a watering schedule of Hadlyme's community garden spaces. Ms. Duxbury will be awarded a monetary gift for her commitment to this important community service at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School in June, 2016.

Here is a highlight of our educational programs and garden tours this past year, 2015.

- March – Rob Braunfield, local bird expert spoke to the members about how to attract bluebirds to our landscapes and gardens.
- April – Knowledgeable garden expert, Steve Dedman was our guest speaker for our April program. He shared dozens of tips and recommendations on deer-resistant plantings, pruning guidelines for springtime blossoms, the care of garden tools and choosing the best plants for perennial gardens.
- May – Carol Quish of University of Connecticut Home & Garden Education Center was our May speaker. She spoke about *"Insects – in the Home, Garden & Landscape"*. We also had our popular plant swap among our members.
- July – Our July meeting was a garden club road-trip outing to see the lovely and award winning daylily garden of Helene Ferrari in Chester CT.
- August – Our annual picnic of members and guests at the lovely home of garden club member, Jane Lewis.
- September – Garden club members enjoyed a day-time outing to Lyman Orchards of Middlefield, CT to pick fresh apples and pears from Lyman's extensive orchards.
- October – Nancy Ballek of Ballek's Garden Center in East Haddam, CT was the speaker of our final program of the year. Nancy demonstrated clever holiday arrangement ideas and making an ivy topiary.

We had many club members that generously hosted social events at their homes this past year, a special thank you goes out to Jane Lewis, Jim & Ellen Fennema, Joan Holbrook as well as Hank & Virginia Aldrich.

Our holiday fund raising efforts continue with the popular sales of our fresh pecans from Wrens, Georgia. With our pecan sales at the Hadlyme Hall Art Show, the Hadlyme Country Store and supportive club members in this endeavor, we made over \$1,400 to fund our community garden activities.

The garden club wishes to extend a generous thank you to garden club member, Sandy Ahlsen, who continues to be responsible for creating the marvelous Hadlyme Post Office display windows.

Our 2015 membership comprises of 29 Hadlyme community members. For information regarding Hadlyme Hall Garden Club membership, please contact James Fennema, President & Membership Chair, at 860-434-2373.



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 also in Clinton, Killingworth, 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 67,983 nutritious meals including nearly 51,558 home delivered Meals On Wheels, and over 16,425 congregate meals, as well as 554 rides to medical outpatient appointments outside the nine-town Estuary Region. Also, 1,046 individuals received free preventative health screenings, and participated in social and exercise programs too numerous to count. Our "Choices" senior counseling position that helps seniors connect with other services available to them in the community as well as navigate the Medicare/ Medicaid and Prescription Drug programs has been busier than ever, we are expanding the hours of this program by 30% to meet the need.

In addition to our essential senior service, ECSI is a fun place for mature residents to exercise, dance, play cards, go on trips together, get a massage or facial, hear an interesting lecture, attend an art exhibit, get a haircut, take a painting class, join a book club or writers group, volunteer, shop at the Thrift Shop, use our fitness center, or just sit and enjoy our beautiful view. ECSI has a lovely, large facility that welcomes residents of the Estuary region 50 years old or better. All in all we had over 99,498 visits to our center in the reported timeframe for meals, activities, support and fun.

During the reporting period for the town of Lyme, the Estuary served 2 residents a total of 269 home delivered meals and an additional 31 residents joined us for 997 congregate meals. Our Emergency Medical Outpatient Transportation provided 1 individual with 1 ride to medical appointments. We had a total of 1571 visits by a total of 109 people overall to the center from residents of Lyme.

ECSI is funded in part by contributions from the generosity of the nine towns in the Estuary Region, Senior Resources Agency on Aging with Title III funds made available under the Older Americans Act, grants, donations, and fund raising efforts. I would like to thank the Town of Lyme for your continued support of our programs. For information and schedules of our services and programs, please call 388-1611 weekdays from 8:00 am. — 4:00 pm. and Saturday 9:00 am. — 12:00 pm. or visit our website at www.ccsenior.org. If you do not already receive our monthly newsletter, please call us and we'll be happy to add you to our mailing list or send it electronically. The newsletter is also downloadable from our website. We are pleased to continue to serve the residents of Lyme and be an integral part of services for seniors in the Estuary Region.

Sincerely Yours,
Paul J. Doyle, *Executive Director*



MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

The Annual Meeting of the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation was held on September 18, 2014 at the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library in Old Lyme. Two members were elected to the Foundations Board of Directors for a three year term; Susan Fogliano and David Speirs, both from Old Lyme. They replaced Kenneth Levin and Marcy Withington whose terms had expired. Regional School District 18 appointed Pam Russell as a member of their representatives on the Board replacing Diane Bates who retired from teaching. Foundation officers re-elected at the meeting were; President Rowland Ballek, Vice President Mary Seidner and Secretary/Treasurer Edward Perkins.

In the past seven years the Foundation has given out over \$1.75 million dollars to students from Lyme and Old Lyme. For the 2014 – 2015 academic year the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation was able to give out \$249,600 in educational grants to 83 students; 20 from Lyme and 63 from Old Lyme. For the 2015 – 2016 academic year the Foundation plans to give out \$256,000 to 81 students, 20 from Lyme and 61 from Old Lyme.

The Foundation held its annual reception for this year's high school graduates who were receiving grants on June 4, 2015 at the Lyme Art Association in Old Lyme, Connecticut attended by students, parents, contributors and Foundation Board Members. Included in the numbers above are the 19 students graduating this year from Lyme and Old Lyme who were awarded grants at the reception totaling \$59,900 for the coming school year.

The Foundation also presented two \$500.00 awards at the reception; the W.E.S. Griswold Valedictorian Award to Eric Pan of Old Lyme who will attend the University of Connecticut and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award to Abigail Cipparone of Old Lyme who will attend Yale University. Bill Griswold was President of the foundation from 1965 to 1992 and Willis Umberger was Secretary/Treasurer of the Foundation from 1966 to 1986.

Foundation awards are limited to students residing in Lyme or Old Lyme and are based on the degree of financial assistance a student requires to meet their college expenses. If a student keeps a satisfactory grade point level they will continue to receive the same award for an additional three years of their undergraduate studies. Applications are available at the Regional District 18 Guidance Office or from our web site: www.maccurdysalisbury.org.

