

LYME TOWN REPORT 2016

ANNUAL REPORT

Cover Photograph

“OnTheCove”
Camp Claire, Inc.
2016



FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2016

Dedication

The Board of Selectmen has chosen to dedicate this year's edition of the Annual Town Report to Camp Claire.

Situated on the upper end of Hamburg Cove, the camp celebrated the 100th anniversary of its founding during the past year. Over time, it has become a fixture in the summertime rhythm of life in Lyme, most prominently when campers swell the ranks of our iconic Fourth of July Parade and turn out en masse in August for the Hamburg Fair.

Aside from a recently completed new swimming pool and nurses' cabin, much of the camp retains the same rustic mix of cabins and grounds that children encountered decades ago and many of today's campers are the children of earlier generations of attendees.

Preserving the camp's longstanding heritage and traditions is not an easy task. Several Lyme residents have played recent, key roles to help sustain its legacy. With apologies for possibly overlooking others who have dedicated their time and energy as well, the selectmen would like to recognize and thank three people who have figured prominently in this endeavor: Don Gerber and Steve and Maddy Mattson. Their efforts have bolstered the camp's long term prospects for sustainability and Lyme will continue to benefit from their vision and leadership.

Happy birthday Camp Claire from your friends and neighbors in the Town of Lyme!



BirchCraft. The craft and boat house built in 1949, a popular center of camp activity.

Health and Community Well-being in Lyme

Lyme Town Historian

The proprietors and townsmen of Lyme in 1665 successfully organized a town government, chose officials, divided the land, regulated commerce and laid out roads and bridges for carrying on peaceful community life. There were, however, persistent threats to the community from illness and diseases like diphtheria, scarlet fever and small pox which were not controllable by their planning or honest effort. Impressively, there were three Lyme families in the 18th and 19th centuries who produced physicians from multiple generations – Mather, Noyes and Ely lines. While they and other doctors were active and well-intentioned practitioners of “physic”, the term for the medical practices of the time (including purges and blood-letting), their ministrations had very limited curative effect.

By the early 1800s some physicians began systematic observation and analysis of their patients' illnesses, seeking more effective treatments. Dr. Elisha Ely of Saybrook purchased Duck Island as an isolated site for clinical experimentation on immunization for smallpox. Dr. Vine Utley of Lyme analyzed scores of his own patient case histories and published his theories and conclusions in the fledgling medical journals of the time.

During the 19th century, medical knowledge, formal physician education and standards of professionalism advanced but infectious diseases remained a troubling public health problem.. Public officials, health professionals and community workers began looking at physical, environmental and social conditions affecting community health. In 1878 the Connecticut General Assembly established the Connecticut Department of Public Health. Each Connecticut town was required to have a physician-Health Officer. Dr. Josiah Griffin Ely, Jr. was the first one in Lyme in 1891. He monitored and reported on the incidence and types of illness, ice and water sources, “nuisances” (unsafe situations), and the sanitary conditions of homes and all public buildings, ordering corrections or giving encouragement as needed. Between 1860 and 1980, it was also the good fortune of Lyme residents to have had consistent access to excellent, personal medical care, right here in Lyme, from three generations of Ely family physicians, Drs. Josiah G. Ely Sr., Josiah G. Ely, Jr., and Julian G. Ely. Their devotion to the medical profession and their patients is legendary in the town.

In the 20th century, medical treatment options increased, many available only in the urban areas. Patient care standards demanded not only accessibility to them, but also rapid transport in emergencies. In 1975-76 a number of concerned Lyme citizens organized and incorporated the independent, non-profit Lyme Ambulance Association to provide emergency medical transport for the community. The State-approved service now responds to over 150 calls per year with its two ambulances, outfitted with state of the art equipment and communications, capable of providing Basic Life Support. The service does not charge for its services and is supported

through donations and fund raising. At the core of the Association are the more than 170 men and women volunteers who have served as medical responders, drivers and board members since 1976, sustaining the high quality service, vital to the Lyme community's well-being.

Respectfully submitted,
 Carolyn Bacdayan, *Town Historian*



The 40th Anniversary of the Lyme Ambulance Association was celebrated with an exhibit at the Lyme Public Hall, July 4, 2016. It included displays of the Association's history, equipment, a fully equipped 2012 ambulance, demonstrations and answers for the public by the Association's volunteer board and crew members.

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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

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

Site Testing and Plan Review Subdivision

Per lot.....\$150.00

Building Permits

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

Certificate of Occupancy\$10.00

Planning Commission

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

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

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

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

Percolation Test.....\$10.00

Planning & Zoning Regulations\$20.00

Inland Wetlands Regulations\$10.00

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

To Bulky Waste Haulers

Containers capable of holding up to 25 cubic yards	\$100.00
Containers holding or capable of holding up to 30 cubic yards	\$225.00
Containers holding or capable of holding over 30 cubic yards	\$350.00
Containers holding over 650 cubic yards will be charged \$5.00 per cubic yard. (Above minimum fee plus \$1.00 per tire, includes all trucks, 10 yards and over)	
Homeowners – Bulky Waste (construction materials, etc. – cost is per cubic yard)	\$20.00
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, oil or gas tanks, hazardous waste or other materials not classified as bulky waste may be deposited.

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

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

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

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

Appeals to the Zoning Board of Appeals may be made in accordance with instructions available from the Chairman of the Board, or from the Zoning Enforcement 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 Lower Connecticut River Valley 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.



The First Congregational Church of Meriden organized a first camping trip to Hamburg in 1916. "Camp Kongo" continued to 1936 when land was purchased by the church and the name changed to Camp Claire in honor of the wife of the donor of funds for the purchase. Vintage postcard ca 1949.

Meetings

(At Town Hall unless notified otherwise)

Board of Selectmen.....	1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 3:30 PM
Planning & Zoning Commission.....	2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 PM
Conservation & Inland Wetlands Commission	3rd 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 Commission.....	3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM
Rogers Lake Authority.....	2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM (held at Rogers Lake West Shores Club- house)
Regional District 18.....	1st 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 Commission.....	3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM
Lymes' Senior Center Board of Directors.....	3rd Monday of each month at 2:00 PM (held at the Lymes' Senior Center)



Selectmen's Report

Lyme closed out the last fiscal year on sound financial footing. Our income projections generated almost \$300,000 more in revenue than estimated. We assumed total expenses (Operating & Capital) of just over 10.1 million dollars, spending 98% of this budgeted amount and returning just over \$240,000 to the General Fund at the close of the year. Our policy of conservative revenue estimates coupled with close monitoring of expenses continues to result in the desired outcome-delivery of necessary services while endeavoring to control the impact on our mil rate.

The town observed two historic milestones during the past year. The Lyme Ambulance Association marked its 40th anniversary and Camp Claire celebrated its 100th birthday. Both organizations have become inextricably woven into the fabric

of our community enriching our quality of life in countless ways. The Board of Selectmen urges Lyme residents to continue their generous support for both. The Ambulance Association urgently needs volunteers to meet the demands of around the clock staffing and Camp Claire is actively raising funds for numerous capital projects to upgrade its buildings and grounds.

Lyme continues to suffer from a lack of affordable housing stock, especially when it comes to finding a place to live for our younger emergency services providers. The selectmen wish to take this opportunity to reach out to residents who may own potential rental property to ask that they consider renting at below market rate to these dedicated volunteers so that they can live in town and continue to serve.

We conclude this year's report by thanking all who volunteer their time to Lyme's many and varied organizations. Your dedication enables them to succeed and with that success the entire town benefits. If you have an interest, the Town Hall can put you in touch with groups looking for help. A strong volunteer ethic is what makes Lyme the special place it is. That tradition must remain robust if Lyme is to continue to thrive.

Respectfully submitted,
The Lyme Board of Selectmen



"In Memory of ELEAZAR MATHER, ESQR. who died November 2, 1789 in the 82nd Year of his age. He received an early education at Yale College, was an Eminent Physician and a Man of universal knowledge." He lived on Bill Hill and is buried in Lord Cemetery.

Town Calendar 2017

January 1	Supplemental motor vehicle taxes due - late fees due after January 31 (Tax Collector)
January 31	Deadline for filing blind exemption application (Assessor)
February 1	Filing period begins Elderly & Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption applications – income limit applies (Assessor)
February 20	Deadline for filing assessment appeal application to Board of Assessment Appeals (Assessor)
March	Board of Assessment Appeals holds hearings, date to be announced – property only (Assessor)
May 15	Deadline for filing Elderly & Disabled applications (Assessor)
May 15	Filing period begins for Renters Program (Assessor)
May 15	Last day of payment of taxes due in July 2016 in order to avoid a tax lien (Tax Collector)
June 1	First day to license dog for upcoming year - licensing required annually (Town Clerk)
June 30	Last day to license dog without penalty (Town Clerk)
June 30	End of Fiscal Year
July 1	Property, Motor Vehicle, Personal Property Taxes due – timely payment July 1 through July 31 (Tax Collector)
August 1	Last day for timely payment of taxes levied on the list as of October 1, 2016 (Tax Collector)
September	Board of Assessment Appeals meets, date to be announced - motor vehicle only (Assessor)
September 15	Deadline for filing Elderly Renters Program applications (Assessor)
September 30	Deadline for filing Veteran’s Honorable Discharge papers (DD214) or statement of current service for credit on upcoming taxes (Town Clerk)
October 1	List of all personal property owned on this date, except real estate and registered motor vehicles – filing by Nov. 1 (Assessor)
October 1	Deadline for filing additional Veteran exemption applications (Assessor)
October 31	List of personal property must be filed on or before Nov. 1 to avoid 25% penalty (Assessor)
October 31	Deadline for filing application for exemption on farm machinery, horses or ponies used exclusively in farm operation - income/expense limit applicable (Assessor)
October 31	Last day to file first time 490 Open Space declaration (Assessor)
November 1	Deadline for filing personal property declaration (Assessor)
December 31	Deadline for filing applications for motor vehicle exemption for serviceperson stationed out of state (Assessor)

State and Town Officers

Fiscal Year July 1, 2015– June 30, 2016

Office or Commission Elected	Official or Member	Term Begins	Term Expires
First Selectman	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 21, 2017
Second Selectman	Parker H. Lord	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 21, 2017
Third Selectman	Steven E. Mattson	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 21, 2017
Town Clerk	Linda A. Winzer	Jan. 4, 2016	Jan. 2, 2018
Town Treasurer	William L. Hawthorne	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 21, 2017
Tax Collector	Linda B. Ward	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 21, 2017
Board of Finance	David M. Brown, Sr.	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Kathryn R. Wayland	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Herbert Ross	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Matthew Sharp, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Peter Evankow	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	Judith H. Duran	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	*Thomas Boyd		
	*James P. Witkins		
Board of Finance Alternates			
	Jarrod M. Leonardo	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Lori Caine	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Tom Wing	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	*Peter Evankow		
Board of Assessment Appeals			
	Hayden Reynolds	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Harry P. Broom, Jr., <i>Chair</i>	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	John Kiker	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
Planning and Zoning Commission			
	William T. Koch, Jr.	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Steven Mattson	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	E. Hunter Ward	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Ross C. Byrne	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Kelvin N. Tyler	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Phyllis Ross	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	David Tiffany, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
Zoning Board of Appeals			
	Ronald Wojcik	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Jack Sulger	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Jeanne Rutigliano	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019

	Fred Harger	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	David Lahm, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates			
	Judith Davies	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Salvatore Caruso, Jr.	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Winnifred Gencarella	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
Lyme Public Library Directors			
	Susan Cole	Nov. 22, 2021	Nov. 21, 2017
	Diane Brown	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Jack Sulger	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	James Benn	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Diana Fiske	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Eugene (Chuck) A. Lynch	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Jerry R. Ehlen	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	Holly Rubino	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	George J. Willauer	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	*Lorna McLaughlin		
	*Katherine Gibson		
	*Judith F. Lightfoot		
	*William Fiske		
Lyme Members of Regional, District #18, Board of Education			
	Beth A. Jones	Dec. 1, 2013	Dec. 1, 2017
	Mary E. Powell-St. Louis	Dec. 1, 2015	Dec. 1, 2019
	*James P. Witkins		
Registrar of Voters	Dianne F. Ahlberg	Jan. 7, 2015	Jan. 4, 2017
	Kathleen Gigliotti	Jan. 7, 2015	Jan. 4, 2017
State Representative 23rd District			
	Devin Carney	Jan. 7, 2015	Jan. 4, 2017
State Senator 33rd District			
	Art Linares	Jan 7, 2015	Jan. 4, 2017
U. S. Congress 2nd District			
	Joe Courtney	Jan. 3, 2015	Jan. 3, 2017
U. S. Senate	Richard Blumenthal	Jan. 3, 2011	Jan. 3, 2017
U. S. Senate	Chris Murphy	Jan. 3, 2013	Jan. 3, 2019
Appointed			
Board of Assessors			
	Debra A. Yeomans	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Frederick Platt III, <i>Chair</i>	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Madeleine H. Mattson	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021

Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission			
	Beverly Crowther	Nov. 12, 2013	Nov. 8, 2016
	Ben Kegley	Nov. 12, 2013	Nov. 8, 2016
	Roger Dill	Nov. 11, 2014	Nov. 14, 2017
	Thomas Reynolds	Nov. 11, 2014	Nov. 14, 2017
	Paul Armond, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 10, 2015	Nov. 13, 2018
	Patrick Crowley	Nov. 10, 2015	Nov. 13, 2018
	Priscilla Hammond	Nov. 10, 2015	Nov. 13, 2018
Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission Alternates			
	Susan Hessel	Nov. 12, 2013	Nov. 8, 2016
	Steven Kurlansky	Nov. 11, 2014	Nov. 14, 2017
Cemetery Commission			
	Gordon M. Krusen, <i>Chairperson</i>	April 15, 2014	April 15, 2017
	Tina Kozlowski	April 15, 2014	April 15, 2017
	Bruce Stark	April 15, 2014	April 15, 2017
	Ann Evans	April 15, 2015	April 15, 2018
	Kim Kanabis	April 15, 2015	April 15, 2018
	Marilyn Warren	April 15, 2015	April 15, 2018
	Diana Boehning	April 15, 2016	April 15, 2019
	Thomas Davies	April 15, 2016	April 15, 2019
	Christine Plikus	April 15, 2016	April 15, 2019
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			
	Roger Mayotte	Nov. 30, 2011	Nov. 30, 2016
	vacancy	Nov. 30, 2012	Nov. 30, 2017
	vacancy	Nov. 30, 2013	Nov. 30, 2018
	vacancy	Nov. 30, 2014	Nov. 30, 2019
	Francis Roche	Nov. 30, 2015	Nov. 30, 2020
Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission			
	Lisa Holmes	Jan. 23, 2012	Jan. 23, 2017
	Christian Peltenburg-Brechneff	Jan. 23, 2013	Jan. 23, 2018
	Susan Tyler	Jan. 23, 2014	Jan. 23, 2019
	Harry (Skip) Broom, Jr.	Jan. 23, 2015	Jan. 23, 2020
	E. Russell Learned, <i>Chairperson</i>	Jan. 23, 2016	Jan. 23, 2021

Hadlyme Ferry Historic District			
Commission Alternates			
	Iain R. Horwath	Jan. 23, 2013	Jan. 23, 2018
	Thomas Richardson	Jan. 23, 2013	Jan. 23, 2018
	vacancy	Jan. 23, 2013	Jan. 23, 2018
	vacancy	Jan. 23, 2013	Jan. 23, 2018
	vacancy	Jan. 23, 2013	Jan. 23, 2018
Rogers Lake Authority			
	Dennis Overfield	June 1, 2014	June 1, 2017
	Tom Mondelci	June 1, 2015	June 1, 2018
	Michael Sicord	June 1, 2013	June 1, 2016
Recreation Commission			
	Trudy Burgess	Jan. 15, 2016	Jan. 15, 2017
	Heidi Meyer	Jan. 15, 2016	Jan. 15, 2017
	Carmela Monte	Jan. 15, 2016	Jan. 15, 2017
	Jason Thornton, <i>Chairperson</i>	Jan. 15, 2016	Jan. 15, 2017
	vacancy	Jan. 15, 2016	Jan. 15, 2017
	vacancy	Jan. 15, 2016	Jan. 15, 2017
	vacancy	Jan. 15, 2016	Jan. 15, 2017
Estuary Transit District			
	Susan Tyler	Feb. 1, 2016	Feb. 1, 2020
	*Ralph F. Eno, Jr.		
Affordable Housing Committee			
	Mac Godley		
	Isabel Roberge		
	Phyllis Ross		
	Tina West, <i>Chairperson</i>		
Tree Warden	Lars D. Anderson	July 1, 2015	June 30, 2017
Burning Officer	Gary Weed		
Emergency Management Director			
	Lee Watkins		
Emergency Management Deputy Directors			
	John Evans		
	Will Firgelewski		
Cable Advisory Council			
	Brian Bowes		
CT Gateway Commission			
	Emily Bjornberg	July 1, 2014	June 30, 2016
	J. Melvin Woody, <i>Alt.</i>	July 1, 2014	June 30, 2016

