

LYME TOWN REPORT 2018

ANNUAL REPORT

Front cover

Old Hamburg Bridge, early 20th century
Joshuatown Road, Eight Mile River, Lyme
replaced in 1936.



FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2018

Dedication

This year, Lyme lost one of its giants, John H. “Jack” Tiffany. We are dedicating this town report to Jack in recognition of his contributions to the town and the place Tiffany Farm holds in all of our hearts. We thank Jack for all he has done and extend our best thoughts to Susan and his family.

The Tiffany family has been part of the Lyme fabric since 1693. Jack lived here all of his life and was the valedictorian of his high school class here in 1950. He served on Lyme’s Board of Selectmen and the Board of Education in the early and mid-1960’s and then served 30 years in the General Assembly representing our town and all of Connecticut. During this service, Jack had many, many accomplishments; the chief of which was the adoption of Public Act 490, the act which allows for reduced taxation of agricultural and open space land and the preservation of agriculture through the purchase of development rights. This forms the basis for how Lyme protects and maintains its rural character today.

Jack was an ever-present figure in Lyme. His involvement in the Grange, the Fair and the farm contributed mightily to what Lyme is and we all miss seeing Jack working the fields and driving the tractor throughout town. Jack will be missed by all of Lyme and his time here has had a major impact on what Lyme is and the reasons we love our town so much.



John H. Tiffany

A “Living Artifact”

The Town of Lyme’s current structure of governance has its roots in the 1660s when the Connecticut Colonial Court granted a petition of families to settle on the east side of the Connecticut River and establish a town, eventually to be named the “Town of Lyme”. The Court and subsequently the General Assembly would define the town’s powers and governing responsibilities for community safety, education, welfare, equitable land distribution and stable governance. But the detail for local implementation, appointments and management for the functions needed to carry out the town’s responsibility for governance and community-wide services would remain largely in the hands of the grantees and earliest inhabitants joining them. The organization was accomplished through a series of meetings, in effect town meetings, for which minutes* were kept. These records together with the deeds given for the distributed lands to the earliest inhabitants remain valuable town and historical references for Lyme today.

Conditions developed over the next three centuries which could challenge any town government’s resources and stability. Lyme faced erosion of its taxable income sources within various periods due to substantial population decline, emigrations west and north, farm abandonment, and loss of territory to new, adjacent towns. Indian, inter-colonial, revolutionary, civil and the world wars along with widespread, deep financial depressions added great stress on the town. Nevertheless, the evidence stands that the Lyme town government has met its challenges, governing steadily and responsibly from its earliest days into our present time. In fact, our town meeting and selectmen form of governance may be called a “living artifact”.

The historical photographs and captions of Lyme that follow provide examples of the Town’s operation and responsiveness to town needs from over 100 years ago.**

* *Lyme Records, 1667-1730, A Literal Transcription of the Minutes of the Town Meetings with Marginal Notations, to which hath been Appended Land Grants and Ear Marks*, Compiled and Edited by Jean Chandler Burr, 1968. (Out of print. Copies are available locally at the Lyme Public Library, Lyme Local History Archives and Lyme Town Hall).

** Expense data for 1917 are drawn from the *Town of Lyme Statement of the Financial Affairs FY 1917-18*. The equivalent of \$100 in 1917 would be approximately \$1,900 in 2017.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Bacdayan

Tax base to be available for Lyme in 1918 required that a grand levy be done in 1917– \$535, 802. It included 1733 acres of land, 267 houses, 294 barns and outbuildings; 20 stores and shops and a growing number of motor vehicles, motor boats and docks.



Sterling Hill, John Sterling House, 1740.



Lord Hill, Zebulon Ely Mansion, 1873.

Table of Contents

Dedication	2
A Living Artifact	3
General Information	6
Meetings	10
Selectmen's Report	10
Town Calendar	12
State and Town Officers	13
Affordable Housing	97
Auditor's Report	89
Board of Assessors	58
Board of Finance	23
Budget Summary for 2017-2018	27
Cable Advisory Council	60
Connecticut River Gateway Commission	47
Eight Mile River Wild & Scenic Watershed	32
Emergency Management	99
Estuary Council of Seniors	70
Estuary Transit District	54
Fee Schedule	7
Friends of Whalebone Cove	26
Graduates L/OL High School	75
Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission	51
Hadlyme Hall Garden Club	67
Hadlyme Public Hall	85
Literacy Volunteers	66
Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments	61
Lyme Ambulance Association	51
Lyme Cemetery Commission	43
Lyme Conservation Commission	74
Lyme Department of Emergency Management	97
Lyme Fire Company	56
Lyme Garden Club	34
Lyme Land Conservation Trust	78
Lyme-Old Lyme Education Foundation	73
Lyme Public Hall Association and Lyme Historical Archives	42
Lyme Public Library	64
Lymes' Senior Center	81
Lyme Veterans Memorial Committee	36
Lymes' Youth Service Bureau	24
MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.	68
Municipal Agent for the Elderly	48
Municipal Elections	82
Open Space Preservation, Management and Maintenance	38
Parks & Recreation	35
Planning & Zoning	37
Regional District 18	71
Rogers Lake Authority	76
Summary of Expenditures	19
Tax Collector	60
Treasurers Report	86
Vital Statistics	44
Volunteer Opportunities	57
Zoning Board of Appeals	70

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
Brush Hill Transfer Station	9:00 – 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

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

Planning & Zoning Regulations\$20.00

Inland Wetlands Regulations\$10.00

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

Carriages, wagons and bicycles, were taxable property in 1917 at a total valuation of \$2,555. Motor vehicles owned by Lyme residents at the time, probably fewer than 20, were also taxable property with a valuation of \$14,315.



Mary Raymond Fosdick, Dell Huntley and Nellie Sawyer with bicycles in front of Lyme Grange.

Lyme Transfer Station Pricing List

Bulky Waste

\$20.00 per cubic yard. What is Bulky Waste? Anything that used to be buried in the landfill, such as construction and demo material, carpeting, plastic toys, wooden shelving, etc. Ask Attendant.

Brush - No bigger than 8" round and 8' long

Commercial Contractors (for brush)	
Pickup or Trailer	\$10.00
Mason Dump	\$15.00
State Body	\$20.00
Bigger	\$35.00

Freon Items\$15.00 each
(refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner, dehumidifier, water or wine cooler)

Mattresses & Boxsprings

Clean	no charge
Wet/Dirty	\$20.00 each

Propane – bottles only

1 lb.	\$1.00
20 lbs.	\$2.00

Tires

Car Tires	\$4.00 on rim \$6.00
Pickup Truck Tires	\$6.00 on rim \$8.00

Check price list for large tires

Upholstered Furniture\$15.00 each (chair, sofa, love seat)

NOTE: 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.

Applications and Registrations

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

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

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

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

Passport applications may be processed through the 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. There is a late fee of \$1.00 per dog per month after June.

Transfer station stickers are available at the Town Hall and must be shown at the transfer station before entering.

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

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

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

Farm animals were taxed. In 1918 The highest valuation was for 830 neat cattle (oxen), signaling their essential strength for hauling and farming on Lyme's hilly and rocky terrain. Other taxable animals included horses, mules, sheep, goats and poultry.



Will Peck's Ox Team, Early Dawn Farm.

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 in Board of Education Conference Room at Center 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

The last year was one of change in your government leadership but hopefully one of continuity for the residents. The First Selectman changed when Ralph Eno retired, and Steven Mattson replaced him. The Third Selectman position changed twice when Mark Wayland was appointed, and later, John Kiker was elected to the position. The Tax Collector, Linda Ward, retired and was replaced by Cynthia Beers. Peter Evankow was appointed as the new Deputy Treasurer while the Board and Commission secretary, Patsy Turner, turned over those important duties to Jen Thomas who will also be our Assistant Town Clerk. Through all of these changes the workings of the town and town hall has continued, and we trust our service was not affected. We encourage all of you to stop by and see the new faces.

During the year, the town purchased a new fire engine, accepted the donation of the Emerson/Jewett Cemetery on Mt. Archer Rd. and received a \$870,000 grant from the state for the purchase of 250 acres off rte. 82 that will be completed in the next fiscal year and be held as open space forever. Signs have been installed at all 13 town owned cemeteries showing each cemetery's name. The Joshuatown Rd. bridge was repaired and painted and the usual road improvement projects continued as normal.

The town also made a transition to Ledge Light Health District for the provision of Public Health matters. The town had been unable to fulfill all its public health responsibilities internally and will now have complete coverage at half the cost. Our long-term sanitarian, George Caulkins, will now be employed by LLHD but will maintain the same hours and availability at town hall as before.

The 2017/2018 fiscal year finances ended in very good shape. The year ended with a surplus of \$203,000 while the budget had projected a loss of \$308,000. This more than \$500,00 favorable result allowed us to meet our goal for saving in the General Fund.

We encourage all residents to visit town hall, meet the people who care for your town and get involved with your government.

Respectively submitted,
The Lyme Board of Selectmen

In 1917 twenty-nine sheep, ewes and lambs from sizable herds of sheep were damaged or killed by dogs in Bill Hill, Lord Hill, Blood St., Sterling City and Beaver Brook areas. Owners were reimbursed a total of \$411 for taxes paid on the animals.



Ashlawn Farm, Bill Hill c. 1900.

Town Calendar 2019

January 1	Supplemental motor vehicle taxes due – late fees due after February 1 (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)
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 August 1 (Tax Collector)
August 1	Last day for timely payment of taxes levied on the list as of October 1, 2017 (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, 2017– June 30, 2018

<u>Office or Commission Elected</u>	<u>Official or Member</u>	<u>Term Begins</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
First Selectman	Steven E. Mattson *Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019
Second Selectman	Parker H. Lord	Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019
Third Selectman	John Kiker *Steven E. Mattson *Mark Wayland	Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019
Town Clerk	Linda A. Winzer	Jan. 2, 2018	Jan. 6, 2020
Town Treasurer	William L. Hawthorne	Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019
Board of Finance	Herbert Ross Matthew Sharp, <i>Chairperson</i> Peter S. Evankow Judith H. Duran David M. Brown, Sr. Kathryn R. Wayland	Nov. 19, 2013 Nov. 19, 2013 Nov. 17, 2015 Nov. 17, 2015 Nov. 21, 2017 Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019 Nov. 19, 2019 Nov. 16, 2021 Nov. 16, 2021 Nov. 21, 2023 Nov. 21, 2023
Board of Finance Alternates	Lori Caine Daniel A. Hagan Jarrod M. Leonardo *Tom Wing	Nov. 19, 2013 Nov. 17, 2015 Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019 Nov. 16, 2021 Nov. 21, 2023
Board of Assessment Appeals	Harry P. Broom, Jr., <i>Chairperson</i> John Kiker Hayden Reynolds	Nov. 19, 2013 Nov. 17, 2015 Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019 Nov. 16, 2021 Nov. 21, 2023
Planning and Zoning Commission	Ross C. Byrne, <i>Chairperson</i> Kelvin N. Tyler Phyllis Ross David Tiffany William T. Koch, Jr. Ann Rich E. Hunter Ward	Nov. 19, 2013 Nov. 19, 2013 Nov. 17, 2015 Nov. 17, 2015 Nov. 21, 2017 Nov. 21, 2017 Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019 Nov. 19, 2019 Nov. 16, 2021 Nov. 16, 2021 Nov. 21, 2023 Nov. 21, 2023 Nov. 21, 2023
Zoning Board of Appeals	John Kiker Fred W. Harger David Lahm, <i>Chairperson</i> Winnifred Gencarella Jack Sulger	Nov. 19, 2013 Nov. 17, 2015 Nov. 17, 2015 Nov. 21, 2017 Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019 Nov. 16, 2021 Nov. 16, 2021 Nov. 21, 2023 Nov. 21, 2023
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates	Salvatore Caruso, Jr. Toni Phillips Judith Davies	Nov. 19, 2013 Nov. 17, 2015 Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019 Nov. 16, 2021 Nov. 21, 2023

Lyme Public Library Directors	Judith Ulrich Diana Fiske Eugene (Chuck) A. Lynch Jerry R. Ehlen Holly Rubino Mary Stone Susan Cole Diane Brown Jack Sulger, <i>Chairperson</i> *George J. Willauer	Nov. 19, 2013 Nov. 19, 2013 Nov. 19, 2013 Nov. 17, 2015 Nov. 17, 2015 Nov. 17, 2015 Nov. 21, 2017 Nov. 21, 2017 Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019 Nov. 19, 2019 Nov. 19, 2019 Nov. 16, 2021 Nov. 16, 2021 Nov. 16, 2021 Nov. 21, 2023 Nov. 21, 2023 Nov. 21, 2023
Lyme Members of Regional District #18, Board of Education	Mary E. Powell-St. Louis Stacey Leonardo *Beth A. Jones	Dec. 1, 2015 Dec. 1, 2017	Dec. 1, 2019 Dec. 1, 2021
Registrar of Voters	Dianne F. Ahlberg Jane C. Boyd	Jan. 4, 2017 Jan. 4, 2017	Jan. 9, 2019 Jan. 9, 2019
Judge of Probate	Jeannine Lewis	July 28, 2018	Jan. 9, 2019
State Representative 23rd District	Devin Carney	Jan. 4, 2017	Jan. 9, 2019
State Senator 33rd District	Art Linares	Jan 4, 2017	Jan. 9, 2019
U. S. Congress 2nd District	Joe Courtney	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 3, 2019
U. S. Senate	Chris Murphy	Jan. 3, 2013	Jan. 3, 2019
U. S. Senate	Richard Blumenthal	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 3, 202
<u>Appointed</u>			
Deputy Town Treasurer	Peter S. Evankow	Jan. 2, 2018	Nov. 19, 2019
Tax Collector	Cynthia B. Beers	Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 16, 2021
Board of Assessors	Frederick Platt III, <i>Chairperson</i> Madeleine H. Mattson Debra A. Yeomans	Nov. 19, 2013 Nov. 17, 2015 Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019 Nov. 16, 2021 Nov. 21, 2023
Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission	Paul Armond, <i>Chairperson</i> Patrick Crowley Priscilla Hammond Beverly Crowther Ben Kegley Roger Dill Thomas Reynolds	Nov. 10, 2015 Nov. 10, 2015 Nov. 10, 2015 Nov. 8, 2016 Nov. 8, 2016 Nov. 14, 2017 Nov. 14, 2017	Nov. 13, 2018 Nov. 13, 2018 Nov. 13, 2018 Nov. 11, 2019 Nov. 11, 2019 Nov. 10, 2020 Nov. 10, 2020
Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission Alternates	Susan Hessel Steven Kurlansky	Nov. 8, 2016 Nov. 14, 2017	Nov. 11, 2019 Nov. 10, 2020