Rowland Ballek, *President*



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

The 2014-2015 year displayed a continuing downward trend of activity requiring Commission or Agency involvement. There were only nine meetings held in this fiscal year and at three of those meetings, no action was taken. A total of ten applications were approved, only one resulting from a restoration plan required by a cease and desist order. There were no application denials and no litigation initiated.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul A. Armond, *Chairman*



Region 18 (Lyme/Old Lyme) Public Schools

During the 2014-2015 school year, the Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools excelled 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 their success. A few of the notable accomplishments included *Newsweek* naming Lyme-Old Lyme High School as one of, "America's Top High Schools" placing the school 185th nationally and 5th in the entire state of Connecticut. The high school was also recognized as having the 6th highest average SAT scores in the state. This accomplishment places our students in the company of many Fairfield County school districts and significantly above our neighbors on the shoreline and our fellow schools in the state's District Reference Group C.

In the spring of 2015, Lyme-Old Lyme High School hosted a visiting committee from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The purpose of this visit was to evaluate the district's programming and determine if our accreditation from this organization should be renewed. After their four-day visit, the committee gave the school and the school system rave reviews in all aspects of our programming.

Mile Creek and Lyme Consolidated Elementary Schools, along with Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School, saw the results of many years of commitment to the new Connecticut Standards pay off with strong results on the first annual Smarter Balanced Assessment.

This year was the final year of our redistricting plan and, over the summer, we successfully transitioned to a new structure of schools. The schools still operate in five buildings, but the grade configurations have changed. For the 2015-2016 school year, Lyme-Old Lyme High School houses students in grades nine through twelve while the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades attend Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School. Both Mile Creek School and Lyme Consolidated School serve students in kindergarten through grade five. Center School is comprised of the district's pre-kindergarten program, the Central Administrative Offices, and the district's alternative program for special needs students. Another portion of the building is rented by LEARN, our Regional Education Service Center.

In a continual effort to maintain our facilities, the district replaced the roof at Lyme Consolidated School; successfully moved the 5th grade classrooms from Center School to Mile Creek School; resurfaced the track field at the high school; renovated and updated the elementary school libraries; converted former office space in the middle school to a band room, a computer lab, and a dedicated room for our highly successful Science Olympiad program; moved the Central Administrative offices to Center School and painted the exterior of the building; and reopened the greenhouse at the middle school. These changes will allow for more opportunities for our students to participate in the variety of different programs that we offer.

In the area of finance, the towns approved a \$32,547,409 school budget which represents a 1.83% increase for the 2015-16 year. This budget supports existing programs, class size guidelines, and ongoing technology, facility, and program improvements. Areas showing an increase include debt service, employee contractual obligations, special education and transportation. These factors are offset by decreases in the operations budget as a result of our declining enrollment, reductions in program expenses, reductions in support and administrative services, and savings in facilities and technology operations.

The upcoming year will again be filled with many successes and challenges as we transition to a new state mandated assessment of our high school students, continue to refine the implementation of the Connecticut Standards at all levels, and improve upon our programs and facilities.

Class Officers

Meredith Aird, *President*
Eric Pan, *Vice President*
Holly Fiscus, *Secretary*
Hugh Cipparone, *Treasurer*
Hannah Paynter, *Class Historian*

Candidates for Diplomas

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

Zachary Walter Abrahamsson ψ
Alexa BoHee Agostine
Meredith Gilmore Aird λ ψ ω
Olivia Grace Angeli λ ψ ω
Jacob Paul Ballachino ψ
Brendan Gardner Basler ψ
John Michael Berger
Anais Brigitte Bolduc
James Richard Bolles
Jordan McKenzie Bourne ψ ω
Nicholas Brian Bozenhard ψ
Noel Catherine Brown ω
Megan Renee Burns
Brian Stephen Buttrick ω
Max Harrison Castonguay ψ ω
Abigail Calkins Cipparone λ ψ ω
Hugh Calkins Cipparone λ ψ ω
Alex Richard Clippinger ψ ω
Megan Elizabeth Cole λ ω
Liam Rivington Corrigan λ ψ ω
Thomas Crisp λ ψ ω
Alida Adams Dahlke ψ ω
John Thomas Darcy
Claire Detels
Ashley Baily Detuzzi ψ
Mary Catherine Devlin
Jared James Di Carlo ψ ω
Austin Lee Feeny
Jacob Robert Fenton ψ ω
Derek MacLean Fischer
Holly Frances Fiscus λ ψ ω
Evan Jesse Howard Fravel
Rande Leigh Gearing λ ψ ω
Taylor Marion Gentile ψ ω
Harry Leland Godfrey-Fogg λ ψ ω
Ross Andrew Golebiewski ψ ω
Adam John Goncalves
Luke Thomas Grabowski λ ψ ω

Brandon Gregory Green
Rowan John Hallahan λ ω
Tess Elizabeth Hamilton-Ward λ ψ ω
Taylor Madison Hamparian
Zachary Thomas Harrison ψ ω
Kyle Martin Harvill
Ian Robert James λ ψ ω
Skyler Harris Jenkins
Katelyn Elizabeth Judy ψ ω
Joseph Christian Klimaszewski
Cooper Wills Kotzan ψ ω
Ellen Taylor Leary
Diana Trainor LeRoi
Aidan Fitzgerald Liefeld ψ
Mae Katherine Lucey λ ψ ω
Tajhay Timothy Marshall λ ω
Colin Patrick McGrath
Mathew Hunter Merrill
Hannah Ruth O'Brien λ ψ ω
Owen Scott O'Donnell ψ
Kristiana Jane Olson ψ ω
Eric Jamin Pan ψ ω
Hannah Lu Paynter λ ψ ω
John Michael Pettersen ψ ω
Jeffrey Alan Poirier
Matthew Ryan Przybysz
Catherine Helen Quaratella
Michael David Rasberry
Sofia Elizabeth Restrepo
Daniel Joseph Rockwell
Veronica Elizabeth Rollins λ ω
Thomas John Roth λ ψ ω
Emma Alston Rountree λ ψ ω
Hunter Andrew Sheffield
Haley Nicole Shettles λ ψ ω
Colby Theriault Smith ψ ω
Jared John Stanland λ ψ
Kathleen Anli Stedman λ ψ ω

Julia Eva Strycharz λ ψ ω
Joshua James Swanski ψ ω
Kasey Elizabeth Testa
Salvatore Joseph Tinnerello ψ ω
Nicholas Ryan Todaro
Isaak Forest Todd λ ψ ω

Alix Ann Turner
Matthew Steven Urbowicz ψ ω
Thomas Dolan Ward ψ ω
Hannah Wilczewski λ ψ ω
Samuel Donald Winter ψ ω



"Supporting Excellence in Our Schools and Community"

The Lyme–Old Lyme Education Foundation is an independent, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, established in 2006 to support and enhance public education in our community. The Foundation is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors from Lyme and Old Lyme. We are grateful for the leadership of past presidents Adam Burrows, Richard Korsmeyer and Michael Kane.