Senior Center Board of Directors			
	Diana Seckla	July 1, 2015	June 30, 2016
	Gary Weed	July 1, 2015	June 30, 2016
	Ruth Young	July 1, 2015	June 30, 2016
Lower CT River Valley Regional Planning Commisison			
	vacancy	May 1, 2015	May 1, 2017
	vacancy	May 1, 2015	May 1, 2017
Municipal Historian	Carolyn Bacdayan		
Public Health Nurse	Interim Healthcare		
Veterans' Service Contact Person			
	David Lahm		
Water Pollution Control Authority			
	J. Melvin Woody	July 1, 2011	June 30, 2016
	David Cook	July 1, 2012	June 30, 2017
	J. Carter Courtney	July 1, 2013	June 30, 2018
Lyme Volunteer Fire Company Chief			
	James Leatherbee III		
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, 2014	Oct. 27, 2018
Dog Warden	Donald Griffith		
Eastern Regional Tourism District Board of Directors			
	Stephen Gencarella	Sept. 1, 2014	Aug. 31, 2017
Mental Health Catchment Area Council			
	Linda Camarra	April 30, 2015	Apr. 30, 2017
Open Space Committee			
	Paul Armond	June 1, 2015	June 1, 2017
	Anthony Irving	June 1, 2015	June 1, 2017
	Parker Lord	June 1, 2015	June 1, 2017
	Lucius Stark	June 1, 2015	June 1, 2017
	Barbara David	June 1, 2016	June 1, 2018
	Steven E. Mattson	June 1, 2016	June 1, 2018
	Lisa Niccolai	June 1, 2016	June 1, 2018
	vacancy	June 1, 2016	June 1, 2018

Eight Mile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee

Anthony Irving
Parker Lord

Eight Mile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee Alternate

Paul Armond
*Erik Block

Pension Advisory Committee

Tom Childs	May 4, 2016	May 4, 2017
Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	May 4, 2016	May 4, 2017
John Friday	May 4, 2016	May 4, 2017
Steven E. Mattson	May 4, 2016	May 4, 2017
Matthew Sharp	May 4, 2016	May 4, 2017

Justices of the Peace

David Michael Adams, Jr.	Jan. 7, 2013	Jan. 2, 2017
Charlotte Beers	Jan. 7, 2013	Jan. 2, 2017
Emily Bjornberg	Jan. 24, 2014	Jan. 2, 2017
Christie Christensen	May 24, 2016	Jan. 2, 2017
Daniel A. Hagan	Jan. 10, 2014	Jan. 2, 2017
Fred William Harger	Jan. 7, 2013	Jan. 2, 2017
Patricia A. Harris	Jan. 7, 2013	Jan. 2, 2017
Jack F. Sulger, Jr.	Jan. 7, 2013	Jan. 7, 2017
Anthony J. Sullivan	Jan. 7, 2013	Jan. 2, 2017
Eleanor B. Sutton	Jan. 7, 2013	Jan. 2, 2017

vacancy
vacancy

Fire Marshal

David Roberge

Social Services Director

Kathy Tisdale

Open Space Coordinator

Wendy Hill

Harbor Master

L. Thomas Reynolds

Democratic Town Committee

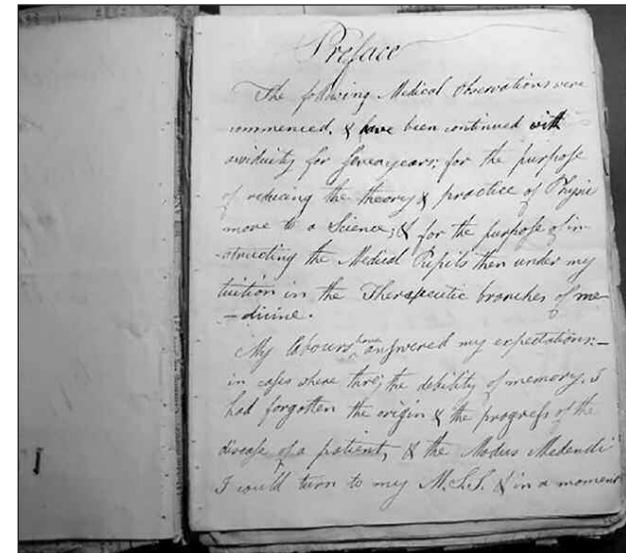
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Carolyn Bacdayan
Emily Bjornberg
Mary Ellen Caruso
Susan Cole
Sue Hessel
John Kiker
Mary Ann Kistner, Secretary
Jarrod Leonardo, Treasurer
Madeleine Mattson
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LeRay McFarland
Toni Phillips
Phyllis Ross

Claire Sauer
Judy L. Ulrich
Ronald Wojcik

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William J. Fiske
Donald C. Gerber
Priscilla Hammond
Jonathan Jewett, Treasurer
William T. Koch
David Lahm
Mary E. Powell-St. Louis
Hayden Reynolds
Isabel S. Roberge
Matthew A. Sharp
David J. Tiffany, Vice Chairman
John J. Tiffany, II
Linda A. Winzer, Secretary

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



"Preface" to an early scientific study of patient case histories by Lyme physician, Dr. Vine Utley (1768-1836). "The following Medical Observations were commenced and have been continued with assiduity for seven years; for the purpose of reducing the theory and practice of Physic more to a Science and for the purpose of instructing the Medicine Pupils then under my tuition in the Therapeutic branches of medicine..."

Summary of Expenditures
7/1/15 – 6/30/16

	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
EXPENSES			
General Government			
Selectmen's Office	70,418.00	65,940.58	4,477.42
Town Clerk	54,228.00	51,489.93	2,738.07
Board of Finance	3,800.00	3,200.00	600.00
Tax Collector	44,203.00	40,897.56	3,305.44
Assessor's Office	57,681.00	50,394.85	7,286.15
Revaluation	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
Town Treasurer	9,486.00	9,485.40	.60
Election Expenses	14,007.00	17,249.04	(3,242.04)
Board of Assessment Appeals	250.00	153.70	96.30
Planning & Zoning Commission	10,000.00	22,283.58	(12,283.58)
Zoning Board of Appeals	5,000.00	4,883.10	116.90
Zoning Officer	34,507.00	34,506.44	.56
Harbor Maintenance	4,000.00	5,040.89	(1,040.89)
Conservation Commission	11,000.00	18,776.00	(7,776.00)
Pollution Control	1,457.00	1,456.25	0.75
Probate Court	1,500.00	1,330.00	170.00
Auditor's Expense	27,300.00	26,200.00	1,100.00
Town Counsel	12,500.00	17,085.70	(4,585.70)
Town Report	7,000.00	5,781.99	1,218.01
General Insurance	82,078.00	80,354.20	1,723.80
Workmen's Comp	26,599.00	22,012.00	4,587.00
Health Insurance	156,940.00	147,053.92	9,886.08
Employer Medicare and FICA	50,114.00	48,979.99	1,134.01
Retirement	43,173.00	39,609.41	3,563.59
Town Hall Expense	61,370.00	60,036.03	1,333.97
Heat & Fuel	41,751.00	41,750.89	.11
Affordable Housing	500.00	0.00	500.00
Welfare Director/Elderly	7,796.00	7,795.92	.08
Transportation District	2,847.00	2,847.00	0.00
Hadlyme Historic District	500.00	0.00	500.00
Public Safety			
Fire Marshal	5,985.00	4,584.48	1,400.52
Fire Company	55,000.00	54,132.53	867.47
VSECI	43,637.00	43,637.00	0.00
Complex Maintenance	24,100.00	24,808.90	(708.90)
Public Safety Utilities	22,000.00	17,775.65	4,224.35
Police	20,000.00	9,958.75	10,041.25
Emergency Management	22,000.00	19,253.41	2,746.59
Building Inspector	23,466.00	22,613.58	852.42

Hazardous Waste	11,993.00	9,198.00	2,795.00
Public Safety Pension	92,181.00	67,610.54	24,570.46
Highways			
Superintendent	64,572.00	66,686.77	(2,114.77)
Town Crew	135,887.00	123,481.48	12,405.52
Town Crew Benefits	23,279.00	19,230.00	4,049.00
Town Aid Roads Maintenance	311,844.00	251,042.54	60,801.46
General Maintenance	49,000.00	44,480.74	4,519.26
Snow and Ice Removal	60,000.00	48,975.29	11,024.71
Street Lighting	3,250.00	2,692.68	557.32
Street Signs	3,500.00	38.00	3,462.00
Garage Expense	1,000.00	570.90	429.10
Superintendent Expense	4,250.00	4,250.00	0.00
Tree Warden Expense	1,465.00	1,270.00	195.00
Sanitation			
Landfill Costs	63,500.00	62,041.31	1,458.69
Tipping Fees	55,440.00	46,837.90	8,602.10
Sanitarian	25,826.00	25,825.80	.20
Recycling	28,653.00	29,847.63	(1,194.63)
Conservation of Health			
Health Officer	750.00	750.00	0.00
Visiting Nurses	4,500.00	3,304.84	1,195.16
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	3,675.00	3,500.00	175.00
Regional Mental Health	116.00	116.00	0.00
Soup Kitchen	500.00	500.00	0.00
Library			
Library Staff Salary	112,891.00	113,211.13	(320.13)
Books & Magazines	19,497.00	19,796.26	(299.26)
Supplies	3,900.00	6,033.09	(2,133.09)
Computer/IT Expense	4,470.00	5,080.17	(610.17)
Licenses & Databases	4,278.00	5,732.13	(1,454.13)
Utilities & Telecommunication	24,946.00	21,082.92	3,863.08
Building Maintenance & Refuse	16,982.00	14,885.00	2,097.00
Audio/Visual	3,300.00	3,520.72	(220.72)
Program	2,375.00	5,026.55	(2,651.55)
Newsletter, Postage & Book Sale	3,964.00	3,118.51	845.49
Dues, Travel & Miscellaneous	2,265.00	1,863.85	401.15
Trust Fund Spending	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Benefits	25,300.00	23,446.90	1,853.10

Recreation

Hartman Park	2,000.00	440.51	1,559.49
Park Maintenance	11,898.00	11,312.78	585.22
Recreation Commission	18,000.00	15,235.42	2,764.58
Rogers Lake Commission	53,913.00	47,685.33	6,227.67
Town Woods Property	35,060.00	28,684.76	6,375.24

Miscellaneous

Miscellaneous	4,000.00	2,609.38	1,390.62
Council of Small Towns	725.00	725.00	0.00
Soil Conservation	1,421.00	1,421.00	0.00
Data Processing	31,840.00	46,111.19	(14,271.19)
Contingent Account	4,000.00	2,407.35	1,592.65
8 Mile River Cemetery	6,900.00	8,471.31	(1,571.31)
Lyme Cemeteries	5,800.00	3,536.88	2,263.12
Dog Fund	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
CRERPA	5,505.00	5,505.00	0.00
CRERPA Seniors	10,447.00	10,447.00	0.00
Lyme Youth Services	24,500.00	24,500.00	0.00
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	24,381.00	22,864.03	1,516.97
Open Space Reserve Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Secter	843.00	842.10	0.90

Education

Education	6,556,450.00	6,556,450.00	0.00
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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>
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CAPITAL EXPENSES**Public Safety**

Fire Company Equipment	55,000.00	52,428.81	2,571.19
Hadlyme Firehouse	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Firehouse/Garage	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00

Sanitation

Site Improvement	43,932.00	41,108.76	2,823.24
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Highways

Highway Equipment	129,000.00	124,133.05	4,866.95
Town Truck	24,044.00	24,043.33	0.67

Miscellaneous

Town Hall Improvements	125,972.00	122,685.61	3,286.39
Local Capital Improvement	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00
Vital Records Restoral	3,000.00	3,145.53	(145.53)
Library Trust Fund Contribution	13,000.00	0.00	13,000.00
Emergency Management	15,000.00	23,412.96	(8,412.96)
Lymes' Senior Center	7,936.00	5,569.25	2,366.75
Town Woods Development	750.00	145.31	604.69
Library Capital Equipment	0.00	1,315.00	(1,315.00)
TOTAL EXPENSE	10,148,864.00	9,908,571.82	240,292.18

**Board of Finance**

The year ended June 30, 2016 saw a mil rate increase 2.8%, from 17.75 to 18.25, while the Grand List valuation remained generally flat. Our increase in mil rate is approximately the same percentage as the increase of the school's budget, which is by far the largest Town expense. The need for this increase was further cemented because, during the budgeting process, the Town was informed that an education cost sharing with the State would be terminated or greatly reduced as part of the State's budgeting process. We had received about \$137,000 during the previous year. Additionally, the proportion of Lyme students in the district increased slightly, and Lyme and Old Lyme pay school expenses based on the proportional number of students from each town.

While we are disappointed with the need to have increased the mil rate, we hope to be able to keep it flat for the coming year and are pleased that our mil rate remains among the lowest of Connecticut towns. A challenge to future budgeting may come from meaningful capital expenses the Town is planning for this year and next, including the dump closure and other items. However, the Board of Finance is confident that the Board of Selectmen has been financially planning for these events over the last several years.

An abridged financial report is provided. If you would like the complete report, please feel free to obtain it from the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Sharp
Chairman

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 their municipal support and we enjoy collaborating with the town and schools on a variety of programs.

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.

A new initiative this year is the Lyme-Old Lyme Mentoring Program. Adult mentors from the community are paired with middle school students. Mentoring can improve attitude and school attendance, promote self respect, and build skills for the future. We are looking for more mentors and encourage interested citizens to contact LYSB to learn more.

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 • Mentoring

LYSB Board of Directors

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Lisa Buckley, *Administrative Assistant*
Natasha Kennedy, *LCSW, Youth and Family Counselor Consultant*
Karen Fischer, *Prevention Coordinator*



Mrs. Elizabeth Starlin was one of the many victims of the small pox epidemic of 1776-84 in Lyme. Other diseases such as diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles and tuberculosis continued to appear in Lyme into the 20th century.

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

	Actual	Adopted	Proposed
	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$2,921,210	\$1,192,522	\$936,606
<i>Current year surplus estimate</i>			100,000
REVISED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$2,921,210	\$1,192,522	\$1,036,606
REVENUES			
Taxes, Interest & Leins	8,726,404	9,021,446	9,349,758
All Other Revenues	<u>1,063,886</u>	<u>808,530</u>	<u>1,850,372</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	9,790,290	9,829,976	11,200,130
EXPENDITURES			
Operating Expense	9,370,132	9,470,230	9,646,713
Capital Expense	<u>2,193,818</u>	<u>615,662</u>	<u>1,722,194</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>11,563,950</u>	<u>10,085,892</u>	<u>11,368,907</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE	<u>\$1,147,550</u>	<u>\$936,606</u>	<u>\$867,829</u>
INCOME DETAIL			
TAXES, INTEREST, & LIEN FEES			
General Property Taxes	\$8,677,736	\$8,996,946	\$9,323,058
Tax Refund and Rebate	-737	-3,500	-3,300
Interest & Lien Fees	<u>49,405</u>	<u>28,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>
TOTAL TAXES, INTEREST & LEIN FEES	<u>\$8,726,404</u>	<u>\$9,021,446</u>	<u>\$9,349,758</u>
Mooring Permits	\$3,030	\$2,200	\$2,500
Building Permits	50,435	40,000	45,000
Conveyance Tax	56,169	45,000	45,000
Other Licenses & Permits	<u>6,624</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>4,500</u>
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS	<u>\$116,258</u>	<u>\$91,700</u>	<u>\$97,000</u>
ZBA Fees	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
P&Z Fees	1,100	750	1,000
Waste Disposal Fees	2,389	2,500	21,200
Town Clerk Fees	17,769	20,000	20,000
Refunds & Rebates	12,046	2,000	2,000
Miscellaneous	11,765	5,000	12,000
Affordable Housing	3,760	3,500	3,500
Park & Rec Fees	4,655	4,000	4,000
Visiting Nurse Receipts	235	300	275
Hadlyme Historic District	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL FINES, FEES & CHARGES	<u>\$54,719</u>	<u>\$39,050</u>	<u>\$64,975</u>
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE			
Town Aid Roads	180,144	180,143	180,114
Education Equal. Grant	145,556	145,446	0
PILOT State Prop/C&H	16,656	16,549	0
Emergency Management	23,853	15,000	15,000