Cemetery Commission	Diana Boehning Thomas Davies Christine Plikus Gordon M. Krusen, <i>Chairperson</i> Tina Kozlowski Bruce Stark Ann Evans Kim Kanabis Marilyn Warren	April 15, 2016 April 15, 2016 April 15, 2016 April 15, 2017 April 15, 2017 April 15, 2017 April 15, 2018 April 15, 2018 April 15, 2018	April 15, 2019 April 15, 2019 April 15, 2019 April 15, 2020 April 15, 2020 April 15, 2020 April 15, 2021 April 15, 2021 April 15, 2021
Town Counsel	Kenneth M. McKeever		
Sanitarian, Ledge Light Health District	George P. Calkins		
Ledge Light Health District Board of Directors	John Kiker	May 21, 2018	May 21, 2021
Zoning Enforcement Officer & Inland Wetlands Agent	Bernard Gigliotti		
Building Official	Ronald Rose		
Building Code Board of Appeals	vacancy vacancy Francis Roche Roger Mayotte vacancy	Nov. 30, 2013 Nov. 30, 2014 Nov. 30, 2015 Nov. 30, 2016 Nov. 30, 2012	Nov. 30, 2018 Nov. 30, 2019 Nov. 30, 2020 Nov. 30, 2021 Nov. 30, 2017
Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission	Susan Tyler Harry (Skip) Broom, Jr. E. Russell Learned, <i>Chairperson</i> Lisa Holmes Christian Peltenburg-Brechneff	Jan. 23, 2014 Jan. 23, 2015 Jan. 23, 2016 Jan. 23, 2017 Jan. 23, 2018	Jan. 23, 2019 Jan. 23, 2020 Jan. 23, 2021 Jan. 23, 2022 Jan. 23, 2023
Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission Alternates	Iain R. Horwath Thomas Richardson (3) vacancies	Jan. 23, 2018 Jan. 23, 2018 Jan. 23, 2018	Jan. 23, 2021 Jan. 23, 2021 Jan. 23, 2021
Rogers Lake Authority	Toni Phillips Dennis Overfield Mark Hastings *Robert Roach *Tom Mondelci	June 1, 2016 June 1, 2017 June 1, 2018	June 1, 2019 June 1, 2020 June 1, 2021
Recreation Commission	Trudy Burgess Heidi Meyer Carmela Monte Jason Thornton, <i>Chairperson</i> Robert Cope Emily Greene Reynolds vacancy	Jan. 15, 2018 Jan. 15, 2018 Jan. 15, 2018 Jan. 15, 2018 Jan. 15, 2018 Jan. 15, 2018 Jan. 15, 2018	Jan. 15, 2019 Jan. 15, 2019 Jan. 15, 2019 Jan. 15, 2019 Jan. 15, 2019 Jan. 15, 2019 Jan. 15, 2019

Estuary Transit District	Susan Tyler	Feb. 1, 2016	Feb. 1, 2020
Affordable Housing Committee	Mac Godley Daniel A. Hagan Steve Mattson Isabel Roberge, <i>Chairperson</i> Phyllis Ross Mark Wayland Tina West		
Tree Warden	Lars D. Anderson	July 1, 2017	June 30, 2019
Burning Officer	Gary Weed		
Emergency Management Director	John L. Evans		
Emergency Management Deputy Directors	Lee Watkins William F. Firgelewski		
Cable Advisory Council	Brian Bowes		
CT Gateway Commission	Wendy Hill *Emily Bjornberg	July 1, 2018	June 30, 2020
CT Gateway Commission Alternate	J. Melvin Woody, Alt.	July 1, 2018	June 30, 2020
Senior Center Board of Directors	Diana Seckla Gary Weed Doris Hungerford *Ruth Young	July 1, 2018 July 1, 2018 July 1, 2018	June 30, 2019 June 30, 2019 June 30, 2019
Lower CT River Valley Regional Planning Commission	Mary Stone vacancy, alternate	May 1, 2017 May 1, 2017	May 1, 2019 May 1, 2019
Municipal Historian	Carolyn Bacdayan		
Public Health Nurse	VNA of Southeastern CT		
VSECI	John L. Evans		
Veterans' Service Contact Person	David Lahm		
Water Pollution Control Authority	J. Melvin Woody David Cook J. Carter Courtney	July 1, 2016 July 1, 2017 July 1, 2018	June 30, 2021 June 30, 2022 June 30, 2023
Lyme Volunteer Fire Company Chief	James Leatherbee III		
Town Marine Officer	Robert F. Roach		

Trustee, Fire Co. Incentive Program	Steven E. Mattson Matthew Sharp *Ralph F. Eno, Jr. *Mark Wayland		
Municipal Agent for the Elderly	Kathy Tisdale	Jan. 1, 2017	Dec. 31, 2021
Dog Warden	Donald Griffith		
Eastern Regional Tourism District Board of Directors	vacancy	Sept. 1, 2017	Aug. 31, 2020
Mental Health Catchment Area Council	vacancy	April 30, 2017	Apr. 30, 2019
Open Space Committee	Paul Armond Anthony Irving Parker Lord Lucius Stark Barbara David Ross Byrne George Lombardino Robert Cope *Steven E. Mattson	June 1, 2017 June 1, 2017 June 1, 2017 June 1, 2017 June 1, 2018 June 1, 2018 June 1, 2018 June 1, 2018	June 1, 2019 June 1, 2019 June 1, 2019 June 1, 2019 June 1, 2020 June 1, 2020 June 1, 2020 June 1, 2020
Eight Mile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee	Anthony Irving Parker Lord		
Eight Mile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee Alternate	Paul Armond		
Pension Advisory Committee	John Friday John Kiker Steven E. Mattson Matthew Sharp *Ralph F. Eno, Jr. *Mark Wayland	May 4, 2018 May 4, 2018 May 4, 2018 May 4, 2018	May 4, 2019 May 4, 2019 May 4, 2019 May 4, 2019
Justices of the Peace	David Michael Adams, Jr. Emily Bjornberg Christie Christensen Daniel A. Hagan Fred William Harger Patricia A. Harris Isabel S. Roberge Jack Sulger Eleanor B. Sutton Karen Sutton vacancy (R) (4) vacancies (Unaffiliated) * Charlotte Beers *Anthony J. Sullivan	Jan. 3, 2017 Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021 Jan. 4, 2021

Fire Marshal David Roberge
 Social Services Director Kathy Tisdale
 Open Space Coordinator Wendy Hill
 Harbor Master L. Thomas Reynolds
 Democratic Town Committee
 Dianne Ahlberg
 Paul Armond
 Carolyn Bacdayan
 Emily Bjornberg
 Susan Cole
 Liz Frankel
 Sue Hessel, *Vice Chairperson*
 Emily Hildner, *Secretary*
 Tim Hildner
 Carol House
 John Kiker, *Chairperson*
 Jarrod Leonardo, *Treasurer*
 Madeleine Mattson
 Steven E. Mattson
 Toni Phillips
 Ann Rich
 Phyllis Ross
 Claire Sauer
 Judith L. Ulrich
 *LeRay McFarland
 *Mary Ann Kistner

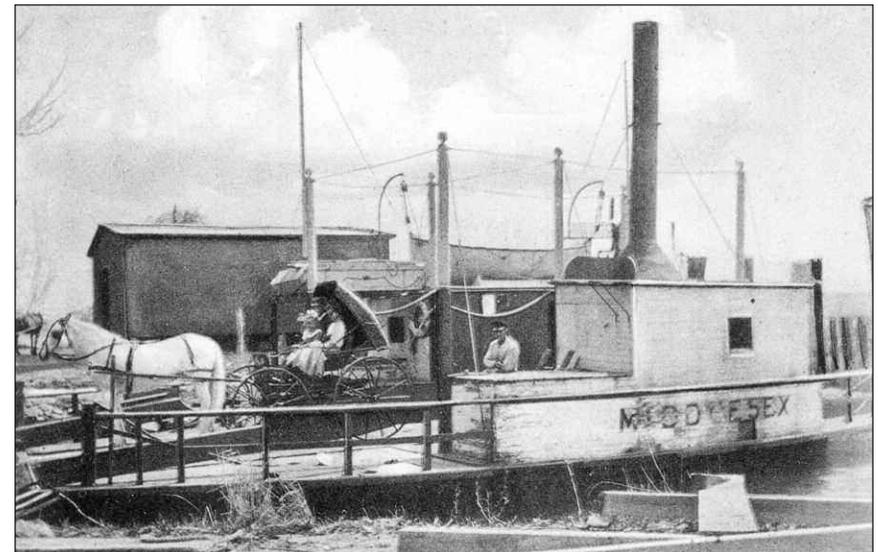
Republican Town Committee
 Rowland J. Ballek
 Judith W. Davies, *Vice Chairperson*
 William J. Fiske
 Donald C. Gerber
 Daniel A. Hagan
 Priscilla F. Hammond
 William T. Koch, Jr.
 David M. Lahm, *Chairperson*
 Parker H. Lord
 David A. Potts
 Mary E. Powell-St. Louis
 G. Hayden Reynolds
 Isabel S. Roberge
 Matthew A. Sharp
 David J. Tiffany, *Treasurer*
 Mark P. Wayland
 Linda A. Winzer, *Secretary*
 * Thomas Boyd
 *Jonathan Jewett
 *John J. Tiffany, II

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

Summary of Expenditures 7/1/17 – 6/30/18

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>
EXPENSES			
General Government			
Selectmen's Office	78,629.00	77,960.92	-668.08
Town Clerk's Office	56,184.00	56,735.78	551.78
Board of Finance	3,800.00	3,727.80	-72.20
Tax Collector	49,865.00	50,232.45	367.45
Assessor's Office	60,772.00	62,403.56	1,631.56
Revaluation	60,000.00	49,473.99	-10,526.01
Town Treasurer	9,924.00	11,923.04	1,999.04
Election Expenses	22,091.00	17,871.33	-4,219.67
Board of Assessment Appeals	250.00	0.00	-250.00
Planning & Zoning Commission	13,000.00	23,583.48	10,583.48
Zoning Board of Appeals	5,000.00	1,542.06	-3,457.94
Zoning Officer	36,152.00	36,152.00	0.00
Conservation Commission	13,000.00	4,546.32	-8,453.68
Auditor's Expense	27,900.00	27,360.00	-540.00
Town Counsel	18,000.00	8,318.50	-9,681.50
Town Report	6,750.00	6,108.06	-641.94

The Hadlyme-Chester ferry franchise was Lyme's 1914-1917, a major expense, \$4,368, in 1917 for licenses, salaries, insurance, fuel, materials, repairs. By 1918 the town released all interests in the franchise and equipment to the Connecticut State Highway Department.



Steam operated "Middlesex", Hadlyme-Chester Ferry, c. 1914.

General Insurance	82,650.00	79,340.47	-3,309.53
Workmen's Comp	22,800.00	22,672.00	-128.00
Health Insurance	211,299.00	203,261.94	-8,037.06
Retirement	39,283.00	39,754.46	471.46
Town Hall Expense	12,750.00	13,340.43	590.43
Hadlyme Historic District	500.00	0.00	-500.00
Campus Utilities	49,062.00	58,495.37	9,433.37
Campus Maintenance	39,258.00	35,540.41	-3,717.59
Open Space Commission	1,500.00	0.00	-1,500.00
FICA	54,379.00	54,115.47	-263.53
Data Processing	43,220.00	69,290.79	26,070.79
Public Safety			
Fire Marshal	5,700.00	4,816.56	-883.44
Fire Company	62,200.00	62,137.98	-62.02
VSECI	45,929.00	45,929.00	0.00
Complex Maintenance	15,692.00	10,953.39	-4,738.61
Public Safety Utilities	20,000.00	19,614.30	-385.70
Police	20,000.00	9,729.68	-10,270.32
Emergency Management	15,250.00	14,723.47	-526.53
Building Inspector	23,900.00	22,934.34	-965.66
Public Safety Pension	77,602.00	55,533.60	-22,068.40
Highways			
Heat & Fuel	31,036.00	30,830.46	-205.54
Superintendent	69,386.00	70,842.23	1,456.23
Town Crew	164,891.00	164,832.72	-58.28
Town Crew Benefits	4,000.00	3,602.47	-397.53
Town Aid Roads Maintenance	181,016.00	154,229.66	-26,786.34
Local Road Maintenance	58,293.00	62,292.75	3,999.75
General Maintenance	45,000.00	31,369.11	-13,630.89
Snow and Ice Removal	60,000.00	64,435.48	4,435.48
Street Lighting	3,000.00	3,230.96	230.96
Street Signs	3,500.00	1,042.30	-2,457.70
Garage Expense	1,000.00	2,666.04	1,666.04
Superintendent Expense	4,250.00	4,250.00	0.00
Tree Warden Expense	1,465.00	1,280.00	-185.00
Sanitation			
Pollution Control	1,457.00	1,456.25	-0.75
Hazardous Waste	10,894.00	9,942.00	-952.00
Transfer Station Costs	101,395.00	100,660.42	-734.58
Tipping Fees	52,700.00	46,776.64	-5,923.36
Sanitarian	27,134.00	26,789.70	-344.30
Recycling	31,650.00	31,073.66	-576.34

Health and Welfare			
Probate Court	2,076.00	1,330.00	-746.00
Affordable Housing	750.00	0.00	-750.00
Elderly	8,191.00	8,190.60	-0.40
Transportation District	3,140.00	3,140.00	0.00
Health District	750.00	750.00	0.00
Visiting Nurses	14,135.00	13,887.30	-247.70
Vital Statistics	75.00	0.00	-75.00
T.V.C.C.A.	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Women's Center	750.00	750.00	0.00
Family Service	4,799.00	4,799.00	0.00
Regional Mental Health	116.00	116.00	0.00
Soup Kitchen	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
CRERPA Seniors	11,517.00	11,517.00	0.00
Lyme Youth Services	25,000.00	25,000.00	0.00
Elderly Housing	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Literacy Volunteers	500.00	500.00	0.00
Library			
Library Staff	117,697.00	115,099.98	-2,597.02
Books & Magazines	20,600.00	20,865.18	265.18
Supplies	4,800.00	4,819.11	19.11
Licenses & Databases	7,500.00	7,835.82	335.82
Audio/Visual	4,800.00	4,826.89	26.89
Program	4,200.00	4,181.91	-18.09
Newsletter, Postage & Book Sale	4,000.00	3,334.00	-666.00
Dues, Travel & Miscellaneous	2,600.00	996.04	-1,603.96
Benefits	34,049.00	27,028.47	-7,020.53
Recreation			
Harbor Maintenance	5,000.00	6,009.34	1,009.34
Hartman Park	1,500.00	765.87	-734.13
Park Maintenance	13,988.00	13,842.50	-145.50
Recreation Commission	16,450.00	14,822.13	-1,627.87
Rogers Lake Commission	34,312.00	14,899.26	-19,412.74
Town Woods Property	33,180.00	26,580.79	-6,599.211
Lymes' Senior Center	26,671.00	25,358.43	-1,312.57
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous Items	4,000.00	2,654.33	-1,345.67
Council of Small Towns	725.00	725.00	0.00
Soil Conservation	1,421.00	1,421.00	0.00
Contingent Account	6,000.00	2,394.64	-3,605.36
8 Mile River Cemetery	7,350.00	5,494.50	-1,855.50

Lyme Cemeteries	5,300.00	4,621.10	-678.90
Dog Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
LCRVCOG	6,659.00	6,658.76	-0.24
CCM	1,339.00	1,339.00	0.00
SECTER	843.00	0.00	-843.00

Education

Regional School Dist. 18			
Expense	6,900,233.00	6,898,939.13	-1,293.87

Redemption of Debt

General Obligation Bonds Interest	62,101.00	62,100.69	-0.31
General Obligation Bonds Principal	350,000.00	350,000.00	0.00

CAPITAL EXPENSES

Public Safety

Fire Trucks	56,600.00	57,630.00	1,030.00
Fire Company Equipment	68,600.00	68,345.02	-254.98
Emergency Management	37,015.00	54,336.53	17,321.53

Sanitation

Transfer Station	0.00	9,606.16	9,606.16
------------------	------	----------	----------

Highways

Highway Equipment	2,500.00	2,710.80	210.80
Town Trucks	24,045.00	24,043.33	-1.67

Miscellaneous

Reconciliation Discrepancies		6.10	
Local Capital Improvement	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00
Vital Records Restoral	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Lymes' Senior Center	4,500.00	3,080.00	-1,420.00
Town Woods Development	126.00	0.00	-126.00
Library Capital Equipment	900.00	885.47	-14.53
Land Acquisition	950,000.00	0.00	-950,000.00

Board of Finance

For the year ended June 30, 2018, the millage rate increased by 35 basis points, to 18.60. The selectmen had proposed a 50 basis point increase and, after a budgeting process with significantly differing viewpoints, we settled upon the 35 basis point increase. While ours remains one of the lower millage rates in Connecticut, I believe taxpayers can expect consistent, although modest, increases going forward.