Our mission is to create and enhance the valuable educational programs above and beyond those traditionally provided by the Lyme–Old Lyme Public Schools. We align our work with the District's strategic planning process in order to encourage innovative and effective learning opportunities for students of all ages.

The Foundation raises and distributes funds to enhance or expand enrichment programs, support innovative teaching and learning, and build educational partnerships between our students and our community.

Some LOLEF Grants made in 2014-2015:

- A state-of-the-art 'MakerSpace' with a 3-D printer and the latest innovations in computer numerical control technology (including a CNC lathe, CNC plasma cutter and CNC router) in our High School's Technical Education Department. This lab rivals the most sophisticated university-based MakerSpaces in the country and supports the High School's championship robotics team.
- The Number Nook, a math enrichment center at the Old Lyme– Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, featuring hands-on manipulative materials. The Number Nook supports the District's math curriculum and allows learning any time the Library is open. It is designed to enhance understanding of math concepts by providing activities at many levels of complexity to accommodate each child's growth in skills.
- A SMART Table for Lyme Consolidated Elementary School. With its touch screen capabilities, the SMART Table, gives young children a stimulating way to collaborate on a variety of learning objectives in small groups. This pilot program proved so successful that the Board of Education decided to extend it to Mile Creek Elementary School.

- The ‘Wobble and Learn’ pilot program at Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School. Well-documented brain research has shown the importance of body movement to intellectual activity. This program tests alternative seating options designed to increase students’ ability to focus on the task at hand. Thanks to the success of this pilot program, the Board of Education voted to expand it to more classrooms.
- LOLEF co-sponsored a full day of immersion in the arts at Lyme - Old Lyme Middle School. *Spring Into Arts!* exposed our students to a rich variety of arts-related study and careers.

To submit a grant for review,
please visit our website for guidelines and an application: www.LOLEF.org

Annual Community Fundraising Events

Trivia Bee

Held each Winter

Bound for the Sound Road Race

5k, 10k and 1 Mile Fun Run

Held each September

Community Appeal

We gratefully accept donations in any amount

through our website: www.LOLEF.org

or by mail: P.O. Box 895, Old Lyme, CT 06371

or by event sponsorship and attendance.

For more information on events, please go to our

Facebook page: Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation.

*We are overwhelmed by your generosity and
appreciate all you do to support education in the Lymes!*

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Stone, *President*

Nicole Wholean, *Vice-President*

Penny Eno, *Treasurer*



Lyme VNA Statistics

Senior Center Hours	57.25
Total Clients Seen At Sr. Center	114
Total Flu Shots Given	80
Total HCVisits to Lyme Residents	27
Total Lyme Residents See in Their Home	6

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board met four out of the 12 months during this reporting period. This is a substantial decrease over last year when the Board met eight times. There were six appeals filed for the 2014 - 2015 fiscal year. Six variances were granted. For the past seven years the Board has had light activity that was most likely attributable to the downturn in the local housing market. However while this year the board’s work load went from ten applications to six this may not be indicative of the health of the housing economy in town. As noted in the past, the Zoning Board of Appeals 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*



This view, looking south from above “Brockway Cove” on the Connecticut River, is one that 17th century Lyme settler, Wolston Brockway, and Sachem Joshua might have shared. The name “Joshua’s Rock” (center left) was used in the 19th century but does not appear as such in the early town meeting minutes; Brockway Island (upper left) is named in the early minutes. The Essex shore is beyond. Post card, ca. 1900.

Rogers Lake Authority

The Rogers Lake Weed committee and New England Engineering worked together to develop a scope of work which would lead to a decision for the possible solution of the invasive weed problem at Rogers Lake. This scope of work is to be completed in several segments:

- 1- Assessment/review of documented Rogers Lake information
- 2- Meetings[Rogers Lake Authority, Inland Wetlands Committee]
- 3- Plant Survey
- 4- Development of water quality monitoring protocol
- 5- Domestic well impact evaluation
- 6- Herbicide permitting
- 7- Herbicide impact assessment on human health
- 8- Wildlife impact evaluation
- 9- Non chemical/chemical vegetative control assessment/options

As these segments of work progress there are a number of meetings between Rogers Lake Weed Committee and New England Engineering to discuss all information and how it relates to the invasive weed problem of the lake. In early March, the study was completed and several possible solutions were presented. An early spring meeting was held for residents of Lyme and Old Lyme at the Old Lyme Middle School to hear the results of the proposed solutions. New England Engineering presented these results by a slide presentation show with many scientific experts [Limnologists, Hydrologist, Botanists and Engineers] in attendance to answer or explain any questions from the residents in the audience.

Upon elimination of all the weed control methods that were tried over the past decade that did not control or eradicate the weed problem[hydroraking, bethnic mats, diver assisted suction harvesting] a herbicide was recommended. The herbicide that was chosen is Flumioxazin [clipper] due to its short half life and low impact on human and environmental health effects.

The herbicide recommended by New England Engineering was approved for use on the invasive weeds and the permits for application were filed with DEEP, state of Connecticut. Upon receipt by DEEP of the application it prompted a study to be done first on possible endangered species. This study will be conducted by NDDDB a division of DEEP during October 2015.

NDDDB is the Natural Diversity Data Base and the possible endangered species are Eastern Pond Mussel, Banded Sunfish, Bridle Shiner which are to be studied while the permit application is on hold.

An application of Flumioxazin was planned for late summer, but due to study to be done by NDDDB, it has pushed this off till next year. Let's all hope this will take place since the invasive weed problem has grown three fold since being spotted just a few years ago.

If you would like more information on this subject, go to the Town of Old Lyme web site at OLD.LYME.CT.GOV and look up Rogers Lake Weed Committee. Please continue to take care of your lake and support all those who work hard at doing just that for our future.

Respectfully
Richard J Smith Sr, *chairman RLA*



Lymes' Senior Center

Lymes' Senior Center serves our Senior Community ages 60 & over & offers a variety of educational, art classes, health programs, exercise programs, entertainment, special programs, games, baby boomer activities, hiking, lunches, day trips, cruises, and overnight trips and much, much more. Our membership has over doubled in size since 2013 & our monthly attendance has over tripled with anywhere from 700 visitors to 1,300 visitors a month depending on the month. Lymes' Senior Center is open from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with some evening and weekend programs. Please check the monthly newsletter for specific times. Newsletters get sent to all members. Membership is \$5.00 a year. Please feel free to contact Stephanie Lyon- Gould, Director, at (860) 434-1605 ext. 240 or stop by with any questions you may have regarding the Senior Center or the programs offered within.