Tax Relief-Homeowners	19,828	20,000	20,000
Tax Relief-Veterans	410	330	330
Miscellaneous Grants	9,375	5,000	650,000
Local Cap. Improv. Prog.	25,854	25,763	25,766
Supplemental Municipal Aid	8,389	8,442	8,364
STEAP	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV.	<u>\$430,065</u>	<u>\$416,673</u>	<u>\$899,574</u>
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
Interest on Investments	7,611	7,500	7,500
Eight Mile Cemetery	<u>6,000</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL REVENUE FROM TOWN MONEY	<u>\$13,611</u>	<u>\$17,500</u>	<u>\$17,500</u>
Cap Non-Recurr. Fund	0	50,000	695,089
Tel. Access Grant	\$9,202	\$9,000	\$9,000
Hartman Park Fund	3,000	3,750	1,500
Town Hall/Library	<u>437,031</u>	<u>103,800</u>	<u>0</u>
Bond Proceeds	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	<u>\$449,233</u>	<u>\$166,550</u>	<u>\$705,589</u>
LPL Foundation Support	0	40,000	42,000
Library Trust Fund Use	0	7,000	17,000
Trust Fundraising Events	0	18,000	0
Fundraising & Gifts	0	6,100	2,100
State Funding & Grants	0	3,482	1,337
Fines, fees & misc.	<u>0</u>	<u>2,475</u>	<u>3,297</u>
TOTAL LIBRARY REVENUES	<u>0</u>	<u>77,057</u>	<u>65,743</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>9,790,290</u>	<u>9,829,976</u>	<u>11,200,130</u>
EXPENSE DETAIL			
Selectman's Office	\$68,833	\$70,418	\$76,968
Town Clerk's Office	49,902	54,228	53,952
Board of Finance	3,750	3,800	3,800
Tax Collector's Office	38,757	44,203	44,812
Assessor's Office	47,722	57,681	59,506
Revaluation	0	15,000	15,000
Town Treasurer	10,048	9,486	9,702
Election Expenses	12,331	14,007	23,259
Board of Assessment Appeals	128	250	250
Planning & Zoning Comm.	9,265	10,000	13,000
Zoning Board of Appeals	2,910	5,000	5,000
Zoning Officer	36,356	34,507	35,320
Harbor Maintenance	3,566	4,000	6,000
Conservation Commission	2,647	11,000	13,000
Pollution Control	1,456	1,457	1,457
Probate Court	1,330	1,500	1,500

Auditor's Expense	25,400	27,300	27,300
Town Counsel	2,625	12,500	18,000
Town Report	6,141	7,000	7,000
General Insurance	81,790	82,078	82,650
Workmen's Comp.	22,012	26,599	26,599
Health Insurance	150,373	156,940	181,153
Retirement	44,829	43,173	44,892
Town Hall Expense	43,845	61,370	13,120
Heat & Fuel	59,244	41,751	34,500
Affordable Housing	0	500	750
Elderly	8,239	7,796	7,991
Transportation Dist.	2,648	2,847	2,989
Hadlyme Hist. Dist.	0	500	500
Campus Utilities	0	0	45,000
Campus Maintenance	0	0	41,008
FICA	<u>52,048</u>	<u>50,114</u>	<u>50,914</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	<u>\$788,195</u>	<u>\$857,005</u>	<u>\$946,892</u>
Fire Marshal	5,170	5,985	5,670
Fire Company	65,351	55,000	56,580
VSECI	41,428	43,637	44,014
Complex Maintenance	14,292	24,100	14,800
Public Safety Utilities	15,887	22,000	22,000
Police	11,106	20,000	20,000
Emergency Management	12,696	22,000	16,000
Building Inspector	22,547	23,466	23,788
Hazardous Waste	10,531	11,993	11,000
Public Safety Pension	<u>77,905</u>	<u>92,181</u>	<u>83,380</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>\$276,913</u>	<u>\$320,362</u>	<u>\$297,232</u>
Superintendent	69,298	64,572	67,047
Town Crew	146,373	135,887	140,066
Town Crew Benefits	34,971	23,279	22,252
Town Aid Roads Maint.	364,873	311,844	180,144
Local Roads Maintenance	0	0	76,956
General Maintenance	45,123	49,000	47,500
Snow & Ice Removal	69,874	60,000	60,000
Street Lighting	2,467	3,250	3,250
Street Signs	340	3,500	3,500
Garage Expense	673	1,000	1,000
Superintendent Expense	4,250	4,250	4,250
Tree Warden Expense	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,465</u>	<u>1,465</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	<u>\$739,442</u>	<u>\$658,047</u>	<u>\$607,430</u>
Landfill Costs	57,801	63,500	81,623
Tipping Fees	46,561	55,440	55,680
Sanitarian	27,296	25,826	26,472
Recycling	<u>29,048</u>	<u>28,653</u>	<u>30,900</u>
TOTAL SANITATION	<u>160,706</u>	<u>173,419</u>	<u>194,675</u>

Health Officer	750	750	750
Visiting Nurses	2,545	4,500	4,000
Vital Statistics	<u>0</u>	<u>75</u>	<u>75</u>
TOTAL CONSERVATION OF HEALTH	3,295	5,325	4,825
T.V.C.C.A.	1,000	1,000	1,000
Women's Center	500	500	500
Family Service	3,500	3,675	3,454
Reg. Mental Health	116	116	116
Soup Kitchen	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL WELFARE	<u>5,616</u>	<u>5,791</u>	<u>6,570</u>
Library staff	145,298	112,891	115,715
Books & magazines	0	19,497	19,984
Supplies	0	3,900	4,500
Computer/IT expense	0	4,470	0
Licenses & Databases	0	4,278	7,175
Utilities & telecommunication	0	24,946	0
Building maintenance & refuse	0	16,982	0
Audio-Visual	0	3,300	4,636
Program	0	2,375	4,000
Newsletter, postage & booksale	0	3,964	3,763
Dues, travel & misc	0	2,265	3,699
Trust fund spending	0	5,000	0
Benefits	0	25,300	24,813
Grants spending	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL LIBRARY	<u>145,298</u>	<u>229,168</u>	<u>188,285</u>
Hartman Park	416	2,000	1,500
Park Maintenance	11,166	11,898	13,000
Recreation Commission	9,201	18,000	18,000
Rogers Lake Commission	50,705	35,913	40,245
Town Woods Property	<u>34,023</u>	<u>35,060</u>	<u>34,551</u>
TOTAL RECREATION	<u>105,511</u>	<u>102,871</u>	<u>107,296</u>
Miscellaneous	3,289	4,000	4,000
Council of Sm. Towns	725	725	725
CT River Cons. Dist.	1,421	1,421	1,421
Data Processing	35,173	31,840	45,478
Contingent Account	3,032	4,000	6,000
8 Mile River Cemetery	4,847	6,900	7,300
Lyme Cemeteries	2,573	5,800	5,300
Dog Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000
CRERPA	4,811	5,505	6,505
CRERPA Seniors	9,950	10,447	10,969
Lyme Youth Services	25,508	24,500	27,000
Elderly Housing	1,500	1,500	1,500
Literacy Volunteers	500	500	500
CCM	1,339	1,339	1,339
L/OL Senior Center	19,828	24,381	21,426
Sector	842	843	843
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	<u>\$120,338</u>	<u>\$128,701</u>	<u>\$145,306</u>

	<u>Actual 2014-2015</u>	<u>Adopted 2015-2016</u>	<u>Proposed 2016-2017</u>
District #18 Expense	<u>6,556,450</u>	<u>6,559,697</u>	<u>6,727,035</u>
TOTAL EDUCATION	<u>6,556,450</u>	<u>6,559,697</u>	<u>6,727,035</u>
General Obligation Bonds Interest	118,368	79,844	71,167
General Obligation Bonds Principal	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>	<u>350,000</u>
TOTAL REDEMPTION OF DEBT	<u>468,368</u>	<u>429,844</u>	<u>421,167</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	<u>9,370,132</u>	<u>9,470,230</u>	<u>9,646,713</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	12,646	0	192,500
Fire Company Equipment	27,502	55,000	60,500
Hadlyme Firehouse	<u>0</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	<u>40,148</u>	<u>56,500</u>	<u>259,000</u>
Site Improvement	<u>37,536</u>	<u>43,932</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
TOTAL SANITATION	<u>37,536</u>	<u>43,932</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>
Bridges	0	0	0
Highway Equipment	590	129,000	2,500
Firehouse-Garage	0	1,500	16,255
Town Trucks	<u>24,043</u>	<u>24,044</u>	<u>176,633</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	<u>24,633</u>	<u>154,544</u>	<u>195,388</u>
Open Space	75,000	50,000	50,000
Town Hall Improvements	1,817,165	96,000	0
Local Capital Improvement	175,000	175,000	175,000
Vital Rec. Restoral	5,171	3,000	4,000
Library Trust Fund contributions	0	13,000	0
Emergency Management	11,242	15,000	15,000
L/OL Senior Center	7,923	7,936	15,367
Town Woods Development	0	750	2,000
Library Capital Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,439</u>
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	<u>2,091,501</u>	<u>360,686</u>	<u>267,806</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE	<u>2,193,818</u>	<u>615,662</u>	<u>1,722,194</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	11,563,950	10,085,892	11,368,907

Respectively submitted by the Board of Finance, Town of Lyme, Matthew Sharp, Chairman, Katherine Wayland, Clerk. The audited financial report for the year ended June 30, 2015 is available at town hall.

Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee

It takes a Community to protect a Watershed! And the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee (ERWSSC) is fortunate to have so many vested partners willing to share this mission. From local Land Trusts, individual landowners and municipal officials to statewide organizations including The Nature Conservancy (CT Chapter) and Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, to educational institutions such as Three Rivers Community College and Wesleyan University to even the nationally known, Mystic Aquarium, have all played a role in protecting the Outstanding Resource Values of the Eightmile River Watershed. A few highlights below for the 2015-2016 year are noted below:

- **Removal of a Dam:** After years of planning, permitting and fund-raising, Ed Bill's Dam on the East Branch of the Eightmile River was removed in the fall of 2015. A fishway installed years ago was less effective than hoped, and the dam removal essentially restored eight miles of habitat for migratory fish. Eight miles! Besides the Moulson Pond Dam, which has a well-functioning fishway, Ed Bills Dam represented the last significant dam in the Watershed that was blocking fish passage. Many thanks to a host of partners including; a willing land landowner, The Nature Conservancy, American Rivers, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, funders, local, state and federal permitting agencies and most importantly, community support for this project.
- **Sheer Outdoor Brilliance:** A phrase borrowed from The Hartford Courant reporter, Peter Marteka, aptly describes the newly opened fourteen mile trail system, connecting East Lyme, Salem, Lyme and East Haddam. Named after Richard H. Goodwin, the trail has been a remarkable local effort between multiple partners to provide a unique outdoor hiking experience in the Eight-mile River Watershed and beyond. ERWSSC has been honored to fill a role as coordinator for this project, helping to obtain funding and bringing various land managers together to complete the first part of the Goodwin Trail.
- **An Outdoor Classroom:** As we look down the road, we realize that the next generation needs real-life field experience in order for them to successfully build on the collective efforts of ERWSSC and its partners. With that in mind, ERWSSC has created opportunities for college interns to assist with field monitoring and sampling. We have also partnered with local institutions of higher education, including Three Rivers Community College and Wesleyan University, to help coordinate field classes for stream bioassessments and geophysical data collection and analysis. In turn, their work is used by ERWSSC as part of continued watershed management efforts.
- **Community Outreach as a Watershed Management Tool:** In the summer of 2015, ERWSSC initiated a Summer Family Program series at a local State Park. Participants learned about native wildlife through skulls and pelts with Master Wildlife Conservationist Mark LaCasse, native reptiles with Meigs Point

Nature Center and stream bugs with Program Director, Patricia Young. In the spring, we teamed up with Mystic Aquarium and The Nature Conservancy to sponsor FrogWatch, a national effort to collect data on breeding frogs as an indicator of ecosystem help. Unsure of the community response to this program, we were happily amazed that over ninety community members signed up to be trained as FrogWatchers.

We look forward to another year working with our local communities to protect the Outstanding Resource Values of the Eightmile River Watershed.

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 standards of excellence in conservation, civic improvement, and all branches of horticulture.

To that end, in 2006 the Lyme Garden Club began a project to beautify our already scenic Highway 156 and other town properties with a yearly planting of about 1200 daffodil bulbs. Each spring the yellow blooms brighten sites along Hamburg Road, the Blood Street triangle, town cemeteries, and other town properties. Garden Club members also maintain town gardens at the Lyme Library, the Town Hall, 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 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 being 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 displays for the library desk and fashion evergreen swags to adorn town buildings and cemeteries at winter holiday time. Further, for the past five years, the Lyme Garden Club has supervised and judged the Flower Division of the 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 and the Connecticut College Arboretum. In addition, more local contributions went to the Lyme Fire Company (our meeting site), Common Good Gardens, Harkness Memorial State Park, Lyme Veterans Group, and the McCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation.

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 and “digging in the dirt” is invited to attend these programs and become part of the membership. For more information about the Lyme Garden Club, please contact Lori Caine at lori@caines.com or Marie Martin at rieriem44@gmail.com.



Sterling City school students with their teacher, Margaret Rowland, c. 1926. The Town Health Officer monitored Lyme’s six one-room schools and outhouses for safe and sanitary conditions, clean water supply and infectious diseases. By 1934 the six one-room schools had been closed when Lyme Consolidated School opened.

Lyme Parks and Recreation

To begin this year's annual report I would like to give a big thank you to our committee members. We are hoping to add on a few more members as well. Parents of young kids in town would be a valuable addition. The Parks and Recreation department is excited to have the new Town hall play a larger part with our committee. What a beautiful job they did. Heidi Schumacher serves on our committee with continued dedication to our annual 4th of July parade along with her daughters Maddy and Olivia. 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.

This year we held many successful programs like soccer, basketball, swimming, and art. Many great partnerships have also made for great summer activities. We'd like to thank Don Bugbee for opening the Old Lyme summer camp to Lyme residents. The opportunity for the kids to be introduced in elementary school will be beneficial for their upcoming years together. This summer we also added a free yoga on the beach program with the help of Don Bugbee, Kiki Grethel, and the White Sands Beach committee. We had a great turnout and plan on continuing it next summer. We are also working on starting a yoga program on Thursdays throughout the school year. Free Swim night at the East Lyme Aquatic Center continues to be a big hit, running the first and third Saturdays 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 had an excellent turn out this year at our annual July 4th concert and picnic, considering the weather was miserable. We love to see the town's dedication.

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, email: (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. We have added a face book page that gives updates on upcoming events and activities. You will also find cancellation postings on it as well. Please like us on facebook to get updated information. We hope that this will open the doors of communication between our department and the 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's 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 Veterans Memorial Committee

The 2015-16 fiscal year was an important one for the all-volunteer Lyme Veterans Memorial Committee. In the fall of 2014, the granite Veterans Memorial was moved from its original site at the town hall complex near Route 156 to a more central and noticeable location between the addition to the Town Hall and the new Lyme Public Library. The costs to move the granite memorial and to purchase a new flagpole were paid for by the Committee from existing funds. However, to pay for the 14" granite curbing, granite pavers, bricks for the interior, and labor, together with engraving the steps, required far more money than the Veterans Committee had on hand. The Committee, therefore, sought funds to complete the memorial from Lyme veterans and friends of veterans. Thanks to generous contributions from around ninety residents and organizations, more than \$14,600 was raised to help defray the expenses of completing the memorial. Shelley Brothers of Guilford was hired to cut, install, and engrave the granite curbing.

In addition to those who donated money for this project, several persons and groups provided assistance to make the rededication ceremonies a success. They consisted of First Selectman Ralph Eno who has been constant in his support for Lyme veterans, Ed Vrooman of Shelley Brothers, Jim Cavalieri, principal of Lyme Consolidated School, the Lyme Volunteer Fire Department, and Allen Petri.

The new memorial was rededicated on Veterans Day, November 11, 2015 in ceremonies beginning at 11:00 AM with the tolling of the bell in the Town Hall. Around one hundred persons attended and Ralph Eno served as master of ceremonies. The Reverend Kevin Johnson of Blackwell Memorial A.M.E. Zion Church in Hartford offered the invocation and benediction. The fifth grade at Lyme School sang "America the Beautiful." After remarks by Richard "Red" Anderson on behalf of the Veterans Committee, the formal rededication occurred. This was followed by the keynote address from Brigadier General Ronald Welch of the U. S. Army National Guard, bronze star recipient, and a Waterford resident. He discussed the principles of duty, honor and service. Ralph read the names of the five men and women who are currently serving our country and a last salute was rendered to the eight veterans from Lyme who had died in the last year. This was followed by a salute, moment of silence, closing remarks by Red Anderson and the benediction. Allen Petri drove his Army truck to the site and the Fire Department furnished lunch to the participants at the firehouse after conclusion of the ceremonies.

The members of the Committee on November 11, 2015 were Richard "Red" Anderson, Donald Babcock, James C. Beers, Thomas Davies, Richard Dominy, Ernest Lammer, and Bruce P. Stark. The person, however, who was the moving force behind the Veterans monument from the time of its inception to its move to the new location is Ernest Lammer. Without his dedicated leadership over a number of years both in raising funds through annual dinners, overseeing the installation of the granite monument on Veterans Day 2008, and in the planning required to move the monument, no proper memorial would exist to honor the service of Lyme men and women to our country. Thanks, Ernie.