The town's audit report is available at town hall. The tax collection rate is at or close to 100%, the auditor's opinion is clean and the town is in strong financial condition.

Our budget process begins in mid-January. We meet at town hall, generally on Thursday nights at 6:00. The schedule is posted and attendance of and comments from town residents are welcomed.

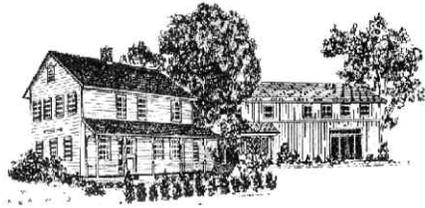
Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Sharp, *Chairman*

Education expenses for Lyme in 1917 were \$3,435 – seven one-room elementary schools, maintenance, repair, salaries, books, and heating; high school tuition and transport to out-of-town public high schools including New London, Middletown and Willimantic.



Future electors of Lyme at Sterling City School, 1909. Teacher: Rev. Leroy C. Partch. Top row: Dewey Miller, Grace Harding, Ruth Beebe, Leslie Beebe, Daniel Gladding, Paul Reynolds, Dorothy Slate, Lyman Harding, Charlie Miller. Middle row: Ruth Harding, Ora Harding, Eugene Beebe, Jewett Tiffany, Leon Tiffany, George Latham, Valentine Miller. Bottom row: Harriet Reynolds, Rachael Tiffany, Bernice Tower, Hazel Harding.

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 the *Lyme-Old Lyme Prevention Coalition*. This group is comprised of community leaders, parents, teachers, and students that advocate and support our youth through education, communication, and participation. The coalition'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 monthly at LYSB and welcome attendance from any members of the community. Results from the recent Youth Survey and more information about our work in prevention is available on the LYSB website www.lysb.org.

LYSB coordinates the Lyme-Old Lyme Mentoring Program which matches adult mentors from the community with students in grades 3-8. 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 • Mentoring
Prevention • Summer programming • Holiday Giving

LYSB Board of Directors

Cyndi Miller Aird, *Chairman*
Trudy Burgess
Liz Frankel, *Secretary*
Katie Gingras
Anna Grenier
Marisa Hartman
Tiffany Kleefeld
Ryan Lee
Brynn McGlinchey, *Youth Member*
Ritz Nichele

Shane O'Brien, *Treasurer*
Leslie O'Connor, *Vice Chairman*
Erik Olsen, *Vice Chairman*
Jacob Olsen, *Youth Member*
Julia Rathkey
Mary Roth
Jamie Snurkowski
Tom Strycharz
Tammy Tinnerello

LYSB Staff

Lisa Buckley, *Administrative Assistant*
Missy C. Garvin, *Youth Programs Coordinator*
Mary V. Seidner, *Director*
Annmarie Meder, *LCSW, Youth and Family Counselor Consultant*
Cristal DePietro, *Prevention Coordinator*
Arleen C. Sharp, *Parent Resource Supervisor*

Mary V. Seider, *Director*
Lymes' Youth Service Bureau
860. 434. 7208 • www.lysb.org

Highway and bridge repair expense in 1917 was \$1744. Invoices to the town from 64 resident workers were for work on wash outs, rock removal, rock blasting and road scraping, often using oxen. Bridge repair needed masonry and carpentry.



Tantumorantum Road along Joshua Creek and the Fish Hatchery.

Friends of Whalebone Cove

Now in its third year, and with generous help from the US Fish & Wildlife Service and the Connecticut River Conservancy, Friends of Whalebone Cove (FOWC) is in the process of developing a comprehensive management plan for invasive aquatic plants in the Cove.

The goal is to have a plan drawn up that will provide FOWC, the USFWS, and private landowners in the Cove with a roadmap of how best to deal with invasive plants in the wetlands so that as much natural habitat as possible can be preserved to support indigenous marine and bird life.

To that end, FOWC has engaged Judy Preston, the Long Island Sound Outreach Coordinator for Connecticut Sea Grant and a founder of the Tidewater Institute, to draw up the invasives management plan, a project which will probably take almost a year.

The cost of developing the plan is being underwritten by a \$3,000 grant from USFWS, which was acquired and is being administered by the Connecticut River Conservancy, and by funding from FOWC from member dues and donor gifts.

Whalebone Cove is well known as having the largest stand of wild rice in Connecticut, which attracts thousands of birds of many species, including red wing black birds and several varieties of migratory ducks & geese. In addition, egrets, heron and osprey feed on the abundant marine life below the surface of the Cove. FOWC wants to make sure that invasive plants don't alter the Cove's ecosystems in ways that chokes out these sources of food for the birds and other animals that come to the Cove to feed.

Last year a student volunteer sponsored by FOWC surveyed the Cove and identified seven invasive plant species, including Eurasian water chestnut, Japanese knotweed, phragmites, purple loosestrife, Eurasian milfoil, and yellow iris.

Acting on that information, FOWC is sponsoring "paddle patrols" in which volunteers, both members and non-members, take to their kayaks and canoes to help eradicate invasives in the Cove.

For more information on joining a paddle patrol, please contact Ann Bramson at annselabramson@gmail.com. For more information on becoming a FOWC member, or learning more about our activities, please contact Humphrey Tyler at hstyler45@yahoo.com.

FOWC's board members, all members of the community, are: Diana Fisk, *president*; Ann Bramson, Greg Chasko, Peter Eliel, Anthony Enders, Greg Miller, James Schwartz, Brian Slater and Humphrey Tyler.

Summary Of The Budget For The Year Ending June 30, 2019

	<u>Actual 2016-2017</u>	<u>Adopted 2017-2018</u>	<u>Proposed 2018-2019</u>
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$1,521,092	\$1,894,456	\$1,595,738
<i>Previous surplus estimate</i>		9,432	292,000
REVISED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		1,903,888	1,887,738
REVENUES			
Taxes, Interest & Leins	9,545,198	9,388,172	9,768,856
All Other Revenues	<u>1,808,882</u>	<u>1,496,439</u>	<u>1,709,189</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	11,354,080	10,884,611	11,478,045
EXPENDITURES			
Operating Expense	9,455,258	9,869,475	10,048,833
Capital Expense	<u>1,525,458</u>	<u>1,323,286</u>	<u>1,674,129</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>10,980,716</u>	<u>11,192,761</u>	<u>11,722,962</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE	1,894,458	1,595,738	1,642,821
INCOME DETAIL			
General Property Taxes	\$9,482,393	\$9,366,172	\$9,723,856
Tax Refund and Rebate	-6,557	-10,000	-10,000
Interest & Lien Fees	<u>69,362</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>
TOTAL TAXES, INTEREST & LEIN FEES	\$9,545,198	\$9,388,172	\$9,768,856
Mooring Permits	\$5,200	\$2,500	\$5,000
Building Permits	129,514	50,000	60,000
Conveyance Tax	65,696	50,000	55,000
Other Licenses & Permits	<u>7,020</u>	<u>4,500</u>	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS	\$207,430	\$107,000	\$123,000
ZBA Fees	\$400	\$750	\$800
P&Z Fees	800	1,000	1,000
Waste Disposal Fees	7,148	10,000	6,000
Town Clerk Fees	21,453	18,000	18,000
Refunds & Rebates	4,203	3,000	6,000
Miscellaneous	17,827	10,000	4,000
Affordable Housing	4,160	3,500	3,600
Park & Rec Fees	3,295	3,000	3,000
Visiting Nurse Receipts	<u>0</u>	<u>275</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL FINES, FEES & CHARGES	\$59,286	\$49,525	\$42,400
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE			
Town Aid Roads	180,020	180,020	180,020
Education Equal. Grant	63,069	0	53,598
PILOT State Prop/C&H	0	0	0
Emergency Management	28,579	37,015	42,415

	Actual 2016-2017	Adopted 2017-2018	Proposed 2018-2019
Tax Relief-Homeowners	17,480	17,500	17,000
Tax Relief-Veterans	446	400	400
Miscellaneous Grants	654,240	585,000	874,500
Local Cap. Improv. Prog.	0	47,237	0
Supplemental Municipal Aid	8,343	8,286	0
Tel. Access Grant	<u>9,320</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV.	\$961,497	\$884,458	\$1,176,933
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Interest on Investments	26,526	15,000	25,000
Cap Non-Recurr. Fund	47,222	0	0
Hartman Park Fund	1,500	1,500	0
Open Space Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>370,000</u>	<u>255,000</u>
TOTAL REVENUE FROM TOWN MONEY	\$515,248	\$396,500	\$290,000
LPL Foundation Support	\$42,000	\$42,000	42,000
Library Trust Fund Use	17,000	12,856	28,856
Fundraising & Gifts	4,608	2,500	2,500
State Funding & Grants	245	300	0
Fines, fees & misc.	<u>1,568</u>	<u>3,300</u>	<u>3,500</u>
TOTAL LIBRARY REVENUES	<u>65,421</u>	<u>60,956</u>	<u>76,856</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	11,354,080	10,884,611	11,478,054
EXPENSE DETAIL			
Selectman's Office	\$74,048	\$78,629	\$85,003
Town Clerk's Office	52,172	56,184	70,099
Board of Finance	3,200	3,800	3,800
Tax Collector's Office	47,726	49,865	51,410
Assessor's Office	56,856	60,772	64,564
Revaluation	0	15,000	15,000
Town Treasurer	9,702	9,924	14,150
Election Expenses	18,444	22,091	28,321
Board of Assessment Appeals	160	250	250
Planning & Zoning Comm.	8,586	13,000	15,000
Zoning Board of Appeals	2,059	5,000	5,000
Zoning Officer	35,318	36,152	37,006
Conservation Commission	8,262	13,000	11,000
Auditor's Expense	27,300	27,900	27,900
Town Counsel	8,380	18,000	18,000
Town Report	5,780	6,750	7,000
General Insurance	82,361	82,650	80,440
Workmen's Comp.	22,012	22,800	23,306
Health Insurance	157,737	211,299	241,876
Retirement	44,024	39,283	47,674
Town Hall Expense	13,647	12,750	13,385

	Actual 2016-2017	Adopted 2017-2018	Proposed 2018-2019
Hadlyme Hist. Dist.	0	500	100
Campus Utilities	51,977	49,062	51,435
Campus Maintenance	36,312	39,258	41,803
Open Space Commission	0	1,500	1,500
Communications	0	0	12,000
FICA	51,834	54,379	55,862
Data Processing	<u>42,870</u>	<u>43,220</u>	<u>43,120</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$861,867	\$973,018	\$1,066,004
Fire Marshal	4,958	5,700	5,937
Fire Company	55,787	62,200	50,432
VSECI	44,015	45,929	42,572
Complex Maintenance	18,118	15,692	20,993
Public Safety Utilities	17,462	20,000	21,495
Police	8,556	20,000	20,000
Emergency Management	18,075	15,250	22,660
Building Inspector	23,393	23,900	35,335
Public Safety Pension	67,190	77,602	79,274
Paramedic	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$257,554	\$286,273	\$301,198
Heat & Fuel	36,458	31,036	38,794
Superintendent	67,951	69,386	75,369
Town Crew	144,660	164,891	173,014
Town Crew Benefits	22,189	4,000	0
Town Aid Roads Maint.	179,107	181,016	180,020
Local Roads Maintenance	26,415	58,293	57,500
General Maintenance	46,966	45,000	48,878
Snow & Ice Removal	64,012	60,000	63,050
Street Lighting	2,926	3,000	3,000
Street Signs	1,478	3,500	4,500
Garage Expense	420	1,000	0
Superintendent Expense	4,250	4,250	0
Tree Warden Expense	<u>1,270</u>	<u>1,465</u>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	\$598,100	\$626,837	\$645,625
Pollution Control	1,456	1,457	4,000
Hazardous Waste	6,085	10,894	10,251
Landfill Costs	81,382	101,395	110,903
Tipping Fees	48,581	52,700	57,600
Sanitarian	26,472	27,134	0
Recycling	<u>27,481</u>	<u>31,650</u>	<u>33,400</u>
TOTAL SANITATION	\$191,457	\$225,230	\$216,154