Listed below are just some of the highlights of the 2014-2015 Year;

- Our July Concerts & Ice Cream Socials, which happens every Thursday Night in July, continues to be one of our biggest events of the year. In July of 2014 we had nearly 800 people in the community come out for our free outdoor concert series.
- In August we had our 7th Annual New England Lobster Bake.
- In September we had a 3 Week Free Memory Enhancement Seminar.
- In October we had our 2nd Annual Veterans' Luncheon.
- In November we had local celebrity, Braiden Sunshine, perform for us.
- In December we had LOL High School Select Singers Perform for us.
- In January we enjoyed "An Afternoon with the Gillettes".
- In February we had a Community Seminar on Hearing and Hearing Loss.
- In March we enjoyed the performance of The Greys School of Irish Dance (with many children from Lyme and Old Lyme) at our St. Patrick's Day Luncheon.
- In April we had various intergenerational programs including a Mystic Aquarium Touch Tank, African Drumming Circle, & Bingo during April vacation week so that Grandparents could bring their grandchildren and other Lyme/Old Lyme youth to these events. In addition, we had The Dance Center of Old Lyme put on a dance recital for us with many students residing in Lyme & Old Lyme.
- In May we had a lecture by Mark Albertson on Battleship Connecticut & the Great White Fleet.
- In June we had our 2nd Annual Art & Nature Weekend & Art Show. Contributing to this event was our very own Shoreline Artists' Workshop, The Lyme Garden Club, & The Duck River Garden Club.

2014-2015 Board of Directors

Sue Campbell, *President*
Ruth Young-, *Vice President*
Bob Pierson, *Treasurer*
Dot McAndrew, *Secretary*
Diane Blackwell
Diana Seckla

Mary Miles
Don Tapper
Ann Griffith
Gary Weed
Doris Johnson
Doris Rand



Hadlyme Public Hall Association



Our mission at Hadlyme Public Hall is to provide a place for residents of Hadlyme and surrounding communities to meet. We are proud to be one of the few remaining Public Halls in the State of Connecticut, and proud to serve the community.

Our membership is faithful to the preservation of our hall and its activities. In 2015 our dedicated board of directors planned, and with membership help, provided a Spring Italian themed dinner in March, a Chicken Barbeque in June, a Middle Eastern Music Café in September, a Harvest Dinner in October, our annual Thanksgiving Weekend Art Show, a Holiday Music evening with the Eight Mile River Band in December, and a New Year's Eve Party.

Maintenance and upgrade of the hall are managed by an active Building Committee that works to preserve the original character of the building. The hall space is provided for community meetings including those of the Hadlyme Hall Garden Club. Further, many hall rentals provide space for private family and civic functions.

The Association Membership consists of 145 member families. The revenue raised from dues, hall functions, rentals and donations provides the budget resources to sustain the organization and facility. The hall is managed by a board of twelve Directors. It can accommodate up to 120 people on two levels and has a full kitchen. It is available for rental from March through mid December. Current information about the hall and scheduled activities can be found on our website, hadlymehall.com.

Submitted by:

Curtis J. Michael, *President*
Hadlyme Public Hall Association, Inc

Municipal Elections

NOTICE- REPUBLICAN PRIMARY (AUGUST 12, 2014)

Notice is hereby given that a Primary of the Republican Party will be held in Lyme, CT on August 12, 2014 for nomination to each office indicated below. Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the party-endorsed candidates, if any, for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidate. The party-endorsed candidates, if any, are indicated by an asterisk. Additionally, the following are the names of all other candidates who have filed their certificates of eligibility and consent to primary or have satisfied the primary petitioning requirements in conformity with the General Statutes as candidates for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidates.

GOVERNOR: *Thomas C. Foley, 62 Khakum Wood Road, Greenwich, CT 06831
John P. McKinney, 986 South Pine Creek Road, Fairfield, CT 06824

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: *Penny Bacchiochi, 24 East Street, Stafford Springs, CT 06076
Heather Somers, 67 Ramsdell Street, Groton, CT 06340
David M. Walker, 37 Beacon Street, Bridgeport, CT 06605

ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 23: *Devin R. Carney, 18 Cottage Place, Old Saybrook, CT 06475
Vicki Lanier, 242 Short Hills Road, Old Lyme, CT 06371

COMPTROLLER: *Sharon J. McLaughlin, 15 Kibbe Road, Ellington, CT 06028
Angel Cadena, 67 Long Hill Avenue, Shelton, CT 06484

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 26th day of June, 2014.

DENISE W. 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 Section 9-433 of the General Statutes. As provided in said notice, a primary of the Republican Party for nomination to the state or district offices therein specified will be held on August 12, 2014. 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: Lyme Fire Station, 213 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT 06371 Absentee ballots will be counted at the Lyme Fire Station, 213 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT 06371. Dated at Lyme, Connecticut, this 27th day of June, 2014.

Town Clerk, Linda A. Winzer

RESULTS – REPUBLICAN PRIMARY (AUGUST 12, 2014)

Electors met at the Lyme Fire Station at 213 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: Anne Clement; Checkers: Penny Eno, Diana Lord; Absentee Ballot Counter: Elizabeth Lawlor; Registrars: Kathleen Gigliotti and Dianne Ahlberg.

Results:

GOVERNOR:	*Thomas C. Foley	117
	John P. McKinney	90
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR:	*Penny Bacchiochi	51
	Heather Somers	72
	David M. Walker	79
ASSEMBLY DISTRICT 23:	*Devin R. Carney	107
	Vicki Lanier	98
COMPTROLLER:	*Sharon J. McLaughlin	142
	Angel Cadena	37

Total number of names on active Republican enrollment list in town: 525

Total number of names checked on the official checklist as having voted by absentee ballot: 11

Total number of names checked on the supplemental list of overseas ballot applicants: 0

Total number of names checked on the official check list as having voted in person: 198

Total number of names checked on the official check list as having voted in town: 209

Recorded by: Linda A. Winzer, Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION - WARNING NOVEMBER 4, 2014

The Electors of the Town of Lyme are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling place in said town on Tuesday, November 4, 2014, for the following purposes:

- I. To cast their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, Judge of Probate, and Registrar of Voters.
- II. To vote on the following question for the approval or disapproval of a proposed AMENDMENT to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of "YES" being a vote for approval, and a vote of "NO" being a vote for disapproval:
 - a. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to remove restrictions concerning absentee ballots and to permit a person to vote without appearing at a polling place on the day of an election?