At the end of the fiscal year, the monument area is unfinished and we are waiting for the granite pavers and bricks to be laid inside the curbing and the benches placed in front of the monument.

In May each year, the Veterans Committee with the support of the Lyme Cemetery Commission places American flags paid for by the Town of Lyme on the graves of almost 350 Lyme veterans in time for Memorial Day. The three people most responsible for this activity are James Beers, Thomas Davies and Bruce Stark. They take care of twenty-four Lyme cemeteries and Jim Leatherbee proudly does the two Hadlyme ones. The Committee held a small Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 29, 2016 at 9:00 AM.

The efforts required over the past year and a half led to the belief that more help was needed, so the decision was made to add new members to the Lyme Veterans Memorial Committee. They consist of Andrew Brennen, John Evans, Ron Fickett, David Garfield, Stephen Olstein and Parker Lord.

The Committee honors Lyme veterans every Memorial Day and Veterans Day.



Lyme Planning & Zoning Commission

This year the Lyme Planning and Zoning Commission met a total of 16 times representing a substantial increase of activity this year compared to the last few years. A great deal of time was spent on the new Plan of Conservation and Development as well as changes to the Lyme Zoning and Subdivision regulations which addressed principally farms, agriculture, and farm wineries.

Other actions taken include the withholding of a Certificate of Occupancy on a new dwelling on Joshuatown Road which had violations of zoning regulations (the owner later undertook remedial action and received his C of O), approval of a two lot re-subdivision on Lord Hill Lane, authorization for the Zoning Enforcement Officer to commence a civil action on Cove Road to enforce the Zoning Regulations which prohibit cutting of vegetation along the banks of Hamburg Cove, approval of a Special Permit with stipulations for an accessory apartment on Joshuatown Road, approval of a special permit for a stone retaining wall on Joshua Lane, addition of a state required section on sewers to the Plan of Conservation and Development, approval of a Special Permit for a dwelling on Gungy Pond, approval of a Special Permit to construct a dock along the outer cove on Cove Road, approval of a Special Permit to construct a dock on Rams Horn Creek off Joshua Lane, approval of the expansion of the Reynolds Subaru Dealership, approval of a re-subdivision of family land on Grassy Hill Road, and finally approval of a Special Permit with numerous stipulations for the operation of a farm vineyard on Ely Ferry Road.

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

Respectfully submitted,
David J Tiffany, *Chairman*

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 was approved 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.

Discussion continued about future plans for the recently acquired 2.5 acres Town property on Selden Road with CT River access via Selden Cove. The property was named Selden Landing. A Connecticut State 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 Town's Open Space Reserve Fund was established to provide for open space purchases. Its balance at the end of the fiscal year 2015 - 2016 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. Lisa Niccolai, representative for the Lyme Land Conservation Trust, stepped down in 2016. Lisa will be greatly missed. She nurtured a cooperative relationship between the Town and the Land Trust to identify potential conservation properties and provided knowledgeable ecological opinions. She is an accomplished writer of grant applications and successfully raised a great deal of money from foundations and the State to help make acquisitions possible.

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 2015 through June 2016 the Open Space Coordinator focused on managing and maintaining the town of Lyme's Open Space, including leading walks on the town-wide properties and educating the public about ecological issues, 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 and appreciated 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.

In May 2016, the public was treated to a guided walk of the property led by professional forester Tony Irving, Lyme Land Trust board member.

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.

Many volunteers contribute time to maintain and enhance the preserves. New England Mountain Bikers Association (NEMBA) members contributed volunteer hours to maintaining Hartman Park trails, including Tom Lamourine, who built a new bridge for the green trail. Keith Sikora is the volunteer steward for the Young Preserve.

In Hartman Park, David Bell erected several new bluebird houses. Richard Chmiel reported that the two wood duck boxes he erected in the main pond produced three wood ducks in one and four in the other.

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.

In June 2016, the Richard P. Goodwin Trail system officially opened with a ceremony at the Patrell property in Lyme and East Haddam. The trail system, which passes through Hartman Park, traverses the towns of 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 that was purchased in 2003 with private donations and funding from the Town of Lyme, the OSWPP and TNC. The abutting hundred-acre Chauncey Eno Preserve was purchased in 1998 by the LLCT with generous support from two Lyme residents. 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.

In April 2016, many volunteers including several men who hunt the property, worked to remove fallen tree limbs, Japanese barberry and other invasives from the historic colonial ruins on the white trail. Special mention goes to Parker Lord, who spent many hours with his brush hog to clear much of the reclaimed area.

Maps of the Corner Trails, Jewett, Mt Archer Woods, as well as other trails in Lyme are available at the town Hall, the Lyme Public Library, and at www.lymelandtrust.org. You can see interactive maps of the trails on the app MyTownTrails.

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

Lyme Public Hall Association and Lyme Historical 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.

The theme of the 2016 programs was "Family Treasures". Speakers included Monique Heller, a local genealogist who discussed tools for tracing family trees; Maureen Taylor, the Photo Detective, who explained how to interpret old photographs; and several local residents who shared their own family treasures in a spirited show and tell session. The 4th of July exhibit was a presentation by the Lyme Local History Archives showcasing the history of health and medical care in town and a display by the Lyme Ambulance Association in celebration of its 40th anniversary.

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 2016, the annual meeting featured "Lyme's Home Movie", a collection of clips from Lyme's Bi-Centennial celebrations, parades, and other town activities. The film, originally donated to the Archives by Julia Smith, was edited by Lyme-Old Lyme student Zachary Welch as his senior project. The film can be viewed on the LPH website. 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.lymepublichall.org.

Hundreds of hours of volunteer time are donated to the Hall and the greater community each year by the Board of Directors and Association members. Officers and Directors for 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, Jim Beers, and Richard Jones.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lewis, *President*

Lyme Cemetery Commission

Lyme cemetery activity in the year of Fiscal 2016 was mainly business as usual; but the lack of spectacular items per recent years gives a fortunate opportunity herein to once again emphasize the importance of having the full spectrum of cemetery information available online, available in lieu of, or in preparation for, a visit or phone call.

The monumental Archives Excel spreadsheet of headstone information provides an online 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 included in the official Town of Lyme website constitutes a one-stop long-range source of a huge amount of cemetery detail, history, customs, regulation, and procedure. 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.

The new addition to the website — Items for Consideration by Persons Contemplating Purchasing Burial Plots at Eight Mile River Cemetery — contains a great amount of information intended to enable prospective parties to avoid inefficiencies and misunderstandings that have arisen in the past.

Access routes:

- (a) for general information: townlyme.org → "Town Departments" → "Cemeteries of Lyme" → "link" → "Information for Visitors" / "Items for Consideration by Persons Contemplating Purchasing a Burial Plot at Eight Mile River Cemetery"
- (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 all wish to formally express once more our admiration and grateful appreciation of the inspiration and energy of Mr. Allen Petri, who volunteered to replace the two aged gates at Griffith Cemetery with handsome new ones which he fabricated and installed. This is a repeat of the same service he provided at Grassy Hill and Coult Cemeteries. KUDOS!!!

In view of Chairman Krusen's health problems, at the March meeting Marilyn Warren was elected to serve as Co-Chairman of the Commission.

Persons are reminded that Eight Mile River Cemetery (Lymes's only active cemetery) will be subject to closure when snow/ice conditions warrant, to prevent damage to headstones and shrubbery from "blind" intrusion and attempted plowing, and to avoid liability exposure for injuries due to treacherous footing.

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 2016 at Eight Mile River Cemetery there were two plots sold, and six interments. The current price of a standard burial plot is \$600, cremains plot \$300 – - well below the area norm. Paper 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 or the Co-Chairman at 860 434-4311 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 (Co-Chairman & Secretary).

Respectfully submitted,
Gordon Krusen, *Chairman*

Vital Statistics

DEATHS JULY 2015 – JUNE 2016

Earl James Dempsey	Born May 19, 1929 Died July 2, 2015
Nancy Haines Wood	Born August 3, 1929 Died July 16, 2015
Jane P. Farley	Born December 1, 1948 Died July 26, 2015
Charles Fredrick Dow III	Born October 3, 1957 Died August 3, 2015
Elizabeth Ann Driesch	Born March 15, 1940 Died September 17, 2015
George Raymond Molyneux	Born May 20, 1941 Died September 19, 2015
William David Irving MD	Born January 16, 1924 Died September 20, 2015

Dabney S. Mabry	Born May 6, 1925 Died September 21, 2015
Winifred Fay Fort	Born December 4, 1938 Died September 23, 2015
Eleanor L. Sollis	Born September 11, 1923 Died October 10, 2015
Pamela Anne Clement	Born June 23, 1944 Died October 18, 2015
Julius Keith Thigpen	Born September 1, 1965 Died December 22, 2015
Alphonse Frederick Leonardo	Born June 22, 1946 Died February 13, 2016
Diane L. Jessup	Born June 14, 1928 Died February 15, 2016
Loretta Scislowski	Born May 18, 1921 Died April 18, 2016

MARRIAGES JULY 2015 – JUNE 2016

Michael Zinovis Siavrakas to Jessica Rachel Tuttle	July 11, 2015
Danny Leslie Bernier to Tammy Barker Stewart	July 11, 2015
Sebastian Anthony Papotto to Deandra Solina Grant	August 1, 2015
Lucas Robert Lagrange to Juliana Marie Little	August 1, 2015
Darin Justin Kramer to Mary Vanessa Evans	August 8, 2015
Paul Warren Hyde to Ashley Dawn Polasek	August 15, 2015
Christopher David Nelson to Jennifer Sujin Choi	August 22, 2015
Justin Forest Socha to Helen Kathryn Mrotek	August 22, 2015
Gregg A. Harrison to Lisa J. Dake	August 29, 2015
Kyle James Holland to Sasha Maria Princevalle	August 29, 2015
Maurice Latrell Herring to Julie Ann Martinez	September 4, 2015
Lukasz Przemyslaw Krzyzanowski to Tracy Anne Clough	September 19, 2015
Terrence Patrick McClowry to Margot Antonia Broom	September 19, 2015
Edward James McKeon III to Sherrie Ann Boulanger	September 19, 2015
Christopher William Lehrman to Cristina Farah James	September 19, 2015
Christopher Michael McDonald to Cathleen Elizabeth Young	September 26, 2015
Matthew John Bullis to Catherine Elizabeth Breen	September 26, 2015

Joel Christopher Impelluso to Lynn Ann Collura	October 17, 2015
Jeremy Darrell Chase to Emily Stewart House	October 24, 2015
Harrison Leon Guerrero Guzman to Stacey Elizabeth Sankow	October 25, 2015
James Robert Pelati to Amy Denise Giroux	November 14, 2015
Cory Francis Brassard to Elizabeth Wladimroff	February 4, 2016
Gregory Scott Best to Laurel Anne Feeney	February 14, 2016
Eliyahu Simon to Nicole Doucet Fresco	March 3, 2016
Stephan Gregory Bullard to Candace Chantal Corbeil	March 24, 2016
Ravi Ranjan Singh to Debasmita Saha	April 22, 2016
Michael Anthony Jennings to Priscilla Pollard Pitts	May 7, 2016
Raymond P. Morin to Janet E. Parker	May 14, 2016
Tyler Jonathan Young to Seana Marie Bill	May 21, 2016
Tyler John Van Vuren to Hannah Juliet Barham	May 22, 2016
Andrew Wyatt Dranginis to Kelly Savage Standart	June 19, 2016
Arnaldo Quinones, Jr. to Tasha Marie Ryder	June 25, 2016
Reginald Robert Cloutier, Jr. to Destinee Paige Hillyer	June 30, 2016
Joseph Francis Graham to Rika Barbara Ann Burnham	June 30, 2016

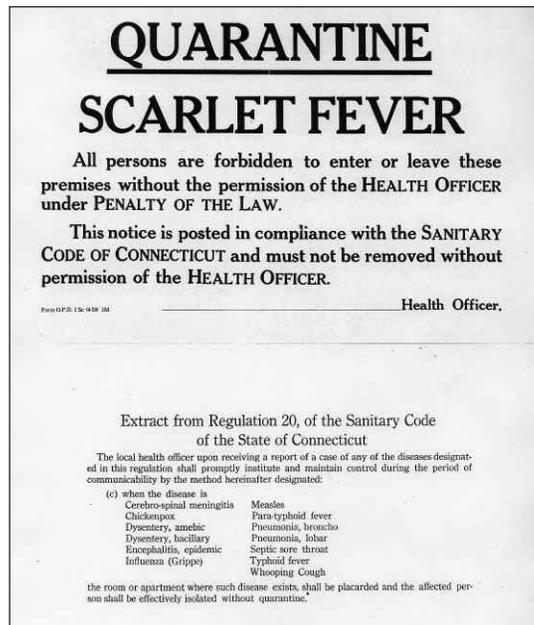
Connecticut River Gateway Commission

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. In 2015, in partnership with the Middlesex Land Trust and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, Gateway participated in the acquisition of 50 acres of highly visible, historic land on a hillside above the Connecticut River in the Haddam Neck area of Haddam. The property, now known as the "Brainerd Quarry Preserve", celebrates the long history of the Brainerd family as conservationists and, years ago, colonial quarriers in Haddam Neck and elsewhere.

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



The Colonial General Assembly authorized town selectmen to isolate ill persons to protect others. This sample quarantine sign was used in Lyme in the early 20th century. Note the list of other infectious diseases still in Connecticut at the time.

As of June 30, 2016, 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 hoped that the new standards will be adopted and included in each town's zoning regulations by the end of 2016.

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, 2016 include: Margaret Wilson (Treasurer) of Chester; Nancy Fischbach and Kate Cotton of Deep River; Harvey Thomas and Crary Brownell of East Haddam; Claire Matthews and Jerri MacMillian of Essex; Susan R. Bement and Chip Frey 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 Fran Adams. Going into fiscal year 2016-2017, the Commission continues to seek a regional representative from RiverCOG.

For more information, contact River COG Deputy Director 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.



The Hadlyme Fire Station was home for the Lyme Ambulance Association's first ambulance. Pictured are three of the Association's organizers – John Yeomans, Jerry Ballek and Harold Hawthorn. New London Day, 1976

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.ct-foodstamps.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 an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, which is also available on the Town's website. It is no longer necessary to submit five copies, as the application will now be electronically available to the Commissioners, and there is no 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) reached a major milestone this year, marking 40 years serving the community as an independent, self-supporting, non-profit organization. As a distinct and separate organization from the Lyme Fire Company and the Lyme town government, our mission is to assist in sustaining and improving the overall wellness of Lyme residents. While this is primarily accomplished through our ambulance services, we also disseminate 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 community households to cover our

yearly operating expenses such as ambulance maintenance, insurance, supplies, crew equipment and training. Thanks to your donations, and the commitment of trained volunteers, we look forward to continuing to provide “no fee” ambulance transport for years to come.

Over the past year, our volunteers and ambulances answered 186 emergency ambulance calls, provided rehab to firefighters on fire scenes, and responded to 22 calls for assistance in East Haddam. We offered the popular class, “Hands-On CPR for Friends and Family” several times, making it possible for 50 more Lyme residents to learn this life-saving technique. In August our crews staffed the First Aid booth at the Hamburg Fair and offered free glucose testing and blood pressure screenings. We provided stand-by 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. Our web site, www.lymeambulance.org, continues to provide useful information such as volunteer application, upcoming events and health & safety tips.

To recognize our 40-year history, we prepared a photo display for the Lyme Public Hall’s archival coverage of “Caring for Lyme: A History of Medical Care and Services” over the July 4th weekend. We also held a celebratory Square Dance and BBQ, where young and old alike shared a great time (special thanks to Dianne Embree and her committee for initiating this event!). We appreciate the generous support and recognition shown through donations and attendance.

As for service improvements, seven crew members renewed their state EMT certification, and two new qualified responders joined us. We purchased state-of-the-art Stryker power stretchers for both ambulances thanks to two generous private gifts. These allow the crew to safely load and unload patients without the lifting required by the old manual stretchers.

As we complete our 40th year we owe a special thanks to long term members, Karen Dahle, Betsy Morgan, and Carter Courtney who stepped down from the Board of Directors in June. All three served for many years, both as EMT volunteers in operations (Carter continues to serve in operations) and as members of the Board. The success of Lyme Ambulance can be attributed to folks like these who exemplify the community vision and volunteer spirit unique to Lyme’s small town quality of life.

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 Ed Vidou at 860- 575-8025, or call Tom Darna at 860-434-7042.