	Actual 2016-2017	Adopted 2017-2018	Proposed 2018-2019
Probate Court	1,330	2,076	1,500
Affordable Housing	0	750	1,000
Elderly	7,992	8,191	8,895
Transportation Dist.	2,989	3,140	3,220
Health Officer	750	750	20,000
Visiting Nurses	6,604	14,135	15,000
Vital Statistics	0	75	0
Homless Center	0	0	500
T.V.C.C.A.	1,00	1,000	1,000
Women's Center	500	750	1,000
Family Service	3,454	4,799	3,979
Reg. Mental Health	116	116	116
Soup Kitchen	1,500	1,500	1,500
CRERPA Seniors	10,969	11,517	12,000
Lyme Youth Services	27,000	25,000	25,000
Elderly Housing	1,500	1,500	1,500
Literacy Volunteers	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>500</u>
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	\$66,204	\$75,799	\$96,710
Library staff	113,029	117,697	120,936
Books & magazines	20,520	20,600	21,100
Supplies	5,199	4,800	5,000
Licenses & Databases	5,577	7,500	7,500
Audio-Visual	4,849	4,800	6,000
Program	4,998	4,200	5,000
Newsletter, postage	4,271	4,000	2,400
Dues, travel & misc	3,987	2,600	2,500
Benefits	<u>24,858</u>	<u>34,049</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$187,288	\$200,246	\$170,436
Harbor Maintenance	6,071	5,000	9,000
Hartman Park	845	1,500	0
Park Maintenance	9,794	13,988	16,740
Recreation Commission	14,009	16,450	18,000
Rogers Lake Commission	30,429	34,312	51,950
Town Woods Property	28,761	33,180	32,529
L/OL Senior Center	<u>22,825</u>	<u>26,671</u>	<u>32,343</u>
TOTAL RECREATION	\$112,734	\$131,101	\$160,562
Miscellaneous	2,734	4,000	0
Council of Sm. Towns	725	725	725
Soil Conservation	1,421	1,421	1,421
Contingent Account	4,645	6,000	10,000
8 Mile River Cemetery	5,522	7,350	0
Lyme Cemeteries	3,120	5,300	12,500
Dog Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000
CRERPA/River Cog	6,504	6,659	7,313
CCM	1,339	1,339	1,339
Secter	<u>842</u>	<u>843</u>	<u>843</u>
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$31,852	\$38,637	\$39,141

	Actual 2016-2017	Adopted 2017-2018	Proposed 2018-2019
District #18 Expense	<u>6,727,035</u>	<u>6,900,233</u>	<u>6,748,520</u>
TOTAL EDUCATION	\$6,727,035	\$6,900,233	\$6,748,520
General Obligation Bonds Interest	71,167	62,101	53,229
General Obligation Bonds Principal	350,000	350,000	350,000
Loan Interest	0	0	8,856
Loan Principal	0	0	192,398
TOTAL REDEMPTION OF DEBT	<u>\$421,167</u>	<u>\$412,101</u>	<u>\$604,483</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$9,455,258	\$9,869,475	\$10,048,833
CAPITAL EXPENSE			
Office Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	0	0	6,000
Fire Truck	116,722	56,600	0
Fire Company Equipment	50,496	68,600	59,603
Hadlyme Firehouse	1,698	0	3,000
Hamburg Firehouse	0	0	40,190
Emergency Management	<u>27,151</u>	<u>37,015</u>	<u>39,450</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$196,067	\$162,215	\$142,243
Transfer Station	<u>888,880</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,000</u>
TOTAL SANITATION	\$888,880	\$0	\$2,000
Bridges	0	0	35,500
Highway Equipment	381	2,500	15,000
Garage	14,217	0	2,000
Town Trucks	<u>171,132</u>	<u>24,045</u>	<u>70,000</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	\$185,730	\$26,545	\$122,500
Open Space	55,800	0	50,000
Local Capital Improvement	<u>175,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>
TOTAL TOWN MONEY SAVING	\$230,800	\$175,000	\$225,000
Town Campus Improvements	0	0	10,000
Vital Rec. Restoral	4,056	4,000	4,500
L/OL Senior Center	13,018	4,500	16,386
Town Woods Development	0	126	1,500
Library Capital Equipment	<u>6,907</u>	<u>900</u>	<u>19,000</u>
Land	<u>0</u>	<u>950,000</u>	<u>1,125,000</u>
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	<u>\$23,981</u>	<u>\$959,526</u>	<u>\$1,176,386</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE	<u>1,525,458</u>	<u>1,323,286</u>	<u>1,674,129</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$10,980,716	\$11,192,761	\$11,722,962

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, 2017 is available at town hall.

Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee

In 2018, the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee (ERWSCC) celebrates the tenth anniversary of Wild & Scenic designation for the Eightmile River. This designation was only made possible with the support and cooperation of numerous organization and local partners, including the Town of Lyme and Lyme Land Conservation Trust.

The Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee (ERWSCC) is comprised of representatives of the three core watershed towns (Lyme, East Haddam and Salem), the three local Land Trusts, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, The Nature Conservancy and the National Park Service. ERWSCC, with help from a number of other community partners, has an impressive level of accomplishment to report. A few highlights for the 2018-2019 year are noted below:

- **The Eightmile River Watershed Featured on WNPR:** In May of 2018, WNPR reporter Peter Skahill spent several hours with ERWSCC board members, Anthony Irving, David Bingham and Rob Smith, touring and talking about the watershed. The featured audio and article entitled *Devils, Damselflies And History: A Trip Down Connecticut's 'Wild And Scenic' Eightmile River*, can found at <http://www.wnpr.org/post/devils-damselflies-and-history-trip-down-connecticuts-wild-and-scenic-eightmile-river>
- **A New ERWSCC Grant Program:** The 2017 increased boost in federal funding has allowed ERWSCC to develop a secondary, more robust, grant program to support priority projects outlined in the Watershed Management Plan. Funding has already been granted to the Salem Land Trust to assist with appraisals for an additional 240 acres of land preservation in the East Branch of the Eightmile Watershed. A secondary award was granted to Audubon Connecticut for targeted outreach in the recently designated *Lyme Important Bird Area*, an area that covers land in six towns.
- **Outreach and Education Grants and Programs:**
 - ERWSCC continues its small Education and Outreach Grant Program which supported a Mystic Aquarium presentation at the 2017 Lyme Land Conservation Trust Family Day last July.
 - ERWSCC was also happy to participate in the Earth Day celebration at Banning Woods and another program at the Lyme Consolidated Elementary School as part of the Curiosity Shoppe series, focusing on aquatic insects. Partnering with Mystic Aquarium, The Nature Conservancy and the Salmon River Watershed Partnership, ERWSCC hosted its first Amphibian Canvass of the Buckley Preserve in Colchester which has land in the headwaters of the Eightmile River Watershed.
 - 2018 Summer Family Programs were the best attended yet, featuring *Water Wonders*, *Your Friendly Neighborhood Bats and Reptiles and Amphibians*.
- **National Park Foundation Grants:** ERWSCC was awarded two grants from the National Park Foundation; one for creating an interactive outdoor recreation map that will also feature local businesses which support the outdoor experience. It is an

opportunity to highlight the additional benefits of ecotourism as an outcome of land preservation and to coordinate with local businesses. A second grant was awarded that will allow for the purchase of conductivity stream loggers to establish baseline conditions for chloride (salt) input in local waters. Salt intrusion is a growing concern in the state with other nearby watersheds showing increasing trends in conductivity and salinity.

• Continued Monitoring Efforts:

- ERWSCC continued a second summer of monitoring stream temperatures, this time launching 12 loggers in and immediately adjacent to the watershed. Data from the loggers will be uploaded to a regional website site, allowing multiple agencies to access data for management efforts.
- A fourth summer of surface stream monitoring was completed (and a fifth summer initiated in June 2018) to establish and track baseline conditions at nine locations in the watershed. Data indicates that for the most part conditions fall within anticipated ranges to meet water quality goals, although a few locations have shown summer temperature spikes following higher summer air temperatures. Full reports are found on the Eightmile River Watershed Website at www.eightmileriver.org
- Working with the Lyme Land Conservation Trust and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, ERWSCC continues to manage the underwater video system at Moulson Pond Fishway and provide financial support which allows the hiring of an individual who reviews the video feed and documents species counts. The 2018 spring runs were very light compared to a previous fairly significant run in 2015.
- ERWSCC also continues to collaborate with Three Rivers Community College to conduct annual stream bioassessments for benthic macroinvertebrates, which are used to assess stream habitat health.
- **Review of Federally Permitted and Funded Project Plans:** One of the requirements of ERWSCC is to assist the National Park Service in the review of federally permitted and funded projects that may impact the Outstanding Resource Values (ORVs) of the Eightmile River designated segments. This typically includes larger scale stream and wetland crossings. ERWSCC has reviewed several in the 2017-2018 time period.
- **The Goodwin Trail:** ERWSCC continues to provide the coordination to bring parties together that collectively manage the fourteen mile Goodwin Trail. ERWSCC also assisted the East Haddam Conservation Commission in obtaining a National Park Service Rivers & Trails Grant to complete a quarter mile ADA section of the Goodwin Trail at the Patrell Preserve off of Baker Lane. The project is currently underway.

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 the National Garden Clubs, Inc., New England Region of National Garden Clubs, Inc., the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, Inc. and Garden Clubs of Southeastern Connecticut, Inc., was established in 1930 as a non-profit organization for educational and charitable purposes. The Club Mission is to unite its members in an active personal interest 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 daffodil bulbs. Each spring the blooms brighten sites along Hamburg Road, town cemeteries, the Town Campus 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 still being monitored, weeded, watered and maintained. Herb gardens on either side of the Lyme Library entrance were installed to acknowledge the original herb garden designed by Betty Cleghorn. At the town hall, entry gardens were established with varied plant interest throughout the seasons. In addition to the spring and fall clean-ups at these sites, members volunteer to weed and water these areas as needed from May to October. A "green" was created between the town hall and library and a meadow is being developed at the library. The meadow is still very much a work in progress. The grounds are all being organically fertilized and treated, which is environmentally safe for all.

In addition, to the horticulture work, members march in the July Fourth Cove Road Parade, decorate tables for the yearly Firemen's Steak Dinner, create weekly displays for the library desk and fashion swags and wreaths to adorn town buildings and cemeteries at winter holiday time. Further, the Lyme Garden Club has supervised and judged the Flower Show Division of the Hamburg Fair. This year the club also provided decorations, with the help of Ballek's Garden Center, at the ticket booths at the fair.

Fundraising efforts at the Lyme Farm Market offer garden related items made by members, member plants, various flowering bulbs and birdseed combinations. The profits help fund not only civic beautification and our monthly programs, but also support state and local projects. This year the Lyme Garden Club sent donations to Common Good Gardens, CT Agriculture Experimental Station, FRESH New London, Friends of Harkness Memorial State Park Gardens, Lyme Farmers Market, Lyme Fire Company, Inc., Lyme Veterans and McCurdy-Salisbury Education Foundation.

Monthly meetings, usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Lyme Fire Company Hamburg Station in the morning, offer programs on the environment, conservation, horticulture and related topics. Anyone with an interest in gardening and "digging in the dirt" is invited to attend our 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.



Lyme Parks and Recreation

This year our small Parks and Recreation program grew with new members, programs, and partnerships. It is important for us to bring our community together by providing healthy, fun, and exciting programs and events. The dedicated members of our committee are a vital part to our continued growth and success. We are lucky to have Emily Reynolds and Bob Cope on our team. Emily has bridged a connection to Lyme school and helps spread information and share pictures of our programs and events through social media. She has also worked hard to organize all of our participation stats and helped us start a partnership the Valley Shore YMCA. Bob's connection with other community members and groups has helped build a relationship to other town committees to bring events and fun, family activities to our surrounding parks and trails. This year we assisted the Lyme Land Conservation Trust. Thank you to Heidi Schumacher and her girls, Bob Cope, the band Two for the Show, and the Town Grange for making the annual 4th of July picnic a continued success. There are several others I would like to acknowledge for their services: Don Bugbee, Linda Winzer, District 18, Steve Mattson, and all the parents who volunteer to coach and assist. Without all of you these programs would not be possible. In addition, we would like to thank the Lyme Library for continuing to host programs. We are looking forward to seeing what new programs we can bring to the community there.

You may have noticed a new look to our program flyers. We were excited to create a new logo to represent us. As the needs and interests of families change, we would love to hear some ideas of what families are looking for these days. We now have a new Facebook page (Lyme Park and Recreation) and instagram to help share town events and programs. We will also be posting a survey page to get some valuable feedback from our community. Please like our page and share any parks and recreation activity photos you may have. Look on our registration forms for the photo release section and sign so we can continue to post great pictures.

This year we held many successful programs like: soccer, basketball, swimming, and art. The Old Lyme summer camp was a success again, giving the opportunity for the kids in both Lyme and Old Lyme to come together before they reach middle school. Summer swim lessons had a big change this year. We are now partnering with Valley Shore YMCA, with a successful first year and almost all spots being filled. Thanks again to the Burgess family for the generous use of their pool for many years. Soccer and arts and crafts also had a year of growth in numbers. This summer we also ran a tennis camp lead by Teddy Weyland and basketball clinic lead by Emily

Reynolds. Free Swim night at the East Lyme Aquatic Center continues to be a big hit. Participation reached numbers higher than we've ever had. It runs the first and third Saturday's of every month from 5:00 – 7:00 pm, November through April. We are currently working on adding more programs to involve adults this coming year and some community activities for families to enjoy together. Look for information about how you can get involved with things like an ice rink and a fit trail.

We would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in joining our committee or serve your community, as well as new ideas to build on the great programs we already have. To contact us the email address is (kristenthornton@aol.com). The address will provide a means of forwarding signup sheets, answering questions, and planning our programs in a more timely and efficient manner. Please like us on Facebook to get updated information about activities and cancellations. Feel free to post ideas, photos from our activities, or any great information that might be of interest to our community. We are looking forward to the opportunities this service will provide. All new programs are also posted on the town website and District 18 community page for easy access. Thanks to all for being a part of another successful year with Lyme Park and Recreation. We are looking forward to an exciting new year with lots of community events and programs.

Sincerely,
Jason Thornton



Lyme Veterans Memorial Committee

The Lyme Veterans Memorial, the focus for the Lyme Veterans Memorial Committee, is located on the grounds of the Lyme Town Hall complex. It honors all Lyme men and women who have served in the military and the reverse of the Memorial lists the names of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The last died in Vietnam.

The 2017-18 fiscal year was a relatively quiet one for the Committee, although it marked the transition from Jim Beers to Richard Dominy as chair of the volunteer organization.

The Committee conducts two programs annually. The most important one takes place on Veterans Day. First selectman Steve Mattson chaired the program that featured the laying of a wreath at the memorial, the pledge of allegiance led by Red Anderson, invocation and benediction by the Reverend Jane Priest of the Old Lyme Congregational Church, plus the recognition of Lyme inhabitants who are currently serving our country: Katrice Angier, David Brown, Trevor Kegley, Warren Stark, and Katlyn Sturgell. We also rendered a last salute to honor five town veterans who died the past year: Erwin Dill, John Hart, Matthew Isenburg, Edward Musil, and John Tracy. Dill and Hart served in World War II, while Tracy was in Vietnam. A moment of silence remembered them and the program concluded with remarks by Steve Mattson. Jim Beers was featured speaker and he discussed the new Lyme Veterans Honor Bricks

Program. The initial installation of more than twenty bricks had been completed by that date and town citizens are encouraged to visit the Memorial to view them.

The Committee also held a small Memorial Day service led by Red Anderson at 9:00 AM on Monday, May 28, 2018 at the Lyme Veterans Memorial.