The full text of such proposed question with explanatory text, printed in accordance with §2-30a of the General Statutes, is available at the town clerk's office for public distribution. The vote on the proposed question is taken pursuant to the Constitution of Connecticut.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling places is as follows:

<u>Voting District</u>	<u>Location of Polling Place</u>
1	Hamburg Fire Station 213 Hamburg Road Lyme, CT 06371

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).

Dated at Lyme, Connecticut, this 20th day of October, 2014.

Linda A. Winzer, Town Clerk, Town of Lyme

ELECTION RESULTS - STATE ELECTION (NOVEMBER 4, 2014)

Electors and citizens met at the Hamburg Fire Station to cast their votes on Tuesday, November 4, 2014. Moderator: Carl Clement; Checkers: Diana Lord, Penny Eno; Machine Tenders: Sherry Block, Anne Clement; Ballot Clerk: Charlotte Beers, Diana Fiske; Absentee Ballot Counters: Elizabeth Lawlor, Carolyn Bacdayan; Registrars of Voters: Kathleen Gigliotti, Dianne Ahlberg

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Thomas C. Foley and Heather Somers	Republican	547
Dannel P. Malloy and Nancy Wyman	Democratic	610
Dannel P. Malloy and Nancy Wyman	Working Families	13
Thomas C. Foley and Heather Somers	Independent	33
Joe Visconti and Chester Frank Harris	Petitioning Candidate	6
John Traceski and Elizabeth Traceski	Write-In	0
Jonathan Pelto and Ebony S. Murphy	Write-In	0
John Renjilian and Jason Renjilian	Write-In	0
Daniel R. Gaita and Jason D. Smith	Write-In	0

Representative in Congress, Congressional District 2

Lori Hopkins-Cavanagh	Republican	413
Joe Courtney	Democratic	705
Joe Courtney	Working Families	47
William C. Clyde	Green	10
Daniel Reale	Libertarian	9

State Senator, Senatorial District 33

Art Linares	Republican	507
Emily Bjornberg	Democratic	608
Emily Bjornberg	Working Families	28
Art Linares	Independent	32
Colin D. Bennett	Green	19

State Representative, Assembly District 23

Devin R. Carney	Republican	546
Mary J. Stone	Democratic	599
Devin R. Carney	Independent	36

Secretary of the State

Peter Lumaj	Republican	508
Denise W. Merrill	Democratic	595
Denise W. Merrill	Working Families	25
Peter Lumaj	Independent	25
S. Michael DeRosa	Green	21

Treasurer

Timothy M. Herbst	Republican	527
Denise L. Nappier	Democratic	572
Denise L. Nappier	Working Families	27
Timothy M. Herbst	Independent	45

Comptroller

Sharon J. McLaughlin	Republican	497
Kevin Lembo	Democratic	593
Kevin Lembo	Working Families	19
Sharon J. McLaughlin	Independent	24
Rolf W. Maurer	Green	26

Attorney General

Kie Westby	Republican	467
George Jepsen	Democratic	631
George Jepsen	Working Families	25
Kie Westby	Independent	20
Stephen E. Fournier	Green	25

Judge of Probate

Anselmo Delia	Republican	508
Terrance D. Lomme	Democratic	629

Registrar of Voters

Kathleen A. Gigliotti	Republican	561
Dianne F. Ahlberg	Democratic	594

Question on Ballot

1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to remove restrictions concerning absentee ballots and to permit a person to vote without appearing at a polling place on the day of an election?

Yes	570
No	472

Total Number of Names on Official Check List	1788
Total Number of Names Checked as Having Voted	1218

Absentee Ballots

Absentee (Including Civilian, Postage-Free Armed Forces, etc.)	69
Rejected Absentee	3
Total Number Absentee Counted	66

EDR (Election Day Registration) Ballots

Total Number of EDR Ballots Issued Town wide	5
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Total Votes for Governor	1209
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Recorded by: Linda A. Winzer, Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

Balance, Checking Account June 30, 2014		40,789
Tax Collector:		
Taxes	8,676,998	
Interest & Fees	49,405	
		8,726,403
State of Connecticut:		
Capital Improvement	25,854	
Telephone Access Line Tax	9,202	
Elderly Tax Relief	19,828	
Supplemental Municipal Aid	8,389	
Education Grant	145,556	
Civil Preparedness	23,853	
State Property	16,656	
Boating Grant	0	
Veteran's Exemptions	410	
Other Grants	9,375	
		259,123
Special Revenue:		
Town Aid Road Fund	180,143	
Affordable Housing Program	3,760	
Town Hall/Library	437,031	
		620,934
Interest:		
Investments	7,611	
		7,611
Miscellaneous:		
Building Permits	50,435	
Conveyance Taxes	56,169	
Mooring Permits	3,030	
Other Permits	6,624	
Planning & Zoning	1,100	
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,000	
Town Clerk Fees	17,769	
Refunds & Rebates	12,046	
Waste Disposal Fees	2,389	
Miscellaneous	11,765	
Other Receipts	13,890	
		176,217
Total Receipts		9,831,077
Less: Change in accruals		0
Plus: Decrease in CT STIF Investments		2,000,000
Less: Selectmen's Disbursements		11,563,945
Balance, Checking Account, June 30, 2015		267,132
Balance in Banks		
General Fund:	Account:	
CT Short Term Investment Fund		1,000,000.00

Reserve Funds:		
Citizens Bank		6,065.32
Essex Savings Bank		8,478.55
Liberty Bank for Savings		3,265.05
Liberty Bank		0.00
Morgan Stanley - Capital Transfer		634,830.32
Morgan Stanley - Open Space Reserve Fund		269,075.79
Morgan Stanley - Library/Town Hall		0.95
Special Funds:		
Harbor Improvement Fund		671.75
Kovalenko Fund		1,271.98
Moulson-Ely Fund		4,574.12
Town Deposit Fund		8,776.64
World War I Memorial		866.65
Nutmeg Network Grant		143,442.44
Town Aid Road Fund		
Balance, July 1, 2014		8,665.03
Add: Current Allocation	180,143.00	
Interest	3.53	
		180,146.53
Less: Expended to General Fund		180,143.00
Balance, Essex Savings Bank, June 30, 2015		8,668.56
Cemetery Trust Fund		
Balance, July 1, 2014		153,408.24
Add: Interest	821.95	
Plot Sales	7,290.00	
Less: Exp to General Fund	6,000.00	
		2,111.95
Balance, June 30, 2015		155,520.19
Balance, June 30, 2015		
Essex Savings bank	6,239.72	
Citizens Bank	88,215.40	
Certificates of Deposit (2)	61,065.07	
Dog Fund		
Balance, July 1, 2014		6,310.78
Add: Town Clerk-Surcharge, Unaltered Dogs	126.00	
Town Clerk-Surcharge, Altered Dogs	472.00	
Town Clerk - License Fees	1,536.00	
Warden-Impoundment Fees	60.00	
Town of Lyme Appropriation	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	180.50	
		7,374.50
Less: Warden-Salary and Fees	2,460.00	
Warden-Expenses	2,200.00	
State of Connecticut-Surcharge	588.00	
State of Connecticut-50% of Fees	883.75	
Advertising	0.00	
Dog tags, Supplies	181.20	
		6,312.95
Balance, June 30, 2015		7,372.33