An important note: 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Smith, *President*

2015-2016 Board of Directors

Officers

Andrew Smith, *President*
Carter Courtney, *Vice President*
Deb Lees, *Secretary*
Carl Clement, *Chief of Service*
Adam McEwen, *Treasurer*

From the Operations Group

Paul Ahnell
Karen Dahle
Tom Darna
Betsy Morgan
Ron Rose

From the Community

Judy Davies
Diana Fiske
Ronald Katz
Sirgen Orzech
David Roberge
Claire Sauer

Ex officio: Ralph Eno, *First Selectman*, Jamie Leatherbee, *Fire Chief*

2015-2016 Operations Crew

Josh Adams, *EMT*
Paul Ahnell, *EMT, Driver*
Russell Albrycht, *EMT*
Ed Balfour, *EMT in training*
Heidi Bill, *EMT*
Linda Bireley, *staff*
Sherry Block, *EMT*
Judy Brault, *staff*
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, Supplies*
David Erhart, *EMR*
John Falstrom, *staff*
Will Firgelewski, *EMT, Driver*
Rick Lacey, *EMR, Driver*
Emily Lewis, *EMT, Driver*
Ed McCusker, *Driver*
George Mooney, *EMR, Driver*
Allen Petri, *EMT*
Kelly Smith, *EMR, Driver*
Everett Steiner, *EMT in training*
Gabriele Thibodeaux, *EMR, Driver*
Greg Thing, *EMR, Driver*
Ed Vidou, *EMT, Driver*
André Yeomans, *EMT*

N.B. Special thanks for their service to Clair Sauer, Ronald Katz and Judy Davies, who stepped down from the Board earlier in the year. Daniel Henderson, Steve Lazrove, Steve Olstein, Kristen Shea and Bob Webster were elected in June to fill the open positions. Additionally, a very special thanks to Carl Clement who stepped down as Chief of Service in June after serving in that position for many years. He was succeeded by Tom Darna.

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 seven 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.

ETD was notified that it was successful in obtaining funding for new fixed-route service between Madison and Middletown. The service will begin in the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Funding was also received for a needs assessment and site selection for a new operating and maintenance facility for the district. The study will be completed in the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

ETD's federal funding sources are changing from rural to urban, which will require new administrative responsibilities and brings new federal requirements. This change will also provide new access to federal funding opportunities.

Board of Directors

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

Administrative Staff

Name	Position
Joseph Comerford	Executive Director
Jamie Bohli-Cormier	Operations Manager
Halyna Famiglietti	Finance Manager



Dr. Josiah B. Ely, Jr., was one of the first persons in Lyme to own an automobile ca. 1910. His many house calls before this time would have been by horse and buggy. He is shown here at his home on Hamburg Road, ready for a fishing trip with his roadster.



Lyme Fire Company

Our Volunteers - Members of Our Community Serving Our Community

Dear Lyme Neighbor,

I am pleased to inform you that this last year has marked additional significant accomplishments and continued improvements to our Fire Company. We successfully completed an ISO audit that saw our Town's fire classification rating improve as of October 2016. This change in rating can reduce your homeowner's insurance and additional information regarding this change is available at the Lyme Town Hall.

We have also replaced out-of-date self-contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) with new equipment that has additional technology to help keep our firefighters safe as they enter a structure that is on fire or has unsafe smoke or CO conditions. Later in the year we were able to christen our new outdoor grill area as we held our annual Steak Dinner fund raiser. We are very proud of this new addition to the Hamburg station, a project that did not use taxpayer money, and we would like to thank our local contractors and businesses that made this project possible.

This year the Y-21 truck committee responsible for purchasing a new Class A engine, has selected a manufacturer and an order has been placed. After a predicted year-long production phase and delivery, this new fire apparatus will allow us to retire our 1989 Middlesex/International engine, 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&2, Emergency Medical Technician (EMT), advanced training at the National Fire Academy, Fire Cadet training at the Connecticut Fire Academy and other essential courses that provide important skills. The Fire Company has internally funded this program and is looking to also solicit targeted donations to support essential Firefighter training that has seen a significant increase in costs due to new requirements and reduced State funding.

Line Officers

<i>Fire Chief</i>	James Leatherbee
<i>Deputy Fire Chief</i>	John Evans
<i>Assistant Chief (Hamburg)</i>	Joshua Adams
<i>Assistant Chief (Hadlyme)</i>	William Firgelewski
<i>Captain (Hamburg)</i>	Edward Vidou
<i>Captain (Hadlyme)</i>	Samual Adams

Administrative Officers

<i>Foreman</i>	Pete Adams
<i>Secretary</i>	Tom Davies
<i>Treasurer</i>	Kristina White
<i>Captain Fire Police</i>	Bill Firgelewski

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 2017 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



Dr. Julian Ely followed his father as Health Officer and town physician, 1935-1980. He was the last of the three Ely family physicians who devotedly served the Lyme community continuously for a total of 120 years. "Without the reassurance that Dr. Ely would not fail us in spite of snow, storm or mire, living so deep in the woods would have been impossible." Boris and Phyllis Kublanov. 1975

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	Lyme Public Library

WITHIN THE LYME/OLD LYME COMMUNITY

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

Board of Assessors

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

Filing Periods:

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

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

Please note that the State of Connecticut has updated their computer system as regards motor vehicles, and that work has resulted in numerous errors on individual records which can potentially lead to erroneous data on the Lyme vehicle registration information which is used in preparing the vehicle tax forms. So, please check any information provided on your auto registration to assure that all of the information is correct. The same goes for the information listed on your town vehicle tax form. We want to, once again, remind all Lyme taxpayers about the importance of using

the proper Town Tax Code when registering a motor vehicle. Please verify that the Tax Code listed on your Motor Vehicle Registration is shown as **075**, the correct Code for Lyme, and not 105 which is the Tax Code for Old Lyme. Having the Old Lyme code on your registration does 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 results in much unnecessary work for the two towns' assessors, it would be appreciated if everyone could check their registrations and notify the D.M.V. if the registration does not reflect the correct "075" Tax Code. Helping to minimize the workload at the Town Hall will contribute toward keeping our mil rate as low as possible.

We would like to assure that all Lyme residents are aware of a program available through the Town which can provide lower tax rates for acreage that property owners might wish to classify as "Open Space". There is in effect a State Statute which allows a property owner to classify any acreage which is above and beyond the minimum acreage required for a building lot in the Zoning District for that parcel to be classified as open space. The owner needs to fill out an application to have the "excess" land declared "Open Space", and, in that application, he or she declares that the excess acreage will not be sold or developed for 10 years. If the Town approves the application, the owner will be charged at a significantly lower tax rate per acre for the "open space" acres than he or she is for the minimum lot size acreage. For example, if someone owned and lived on a 14 acre parcel in a Zone requiring a minimum 3 acres for a building lot, that person could declare 11 acres as "Open Space" and be charged less in taxes for the 11 acres than the three that are "developed". If the property owner should change the use of that property or sell the property prior to the end of the ten year period, there will be a tax penalty billed to the owner. The penalty for selling before ten years is up can be avoided if the open space classification is assumed by the buyer. Please see Debra in the Assessor's Office for details and to pick up the application.

Finally, as always, I want to 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, *chairman*
 Debra A. Yeomans
 Madeline H. Mattson

Cable Advisory Council

The Lyme/Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council meets quarterly and represents Old Lyme, Lyme, East Haddam, Haddam Neck and Salem.

Since 2010, the Council has awarded 13 scholarships to graduating seniors from member towns who are planning to enter into a communications program or a communications related field after high school graduation.

A scholarship award was presented in 2016 to Allison Marsh a student at Lyme-Old Lyme High School. Congratulations Allison! 2017 scholarship applications are available through the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Guidance Office.

In 2015-16, the Council initiated a pilot grant, awarding \$1000 to the Lymes' Senior Center for the purchase of video equipment. The purpose of this pilot program is for the Senior Center to record their programs for Public Access television. Watch for Senior Center programs to air on Comcast Channel 14 in the future.

The Comcast Public Access Studio on Halls Road in Old Lyme is available for use by individuals and non-profit organizations in any of the member towns represented by the local Council. Free training on studio equipment is provided by the Public Access Coordinator, Lynn Perry. Please contact Lynn at 860 434 0643 for more information.

Brian Bowes was elected Treasurer of the Council this year. I encourage interested residents of the member towns to contact me at 860 434 3223 with any questions, comments or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
 Brian Bowes



Report of the Tax Collector

Below is a comparison of Tax Collection figures based on the 2014 Grand List total net assessment of \$517,262,563 before changes, and the Motor Vehicle Supplement List of \$2,132,439.

Item	Budget Estimate	Actual Collections	Collections Above Estimate
Taxes	\$8,996,946	\$9,172,231	\$175,285
Interest	<u>28,000</u>	<u>97,316</u>	<u>69,316</u>
Total	\$9,024,946	\$9,269,547	\$244,601

The current year collection was \$9,075,043 which represents 99.14% of the total \$9,154,210 due on the 2014 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



Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

RiverCOG, one of Connecticut's nine Councils of Governments, 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,



The Lyme Ambulance Association's first ambulance was a reconditioned 1972 Cadillac limousine, purchased with funds donated by Adele K. Thompson in memory of her husband, W. Roosevelt Thompson.

environmental conservation, economic development and homeland security. RiverCOG also provides regional services such as household hazardous waste collection.

Current officers for RiverCOG are Bonnie Reemsnyder (Old Lyme), serving as Chairperson, Michael Maniscalco (East Hampton) as Vice-Chairperson, Noel Bishop (Westbrook) as Secretary, and Carl Fortuna (Old Saybrook) as Treasurer.

Fiscal year 2016 was a year of changes for RiverCOG. It was Sam Gold's first full year as Executive Director, during which he established himself, learning from the chief elected officials and staff, while at the same time bringing to RiverCOG new management techniques, best practices and projects.

RiverCOG continued a legacy of political engagement with the state and federal government on the behalf of our member municipalities, including a new tradition of holding a COG meeting with the region's legislators at the state capitol in Hartford during the legislative session.

The agency saw a number of staffing changes in the past year with Long-time serving Deputy Director Jeanne Davies stepped down after fifteen years with RiverCOG and CT River Estuary RPA. Jeanne is now Executive Director of the newly formed CT Resource Conservation and Development District. Jeremy DeCarli is now East Hampton's Town Planner and Erin Bogan left RiverCOG to start her own business. RiverCOG also welcomed a new planner, Jon Curtis, a recent Master's of Urban Planning graduate of the University of Pennsylvania. Torrance Downes was promoted to Deputy Director and Nate Hougrand to Associate Planner.

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, as well as, municipal plans of conservation and development. The RPC includes a representative and alternate from each municipal Planning Commission in the region. The RPC is working with staff on the first Regional Plan of Conservation of Development for the Lower Connecticut River Valley Region. This plan will be a regional land use policy document that guides regional efforts. The Regional Plan is expected to be completed in 2017. RiverCOG also received a grant from the UConn and the state Department of Housing for a regional resiliency and long term disaster recovery plan. The Resiliency Plan work is being incorporated into the Regional Plan work and public involvement process.

RiverCOG also conducts regional transportation planning as a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (RiverMPO). As an MPO, RiverCOG is responsible for programming federal and state transportation funds provided to the region by the U.S. and Connecticut Departments of Transportation.

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. RiverCOG completed a regional economic strategic plan for the region GrowSmart. This plan, received wide praise throughout the region and will set the stage for future regional economic development planning.

Lyme Land Conservation Trust, Inc.

PRESERVATION:

This has been another eventful year for the Land Trust. In furtherance of our core mission of preserving land of great conservation value in Lyme, the Land Trust has agreed to purchase the beautiful Brockway-Hawthorne property – 82 acres of land just south of Hadlyme Four Corners. The property, owned by Bill Hawthorne, has been in his family for many generations, and they wanted to see it protected in perpetuity as a legacy that would benefit future generations. With its connection to other open space parcels and trails, this property is one of the building blocks in a nearly 1,000-acre forested swath running from Brush Hill Road to Selden Neck as it connects with the Land Trust's Selden Preserve, the Ravine Trail and other protected properties.

The property also features vernal pools used for breeding by salamanders and frogs. And it includes geologically significant features, as well as Whalebone Creek which feeds into Whalebone Cove, considered a wetlands complex of international importance, and one of the most pristine tidal fresh water marshes in Connecticut.

We applied for funding from the State's land acquisition program, but needed to raise over \$200,000 more from private sources. The fund raising campaign was highly successful, the State provided the Land Trust with matching funds and we expect to be able complete this important acquisition in the near future.

EVENTS:

Throughout the year, the Land Trust hosts events to promote awareness of our natural surroundings. We often work in partnership with the Town of Lyme and other groups. These events included the Trailblazer walks in Lyme's preserved properties led by Wendolyn Hill every other Tuesday as weather permits that are open to all. The Land Trust partners with the Lymes' Senior Center to encourage participation of active seniors.

Special weekend hikes were offered throughout the year. Highlights: Tony Irving led walks at Pleasant Valley Preserve and the Czikowsky Preserve to provide education about the many habitats that make up a watershed; Brantley Buerger led a walk at Mt. Archer Woods and showed the hikers a piece of a propeller from a plane that wrecked there during WWII; Bill Farrell of Fat Stone Farm explained his method of harvesting maple sap; Parker Lord led a walk to find the ancient boundary markers between East Lyme and Lyme.

We also sponsored presentations to help us better understand our native wildlife. Felicia Ortner gave a talk about the black bears who occasionally travel through our area. Frank Vincenti of the Wild Dog Foundation enhanced our knowledge of and appreciation for our newest resident, the coyote. In September, we organized a cruise on the RiverQuest to view the aerial displays of migrating tree swallows. On Earth Day, Lisa Niccolai and volunteers Eliza Sharp, Emily Bjornberg, and Sue Cope organized a visit by fifth graders from the Lyme Consolidated School to the Moulson Pond Fishladder to learn about migrating fish.

Creative expression of the love of nature inspired other events. During the Annual Meeting in April, photographer William Burt showed us stunning pictures of baby water birds. The Land Trust's Annual Amateur Photo Contest, co-sponsored with four neighboring land trusts, celebrated its 10th year, culminating in March with a reception and exhibit of the many impressive entries. The Hamburg Bridge Historic District was the site for the 4th annual "Celebrating Lyme's Beauty" Paint Out in June, organized by Susan Henderson and hosted in cooperation with the Lyme Art Association. And John Sargent's paintings were the backdrop for a talk in October about preserving Plum Island.

SPECIAL EVENT:

Last year we reported that a non-profit film company, Visionaries LLC, had chosen the Land Trust, the Town and its residents as subjects of a film to be made for public television. This year the film was completed, and many of you have been able to see the "director's cut." It celebrates the conservation-mindedness of Lyme and the close relationships among the Land Trust, Town officials and our citizenry that have led to the protection of over 100 properties, comprising some 3,000 acres, by the Land Trust alone. Some of the brightest "stars" in the film are our own children! It will be paired with a Visionaries film on Plum Island, a focus of other conservation organizations, and will be shown on Public Television in Connecticut at 7:00 p.m. on January 14, 2017. Don't miss it!

We are now hard at work on a DVD that will include the Visionaries film, introduced by the actor Sam Waterston, telling "the rest of the story" through interviews with some of the Land Trust's founders and pioneering board members as well as through portions of the original film interviews that could not be included in the PBS film. Stay tuned!

STEWARDSHIP:

The Stewardship Committee, with the help of more than 30 volunteers, monitored all 103 Land Trust properties easements and maintained over 35 miles of trails. Each property is visited at least once a year by a volunteer steward who walks the property and files a report on our online database. Many of the properties owned by the Land Trust also have trails that require regular clearing and marking. Keeping up with this task would not be possible without the strong support of volunteer trail monitors.

Working with the Town, the Land Trust developed maps and improved trail markings for the newly named Lyme Corner Trails: Hartman Park (Town), Walbridge Woodlands (LLCT) and Philip Young Preserve (Town). Together these properties provide more than 12 miles of interconnected trails. Maps are available on our web page and at the Lyme Town Hall and the Lyme Public Library. Anyone with a smart-phone can also access all of the trails in Lyme on MyTownTrails.com and even download the app. If you click on a trail map, select 'track' then 'show me,' your exact location will be displayed along the trail. Never be lost again!

THE TOUR DE LYME:

Our charity fundraising event, the Tour de Lyme, has become the premiere biking event in the region. This year's Tour attracted nearly 900 road and mountain bike riders and raised some \$60,000 for the Land Trust, an important component of our annual operating budget. If you ride and haven't yet participated, mark your calendar for May 21, 2017.

PHILANTHROPY:

Thanks to the creativity and hard work of directors and members, the Land Trust continues to develop a number of 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 continues to be one that few other land trusts can equal.

Membership dues and added contributions play an important part in generating the funds needed to accomplish our mission. Revenues from the 2016 membership drive were up considerably over last year, thanks importantly to the 49 members of our President's Circle who annually contribute \$1,000 or more to the Trust.