Lyme Planning & Zoning Commission

The Lyme Planning and Zoning Commission met ten out of the twelve months of the 2017-2018 year concluding a fairly normal schedule overall. Two free splits of property, two boat docks, a small structure proposed within the Gateway Conservation Zone, acceptance of an as built plan for a previously approved site plan review, and the acceptance of a small cemetery gift following our Plan of Conservation and Development were all approved. The commission also approved a two lot re-subdivision with stipulations intended to preserve valuable adjoining farmland in perpetuity. Finally the commission held a public hearing and voted to opt-out of the Temporary Healthcare Structures Legislation PA 17-155, judging the bill wasn't appropriate for The Town of Lyme.

In addition to the regular meeting agenda, the commission's special Farm Regulations Sub-committee has been working diligently to update Lyme's Farm Regulations in accordance with Lyme's Plan of Conservation and Development. A special thanks to the committee for the countless hours they have donated to prepare the new regulations for public input and eventual adoption.

Planning and Zoning Meetings are generally held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 PM in the Lyme Town Hall Conference room. Meetings are all noticed to the public in compliance with Connecticut State Statutes.

Respectfully submitted,
David Tiffany, *Chairman*

Open Space Preservation, Management and Maintenance

The Open Space Committee is an appointed Town advisory board that aspires to 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. The last Plan of Conservation and Development survey was conducted town-wide in 2014 and was approved in November 2015. 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 considered when the Open Space Committee evaluates the desirability of a parcel. The committee explores all possible avenues for partnership in funding the acquisition of a property. When the Committee determines that an initiative to purchase or otherwise protect a 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.

The Town's Open Space Reserve Fund was established to provide for open space purchases. Its balance at the end of the fiscal year 2017 - 2018 can be found in the Treasurer's Report. Annual budgeted contributions from the Town 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.

The Town of Lyme was notified in January 2018 that the State of Connecticut had pledged to Lyme 60% of the purchase price for the 250-acre Johnston property on Rte. 82, through a grant from the Connecticut State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program. The rest of the purchase price will come from the Town's Open Space Reserve Fund (approved by a Town Meeting vote), \$25,000 from the Nature Conservancy, and donations from private individuals. The State requested additional documentation before the grant could be awarded. Once the grant money is received and the property purchased, existing trails in the River to Ridgetop Preserves will be expanded into the property to create an impressive network of trails. The southern side of the property abuts the Pleasant Valley Preserve and the Jewett Preserve. The property connects thousands of acres of open space in Lyme, East Haddam and Salem, and the Eightmile River watershed creating a valuable corridor for wildlife. The property also includes Lyme's highest point at 465 feet.

Open Space Committee members agreed to expand the scope of committee responsibilities to include development and improvement of the open space properties

for the benefit of the public. With that in mind, the development of the Johnston property, when it is purchased, will be managed by committee member Anthony Irving with assistance by Wendolyn Hill, the Open Space coordinator.

In summer 2018, a group of volunteers from Dominion Energy, with support from the Lyme Land Conservation Trust, built several picnic tables for Lyme's Preserves. Hartman Park now has two beautiful new tables to replace the decayed ones at the schoolhouse picnic area. Another table was placed in Selden Landing to welcome picnickers who visit to enjoy the water view. Additionally, Bob Cope, Open Space committee member, built a wooden bench which was placed atop the rocky prominence in Selden Landing, overlooking Selden Cove.

Development of a structure to aid in small craft launching capabilities at Selden Landing is in discussion, and several possibilities are being considered. The search continues. Further development is required to provide a driveway to, and parking near, the cove edge. For now, parking is available along the road, and people can walk to the cove edge to enjoy the beautiful scenery.

Open Space Committee members are Paul Armond, Ross Byrne, Bob Cope, Barbara David, Anthony Irving, George Lombardino, Parker Lord, and Lucious Stark. Open Space Coordinator Wendolyn Hill and Eightmile River Steward of the Nature Conservancy, Liz Robinson, regularly attended meetings. When business required it, the committee met monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Town Hall.

Open Space Coordinator

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

From July 2017 through June 2018 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, hosting work parties, and managing invasive plant species. In addition, the Coordinator continued to administer the hunting program for both the Town of Lyme and LLCT. An updated town-wide map showing all the open space of Lyme was created.

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. Liz Robinson hosted work parties to remove invasives such as mustard garlic.

Lyme Corner Trails

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. 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. Thom Lamourine built and installed a new bridge over the flume on the orange trail with the help of mountain bikers from SECT NEMBA and other volunteers. A new bench was installed by the Appalachian Mountain Club in memory of a beloved hike leader, Steve Garstka.

River to Ridgeway Preserves

Jewett Preserve

This 434-acre preserve is owned and managed jointly by the Town and the Nature Conservancy. Tom Bischoff, under contract with the Town and TNC, mowed the larger lower field, continuing to reduce the number of autumn olive and other invasive shrubs. There is ongoing work to control invasives on the property. A new purple trail was developed to accommodate hikers and mountain bikers.

Mt. Archer Woods/Eno Preserve

Mt. Archer Woods is a 275-acre Town-owned property. The Lyme Land Conservation Trust owns the abutting hundred-acre Chauncey Eno Preserve. 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.

The George and Rosemary Moore Trail

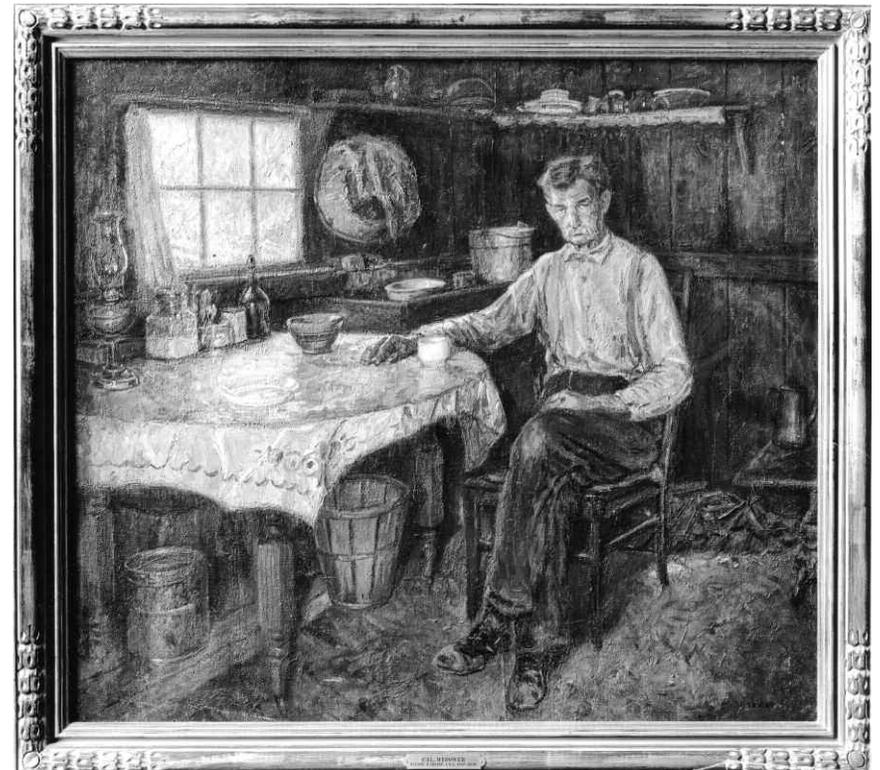
The Moore Trail was dedicated in June 2018 to honor George and Rosemary for their years of service for preservation of open space. George retired in 2017 after 12 years of service to the Land Trust, for which he was the first Executive Director. The Moore trail uses existing trails to provide a 7-mile scenic loop in the River to Ridgeway

Preserves. It was cooperatively developed and traverses several preserves owned by the Town of Lyme, the Lyme Land Trust and/or The Nature Conservancy.

Maps of the Lyme Corner Trails, River to Ridges (Jewett, Mt Archer Woods, Eno, Pleasant Valley, and Pickwick) as well as other trails in Lyme are available at the Lyme Town Hall, the Lyme Public Library, and at www.lymelandtrust.org.

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

Temporary assistance for residents with special needs in 1917 – poverty, shelter, food, illness – totaled \$305. Delivery agents were general stores for food, clothing and household supplies; private homes for lodging or board; doctors and undertakers.



Cal Whipple, *Fisherman's Shack*, Wilson Irvine.

Lyme Public Hall and Local Historical Archives, Inc.

The Lyme Public Hall and Local History Archives 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 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.

A variety of programs were offered in 2018. A presentation by local artists Angie Fahlstrom, Judy Friday, and Lori Warner was a big hit. Dr. Richard Jones shared his experience working to find organ donors, which resulted in some new interested parties. A new offering this year was a Pie and Ice Cream Social with music by the Eight Mile River Band. The night was warm but the crowd was enthusiastic.

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 2018, the annual meeting program featured songs of World War I as performed by Rick Spencer and Dawn Indermuehle. Other annual events included the town wide Spring Clean-Sweep on Earth Day weekend, the Annual Tag Sale fundraiser in September, and the popular Chowder Dinner in November.

The Lyme Public Hall is available to rent for meetings and events by organizations or private individuals. The Association is run entirely by volunteers and depends solely upon member's dues, donations, and the Hall's fundraisers to maintain the building and to carry on its activities. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining or volunteering in any way, please call (860) 434-1929 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 2017-2018 were: William Denow (President), Leslie Lewis (Vice-President), Bethany Clark (Secretary), Jerry Ehlen (Treasurer); Kathy Tisdale, George House, Lisa McCarthy, and Richard Jones.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lewis, *Vice-President*

Lyme Cemetery Commission

Among noteworthy features in Lyme cemetery activity Fiscal 2018 were (a) the transfer of the Emerson/Jewett Cemetery (at the entrance to the Jewett Preserve on Mt. Archer Road) from private ownership to Town ownership/supervision; (b) posting a readily-noticeable cemetery name sign in each of the Town cemeteries; (c) adroit removal (finally!) of huge threatening trees from Bill Hill Cemetery by Hank Lomas and crew; (d) generous donation by David Johnston to the Commission; and as usual, the dedicated work of Parker Lord and his hardy volunteers in the "Ancient" cemeteries, and the various cemetery Stewards, each of whom oversees the condition and maintenance of his cemetery.

Once again we wish to reiterate with 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 Town Cemeteries website "Information for Visitors to Lyme Cemeteries" (for access see below) contains a great deal of significant and helpful information.

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 TownLyme/Cemetery website constitutes a one-stop long-range source of a huge amount of cemetery detail, history, customs, regulation, and procedure. It offers to 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.

Section IV of the website Items for Consideration by Persons Contemplating Purchasing Burial Plots at Eight Mile River Cemetery contains very important 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" / Section IV "Items for Consideration. by Persons Contemplating Purchasing a Burial Plot at Eight Mile River Cemetery"

(b) for direct access to Archives Excel spreadsheets: lymepublichall.org _.. "Lyme Local Historical Archives" -> "Headstones and Cemeteries".

Persons are reminded that no cemetery should be entered when snow/ice conditions are dangerous or uncertain, to prevent damage to headstones and shrubbery from "blind" movement, injuries to the intruders, and liability for damage to the cemetery.

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.

In Fiscal 2017 at Eight Mile River Cemetery there were three 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 & Regs are available at the kiosk in the cemetery, and the Town Clerk's Office. If further information is needed, contact the Chairman at 860-434-1564.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Krusen, *Co-Chairman*



Vital Statistics

DEATHS JULY 2017 – JUNE 2018

Nancy Lee Plyler	Born September 7, 1955 Died July 5, 2017
Corinne Cardoff Dailey	Born December 16, 1931 Died July 8, 2017
Kathleen G. Wells	Born February 22, 1966 Died July 16, 2017
Patricia Crowley	Born January 12, 1941 Died July 26, 2017
Cornelia Chapin	Born April 17, 1937 Died September 11, 2017
Dorothea B. Cappiello	Born July 6, 1925 Died September 21, 2017
Charles King Hoyt	Born April 23, 1938 Died October 19, 2017
Erwin E. Dill	Born March 23, 1925 Died October 25, 2017

Anna Irene Hawthorne	Born August 20, 1940 Died October 27, 2017
Jean Soper Lee	Born July 20, 1925 Died November 25, 2017
Henry Pierson III	Born April 29, 1934 Died December 12, 2017
Michael Ahern	Born August 18, 1923 Died January 26, 2018
Jeffrey Roger Miller	Born August 1, 1951 Died January 29, 2018
John Jewett Tiffany II	Born January 6, 1932 Died January 31, 2018
Virgilio Julius Cappiello	Born September 27, 1929 Died February 2, 2018
Ronald Roy Giguere	Born February 13, 1946 Died February 16, 2018
Mark McKown Lenhart	Born February 8, 1933 Died March 30, 2018
William T. Burrows	Born May 26, 1954 Died March 31, 2018
Ann H. Soper	Born July 11, 1950 Died April 23, 2018
Harry Robert Molyneux, Jr.	Born August 31, 1937 Died May 10, 2018
Charlotte Beers	Born October 13, 1931 Died May 15, 2018
Grace J. W. Russo	Born March 28, 1927 Died May 31, 2018

MARRIAGES JULY 2017 – JUNE 2018

Glenn Patrick Vickers to Caitlin Ann Courtney	July 1, 2017
Misael Carrillo-Flores to Krista Jean Burchell	July 8, 2017
Cory Michael Stiff to Cara McGowan	July 25, 2017
Gregory Whitley Melville to Susan Rebecca Fox	August 19, 2017
Michael Anthony Naumowitz, Jr. to Chelsea Brooke Ranton	August 24, 2017
Justin Alphonse Ciccone to Wendy Ann Mitchell	September 9, 2017
Rex A. Rodanas to Morgan Erin Friel	October 8, 2017
Roger Willis Parkman to Charles K. Hoyt	October 11, 2017

John Elbert Hamilton, Jr. to Beatrice Hays Kone
 Benjamin David Smith to Kimberly Frances Summers
 Jeremy David Barstrom to Amy Dawn Linkous
 David Jeffery Spak to Suzanne Lafreniere Debisschop
 Robert Leslie Maynard, Jr. to Barbara J. Gladue-Maynard
 Robert Stephen Meyers to Jamey Lee Kennedy
 Geoffrey Joseph Salvatore to Jessica Ann Gregoire
 Patrick Ryan Stevens to Jeanette Margaret Zelinski
 John David Sutton, Jr. to Karen Thomas
 Thomas Joseph Darcy to Martha Theresa Goodson
 Brian Richard Trzeciak to Cynthia Marie Eleanor Raffa
 Michael Stephen Veroneau to Haley Brooks Stout
 Justin Dean Martin to Lisa Marie Azevedo
 Andrew Michael Biederka to Morgan Kellie McShane
 Neal Ragner Jensen to Sue Anne Lambert
 James Christopher Llinas to Julie Ann Walbam-Freer
 Gregory Thomas Hallowell to Justine Whitney Knight
 Matthew Joseph Willett to Jennifer Nicole Falcigno
 Joseph Anthony Stella to Erica Ann Bazzano
 Joseph Michael Chasse, Jr. to Melissa Kay Zanelli
 Richard David Burr to Holly Lynn Wills
 Clinton Lee Morgan to Pamela Kay Patterson

October 14, 2017
 October 20, 2017
 October 21, 2017
 October 21, 2017
 October 22, 2017
 October 31, 2017
 November 6, 2017
 December 3, 2017
 January 20, 2018
 February 7, 2018
 February 16, 2018
 April 20, 2018
 May 5, 2018
 May 12, 2018
 May 12, 2018
 June 2, 2018
 June 15, 2018
 June 15, 2018
 June 21, 2018
 June 23, 2018
 June 23, 2018
 June 30, 2018

Neighbor and Town concern for welfare of the elderly.