Hartman Park

Balance July 1, 2014		3,069.12
Add: Contributions	3,597.00	
Less: Exp to General Fund	3,000.00	
Balance June 30, 2014		3,666.12

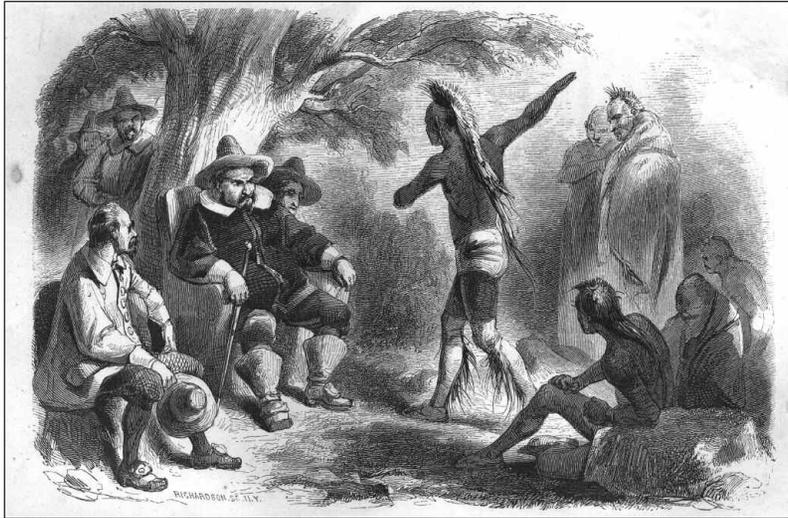
Pension Fund

Balance July 1, 2014		753,157.73
Add: Town of Lyme-Contributions	37,726.52	
Gains/Losses	38,514.45	
Less: Pension Payments	0.00	
Fees	10,879.26	
Balance June 30, 2015		818,519.44

Lyme Fire Company and Lyme Ambulance Association Incentive Program

Plan Balance as of April 1, 2014		1,225,753.18
Town Contribution	65,425.32	
Fees	-18,761.17	
Investment Gain/Loss	108,189.97	
Distributions	-65,033.12	
Balance as of March 31, 2015		1,315,574.18

William L. Hawthorne, *Treasurer*



UNCAS PLEADING BEFORE THE COURT

Etching from The History of Connecticut Indians, John E. DeWolfe, 1851

In 17th century Connecticut, English settlers and Indian groups engaged in contractual agreements and political alliances. But there were also distrust, disputes, and warfare between them. Conflict was often over land – the English concept of private ownership versus the Indian practice of communal ownership and use. The illustration is a 19th century historian's depiction of the tension. By the end of the 1600s, the native Indian groups and cultures were in serious decline and the English colonial authority in Connecticut prevailed.

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2015**

	General Fund	Capital Nonrecurring Fund	Bonded Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash of \$56,000)	\$ 535,451	\$ 602,353	\$ 2,543	\$ 454,161	\$ 1,594,508
Investments	1,000,000	50,020	-	-	1,050,020
Receivables, net:					
Property taxes, interest and liens	352,301	-	-	-	352,301
Intergovernmental	25,763	-	-	-	25,763
Total assets	\$ 1,913,515	\$ 652,373	\$ 2,543	\$ 454,161	\$ 3,022,592
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 70,620	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,620
Unearned revenue - grants	143,400	-	-	-	143,400
Performance bond deposits	36,599	-	-	-	36,599
Total liabilities	250,619	-	-	-	250,619
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	322,056	-	-	-	322,056
Total deferred inflows of resources	322,056	-	-	-	322,056
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	56,000	56,000
Restricted	-	-	-	112,305	112,305
Assigned	300,888	652,373	2,543	285,856	1,241,660
Unassigned	1,039,952	-	-	-	1,039,952
Total fund balances	1,340,840	652,373	2,543	454,161	2,449,917
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 1,913,515	\$ 652,373	\$ 2,543	\$ 454,161	\$ 3,022,592

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Taxes, interest and lien fees:				
General property taxes	\$ 8,557,225	\$ 8,557,225	\$ 8,691,184	\$ 133,959
Tax refunds and rebates	(3,500)	(3,500)	(738)	2,762
Interest and lien fees	28,000	28,000	52,393	24,393
Total taxes, interest and lien fees	<u>8,581,725</u>	<u>8,581,725</u>	<u>8,742,839</u>	<u>161,114</u>
Licenses and permits:				
Mooring permits	2,000	2,000	3,030	1,030
Building permits	35,000	35,000	50,435	15,435
Conveyance tax	38,000	38,000	56,169	18,169
Other licenses and permits	4,000	4,000	6,624	2,624
Total licenses and permits	<u>79,000</u>	<u>79,000</u>	<u>116,258</u>	<u>37,258</u>
Charges for services:				
Zoning board of appeals fees	750	750	1,000	250
Planning and zoning fees	750	750	1,100	350
Waste disposal fees	2,500	2,500	2,389	(111)
Town clerk fees	20,000	20,000	17,769	(2,231)
Refunds and rebates	2,000	2,000	12,046	10,046
Visiting nurse receipts	300	300	235	(65)
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,000	11,765	6,765
Affordable housing	3,250	3,250	3,760	510
Parks and recreation fees	4,000	4,000	4,655	655
Total charges for services	<u>38,550</u>	<u>38,550</u>	<u>54,719</u>	<u>16,169</u>
Intergovernmental:				
Supplemental municipal aid	5,742	5,742	6,076	334
Town aid roads	180,231	180,231	180,143	(88)
Education equalization grant	145,556	145,556	145,556	-
PILOT state property	13,778	13,778	16,656	2,878
Emergency management	13,000	13,000	23,853	10,853
Tax relief - homeowners	20,000	20,000	19,828	(172)
Tax relief - veterans	330	330	410	80
Miscellaneous grants	5,000	5,000	9,375	4,375
Local capital improvement program	25,854	25,854	25,763	(91)
Total Intergovernmental	<u>409,491</u>	<u>409,491</u>	<u>427,660</u>	<u>18,169</u>