OUR FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY:

Next year will mark the 50th Anniversary of the Land Trust, and we are in a celebratory mood. Planning is underway for a Town-wide event, and we are embarking on a major fund raising drive designed to create an endowment fund for the Land Trust and to raise funds for the purchase of properties with conservation values. The Land Trust's stewardship obligations are in perpetuity, and our Board believes that now is the time to put the Land Trust on a firm financial foundation that will insure that these obligations can be met in perpetuity.

The goal for the drive is to create a \$1,000,000 Endowment Fund and to add \$500,000 to our Templeton Brown Acquisition Fund. The Endowment Fund is primarily being funded through deferred gifts. We encourage all members to review their estate plans and to consider including the Land Trust in those plans. In this way, you will help preserve in perpetuity our woodlands, vital watersheds, and wildlife, aquatic, and bird habitats.

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 in our community. This year we tutored 10 students and benefitted from the good work of 18 volunteers from the town. Overall, LVVS tutored more than 195 students, spending 10,858 hours of volunteer's time to deliver 9562 hours of instruction.

We have much work to do still as there are an estimated 210 adults between the ages of 18 and 64 who lack the life and work skills necessary to attain and maintain meaningful employment residing in Lyme who we have not yet been able to reach, according to data obtained from Connecticut's Adult Literacy Leadership Board and others.

As illustrated by a student's own story, written in her own hand, Literacy Volunteer tutoring can bring personal and significant growth in a short period of time. This student has been in our program for a number of years and writes, "In the United States of America you have to have a good knowledge of the English. In my personal opinion if you want: prosperity, security, recognition, tranquility and personal growth, you need to Learn as Much as you can, I would say we need to Learn English Language down to smallest detail. As parents we need to do the shopping, help our children with their homework or even talk to a policeman. Knowing English also gives me some recognition as a person who is bilingual and smart enough to speak two Languages. Knowing a second Language also gives me the opportunity to have a better quality of life by having the option of better pay in different fields of work."

Over the span of four years students in our program have achieved the following successes;

- 100% of students assessed have gained one grade level of proficiency or more
- More than 95% have met or exceeded the life and work skill goals they set with their tutors.
- In the last year, 92 students improved their employability skills
- 32 students increased their involvement in their communities in the 2015-2016 fiscal year.
- 24 students increased their involvement in their children's educational activities in 2016.
- 6 students received their GED or entered secondary or other education and training in this calendar year.
- 4 students have earned their citizenship since May of this year

The impact on the community has been to help lower health care costs, fill the employment rolls, contribute to the local economy, lower the number of subscribers to social services and increase the tax paying community.

Lyme Public Library

Usage

2015-2016 marked the first full fiscal year in the new library building. Circulation for the year was up 5.8% over 2014-2015, and the number of cardholders was up 4.1%. Although overall attendance (the number of people entering the building for any purpose) was down 15% over 2014-2015, those numbers were abnormally high because people were coming to see the new library building. The attendance was still up 12.6% from the last full year in the old library, and our meeting rooms were used at least 251 times by individuals or groups during the year. Use of the library's computers remained heavy with increased staff time devoted to assisting patrons with technology questions.

Children's and Young Adult Services

Programs for children and young adults continued to not only focus on developing an appreciation and love of reading but also sought to instill skills that children need to better succeed and to more fully enjoy life in later years. Children's Librarian Barbara Carlson worked with the media specialists at Lyme Consolidated School to promote Summer Reading and the Nutmeg Books programs, and she coordinated with Kristen Thornton and Kendall Perkins to provide arts and science programs throughout the school year and through the summer. During the year, the Library offered 73 program sessions for children in preschool through 12th grade to foster reading skills, creativity and imagination, and critical thinking and analytical skills. The importance of the arts and sciences in the education of children is growing more evident every year, and the Library is dedicated to offering opportunities for children to grow in these areas. A new program the Library instituted during the year is the Open Studio: Still Life program directed by Kristen Thornton. Students in grades 6-12 chose a variety of media and worked at their own paces to develop their skills. The year ended with an art show in June for the participants to showcase their work to their parents and the public, and it was thrilling to see their growth and development. While Lyme is a small town, and our attendance numbers at times can be small, the impact these programs have on our community's children can benefit them for their lifetimes.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Lyme Public Library continued to be an important source of support for the Library throughout the year by sponsoring adult programs, hosting book sales, and donating needed items to the Library. Among the programs were informational programs (on the economy, allowing elderly to live independently, Lyme's historical heritage, stone walls of New England, First Ladies and Presidential Power), author programs (Jim Benn, David Handler, Beatriz Williams, Ann Nyberg, Eric Lehman), concerts (Hungrytown Folk Duo and Marc Black's music of the 50s and 60s), gardening and cooking programs. In addition, the Friends operate an ongoing book sale in the Book Nook area of the Library and held several pop-up book sales throughout the year, and a 3-day book sale in our program room during the month of

June. As a result of their efforts, the Friends were able to donate a collapsible coat rack and an umbrella stand to the Library, and have purchased patio furniture for the library terrace.

Interlibrary Loan

One difficulty during the year was a major setback to interlibrary loan (ILL) in CT when the State Library discontinued the reQuest statewide catalog on July 1. After a series of budget cuts over the years, the State Librarian Ken Wiggin felt that the contracted costs of operating and maintaining the database were no longer sustainable. While the State Library has contracted with another company to build and operate an open source statewide catalog at a more affordable cost to the State Library, more than a year later, the database is not complete, and there is no interlibrary loan component yet available. The Library was able to maintain electronic ILL access with approximately 30 libraries in the state that also used the Verso system, but most ILL requests had to be processed by phone, email, or fax, a very time consuming and cumbersome procedure. While some libraries stopped accepting interlibrary loan requests completely and others only processed requests on designated days, our Interlibrary Loan coordinator Barbara Carlson and other staff continued to process requests every day the library was open. Because of their hard work and dedication, the Library was able to obtain 526 ILL items for Lyme Library patrons and provide 782 items for loan to other libraries.

Community Support

We continue to be grateful for the support of the community. We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectmen, the Library Board, 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, The Lyme Old Lyme Lions Club, The Community Foundation of Eastern CT, Essex Savings Bank, and the John and Kelly Hartman Foundation. We are also grateful to the local artists who have donated original works to the Library, including the families of Paul Harper and Barbara Eckhardt, Elizabeth Enders, Forrest Bailey, and Katherine Axilrod. These inspiring works of art enhance the beauty of our new library building.

One of the tenets of the American Library Association is "Libraries Change Lives." With the support of our community, the Lyme Public Library will continue changing lives for many years to come.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Sulger, *Library Board Chair*
Theresa Conley, *Library Director*

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 Hadlyme 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 senior, Meredith Duxbury for the 2016 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 gift of \$1,000 for her 2 year commitment to this important community service at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School commencement in June 2017.

Here is a highlight of our educational programs and garden tours this past year, 2016:

- March - The club was educated to a lecture on Gardens in Art - How gardens have been portrayed in art thru the centuries, by garden club member, Karen Wiswell. A special thank you to the Lyme Public Library for providing us with the meeting space.
- April – Garden club members enjoyed a wonderful workshop on how to make vintage tea cup bird feeders, which was given by talented East Haddam Garden Club member, Helen Whatley.
- May - Ryan Scully of Scully Land Design Services provided an informative question and answer session on what are some of the best plants to use in our CT gardens.
- June – Our road trip for 2016 was to visit the educational Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Biodiversity Research Collection Greenhouses on the campus of the University of Connecticut in Storrs, CT. We had a guided tour by staff botanist, Dr. Matthew Opel. The diverse plant collection is phenomenal and worth the trip.
- September – A lovely tour of the gardens and grounds of Highover, was given by current owner and garden club member, Maureen Johnson. Maureen told us of their encompassing plans in retuning this beautiful estate back to its former glory. Garden club members also enjoyed a perfect CT River sunset swallow cruise with River Quest, the charter boat service. We were treated to the awe-inspiring display of thousands of swallows, as they prepare to roost for the night on Goose Island Preserve on the lower section of the Connecticut River.

- Some of our club members that generously hosted social events at their homes this past year, a special thank you to Susan & Humphrey Tyler & Hank & Virginia Aldrich as well as, Jim & Ellen Fennema, for hosting our numerous board meetings.

Our holiday fund raising efforts continue with the popular sales of our fresh pecans from Georgia. With our pecan sales at the Hadlyme Hall Art Show, the Hadlyme Country Store and very supportive club members in this endeavor, we made over \$1,300 to fund our community garden activities.

The garden club 2016 membership comprises of 31 Hadlyme community members. For information regarding garden club membership, please contact Ellen 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 Killingworth, Lyme/Old Lyme and Old Saybrook. 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 71,906 nutritious meals including nearly 51,821 home delivered Meals On Wheels, and over 20,085 congregate meals, 366 rides to medical outpatient appointments outside the nine-town Estuary Region. Also, 1,678 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 especially at open enrollment time.

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 104,229 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 3 residents a total of 150 home delivered meals and an additional 35 residents joined us for 1,146 congregate meals. Our Emergency Medical Outpatient Transportation provided 1 individual with 1 ride to medical appointments. We had a total of 1,654 visits by a total of 193 people overall to the center from residents of Town 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 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or visit our website at www.ecsenior.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 Town of Lyme and be an integral part of services for seniors in the Estuary Region.

Sincerely Yours

Paul J. Doyle, *Executive Director*



Camp Claire staff and campers 1964.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board met six out of the 12 months during this reporting period. This is an increase over last year when the Board met four times. There were seven appeals filed for the 2015 - 2016 fiscal year. Five variances were granted and two denied. For the past eight 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 four meetings to six this may not be indicative of an improving housing economy in town as this is still below our historic averages. 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



MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

The Annual Meeting of the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation was held on September 10, 2015 at the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library in Old Lyme. Two members were elected to the Foundation; Matthew Griswold XI from Old Lyme and Priscilla Hammond from Lyme. Two new members were elected to the Foundation's Board of Directors for a three year term; Jim Fairfield-Sonn and Judith Read. They replaced Leslie Gourlay and Leslie Massa whose terms had expired. Foundation officers re-elected at the meeting were; President Rowland Ballek, Vice President Mary Seidner and Secretary/Treasurer Edward Perkins.

The Foundation was started in 1893 by Evelyn MacCurdy Salisbury to help support the school system in Old Lyme. After Evelyn's death in 1919 the Foundation began offering grants to Old Lyme Students going on to college. After the regionalization of Lyme and Old Lyme systems in 1973 Berenice "Bunny" Brevillier started the Lyme portion of the Fund which at the time was much smaller than the Old Lyme portion.

Through recent substantial contributions, mostly by Lyme residents the Lyme fund became proportionately equal to the Old Lyme portion of the fund and students from both towns were receiving comparable benefits. Recognizing this and attempting to meet the requirements outlined in our revised Certificate of Association filed when we became a public Foundation supporting Regional District 18 in 1998, on

January 1, 2016 we merged the two funds into one fund serving all the residents of the Regional District. This will save both time and money managing two funds, money that can increase grants for the students we serve. The fund will still be called the MacCurdy Salisbury Fund as originally requested by Evelyn in her will written over 100 years ago.

In the past eight years the Foundation has given out over \$2,000,000 dollars to students from Lyme and Old Lyme. For the 2015 – 2016 academic year the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation was able to give out \$255,960 in educational grants to 81 students; from Old Lyme and Lyme. For the 2016 – 2017 academic year the Foundation plans to give out \$258,300 to 75 students from Lyme and Old Lyme who are attending colleges throughout the United States,

The Foundation held its annual reception for this year's high school graduates who were receiving grants on June 2, 2016 at the Lyme Art Association in Old Lyme. Attending the reception were students, parents, school administrators and Foundation Board Members. Included in the numbers above are the 16 students graduating this year from Lyme and Old Lyme and 2 students already enrolled in college who were awarded grants at the reception totaling \$70,900 for the coming school year.

The Foundation also presented two \$500.00 awards at the reception; the W.E.S. Griswold Valedictorian Award to Maria Boyle who will attend Harvard University and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award to Ryan Harty who will attend Carnegie Mellon 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 Regional District 18 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*



Region 18 (Lyme/Old Lyme) Public Schools

During the 2015-2016 school year, the Lyme-Old Lyme 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 Lyme-Old Lyme Schools were recognized on both the state and national level further solidifying the notion that we provide exceptional academic programs commensurate and oftentimes superior to both public and private schools

throughout Connecticut. Our efforts to maintain such programs in an era of declining enrollment led us on a new mission of marketing our top ranked product.

For the 2015-2016 school year, and moving forward, this marketing initiative focused on the retention of our current students and the recruitment of students who currently attend private or magnet schools, students who live in other towns and wish to attend our schools on a tuition basis, and students whose families may be considering moving to the Connecticut shoreline. It is our hope that the efforts and monies put toward this initiative will pay dividends over time allowing us to continue to offer a private school experience in a public school setting.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School administered the first Connecticut Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) to all juniors free of charge. This was a result of the Connecticut State Department of Education moving to the SAT as the official state assessment for high school juniors. This shift was a tremendous benefit for all of our students.

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 annual Smarter Balanced Assessment.

In preparing our students for the future, Lyme-Old Lyme High School began the transition to a digital environment with the addition of school issued laptops for all students for the 2016-2017 school year. Combined with our new learning management system, Canvas, our students and staff are prepared to meet the challenges of 21st century learning.

In the area of finance, the towns approved a \$33,470,376 school budget which represents a 2.84% increase for the 2016-17 year. This budget represents a strong commitment to the development of our young people in the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme balanced with a fiscal responsibility to the local taxpayer. 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 continue to focus on student success at all levels, transition to a digitally focused environment with the new 1:1 laptop model at the high school, and improve upon our programs and facilities.

Please visit our website for more information. (www.region18.org)

The Lyme–Old Lyme Education Foundation

The Lyme–Old Lyme Education Foundation is an independent, non-profit, 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.

Our mission is to create and enhance 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. To date, LOLEF has raised and distributed over \$160,000 to fund new curricula throughout our community.

A few of the LOLEF Grants made in 2015-2016:

Lymes Senior Center Internet Education Program: LOLEF funded the purchase of 5 computers and instructional time for our seniors to learn about computer and internet usage, including writing documents, sending email and researching on the internet.

STEM Curriculum at Lyme–Old Lyme Middle School: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math instruction for students in grades 6, 7, and 8. Topics include introductions to chemical engineering, environmental landscaping, bio-engineering and green engineering.

3-D Printer and coordinated curriculum in architectural engineering, wood production, and technical writing for Middle School students.

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

Community Fundraising Events in 2017

Kayak Race
at Rogers Lake – debut in late June

Bound for the Sound Road Race
5k, 10k and 1 Mile Fun Run. Held each September

Warren Miller Ski Film
Held in December

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. Contributions are fully tax-deductible.

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!

Mary Stone, *President*
Nicole Wholean, *Vice-President*
Paula Signora, *Secretary*
Penny Eno, *Treasurer*



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

During the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the Agency met eleven times, with no action taken at five of those meetings. Approvals were granted, some with stipulations for a garage and three new dwellings that were partially or completely in the regulated area. In addition, permission was granted to the Town of Lyme to deposit material in the regulated area as part of the closing of the dump on Brush Hill. Permission was also granted to construct septic systems in the regulated area to a home owner and to 1859 Associates. Action was taken to deny one application that the Agency ruled was incomplete. It should be noted that denials are an infrequent action by the Agency; this project was only the third denial in fifteen years. As a result of this denial, the Agency was sued by the applicant. A negotiated settlement was reached that avoided protracted litigation.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul A. Armond, *Chairman*



Boy scouts at camp, 1920s.



Lyme Farmers Market

The Lyme Farmers Market re-opened on June 4th, 2016 at Ashlawn Farm on Bill Hill Road. Many familiar vendors returned, along with some new faces. Market-goers enjoyed high-quality organic produce, along with baked goods, seafood, meats, wine, handcrafts, and local bands. The 2017 market season will start on June 3rd.

In March 2015, farm owner Chip Dahlke had announced that after 14 years of operation, he would close the market.

However, both vendors and customers expressed so much interest in keeping it alive that the market was reorganized as a non-profit corporation. It is now able to accept tax-deductible contributions and apply for grants to promote sustainable agriculture.

Mark and Alisa Mierzejewski of AMAssociates, LLC, scheduled the vendors, coordinated the market field, and produced the weekly newsletter. Mary Stone undertook incorporating the market as a non-profit and doing everything necessary to re-open, including conducting the market's business operations and recruiting the board of directors.

Market Mission

There are inherent benefits for producers and community members when food is grown, purchased, and consumed locally. At the Lyme Farmers Market, local farmers and small-scale producers of specialty foods and crafts strive to improve the quality and variety of products available to our community. The market promotes sustainable agriculture, customers learn about healthful eating, and relationships with food producers are enhanced. The market creates a multi-generational gathering place for a rural, far-flung community.