Tess Harding and Miss Phoebe Lester, Sterling City.

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

The Lower Connecticut River Valley was recognized by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1973 as one of the State's most important natural, recreational and scenic areas. In 1974, the Commission was established and became operational with membership from eight towns, two regional agencies and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

The Gateway Conservation Zone is 30 miles long and includes 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. The Nature Conservancy has designated the lower Connecticut River as one of its "Last Great Places"; the river's tidelands were recognized as an "internationally significant" habitat for waterfowl under the terms of the international Ramsar Convention; the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior has recognized the Lower Connecticut River Valley as "one of the most important ecological landscapes" in the United States; and in 1999, the River was designated as one of 14 American Heritage Rivers by the President of the United States.

The Gateway Commission concentrates much of its attention on the protection of the valley's scenic qualities. Since its inception, the Commission has worked with others to acquire over 1,000 acres of land through purchase or donation of scenic easements, development rights and fee simple titles.

The Commission is also empowered to adopt common zoning standards for height, setback and lot coverage, which member towns adopt and enforce within the Gateway Conservation Zone. 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.

Members as of June 30, 2018 included: Margaret Wilson and Errol Horner of Chester; Nancy Fischbach and Kate Cotton of Deep River; Harvey Thomas and Crary Brownell of East Haddam; Claire Matthews and Mary Ann Pleva of Essex; Susan R. Bement of Haddam, J. Melvin Woody and Wendy Hill of Lyme; Peter Cable and Suzanne Thompson of Old Lyme; Bill Webb of Old Saybrook; Raul de Brigard of RiverCOG; and David Blatt of the Connecticut DEEP (Commissioner's Representative). Fenwick Borough has been designated an ad hoc member and is periodically represented by Borough Warden Fran Adams.

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.

Protecting the River Since 1973

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).

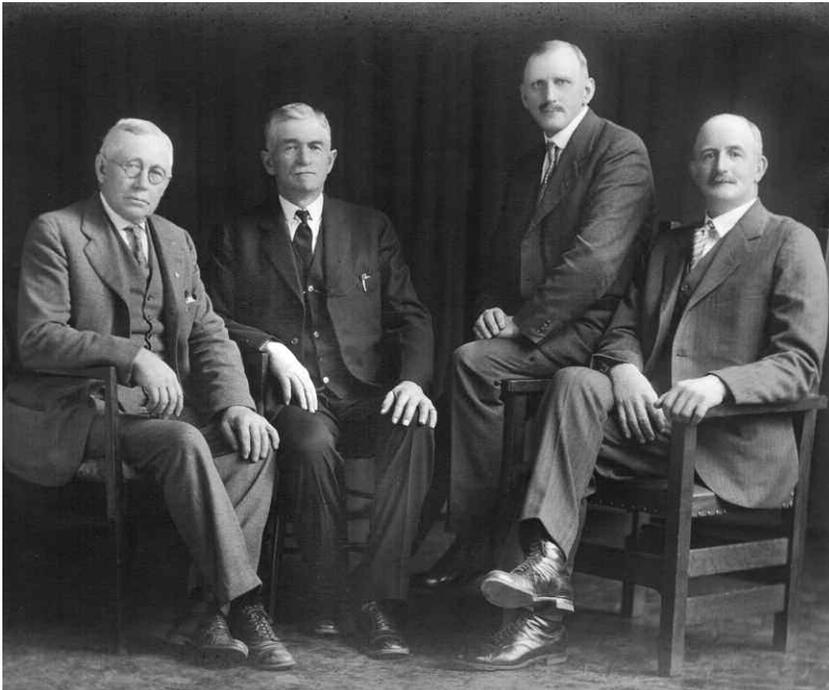
Heat Advisory Information The State of Connecticut has recommended that local municipalities establish Cooling Centers for vulnerable residents when heat advisories are issued. The location of the Cooling Center for affected Lyme residents is the Lymes' Senior Center, 26 Townwoods Road, Old Lyme. Should 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 860-575-0541 and I will be happy to assist you.

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



Voters appreciated the experience and dedication of officials: J. Warren Stark as first selectman (1910-1939) and 4 terms as Representative to the General Assembly; William Marvin as Town Clerk 1896-1949, Judge of Probate 46 years.



J. Warren Stark (far left) and William Marvin (second from right) with colleagues from East Haddam and Niantic, also Representatives and members of the Grange 1929.

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. There is also an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, which is also available on the Town's website. There is no fee to apply, but an application is necessary for any exterior work, other than painting, done in the Historic District.

There were no applications submitted during this reporting period.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Holmes
Clerk, and local CLG contact



Lyme Ambulance Association, Inc.

The mission of the Lyme Ambulance Association (LAA) is to assist in sustaining and improving the overall wellness of Lyme residents. Still going strong after 42 years, our dedicated volunteers continue to serve the community primarily through our ambulance services, but also through dissemination of information designed to reduce the calls for emergency services. Our two ambulances and a crew of state-certified volunteer responders are on call 24/7.

We thank all who were able to donate to our organization this past year. The Lyme Ambulance Association is an independent, self-supporting, non-profit organization distinct and separate from the Lyme Fire Company and the Lyme town government. Without support from the community we would not be able to cover the rising costs of ambulance maintenance, insurance, supplies, crew equipment and training. This year we are gearing up for the purchase of new ambulances. The increased rate of repairs for one ambulance and the age of the other have made this imperative and we hope that the historic generosity from the Lyme community will help support these purchases.

Over the past year (July 2017 – June 2018), our volunteers and ambulances answered 145 emergency ambulance calls. Our responses covered 10 motor vehicle accidents, 27 fall-related incidents and 14 mutual aid calls for assistance in East Haddam. The good news is that these numbers are down from last year! In addition to

emergency calls, as in past years, our crews staffed local events including the First Aid booth at the Hamburg Fair in August, where we offered blood pressure screenings. We also provided stand-by medical support for the Lyme Land Trust's "Tour de Lyme" bicycle rally and demonstrated the ambulance for the kids at the Lyme Consolidated School field day. Lyme has been recognized as a Heart Healthy Community for a number of years now and we were happy to help with the donation of four AEDs (automated external defibrillator) this past year to Lyme town public buildings.

Our class, "Hands-On CPR for Friends and Family", continues to be popular and was offered a number of times throughout the past year. It can't be stressed enough how important this life-saving technique is for survival, if started within the first couple of minutes. If interested, please check our web site, www.lymeambulance.org, for the next class and other useful health & safety tips, and announcements. Our third annual Square Dance and BBQ this past summer was again a great success providing a great time for all with a special thanks to all of the volunteers from the community and Fire Department who pitched in to help. We appreciate the generous support and recognition shown through donations and attendance.

Volunteerism exemplifies the community vision and volunteer spirit unique to Lyme's small town quality of life and we can always use more volunteers. The success of Lyme Ambulance can be attributed to our volunteers. As an example, Carter Courtney (still active), was honored at a town meeting this year for his 30 years of dedicated service to Lyme Ambulance serving as EMT, driver and Board member over the years. In addition to community support through donations, we are always in need of more emergency responders, especially folks available for daytime response when we receive 60% of our calls. 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, second Monday of the month, 6:30 pm at Hamburg Station). For more information, please call Ed Vidou at 860-575-8025, or email Chief Carrie McCarthy at lyme911@gmail.com

An important note: if someone in your household needs special assistance in case of an emergency situation (hurricane, winter storm), please register that information with the Town Hall by completing the form found at the back of this booklet.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Smith, *President*

2017-18 Board of Directors

Officers

Andrew Smith, *President*
Bob Webster, *Vice-President*
Adam McEwen, *Treasurer*
Deb Lees, *Secretary*
Tom Darna, *Chief of Service*

From the Community

Dan Henderson
Anne Roy
Kristen Shea
Sirgen Orzech
David Roberge
Christy Zelek

From the Operations Group

Paul Ahnell
Ariana Eaton
Carrie McCarthy, *Interim Recording Secretary*
Ron Rose

Ex officio: Steve Mattson, *First Selectman*; Jamie Leatherbee, *Fire Chief*

2017-2018 Operations Crew

Paul Ahnell, <i>EMT, Driver</i>	Robert Harris III, <i>EMT</i>
Will Bartlett, <i>EMR</i>	Rick Lacey, <i>EMT, Driver</i>
Heidi Bill, <i>EMT</i>	Carrie McCarthy, <i>EMT</i>
Sherry Block, <i>EMT</i>	Ed McCusker, <i>Driver</i>
Judy Brault, <i>staff</i>	George Mooney, <i>EMR</i>
Tom Darna, <i>EMT, Driver,</i> <i>Chief of Service</i>	Devin Paquin, <i>EMR</i>
Alan Cone, <i>EMR, Driver</i>	Allen Petri, <i>EMT</i>
Carter Courtney, <i>EMT, Driver</i>	Erica Schillawski, <i>Recording Secretary</i>
Beverly Crowther, <i>Ops. Secretary</i>	Kelly Smith, <i>EMR, Driver</i>
Ariana Eaton, <i>EMR, Driver</i>	Gabriele Thibodeaux, <i>EMR, Driver</i>
Jerry Ehlen, <i>Supplies</i>	Ed Vidou, <i>EMT, Driver</i>
John Falstrom, <i>staff</i>	André Yeomans, <i>EMT</i>
Will Firgelewski, <i>EMT, Driver,</i> <i>Asst. Chief of Service</i>	Jason Zelek, <i>EMR, Driver</i>

N.B. Special thanks for their service to Dan Henderson and Kristen Shea, who stepped down from the Board in mid-year, and to Tom Darna and Ron Rose who stepped down in June. Ron retired in June after serving on the Board for 21 years. Fred Harger and Lori Landry were elected in June to fill open positions; Anne Roy has stepped up as Recording Secretary. Carrie McCarthy was elected Chief of Service for the coming year.

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 under the name 9 Town Transit (9TT).

The Estuary Transit District is governed by a board of directors. Each member town appoints one representative who serves 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.

ETD's four deviated fixed routes serve the main corridors of the region and provide connections to public transit providers serving the surrounding regions. In addition, ETD 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. All ETD services are 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 \$1.75 for deviated fixed routes, \$.85 for people with disabilities, and \$3.50 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. Nearly 100,000 passenger trips we provided during the fiscal year. 80% of all trips are made by persons below 60 years of age, and over half of all trips are employment related.

After facing a cut of 15% in state funding, ETD did receive level funding in FY 2017-2018 and will receive a 2.5% increase in state funding for FY 2018-2019 thanks to actions by the state legislature.

In addition to an increase in funding for existing services, ETD will begin new deviated fixed-route service between Madison and Middletown, new ADA paratransit door-to-door service and a taxi voucher program in FY 2018-2019.

After completing a needs assessment and site selection for a new operating and maintenance facility in FY 2017-2018, plans were put on hold. ETD is now working with the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments on a study of the countywide transit needs and determine the best model for providing public transit in the 17 town region going forward. This study will occur during FY 2018-2019.

Board of Directors

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

Administrative Staff

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

Buildings used for manufacturing purposes were taxable in 1917. The total valuation for nine buildings was \$900.



Taylor's Coffin Trimming Factory, Ferry Road at Whalebone Creek, Hadlyme, Ct.



Lyme Fire Company

Our Volunteers - Members of Our Community Serving Our Community

Dear Lyme Neighbor,

This year's report is dedicated to Allan "Bub" Plimpton, former Chief and Kenneth DePau Plimpton, charter members of the Lyme Fire Company who both passed away after years of dedication to our town. You are both missed very much and were the true foundations of our fire department family, having significantly shaped the organization that stands today and continues to prosper. Our new Engine 2 was dedicated to Bub and Ken, and proudly bares a plaque honoring both brothers.

The Lyme Fire Company continues to serve our community with an all-volunteer group of responders and administrative personnel. We continue to actively recruit new members and work in collaboration with the Town of Lyme in managing our fiscal needs effectively while also looking for new forms of funding through grants and increased donations. The Lyme Fire Company Inc. is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization and your donations are tax deductible. We also encourage targeted donations where a member of the community can meet the firefighters in person and understand the importance of the donated funds and how it might be used for critical equipment or essential training. A donation from a member of our community paid for our new cordless electric "Jaws of Life", the essential tool for rapidly rescuing people who have been in motor vehicle accidents, and they have been put to good use through the countless motor vehicles accidents we unfortunately have in our town.

This year we took delivery of our new Engine 2, manufactured by 4Guys and housed at the Hadlyme Fire Station. I would like to thank the members of the Engine 2 committee who put in countless hours of specification reviews, meetings and visits to the factory in Pennsylvania, to ensure our new engine met the needs of our community. This year we also embarked on a letter-based fundraising campaign, and I am happy to report that it was a success, and on behalf of the Lyme Fire Company, I want to thank our residents for their generosity and commitment to their fire department.

In order to stay compliant and have properly trained responders, we continue to have an active training program that for several years now we have funded internally. This last year we graduated a class of Emergency Medical Responders (EMR) who can provide aid when we arrive first on scene. Many of these new EMRs have also joined the Lyme Ambulance Association and have bolstered their roster, another organization in need of volunteers. The Lyme Fire Company's goal is to continue positive collaboration with police, ambulance and other agencies, putting the needs of our community first and looking at opportunities to decrease response time and improve services.

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 2019 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.

Line Officers

Fire Chief Jamie Leatherbee
Deputy Fire Chief John Evans
Assistant Chief (Hamburg) Josh Adams
Assistant Chief (Hadlyme) Jason Zelek
Captain (Hamburg) Edward Vidou
Captain (Hadlyme) Sam Adams

Administrative Officers

Foreman Pete Adams
Secretary Tom Davies
Treasurer André Yeomans

Captain Fire Police Bill Firgelewski



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.