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Investment income:				
Interest on investments	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,677	\$ 177
Total investment income	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,677</u>	<u>177</u>
Other revenue:				
Telephone access grant	9,000	9,000	9,202	202
Total other revenue	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,202</u>	<u>202</u>
Total revenues	<u>9,125,266</u>	<u>9,125,266</u>	<u>9,358,355</u>	<u>233,089</u>
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in - Bonded capital projects	505,000	505,000	437,031	(67,969)
Transfers in - Hartman Park	3,750	3,750	3,000	(750)
Transfers in - Eight Mile Cemetery	6,000	6,000	6,000	-
Total other financing sources	<u>514,750</u>	<u>514,750</u>	<u>446,031</u>	<u>(68,719)</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	<u>\$ 9,640,016</u>	<u>\$ 9,640,016</u>	<u>\$ 9,804,386</u>	<u>\$ 164,370</u>

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
General Government:				
Selectman's office	\$ 70,606	\$ 70,606	\$ 68,833	\$ 1,773
Town Clerk's office	50,975	50,975	49,902	1,073
Board of finance	3,800	3,800	3,750	50
Tax Collector's office	43,312	43,312	38,758	4,554
Assessor's office	55,561	55,561	47,721	7,840
Revaluation	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Town Treasurer	9,275	9,275	10,047	(772)
Election expenses	21,689	21,689	12,331	9,358
Board of assessment appeals	250	250	128	122
Planning and zoning commission	10,000	10,000	9,265	735
Zoning board of appeals	5,000	5,000	2,910	2,090
Zoning office	33,714	33,714	36,356	(2,642)
Harbor maintenance	4,000	4,000	3,566	434
Conservation commission	11,000	11,000	2,647	8,353
Pollution control	1,457	1,457	1,456	1
Probate court	1,500	1,300	1,330	170
Auditor's expense	26,200	26,200	25,400	800
Town Counsel	12,500	12,500	2,625	9,875
Town report	7,000	7,000	6,141	859
General insurance	80,000	80,000	81,790	(1,790)
Workers' compensation insurance	26,599	26,599	22,012	4,587
Health insurance	151,072	151,072	150,372	700
FICA	48,211	48,211	52,048	(3,837)
Retirement	45,062	45,062	44,828	234
Town Hall expense	45,555	45,555	43,840	1,715
Heat and fuel	56,000	56,000	59,243	(3,243)
Affordable housing	500	500	-	500
Elderly	7,606	7,606	8,240	(634)
Transportation distribution	2,648	2,648	2,648	-
Hadlyme historic district	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Total general government	847,092	847,092	803,187	43,905
Public Safety:				
Fire marshal	5,873	5,873	5,170	703
Fire company	54,564	54,564	65,351	(10,787)
VSECI	41,428	41,428	41,428	-
Complex maintenance	17,400	17,400	14,292	3,108
Public safety utilities	22,000	22,000	15,886	6,114
Police	20,000	20,000	11,107	8,893
Emergency management	8,000	8,000	12,696	(4,696)
Building inspector	22,967	22,967	22,547	420
Hazardous waste	11,845	11,845	10,530	1,315
Public safety pension	82,158	82,158	77,905	4,253
Total public safety	286,235	286,235	276,912	9,323

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Highways:				
Superintendent	\$ 62,997	\$ 62,997	\$ 69,297	(\$ 6,300)
Town crew	133,506	133,506	146,373	(12,867)
Town crew benefits	21,971	21,971	34,971	(13,000)
Town aid road - maintenance	312,644	312,644	265,963	46,681
General maintenance	40,000	40,000	45,123	(5,123)
Snow and ice removal	50,000	50,000	69,874	(19,874)
Street lighting	3,000	3,000	2,468	532
Street signs	4,000	4,000	340	3,660
Garage expense	1,000	1,000	673	327
Superintendent expense	4,250	4,250	4,250	-
Tree Warden expense	1,200	1,200	1,200	-
Total highways	634,568	634,568	640,532	(5,964)
Sanitation:				
Landfill costs	64,275	64,275	57,801	6,474
Tipping fees	54,560	54,560	46,561	7,999
Sanitarian	25,196	25,196	27,296	(2,100)
Recycling	26,993	26,993	29,047	(2,054)
Total sanitation	171,024	171,024	160,705	10,319
Conservation of Health:				
Health officer	750	750	750	-
Visiting nurses	4,500	4,500	2,544	1,956
Vital statistics	75	75	-	75
Total conservation of health	5,325	5,325	3,294	2,031
Welfare:				
Women's center	500	500	500	-
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	5,616	5,616	5,616	-

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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, 2015
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Library	\$ 142,496	\$ 142,496	\$ 145,298	(\$ 2,802)
Recreation:				
Hartman park	3,750	3,750	416	3,334
Park maintenance	11,316	11,316	11,165	151
Recreation commission	18,850	18,850	9,201	9,649
Rogers lake commission	50,000	50,000	46,005	3,995
Town Woods property	33,789	33,789	34,022	(233)
Total recreation	<u>117,705</u>	<u>117,705</u>	<u>100,809</u>	<u>16,896</u>
Miscellaneous:				
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,000	3,288	712
Council of small towns	725	725	725	-
CT river conservation district	1,421	1,421	1,421	-
Contingent account	4,000	4,000	3,033	967
Data processing	35,000	35,000	35,173	(173)
Eight-mile cemetery	6,970	6,970	4,848	2,122
Lyme cemeteries	5,400	5,400	2,573	2,827
C.R.E.R.P.A.	4,811	4,811	4,811	-
C.R.E.R.P.A. seniors	9,950	9,950	9,950	-
Lyme youth services	24,000	24,000	25,508	(1,508)
Elderly housing	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
Literary volunteers	500	500	500	-
CCM	1,339	1,339	1,339	-
Lyme/Old Lyme senior center	21,506	21,506	19,837	1,669
Secter	843	843	842	1
Total miscellaneous	<u>121,965</u>	<u>121,965</u>	<u>115,348</u>	<u>6,617</u>
Education:				
Regional School District No. 18	<u>6,556,450</u>	<u>6,556,450</u>	<u>6,556,450</u>	<u>-</u>