Contributions

The Lyme Farmers Market, Inc. is a Connecticut non-profit, 501(c)(3) corporation, governed by a volunteer board of directors who meet monthly. Contributions to fund market operation are gratefully accepted at Lyme Farmers Market, Inc., P.O. Box 294, Old Lyme CT 06371 or on our website TheLymeFarmersMarket.com. All contributions are tax-deductible to the fullest extent of the law.

Board of Directors

- Mary Stone, *Chair*
- Jean Penelope Smyth, *Secretary*
- Anthony Moir, *Treasurer*
- David Adams, Jr., *Asst. Treasurer*
- Chip Dahlke, *ex officio*
- Maggie Dolan, *emeritus*

Class Officers

- Alexander Bellas, *President*
- Gabriel Barclay, *Vice President*
- Samantha Lee, *Secretary*
- Brett Hartmann, *Treasurer*
- Sophia Romeo, *Class Historian*

Candidates for Diplomas

- λ Member National Honor Society, Gold Honor Cord
- ω Academic Letter Recipient

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|------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Nathan Richard Abraham λ ω | Timothy Drake Gavin |
| Victoria Oxanna Azoulay λ ω | Justin Henry Gellar |
| Zachary Michael Barbato | Jack Anthony Giaconia |
| Gabriel Paul Barclay λ ω | Charles Mortimer Hackett |
| Alexander David Bellas λ ω | Theresa Ann Hall ω |
| Nathan Edward Bersing | Brett Robert Hartmann λ ω |
| Molly Shea Biega | Ryan James Harty λ ω |
| Ashton James Bohan | Andrew William Hawthorne |
| Jacqueline Anne Boulay | Henry Lightfoot Hunt λ ω |
| Amber Elizabeth Bowker | Natalie Jayne Inglis |
| Maria Beatrice Boyle λ ω | Meredith Talbot Kegley λ ω |
| Emily Hyde Brault λ ω | Ford Conklin Klier λ ω |
| David Morris Brown, Jr. | Alexis Julia Kolar λ ω |
| Connor James Carberry | James Bartholomew Kolb λ ω |
| Tenzin Dickyi Choedon | Luke Konishesky λ ω |
| Gabriella Nicole Cohen | Christina Marie Kosecki ω |
| Caroline Wells Cox λ ω | Samantha Jane Lee λ ω |
| Melissa Estefania Cruz | Bilal Mohammad Malik |
| August Nash Cummins | Campbell Reynolds Mann |
| Megan Rose Cushman λ ω | Allison Sophie Marsh λ ω |
| Micheline Carder Czlapinski | Garrett Christopher McCarthy |
| Charles Adams Dahlke | Zachary Tyler McGrath |
| Jon Michael Davis | Leah Mary Migliaccio |
| Cameron Francis Dean-Frazier | Matthew Marcellus Miller |
| William Gabriel DeMott | Caroline Virginia Montanaro λ ω |
| Evan Tian Deng ω | Michael Chabot Moran, Jr. |
| Haley Marie DiMaggio | Anastasia Leanne Muckle |
| George Richard Doll | Colleen Margaret Mueller λ ω |
| Joel Matthew Driscoll | Hannah Mae Patten |
| Kathryn Keelan Fanelli λ ω | Nathan Everett Peduzzi |
| Matthew Rooke Fanelli | Austin Lorry Pilgrim λ ω |
| Jason Feng λ ω | Ryan Edward Powers |
| Ethan Marsh Fenton λ ω | Wyatt James Powers |
| William Charles Ferguson | Michael Thomas Reddy ω |
| Daniel Connor Fink | Matthew James Robertson |
| Silja Fia Forstein λ ω | Jared Leonard Roche ω |
| Peter Allen Fuchs ω | Sophia Patrice Romeo λ ω |

Taylor Caroline Rumm λ ω
 Jack Francis Sandora
 Callum Joseph MacDonal Sawden ω
 Madeleine Meyer Schumacher λ ω
 Alexis Kelley Sims
 Victoria Lily Sims ω
 David Anthony Sirna
 Cooper Ryan St. Germain ω
 Christian James Sweeney
 Sloane Page Sweitzer λ ω
 Colby Selden Swope ω
 Alexis Mariah Taylor
 Kyra Ann Teixeira ω

Ian Brett Thompson
 Morey Orion Tripp
 Joshua Jordan Turkowski λ
 William James Visgilio
 Matthew Ryan Watts-St. Germain ω
 Zachary Cole Welch
 Imogene Clara Welles λ ω
 Brendan Hill White ω
 Hattie Wilczewski λ ω
 Andrew Richard Willard
 Kaspar Michael Wolfe ω
 Haley Jean Woodford ω



Lyme VNA Statistics

Total Hours at Senior Center	60
Total Seen.....	106
Blood Pressure	82
Injections	2
Wound Care	4
First Aid	2
Teaching.....	18

Flu clinics at Lyme Town Hall and Lyme Fire House

1 hour/week on Fridays at Lyme Senior Center

Karen Veselka, R.N.
Primary Care Nurse



Rogers Lake Authority

The results from the National Diversity Data Base have finally been published late in the fall. The Eastern Pond Mussel was spotted in some of the areas that are infected with the invasive weeds[Fanwort, Variable Milfoil] but not in large amounts. These mussels could be moved if the Connecticut DEEP deemed that necessary due to any problems that might arise. No mention of the Banded Sunfish or the Bridal Shiner being a problem at all. With these results the Connecticut DEEP can proceed with going forward on the approval of the permit to apply herbicides to control the aquatic invasive weed species in Rogers Lake.

These results couldn't have come at a better time for the Rogers Lake Authority to apply for a grant that has become available from the Connecticut DEEP for the control of aquatic invasive species. The National Diversity Data Base results had to be completed before this grant could be applied for and the grant had a deadline of a few weeks. The Rogers Lake Authority decided to apply even with only a slim possibility of obtaining any of the \$150,000.00 available with all of the entrants of other lake authorities around the state. With the deadline looming the Rogers Lake Authority board members worked together along with some lake residents in order to complete the information needed for the forms. Thanks to Dennis Overfield for his work on filling out the forms and putting the finishing touches and obtaining all the proper signatures and delivering the completed forms. I am happy to announce that we received the amount of \$19,500.00 which we had applied for. This amount is determined by taking 50% of the cost of the herbicide application according to the quote that was received.

With the results of the National Diversity Data Base and the Connecticut DEEP in hand we now wait for Connecticut DEEP approval of the permit to apply herbicides in Rogers Lake. At long last we received the approval of the permit required to do the work on Rogers Lake. The next step is to obtain quotes from qualified contractors in this field of work, Solitude was the winning bid and was hired and scheduled the herbicide application for July 5, 2016.

The Rogers Lake patrol has taken a new approach to the education and advising the people who continue to abuse the rules of the lake. Due to the increasing disregard of these rules, we have started a policy in conjunction with the Connecticut DEEP that these offenders will be advised of their violations by the DEEP which could be verbal or lead to fines. I am sorry to say that these offenders are mostly lake residents who know that there were no chance for any form of punishment until now.

I would like to thank all the people and board members for their efforts to keep Rogers Lake at its best. Please continue to take care of your lake for all to enjoy in the future.

Richard J. Smith Sr. *Chairman RLA*

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 unaffiliated Public Halls in the State of Connecticut, and proud to serve our community.

Our membership is faithful to the preservation of our hall property and its activities. In 2016 our dedicated board of directors planned, and with membership help, provided a Spring Italian themed dinner in March, a Community Meet and Greet Event in May, a Chicken Barbeque in June, a Harvest Dinner in October, our annual Thanksgiving Weekend Arts and Crafts 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 139 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. Our doors are always open to all for Membership, Rentals and our events.

Submitted by:

Curtis J. Michael

President, Hadlyme Public Hall Association, Inc

HadlymeHall@gmail.com



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. 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 or our NEW website www.seniorcenterct.org 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 this beautiful facility and grounds if you have any questions.

Listed below are just some of the highlights of the 2015-2016 Year;

- 18,500 people came to the senior center.
- 19 Weekly Classes including art, dance, health and fitness, and many special events, workshops, travel, history seminars, games, and socials took place.
- Nearly 1500 people of all ages attended Summer Community Concert Series
- Our membership has grown 58% over the past two years.

2015-2016 Board of Directors

Sue Campbell- President

Doris Rand - Vice President

Treasurer- Bob Pierson/ Nancy Campbell

Secretary- Dot McAndrew

Diane Blackwell

Diana Seckla

Mary Miles

Don Tapper

Ann Griffith

Gary Weed

Doris Johnson

Ruth Young

Geri Baker



Municipal Elections

MUNICIPAL ELECTION - WARNING TOWN OF LYME NOVEMBER 3, 2015
Pursuant to Sections 9-226 and 9-2 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the electors of the Town of Lyme are hereby warned to meet at the Lyme Fire Station on Tuesday, the 3rd day of November 2015 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM (EST) then and there to give their votes for the persons to fill the following offices:

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

Dated at Lyme, Connecticut this 20th day of October 2015.
Linda Winzer, *Town Clerk, Town of Lyme*

MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS TOWN OF LYME NOVEMBER 3, 2015
Electors and citizens qualified to vote met at the Lyme Fire Station to cast their votes for

First Selectman	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	D	156
First Selectman	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	R	145
Selectman	Parker H. Lord	R	173
Selectman	Steven E. Mattson	D	130
Town Clerk	Linda A. Winzer	D	156
Town Clerk	Linda A. Winzer	R	146
Town Treasurer	William L. Hawthorne	R	267
Tax Collector	Linda B. Ward	R	268
Board of Finance	James P. Witkins	R	233
Board of Finance	Judith H. Duran	D	212
Board of Finance Alternate	Peter S. Evankow	R	271
Board of Assessment Appeals	John D. Kiker	D	236
Planning and Zoning Commission	Phyllis G. Ross	D	207
Planning and Zoning Commission	David J. Tiffany	R	256
Zoning Board of Appeals	Fred W. Harger	D	223
Zoning Board of Appeals	David M. Lahm	R	242
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate	Winnifred L. Gencarella	D	232
Library Directors	Jerry R. Ehlen	R	172
Library Directors	Holly F. Rubino	R	202
Library Directors	George J. Willauer	D	188
Regional Board of Education	Mary E. Powell-St. Louis	R	270

Total Number of Registered Voters:	1747
Total Number of Voters having Voted by Absentee Ballot:	2
Total Number of Voters having Voted by EDR (Election Day Registration)	1
Total Number of Voters having Voted in Person:	307
Total Number of Voters having Voted in Person, by Absentee Ballot & EDR:	310
Recorded: Town Clerk	

100 Year History of Camp Claire

The Board of Directors of Camp Claire would like to thank the Town of Lyme for dedicating this year's Town Report in honor of our 100th anniversary as a summer camp on Hamburg Cove.

Camp Claire is a charitable 501(c)(3) organization striving to provide a safe and positive camping experience for children 7 to 16. We operate a two month summer season for both day and overnight campers.

Camp Claire began in 1916 as a retreat for members of a church in Meriden CT. In 1986, the camp became an independent non-profit organization managed by a small volunteer board and continues as an independent non-religious camp to this date. Camp Claire is ACA accredited and goes through rigorous inspections by the state as well.

Each summer we host 500 campers and provide them with memories for their lifetime. Traditional values are a focal point of our mission of Camp Claire:

“The mission of Camp Claire shall be to provide young people with a positive camping experience in a natural community environment that encourages curiosity and creativity, and increases self-esteem, while providing a lifetime of memories that prepare children for an active place in a multicultural society.”

Camp Claire is a rustic, old fashioned summer camp that overlooks beautiful Hamburg Cove. It is a place steeped in traditional family values while giving the kids the freedom to be kids. The staff is handpicked by our director who has had over 20 years of experience in summer camps. Many staff have been coming back for over 10 years! In addition many campers proceed to our Leaders In Training and Counselors In Training programs, graduating to full-fledged counselors themselves. Daily programs and classes include swimming, sailing, kayaking, canoeing, camp crafts, low ropes activity, and creative classes in tie dying, the arts and dance and drama. The Florence Griswold museum has provided a painting day for the past two years. Our camp cook and kitchen staff serve all meals family style and outside barbecues highlight most weeks, weather permitting. Each of the campers are assigned responsibilities during their week such as setting the tables for dinner, bringing food to the tables, cleaning their cabins etc. We have recently renovated our Olympic size pool and built a new nurses cabin.

The past two seasons have reached record attendance and operate at near capacity. Finances have recovered well over the past 5 years and we are in the second year of a multi-year campaign to upgrade the facilities on our beautiful waterfront location.

Please visit us at campclaire.org to learn more. Tax free donations would be much appreciated and can be sent to P.O. Box 702, Old Lyme CT 06371.

Submitted by,
Madeleine Mattson, *Board Chair*

Treasurer's Report 2015-2016

Balance, Checking Account June 30, 2015	267,132	
Tax Collector:		
Taxes	9,172,781	
Interest & Fees	97,844	
	0	9,270,625
State of Connecticut:		
Capital Improvement	51,529	
Telephone Access Line Tax	9,223	
Elderly Tax Relief	18,711	
Supplemental Municipal Aid	11,911	
Education Grant	139,702	
Civil Preparedness	22,536	
State Property	0	
Boating Grant	0	
Veteran's Exemptions	444	
Other Grants	23,164	
		277,220
Special Revenue:		
Town Aid Road Fund	180,114	
Affordable Housing Program	3,120	
Town Hall/Library	103,044	
		286,278
Interest:		
Investments	11,637	
		11,637
Miscellaneous:		
Building Permits	59,740	
Conveyance Taxes	55,701	
Mooring Permits	5,680	
Other Permits	6,890	
Planning & Zoning	2,850	
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,200	
Town Clerk Fees	18,465	
Refunds & Rebates	6,078	
Waste Disposal Fees	2,567	
Miscellaneous	21,795	
Other Receipts	118,086	
		299,052
Total Receipts	10,411,944	0
		0
Less: Selectmen's Disbursements	9,908,573	
Balance, Checking Account, June 30, 2014	503,371	

Balance in Banks

General Fund:		
Account:		
CT Short Term Investment Fund		1,000,000.00
Reserve Funds:		
Citizens Bank		6,065.93
Essex Savings Bank		8,482.88
Liberty Bank for Savings		3,266.68
Liberty Bank		0.00
Morgan Stanley - Capital Transfer		761,211.56
Morgan Stanley - Open Space Reserve Fund		319,105.64
Morgan Stanley - Library/Town Hall		0.00
Special Funds:		
Harbor Improvement Fund		0.00
Kovalenko Fund		0.00
Moulson-Ely Fund		0.00
Town Deposit Fund		0.00
World War I Memorial		0.00
Nutmeg Network Grant		40,499.45
Town Aid Road Fund		
Balance, July 1, 2015		8,668.56
Add: Current Allocation	180,114.08	
Interest	3.54	
		180,117.62
Less: Expended to General Fund		180,114.08
Balance, Essex Savings Bank, June 30, 2016		8,672.10
Cemetery Trust Fund		
Balance, July 1, 2015		155,520.19
Add: Interest	72.29	
Plot Sales	1,800.00	
Less: Exp to General Fund	10,000.00	
		-8,127.71
Balance, June 30, 2016		147,392.48
Balance, June 30, 2016		
Essex Savings bank	6,242.23	
Citizens Bank	80,024.01	
Certificates of Deposit (2)	61,126.24	
Dog Fund		
Balance, July 1, 2015		7,372.33
Add: Town Clerk-Surcharge, Unaltered Dogs	108.00	
Town Clerk-Surcharge, Altered Dogs	460.00	
Town Clerk - License Fees	1,366.00	
Warden-Impoundment Fees	150.00	
Town of Lyme Appropriation	0.00	
Miscellaneous	88.50	
		2,172.50

Less: Warden-Salary and Fees	2,550.00	
Warden-Expenses	2,200.00	
State of Connecticut-Surcharge	598.00	
State of Connecticut-50% of Fees	832.00	
Advertising	0.00	
Dog tags, Supplies	217.18	
		6,397.18
Balance, June 30, 2016		3,147.65
Hartman Park		
Balance July 1, 2015		3,666.12
Add: Contributions	4,034.00	
Less: Exp to General Fund	3,024.00	
Balance June 30, 2016		4,676.12
Pension Fund		
Balance July 1, 2015	818,519.44	
Add: Town of Lyme-Contributions	34,898.41	
Gains/Losses	-19,317.15	
Less: Pension Payments	185,115.51	
Fees	0.00	
Balance June 30, 2016	648,985.19	
Lyme Fire Company and Lyme Ambulance Association Incentive Program		
Plan Balance as of April 1, 2015	1,315,574.18	
Town Contribution	61,463.54	
Fees	-15,564.97	
Investment Gain/Loss	-33,254.81	
Distributions	-48,869.30	
Balance as of March 31, 2016	1,279,348.64	

William L. Hawthorne, *Treasurer*



Early years of tent camping at Camp Kongo. Vintage postcard.