By now, all property owners in Lyme will have received the results of the State mandated physical revaluation of their property which was conducted by Vision Appraisal Technology, reviewed by an independent appraisal consultant, and then fine tuned by our own assessment department. A great effort has been made to assure that all appraisals are done fairly and accurately during the cost / market study, after

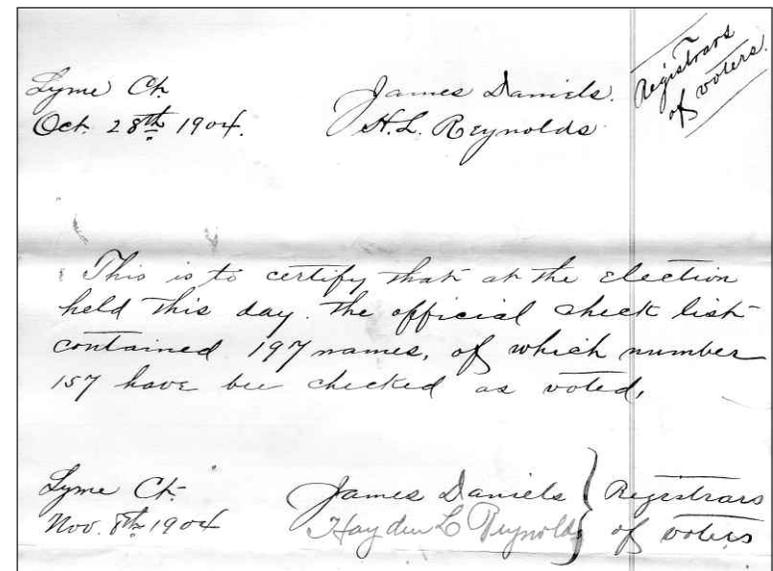
which all property owners are notified of any changes in their assessment. Along with the new assessment figures, the taxpayers are also provided with information on whom to contact should there be any questions about those assessments.

As a property owner in Lyme, you may have found that your assessed value has decreased from that of the previous year. Because of market factors reflecting the overall poor economic condition of our State, property values across our area have decreased in recent time. The Grand List (the total sum of all property assessments) for this year is still being tabulated, but we already know that the total will be well below last year's. Please be aware that, despite receiving any reduction in the current assessment, each taxpayer is still responsible for his or her relative slice of the overall "pie" of town expenses. As the Town Budget remains stable or increases, the mil rate will have to increase in order to balance out the decrease in overall values while still raising sufficient funds to support our Town.

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 Yeomans
Madeleine Mattson

The integrity of the electors' list of eligible voters, followed by voter participation, is central to the democratic governance of the town. In the election of Oct. 28, 1904, there were 157 votes out of 197 names on the list.



Lyme Registrars' Certification for 1904 election.

Cable Advisory Council

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

Since 2010, the Council has awarded 20 scholarships to graduating seniors from member towns planning to enter a communications program or a communications related field after high school graduation. Prior recipients are eligible to reapply. A scholarship award was presented in June 2018 to Hannah Belleville from Salem, a student at the University of Maine. 2019 scholarship applications are available through the Lyme Old Lyme High School Guidance Office.

Cable Advisory Council Grants were awarded to the Lymes' Senior Center and the OLPGN Library for the purchase of video recording equipment. The grants require the organizations to produce and air programs on Public Access Channel 14. Senior Center programs are televised weekly on Comcast 14 at noon on Wednesday and Thursday. We look forward to seeing programs from the OLPGN Library on the Public Access channel soon. The Advisory Council encourages non-profit organizations from any of the Towns to take advantage of Public Access to communicate with members of our communities.

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 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.

I was appointed to Advisory Council in 2015 and was elected Treasurer in 2017. 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 2016 Grand List total net assessment of \$522,563,142 before changes, and the Motor Vehicle Supplement List of \$3,047,684.

Item	Budget Estimate	Actual Collections	Collections Above Estimate
Taxes	\$9,366,172	\$9,587,407	\$221,235
Interest	30,000	82,631	52,631
Total	<u>\$9,396,172</u>	<u>\$9,670,038</u>	<u>\$273,866</u>

The current year collection was \$9,486,580 which represents 99.25% of the total \$9,560,562 due on the 2016 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, the office remains open Monday – Friday 9:00 am- 4:00 p.m.

We want to remind any resident who feels that they may need more time meeting their tax obligations to please call or stop by the tax office to inquire about making payment arrangements. 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,
Cynthia Beers, *Lyme 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, 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. First Select-woman Cathy Iino (Killingworth) and Town Manager Anthony Salvatore (Cromwell) join the RiverCOG officers on the Executive Committee.

Fiscal year 2018 was an eventful year for RiverCOG staff. Negotiations on a new office lease were successful, allowing RiverCOG to stay in our current home in Essex. We congratulated Transportation Planner Richard Grant and Office Manager Judy Snyder on their retirements, and welcomed our new Office/Financial Assistant, Eliza LoPresti, to the team. In addition to their regular duties, Deputy Director Torrance Downes and GIS Coordinator Dan Bourret provided interim land use and zoning services to Westbrook and Clinton. We were also pleased to host five interns this year, two of whom were Sustainable CT Fellows. Our Executive Director, Sam Gold,

was named to the Board of Directors for that program, and eight of the towns in the region have initiated the process of becoming Sustainable CT communities.

RiverCOG continued a legacy of legislative engagement with the state and federal governments on the behalf of our member municipalities. In January 2018 we held our annual legislative COG/MPO meeting at the Capitol in Hartford with the region's legislators. RiverCOG staff attended a number of hearings on proposed legislation and provided testimony on bills regarding cuts to regional train and bus transportation, tolls, regional services, and environmental issues.

Under state statute, RiverCOG through its Regional Planning Committee (RPC), or its delegated staff, 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. This fiscal year thirty seven (37) inter-municipal zoning regulation referrals from member municipalities were reviewed. Eleven (11) of the thirty seven (37) were referrals for Tier 1 design review on behalf of the Town of Portland. The regulations addressed topics including marijuana manufacturing and dispensing, moratoriums for marijuana manufacturing and dispensing, and temporary health care structures. In addition to the aforementioned referrals, eleven (11) zoning regulation referrals were reviewed from towns adjacent to the RiverCOG region including those from Colchester, Madison, Meriden and Salem. RiverCOG reviewed one (1) subdivision in the region (Middlefield), and two (2) subdivisions adjacent to the region (East Lyme and Rocky Hill). RiverCOG also reviewed and reported on the adoption of four (4) updates to municipal Plans of Conservation & Development (Old Lyme, the Borough of Fenwick [a subdivision of Old Saybrook], Haddam and Killingworth.)

Other regional planning projects from fiscal year 2018 included:

- Initiated corridor studies along Routes 81 & 66
- Helped connect 9 Town Transit and MAT via new bus routes
- Aided Haddam and East Haddam with a Federal BUILD grant application for a walkway on the Swing Bridge
- Helped initiate the Lower CT Valley Bus Operations Study
- Completed improvements to N. Main St. in Old Saybrook under the LOTCIP program; other projects in the region are currently in progress
- Continued work on the regional Bike-Pedestrian plan
- Created an exploratory sub-committee of COG members to further regional sharing of services and/or staff

RiverCOG continued to host the non-profit Gateway Commission which, for 45 years, has served the towns of Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook as the guardian of the ecological and visual values of the Lower Connecticut River region. Working with the eight town Planning & Zoning Commissions, Zoning Boards of Appeal, and town staff, Gateway oversees a scenic protection program comprised of acquisition of scenic and conservation easements

and land and the administration of a program of development management within the Gateway Conservation Zone, located from the banks of the river up to the first ridge of river hillsides. This year, staff worked closely with the Essex Zoning Commission to adopt the Gateway Standards. In addition to partnering with Gateway, RiverCOG staff supported the health of the Connecticut River by educating communities about invasive species and monitoring and removing invasive water chestnut (*Trapa natans*) and other harmful plants.

Late in the fiscal year, RiverCOG acquired the Lower Connecticut River Land Trust. We are currently partnering with a development coordinator to help make this new non-profit organization fiscally viable and able to support the conservation and stewardship of open space in our region.

RiverCOG continued to act as the fiduciary agent for Region 2 of the state's emergency planning efforts through grants provided by the federal government through the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) is charged with developing, administering, and coordinating a comprehensive and integrated statewide program that encompasses all human-made and natural hazards and includes prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery components to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Connecticut. Fiduciary duties include substantial financial record organization, certification of vendors and service providers, review of vendor quotes, payment of vendor invoices, attendance at monthly REPT meetings, administration and collection of Memorandums of Agreement from the 30 member towns for each of numerous overlapping grants, and preparing specific deliverables that are required by DEMHS in order to receive RiverCOG's funding allocation for the fiduciary responsibilities. When requested, staff of the agency will also provide ancillary mapping services.

RiverCOG had a successful year with our continued household hazardous waste collections. During the 2017 season (April – October), 118,172 pounds of waste were collected; an increase of 13% from the previous year. Due to Connecticut's participation in the PaintCare program, towns saw significant savings as they are no longer charged for oil based paint waste. 88,400 pounds of latex and oil based paint were collected, indicating a 12% decrease from the previous year. Prior to implementation of the PaintCare program, the charge for disposal of the oil based paint collected would have been \$47,470. RiverCOG also continued holding paper shredding events and partnering with the state on new recycling efforts on plastic wraps and bags.

In an effort to promote agriculture in our region through a Federal grant from the Department of Agriculture, significant updates were made to RiverCOG's Know Your Farmers website (www.knowyourfarmers.org). A marketing campaign for farms was begun and RiverCOG continued to host and staff the Regional Agriculture Commission which is comprised of representatives from each of our member municipalities. The Regional Agriculture Commission is an advisory board that works with local municipal Regional Agriculture Commissions to educate, advocate, resolve conflicts and develop economic activities surrounding agriculture.

Lyme Public Library

In the past year there continued to be a number of challenges especially in the area of state support. ReQuestIT CT, the new statewide Interlibrary Loan system was finally up and running in FY 2017-2018, but its lack of functionality has made it difficult to use, and the bulk of interlibrary loan requests are still being done via email which is time consuming. In addition, the inability of library users to submit their own ILL requests directly has also cut down on the number of requests we received. There are plans to improve the system in the future, but budgetary considerations have not made it possible to date. Due to the state's ongoing budget problems, Grants to Public Libraries remain suspended indefinitely, and the Connecticut Library Consortium is operating with a more than 50% reduction in state funding from previous years. There has been some stabilization in the deliverIT CT system. Several of the library consortia have implemented their own delivery systems to deliver between their members helping to ease the burden on state drivers and reduce the backlog of materials that had been a problem previously.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Lyme Public Library continued to support the library in a number of vital ways. Its sponsorship of adult programs provided an array of offerings from historical, nature, cooking, gardening, and health programs, concerts, and a Sunday afternoon film series. The Friends initiated a Books to Your Door program which delivers books to library users who are homebound or temporarily incapacitated, and they purchased additional furniture for the library patio, including a table and several umbrellas, to make it more comfortable in the summer sun. The group continued to operate the Book Nook within the library on an ongoing basis and held several very successful book sales during the year. The Friends of the Library also act as advocates for the library and help to spread the words about the importance of library services in our community.

Children's Programs

Children's programs at the library continued to be geared to promoting literacy by providing after school art and science programs. The Open Studio programs with Kristen Thornton for students in grades 6-12 have been enormously successful in developing and cultivating artistic potential, and the after school art and science programs for grades K-5 helped to foster creativity and curiosity. Children's Librarian Barbara Carlson worked with Kristen Thornton and the Region 18 media specialists on the Summer Reading Program "Build a Better World". Barbara also worked with the school media specialists to promote the Nutmeg Books program and did an excellent job of maintaining a current, relevant, and popular collection of children's materials.

Staffing

Judith Leonard joined the library staff in July 2017 after recently retiring from the Groton Public Schools as a media specialist and administrator. Judy works Thursday evenings and also fills in for other staff when necessary.

Usage

Public Libraries across the country have seen a trend of declining circulation in the past several years, and the Lyme Library was not an exception. In FY 17-18, for the first time, the library saw a significant decline in book and DVD circulation, approximately 15%, which are likely a result of services such as Kindle Unlimited and Netflix. However, use of the library's digital resources is steadily increasing, and in the coming year, the library will be adding new streaming services with "always available" content that patrons can access from home at no charge. In spite of this, the library space was being heavily used. Attendance at programs remained constant, meeting room use was up (27% since last year), and the number of new library cards issued was up 13% over the previous year.

Community Support – We continue to be grateful for the support of the community. We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectman, 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, the Lyme Public Library Foundation, and many generous individuals who support our efforts. With continued support, the library will strive to maintain a balance between emerging and traditional services and technologies to meet the needs of our community.

Town of Lyme		Hamburg Dec 1 st 1891	
April 6	To 8 yds Calico ⁶⁴ 100 ¹⁰ Button Thread ⁰⁸	79	
	Goods to Chester Tucker		
July 13	To 10 yds Cotton Cloth ⁴⁸ 10 yds Calico ⁸⁰	128	4
	" 2 yds Cambric ¹⁴ 100 ⁰⁰ Button Thread ⁰⁸	29	236
	Goods to Mrs. Day		
		Paid Dec 7 th 1891	
		S. S. Parker	

An invoice to the Town of Lyme for reimbursement from Hamburg storekeeper S. S. Parker for buttons, thread and (yard) goods sold for the care of Chester Tucker and Mrs. Day.



LVVS.ORG

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 8 students and benefitted from the good work of 19 volunteers from the town. Overall, LVVS tutored more than 160 students, spending 11604 hours of volunteer's time to deliver 6002 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."

This past year as an organization we enrolled 38 additional students and matched 30 of them with a tutor. We have also trained 25 new tutors. In addition, 3 of our students became US citizens, 1 has entered an adult education program while 2 have entered post-secondary education. We had 1 student obtain their green card, several gain and/or advance their employment, and 2 passed their driver's exams to receive a license.

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.

Hadlyme Hall Garden Club

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

The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club is committed to continuing the 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, Georgia Welch for the 2017 summer season. Georgia provided key community services by maintaining a watering schedule of Hadlyme's community garden spaces. Ms. Welch will be awarded a gift of \$500 for her year commitment to this important community service at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School commencement in June 2018.

Here is a highlight of our educational programs and garden tours this past year, 2018:

April – Garden Club member Karen Wiswell, gave a lecture of the multi-talented 18th century botanical artist, Mary Delany. Delany invented the art of colored-paper collages to create floral works of art.

May – Garden club member, Linda Elgart spoke to club members about pruning and deadheading of plants after a long winter season. Her lecture was followed by the popular spring plant swap between members.

June – Jeff Woodward of Woodward Greenhouses (Chaplin, CT) taught a delightful seminar and workshop in succulent wreath making. Members went home with beautiful and decorative wreaths that they created that evening.

August – Our annual summer picnic was held on the grounds of the beautiful Hamburg Cove Yacht Club.