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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, 2015
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Redemption of Debt				
Principal and Interest:				
General obligation bonds principal	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ 350,000	\$ -
Town truck lease	21,225	21,225	24,043	(2,818)
General obligation bonds interest	<u>118,369</u>	<u>118,369</u>	<u>118,368</u>	<u>1</u>
Total redemption of debt principal and interest	<u>489,594</u>	<u>489,594</u>	<u>492,411</u>	<u>(2,817)</u>
Capital Outlay:				
Fire truck lease	\$ 20,000	\$ 20,000	\$ 12,646	\$ 7,354
Fire company equipment	26,520	26,520	27,502	(982)
Sanitation site improvement	37,563	37,563	37,536	27
Highway equipment	3,000	3,000	590	2,410
Town hall improvements	1,264,415	1,264,415	1,043,723	220,692
Vital records restoration	5,000	5,000	5,172	(172)
Emergency management	13,000	13,000	11,241	1,759
Open space	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
L/OL senior center	<u>8,638</u>	<u>8,638</u>	<u>7,923</u>	<u>715</u>
Total capital outlay	<u>1,403,136</u>	<u>1,403,136</u>	<u>1,171,333</u>	<u>231,803</u>
Total expenditures	<u>10,781,206</u>	<u>10,781,206</u>	<u>10,471,895</u>	<u>309,311</u>
Other Financing Uses:				
Transfers out:				
Open space/reserve funds	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
Local capital improvement	175,000	175,000	175,000	-
Dog fund	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>5,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total transfers out	<u>230,000</u>	<u>230,000</u>	<u>230,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ 11,011,206</u>	<u>\$ 11,011,206</u>	<u>\$ 10,701,895</u>	<u>\$ 309,311</u>

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2015**

Grand List Year	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2014	Current Year Levy	Lawful Corrections		Transfer To Suspend	Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Collections			Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2015	
			Additions	Deductions			Taxes	Interest	Lien Fees		Total
1998	\$ 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	1,903	-	-	-	-	1,903	-	-	-	-	1,903
2004	2,170	-	-	-	-	2,170	-	-	-	-	2,170
2005	2,625	-	-	-	-	2,625	755	39	-	794	1,870
2006	4,800	-	-	-	-	4,800	-	969	-	969	4,800
2007	11,494	-	-	-	-	11,494	-	-	-	-	11,494
2008	13,819	-	-	-	257	13,562	-	-	-	-	13,562
2009	14,518	-	-	-	332	14,186	126	103	-	229	14,060
2010	25,188	-	-	-	301	24,887	3,162	4,462	-	7,624	21,725
2011	44,885	-	61	-	1,018	43,928	17,498	4,614	48	22,160	26,430
2012	75,146	-	821	716	1,388	73,863	39,915	10,095	236	50,246	33,948
Total Prior Years	203,395	-	882	817	3,296	200,164	61,456	20,282	284	82,022	138,708
2013	-	8,687,306	15,190	7,533	-	8,694,963	8,615,124	28,463	40	8,643,627	79,839
Total	\$ 203,395	\$ 8,687,306	\$ 16,072	\$ 8,350	\$ 3,296	\$ 8,895,127	\$ 8,676,580	\$ 48,745	\$ 324	\$ 8,725,649	\$ 218,547

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

Lyme Department of Emergency Management

Dear Lyme resident,

This last year we have continued to improve our readiness through training and exercises along with making improvements to our emergency operations center (EOC) that has kept it current and ready for an activation. With assistance from our Region 4 office of CTDEMHS, we continue to technically innovate our operations with Lyme's EOC often being used as a reference for a modern and efficient facility with a strategic vision and implementation plan that has kept us adapting to new scenarios and threats.

Not only do we directly report to the first selectman of the Town of Lyme, we are also integrated into Region 4 of Connecticut's Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security (CTDEHMS). The directors of Lyme Department of Emergency Management are sworn officials, and our main duty is to serve the town, protect our community, and integrate with local, State and Federal assets during a time of emergency.

As mentioned, key personnel attend routine training sessions, regional and State emergency management meetings, serve roles on a specific task force or focus group, serve on Region 18's School Safety Committee, attend school safety drills and exercises, and prepare and maintain our EOC facility in a state of constant readiness.

The Town of Lyme is also located within the ten-mile emergency planning zone (EPZ) of Dominion Power's Millstone Nuclear power generating station. Because of this proximity, there are additional measures, protocols and key technologies such as dosimetry meters, public address and siren notification systems, specialized communications equipment and bi-monthly meetings for emergency management directors held at the Millstone plant to ensure preparedness should we need to respond to a radiological event.

OUR MISSION

Lyme Department of Emergency Management is charged with protecting the community by providing a comprehensive and integrated emergency management system that coordinates community resources to protect lives, property and the environment through mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery from all natural and man-made hazards that may impact our town.

COMMAND STRUCTURE DURING AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY

The chief executive of local government (First Selectman) is by law in charge or in command during an emergency. The Emergency Management director serves, during an emergency, as the chief of staff for the chief executive. His or her normal daily role is to act on behalf of the chief executive to build local readiness by developing local emergency plans, in coordination with community and businesses.

Directors:

Richard Lee Watkins (*Emergency Management Director*)
 John Evans (Deputy EMD & Public Information Officer)
 William Firgelewski (Deputy EMD)

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Staff:

Sherry Block
 Ed Vidou
 Ed McCusker
 Kristina White
 Katelyn Sturgell*
 André Yeomans

* *Katelyn is currently serving with the US Navy*

Radiological:

Carl Clement (*Lyme Ambulance Assoc.*)

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Town and EOC staff for their constant state of preparedness and vigilance. Also, a special thanks to the Mike Caplet of the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Region 4 office, Lt. Goodall of the Connecticut State Police Troop F barracks, the Lyme Fire Company, the Lyme Ambulance Association, and our own Town highway crew for their important contributions during times when our EOC is activated and we respond as one integrated first response team. We are fortunate to have such dedicated individuals protecting and serving State and our community.

Sincerely yours,

R. Lee Watkins, *Emergency Management Director, Town of Lyme,*
EMD@LymeCT.gov



Lyme Town Hall Records Vault

*The 1665 Loving Parting document on the cover of this report is a facsimile of the only known 17th century copy found in the original **Lyme Land Records Volume I**. The whereabouts of the original document is not known. Paper surviving from this period of history is extremely vulnerable to damage and decay; thus, this record and originals of other towns' land records of the period are preserved at the Connecticut State Library. The Library reproduces photostatic copies of such volumes for public use at the relevant town hall.*

*(Original volumes of **Lyme Town [meeting] Records** are also preserved at the State Library.)*

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: _____

Special directions to your house: _____

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.

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