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2016**

	General Fund	Capital Nonrecurring Fund	Bonded Capital Projects Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash of \$50,000)	\$ 702,054	\$ 552,751	\$ -	\$ 658,135	\$ 1,912,940
Investments	1,000,000	226,277	-	-	1,226,277
Receivables, net:					
Property taxes, interest and liens	311,035	-	-	-	311,035
Total assets	\$ 2,013,089	\$ 779,028	\$ -	\$ 658,135	\$ 3,450,252
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 147,812	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147,812
Unearned revenue - grants	-	-	-	40,356	40,356
Performance bond deposits	32,849	-	-	-	32,849
Total liabilities	180,661	-	-	40,356	221,017
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	281,336	-	-	-	281,336
Total deferred inflows of resources	281,336	-	-	-	281,336
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
Restricted	-	-	-	104,207	104,207
Assigned	198,777	779,028	-	463,572	1,441,377
Unassigned	1,352,315	-	-	-	1,352,315
Total fund balances	1,551,092	779,028	-	617,779	2,947,899
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	\$ 2,013,089	\$ 779,028	\$ -	\$ 658,135	\$ 3,450,252

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, 2016**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Taxes, interest and lien fees:				
General property taxes	\$ 8,996,946	\$ 8,996,946	\$ 9,197,993	\$ 201,047
Tax refunds and rebates	(3,500)	(3,500)	(23,895)	(20,395)
Interest and lien fees	28,000	28,000	95,981	67,981
Total taxes, interest and lien fees	<u>9,021,446</u>	<u>9,021,446</u>	<u>9,270,079</u>	<u>248,633</u>
Licenses and permits:				
Mooring permits	2,200	2,200	5,680	3,480
Building permits	40,000	40,000	59,740	19,740
Conveyance tax	45,000	45,000	55,701	10,701
Other licenses and permits	4,500	4,500	6,890	2,390
Total licenses and permits	<u>91,700</u>	<u>91,700</u>	<u>128,011</u>	<u>36,311</u>
Charges for services:				
Zoning board of appeals fees	1,000	1,000	1,200	200
Planning and zoning fees	750	750	2,850	2,100
Waste disposal fees	2,500	2,500	2,567	67
Town clerk fees	20,000	20,000	18,465	(1,535)
Refunds and rebates	2,000	2,000	6,078	4,078
Visiting nurse receipts	300	300	-	(300)
Miscellaneous	5,000	5,000	5,221	221
Affordable housing	3,500	3,500	3,120	(380)
Parks and recreation fees	4,000	4,000	2,870	(1,130)
Library fines, fees and miscellaneous	2,475	2,475	2,994	519
Total charges for services	<u>41,525</u>	<u>41,525</u>	<u>45,365</u>	<u>3,840</u>
Intergovernmental:				
Supplemental municipal aid	8,442	8,442	11,911	3,469
Town aid roads	180,143	180,143	180,114	(29)
Education equalization grant	145,446	145,446	139,702	(5,744)
PILOT state property	16,549	16,549	-	(16,549)
Emergency management	15,000	15,000	22,536	7,536
Tax relief - homeowners	20,000	20,000	18,711	(1,289)
Tax relief - veterans	330	330	444	114
Miscellaneous grants	5,000	23,500	21,785	(1,715)
Local capital improvement program	25,763	25,763	25,766	3
Town hall/library	103,800	103,800	103,044	(756)
Library state funding and grants	3,482	3,482	1,379	(2,103)
Total Intergovernmental	<u>523,955</u>	<u>542,455</u>	<u>525,392</u>	<u>(17,063)</u>

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**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Investment income:				
Interest on investments	\$ 7,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 11,760	\$ 4,260
Total investment income	<u>7,500</u>	<u>7,500</u>	<u>11,760</u>	<u>4,260</u>
Other revenue:				
Telephone access grant	9,000	9,000	9,223	223
Total other revenue	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,223</u>	<u>223</u>
Contributions:				
Library	64,100	64,100	41,710	(22,390)
Total contributions	<u>64,100</u>	<u>64,100</u>	<u>41,710</u>	<u>(22,390)</u>
Total revenues	<u>9,759,226</u>	<u>9,777,726</u>	<u>10,031,540</u>	<u>253,814</u>
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in - Capital nonrecurring	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
Transfers in - Library Trust	7,000	7,000	7,000	-
Transfers in - Hartman Park	3,750	3,750	3,000	(750)
Transfers in - Eight Mile Cemetery	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Transfers in - Other funds	-	-	17,284	17,284
Total other financing sources	<u>70,750</u>	<u>70,750</u>	<u>87,284</u>	<u>16,534</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	<u>\$ 9,829,976</u>	<u>\$ 9,848,476</u>	<u>\$ 10,118,824</u>	<u>\$ 270,348</u>

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
General Government:				
Selectman's office	\$ 70,418	\$ 70,418	\$ 65,941	\$ 4,477
Town Clerk's office	54,228	54,228	51,490	2,738
Board of finance	3,800	3,800	3,200	600
Tax Collector's office	44,203	44,203	40,897	3,306
Assessor's office	57,681	57,681	50,395	7,286
Revaluation	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Town Treasurer	9,486	9,486	9,485	1
Election expenses	14,007	14,007	17,249	(3,242)
Board of assessment appeals	250	250	154	96
Planning and zoning commission	10,000	10,000	22,284	(12,284)
Zoning board of appeals	5,000	5,000	4,883	117
Zoning office	34,507	34,507	34,506	1
Harbor maintenance	4,000	4,000	5,041	(1,041)
Conservation commission	11,000	11,000	18,776	(7,776)
Pollution control	1,457	1,457	1,456	1
Probate court	1,500	1,500	1,330	170
Auditor's expense	27,300	27,300	26,200	1,100
Town Counsel	12,500	12,500	17,086	(4,586)
Town report	7,000	7,000	5,782	1,218
General insurance	82,078	82,078	80,354	1,724
Workers' compensation insurance	26,599	26,599	22,012	4,587
Health insurance	156,940	156,940	147,054	9,886
FICA	50,114	50,114	48,980	1,134
Retirement	43,173	43,173	39,609	3,564
Town Hall expense	61,370	61,370	60,036	1,334
Heat and fuel	41,751	41,751	41,751	-
Affordable housing	500	500	-	500
Elderly	7,796	7,796	7,796	-
Transportation distribution	2,847	2,847	2,847	-
Hadlyme historic district	500	500	-	500
Total general government	857,005	857,005	841,594	15,411
Public Safety:				
Fire marshal	5,985	5,985	4,584	1,401
Fire company	55,000	55,000	54,133	867
VSECI	43,637	43,637	43,637	-
Complex maintenance	24,100	24,100	24,809	(709)
Public safety utilities	22,000	22,000	17,776	4,224
Police	20,000	20,000	9,959	10,041
Emergency management	22,000	22,000	19,253	2,747
Building inspector	23,466	23,466	22,614	852
Hazardous waste	11,993	11,993	9,198	2,795
Public safety pension	92,181	92,181	67,611	24,570
Total public safety	320,362	320,362	273,574	46,788

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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, 2016
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Highways:				
Superintendent	\$ 64,572	\$ 64,572	\$ 66,687	(\$ 2,115)
Town crew	135,887	135,887	123,481	12,406
Town crew benefits	23,279	23,279	19,230	4,049
Town aid road - maintenance	311,844	311,844	251,042	60,802
General maintenance	49,000	49,000	44,481	4,519
Snow and ice removal	60,000	60,000	48,975	11,025
Street lighting	3,250	3,250	2,693	557
Street signs	3,500	3,500	38	3,462
Garage expense	1,000	1,000	571	429
Superintendent expense	4,250	4,250	4,250	-
Tree Warden expense	1,465	1,465	1,270	195
Total highways	658,047	658,047	562,718	95,329
Sanitation:				
Landfill costs	63,500	63,500	62,041	1,459
Tipping fees	55,440	55,440	46,838	8,602
Sanitarian	25,826	25,826	25,826	-
Recycling	28,653	28,653	29,848	(1,195)
Total sanitation	173,419	173,419	164,553	8,866
Conservation of Health:				
Health officer	750	750	750	-
Visiting nurses	4,500	4,500	3,305	1,195
Vital statistics	75	75	-	75
Total conservation of health	5,325	5,325	4,055	1,270
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	3,675	3,675	3,500	175
Regional mental health	116	116	116	-
Total welfare	5,791	5,791	5,616	175

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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, 2016
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Library	\$ 229,168	\$ 229,168	\$ 222,797	\$ 6,371
Recreation:				
Hartman park	2,000	2,000	441	1,559
Park maintenance	11,898	11,898	11,313	585
Recreation commission	18,000	18,000	15,235	2,765
Rogers lake commission	35,913	54,413	47,685	6,728
Town Woods property	35,060	35,060	28,685	6,375
Total recreation	102,871	121,371	103,359	18,012
Miscellaneous:				
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,000	2,609	1,391
Council of small towns	725	725	725	-
CT river conservation district	1,421	1,421	1,421	-
Contingent account	4,000	4,000	2,407	1,593
Data processing	31,840	31,840	46,111	(14,271)
Eight-mile cemetery	6,900	6,900	8,471	(1,571)
Lyme cemeteries	5,800	5,800	3,537	2,263
Dog fund	5,000	5,000	-	5,000
C.R.E.R.P.A.	5,505	5,505	5,505	-
C.R.E.R.P.A. seniors	10,447	10,447	10,447	-
Lyme youth services	24,500	24,500	24,500	-
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	24,381	24,381	22,864	1,517
Secter	843	843	842	1
Total miscellaneous	128,701	128,701	132,778	(4,077)
Education:				
Regional School District No. 18	6,559,697	6,559,697	6,559,697	-

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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, 2016
... 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	24,044	24,044	24,043	1
General obligation bonds interest	79,844	79,844	79,844	-
Total redemption of debt principal and interest	453,888	453,888	453,887	1
Capital Outlay:				
Fire company equipment	55,000	55,000	52,429	2,571
Hadlyme firehouse	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
Sanitation site improvement	43,932	43,932	41,109	2,823
Highway equipment	129,000	129,000	124,133	4,867
Firehouse garage	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
Town hall improvements	96,000	96,000	92,714	3,286
Vital records restoration	3,000	3,000	3,145	(145)
Emergency management	15,000	15,000	23,413	(8,413)
L/OL senior center	7,936	7,936	5,569	2,367
Town Woods development	750	750	145	605
Library	13,000	13,000	1,315	11,685
Total capital outlay	366,618	366,618	343,972	22,646
Total expenditures	9,860,892	9,879,392	9,668,600	210,792
Other Financing Uses:				
Transfers out:				
Open space/reserve funds	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
Local capital improvement	175,000	175,000	175,000	-
Total transfers out	225,000	225,000	225,000	-
Total expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 10,085,892	\$ 10,104,392	\$ 9,893,600	\$ 210,792

TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016

Grand List Year	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2015	Current Year Levy	Lawful Corrections		Transfer To Suspend	Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Collections			Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2016	
			Additions	Deductions			Taxes	Interest	Lien Fees		Total
1999	\$ 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	1,870	-	-	-	-	1,870	-	-	-	-	1,870
2006	4,800	-	-	-	-	4,800	1,291	2,197	24	3,512	3,509
2007	11,494	-	-	-	-	11,494	7,673	11,050	24	18,747	3,821
2008	13,562	-	-	-	99	13,463	8,340	10,508	24	18,872	5,123
2009	14,060	-	-	-	102	13,958	8,863	9,572	24	18,459	5,095
2010	21,724	-	-	-	100	21,624	13,204	8,719	24	21,947	8,420
2011	26,431	-	-	-	235	26,196	10,594	8,890	24	19,508	15,602
2012	33,948	-	-	-	747	33,201	10,363	6,501	24	16,888	22,838
2013	79,839	-	724	42	1,429	79,092	36,860	10,414	120	47,394	42,232
Total Prior Years	218,547	-	724	1,313	2,712	215,246	97,188	67,851	288	165,327	118,058
2014	-	9,144,369	23,809	13,968	-	9,154,210	9,075,043	29,129	48	9,104,220	79,167
Total	\$ 218,547	\$ 9,144,369	\$ 24,533	\$ 15,281	\$ 2,712	\$ 9,369,456	\$ 9,172,231	\$ 96,980	\$ 336	\$ 9,269,547	\$ 197,225

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

Affordable Housing

Both the town program and the Lyme Compact were quiet this past year. All the current houses are occupied and the Affordable Housing committee will begin looking at the possibility of constructing a new home in the near future, with preference being given to qualified applicants who work for or volunteer in the Town Lyme.

We welcome questions and would be very glad to give information about the affordable housing program to prospective applicants, and to anyone interested in volunteering on the committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Isabel Roberge, *Chairman*



Lyme Department of Emergency Management

Dear Lyme Resident,

This year's report is dedicated to Richard Lee Watkins who retired this year as our Town's Emergency Management Director (EMD). Lee has served our community tirelessly as EMD for many years, including two tours in this important post. His contributions to our Town can be found everywhere. Through new radio systems for our first responders and Town crew, an expanded, updated and state-of-the-art Emergency Operations Center, recruiting an EOC staff that now exceeds twelve well trained members and navigating seas of paperwork to access and leverage grants to fund many strategic initiatives, Lee's impact on our community is tremendous. He has promoted a level of preparedness and professionalism that has been noted and publically acknowledged by State emergency management officials and federal agencies such as FEMA. It is for that reason that our new Emergency Operations Facility was dedicated this year to Lee at an event attended by many of our peers in the Emergency Management and first responder world.

I would like to personally thank Lee for his years of mentoring, bestowing his wisdom and exceptional leadership, and we are fortunate that Lee has not fully retired and remains active as a key part of our EOC staff for the foreseeable future.

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.

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 Director of Lyme Department of Emergency Management is a sworn State official, 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.

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.

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 and his team at the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Region 4 office, Connecticut State Police Troop F, Connecticut DEEP, Dominion, CL&P, the Lyme Fire Company, the Lyme Ambulance Association, our own Town highway crew and countless others for their important contributions during times of emergency and when we respond as one integrated team. We are fortunate to have such dedicated individuals protecting and serving the State and our community.

Sincerely yours,
John C.L. Evans
Director of Emergency Management
Town of Lyme
EM75@LymeCT.gov
Region 4 RESF-1 Transportation Chair

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: _____

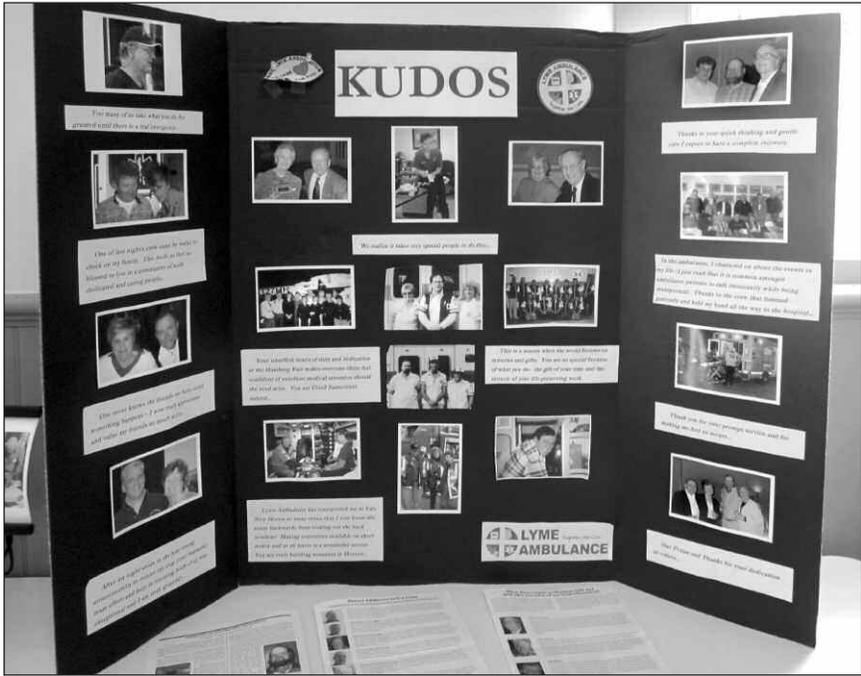
I am a part-time resident ___Yes ___No

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.



Lyme Ambulance Assoc. 40th anniversary displays at Lyme Public Hall, July 4, 2016.



Camp Claire 100th Anniversary celebrants in the July 4, 2016 Hamburg Parade.



Camp Claire Memorial Garden at the Lodge with a stone "from the hill at Hamburg Cove" and plaque commemorating 100 years of youth camping at Hamburg Cove. Dedicated June 11, 2016. Donated by the First Congregational Church of Meriden, CT.

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