September – Members attended the fun and educational bonsai workshop given by Victor Eng from Bonsai Gardens of Connecticut (Manchester, CT). All members had a chance to create a bonsai tree to take home with them.

October – This meeting involved a road trip to Acer Gardens (Deep River, CT). Garden center owner, Bill Harris presented an educational program on creating winter interest in the garden.

Memoriam – The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club notes the passing of club member, Jane Lewis. Jane, who passed away at her home in August, 2017, was an extraordinary gardener. She was always generous with her flowers, garden grown vegetables and her time supporting many of the club's endeavors. She will be greatly missed by all the members of our garden club.

Our holiday fund raising efforts continue with the popular sales of our fresh pecans from Georgia. Our 2016 pecan sales occurred at the Hadlyme Hall Art Show,

East Haddam Grange Holiday Show, the Chester Winter Market and the Hadlyme Country Store. These sales along with many supportive club members, the club made over \$1,250 to fund our community garden activities.

The garden club 2018 membership comprises of 30 Hadlyme community members. For information regarding garden club membership, please contact Paula Emery, President & Membership Chair, at 860- 389-1949.



MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

Three new members were elected as members of the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation at their Annual Meeting on September 14, 2017. They are Kevin McGlinchey from Old Lyme, Scott Mahon from Lyme and David Kelsey from Old Lyme.

Kevin McGlinchey grew up in North Haven, CT, graduated from Yale University and received his law Degree from Catholic University of America. He practiced Law at Shipman & Goodwin, and now works for Accenture a national business consulting firm in Hartford. David Kelsey graduated from Dartmouth College and received his M.B.A. in Finance and Accounting from Cornell University. He is co-founder and Managing Principal of Hamilton Point Investments, LLC in Old Lyme and serves on the Old Lyme Board of Finance and the Sound View Commission. Scott Mahon grew up in East Lyme and has lived in Lyme for 17 years. He has taught English in East Lyme High School for 24 years and has coached their girls and boys rowing teams for many years. He presently serves as Chair of Deacons at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme.

Also, at the Meeting Fred Behringer and Leslie Massa were elected to the Foundation's Board of Directors for a 3-year term replacing John Pfeiffer and David Speirs whose terms had expired. Officers elected at the Meeting were President, Rowland Ballek, Vice President, Mary Seidner and Secretary/Treasurer, Ned Perkins.

James Witkins, Chairman of our Investment Committee gave a very positive report on the status of our endowment and announced that he was stepping down from the Foundation because he and his wife Janis will be moving to Washington State on the West Coast before the end of this year. The Foundation gave Jim an enthusiastic round of applause for all he has accomplished in overseeing the management of the Foundation funds since he joined the Foundation in 2008.

The Foundation announced a new high for grants to Lyme and Old Lyme students at its Annual Reception for this year's High School Seniors receiving Foundation awards on Wednesday afternoon, June 6, 2018 at the Lyme Art Association in Old Lyme, Connecticut.

For the 2018 – 2019 school year the Foundation plans to award \$324,400 to 92 students from Lyme and Old Lyme who will attend colleges throughout the United States, a record high for the Foundation. This includes the \$119,400 in grants

distributed at the event to 28 graduating seniors from Lyme, Old Lyme High School, and 3 new requests from students already in college.

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 another three years of their undergraduate studies.

The Foundation also presented two \$500.00 awards at the reception; the W.E.S. Griswold Valedictorian Award to Gabriel Stephens-Zumbaum who will attend Yale University and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award to Reed Spitzer who will attend Tufts University. These two awards honor Bill Griswold who was President of the Foundation from 1965 to 1992 and Willis Umberger who was Secretary/Treasurer of the Foundation from 1966 to 1986.

Over the past 10 years the Foundation distributed close to \$2,500,000 to students from Lyme and Old Lyme going on to further their education.

Rowland Ballek, *President*
www.maccurdysalisbury.org



Foundation President Rowland Ballek, Valedictorian Gabriel Stephens-Zumbaum (attending Yale University), Salutatorian Reed Spitzer (attending Tufts University), Foundation Secretary/Treasurer Ned Perkins.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board met twice out of the 12 months during this reporting period. This is same number of times as the Board met last year. There were two appeals filed for the 2017 - 2018 fiscal year. Both applications for variances were granted. For the past 12 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 remained at the same low level this should not be seen as indicative of the health of the town's housing market in general. 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 or construction 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 hears appeals on the third Thursday of the month in the town hall conference room. Meetings begin at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Lahm, *Chairman*



The Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.

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 80,000 nutritious meals including nearly 58,821 home delivered Meals On Wheels, and over 26,085 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 110,229 visits to our center in the reported timeframe for meals, activities, support and fun.

During the reporting period for the Town of Old Lyme, the Estuary served 46 residents a total of 6,763 home delivered meals and an additional 177 residents joined us

for 3,112 congregate meals. Our Emergency Medical Outpatient Transportation provided 9 individuals with 35 rides to medical appointments. We had a total of 12,632 visits by a total of 869 people overall to the center from residents of Town of Old 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 Old 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 Old Lyme and be an integral part of services for seniors in the Estuary Region.

Sincerely Yours
Stan Mingione, *Executive Director*



Region 18 (Lyme/Old Lyme) Public Schools

During the 2017-2018 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. Specific recognitions included, but were not limited to:

- LOLHS was named to the 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll
- LOLHS Girls Soccer won their third state championship in the last three years
- Three of our schools were recognized as "Schools of Distinction" by the State of Connecticut based on SAT and SBAC scores.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School's results on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), which was given in the spring to all juniors free of charge as the state mandated assessment, placed us as one of the top districts in the state and certainly the top district in our immediate area. These results were supported by programming that provided all eleventh grade students with free SAT preparation.

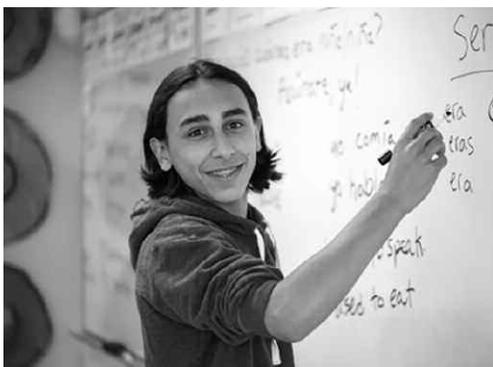
Mile Creek and Lyme Consolidated Elementary schools, along with Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School, saw the results of many years of commitment to the new Connecticut Standards pay off with strong results on the annual Smarter Balanced Assessment. As with the SAT, all of our schools, PK-8th grade, placed themselves at the top in all areas both locally and across the state as a whole.

In preparing our students for the future, Lyme-Old Lyme High School added a seal of bi-literacy to our World Language department; the elementary schools moved forward with a new math program titled, Bridges; and Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School developed methods to adjust the schedule to allow for more social-emotional opportunities for our students.

In the area of finance, the towns approved a \$34,298,528 budget for the 2018-19 school year representing a 1.97% increase over the adopted budget for the current year. The majority of this increase was driven by the cost of employee health insurance. The approved budget supports our commitment to continued adherence to class size guidelines, a reduction of staff to account for an enrollment decline at the elementary level, continuance of all existing academic and extracurricular activities, adjustments for anticipated changes in the special education population, adequate funding for maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds, scheduled replacement of technology and equipment, and program improvements that are consistent with high academic and operational standards.

The upcoming year will again be filled with many successes and challenges as we continue to focus on student success at all levels, maintaining and improving upon the high standard we have set for ourselves and our students.

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



The Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation (LOLEF) is an independent, non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, established in 2006. Our mission is to promote and enhance public education through financial support for educational projects, enrichment programs and innovative initiatives not typically funded by Regional District 18 or other government financial support. LOLEF is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors from Lyme and Old Lyme.

LOLEF raises and distributes funds to improve and expand enrichment programs, support innovative teaching and learning, and build educational partnerships between our students and community. To date, LOLEF has raised and distributed nearly \$200,000 to fund new curricula throughout our community.

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

Some LOLEF Grants made in 2017-18

“Arts in the Middle” – grant to support the middle school arts program offered once every three years so that every LOLMS student is afforded the opportunity to participate once in their tenure at LOLMS. The program encourages to create and explore the arts through a series of presenters and workshops.

Screenagers – the Lyme-Old Lyme Education Foundation was one of several organizations that helped sponsor the Lymes’ Youth Service Bureau showing of *Screenagers*.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School Technology & Art Education Program – supported the purchase of a stereolithography laser cutter and 3D-printer to enhance and advance technology education and art education through the production of models and artwork.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School Stage Tek Risers – to support the new Show Choir called “Amped Up”, a performance group which incorporates dancing and singing. The group is largely student-directed and allows students to perform in a wider variety of venues and competitions.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School Music Technology Program – purchased a new iMac Pro to serve as the Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) which provides the backbone for the digital music program at the high school and supports the increasing interest and enrollment in the Music Production & Sound Reinforcement & Digital Recording course.

Community Fundraising Events in 2017-18

Bound for the Sound Road Race – 5k, 10k, and 1 Mile Fun Run held every September.

Warren Miller Ski Film – held in December

Trivia Bee – held in March

Contributing to LOLEF

Contributions in any amount are gratefully accepted and are fully tax deductible and may be made in the following ways:

- On our website: www.LOLEF.org
- By mail: P.O. Box 895, Old Lyme, CT 06371
- By event sponsorship and attendance. For more information on our fundraising events, please see our website or our Facebook page at: Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation.

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

Sheila McTigue Ward, *President* Robert Roach, *Vice-President*
 Mary Stone, *Secretary* Daniel Hagan, *Treasurer*



Lyme Conservation Commission acting as the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

During Fiscal Year 2017-2018, the Agency met every month to review and approve 17 applications, some with modifications requested by the Agency. Projects included a temporary filling of a wetland to facilitate repair of a power line and another temporary stream crossing project for timber harvesting; a new deck, a new dwelling, a new seawall, a ground mounted solar array, a shared driveway, drainage improvements, all within a regulated area. There were also 2 dock applications, an expansion of a pond, 2 projects for removal of invasive species and one cease and desist order.

Of note, the Agency completed an 18 month-long project to align the Lyme Inland Wetland with current state law. A public hearing was held on June 19, 2018; the Agency adopted the revised regulations at its regular meeting that followed the public hearing. Interested Lyme residents may view the revised regulations on the Town of Lyme website.

Respectfully submitted,
 Paul A. Armond, *Chairman*

Class Officers

Madeline Zrenda, *President*
 Quinn Hartmann, *Vice President*
 Emma Paynter, *Co-Secretary*
 Ellie Wiese, *Co-Secretary*
 Matthew Crisp, *Treasurer*
 Anna Donato, *Class Historian*

Candidates for Diplomas

λ Member National Honor Society, Gold Honor Cord
 ω Academic Letter Recipient
 * Seal of Biliteracy, Silver Honor Cord

Kiley Rose Almy ω
 Emily Rose Archer ω*
 India Rose Bagwell
 Reilly Elcan Bair
 Jonathan Vincent Balocca
 Brittney Lynn Barbato
 Una Rose Barrett λ ω
 Samantha Ashley Barretta λ ω*
 Alexandra Olivia Batts
 Ashleigh Vivian Berry
 Maggy Tate Biega
 Gavin Michael Burdick
 Cristian Alexander Burgio
 Cara Fitzgerald Cahill ω
 Charlotte Marissa Carmody
 Anna Grace Catlett λ ω*
 Garrett Ryan Caulkins
 Samantha Irene Caulkins
 Lily Grace Chamberlain *
 Rose Louise Cheney λ ω
 Grayson Charles Colvin
 Erin Lindsey Cornelius ω*
 Jacob Alan Wentworth Coverdale ω
 Brendan St. Pierre Cowee
 Matthew Crisp λ ω*
 Matthew Erick Cushman ω
 Anna Grace Donato λ ω*
 Adam Spencer Drummond λ ω*
 Kayla Lynn Elliott ω
 Emily Anna Erne
 Curtis James Evers
 Hope Plander Femia λ ω*
 Samuel Caffry Frankel λ ω
 Samuel Corliss Fuchs λ ω
 Jace Anthony Funaro λ ω*
 Robert Charles Fusari III

Audrey Grace Gavin λ ω*
 Michaela Ann Giannotti
 Natalie Elizabeth Golden λ ω
 Morgan Brainard Greenho
 Tyler Matthew Groh
 Cole Harrison Hamparian
 Ethan Francis Harris
 Quinn Finley Hartmann
 Matthew Thomas Henderson
 Luke Robert Hoffman
 Gillian Sandra Holloway
 Keelin Elisabeth Hurtt λ ω
 Mikela Christine Jacobson
 Liam David Johnston ω*
 Tasha Mariya Joshy λ ω*
 Lauren Dawn King ω*
 Maeve Marie Kolb ω
 Cora Grace Koproski λ ω
 David Kurt Kuhn
 Sarah Grace Kwon λ ω*
 Caroline Marie LeCour
 Brandon Thomas Lee
 Jordan Rose Lewis ω*
 Ronald Dennison Losacano III
 Amanda Lea Marsh λ ω
 Alec Raymond Maskell ω
 Heather Alise McGrath λ ω
 Claudia Leigh Mergy λ ω*
 Lauren Ashley Mitchell λ ω*
 Alyssa Anne Morelli
 Christopher Scott Munger
 Amanda Catherine Murphy λ ω*
 Mark Richard Neithamer
 Shannon Rose Nosal λ ω*
 Judson Francis O'Brien
 Madeline Rose Ouellette ω

Emma Kates Paynter ω
 Emma Jacqueline Pennie λ ω*
 Katherine Elizabeth Pettersen ω
 Griffin Thomas Powers
 Ryan Anthony Ramella
 Joseph Gentore Reddy
 Elizabeth Josephine Richard ω
 Julia Elizabeth Ritchie λ ω
 Emily Grace Griffin Rivera λ ω*
 Ashley Marie Rouillard
 Tabatha Elise Rubitski
 Oliver Michael Saracino
 Olivia Craven Scott λ ω
 Caroline Marie Sirna λ ω*
 Emma Lyn Sked λ ω*
 Julia Elizabeth Smith λ ω*
 Reed David Spitzer λ ω
 Collin Michael Stalls
 Gabriel Julian Stephens-Zumbaum λ ω*

Alexandra Mary Sulmasy ω*
 Felicia Addie Sutton
 Mason Anthony Swaney
 Alexander David Swanski
 Tanner Christopher Thompson
 Hunter James Thornton
 Bianca Rose Tinnerello λ ω*
 John Michael Visgilio
 Ryan Walter Wallace
 Marieke Warlitz ω
 Georgia Eve Welch
 Caroline Welsh Wholean ω*
 Ellie Cameron Wiese λ ω
 Lauren Alyssa Williams λ ω
 Evelyn Catherine Winters
 Hannah Kealey Wisner λ ω*
 Erik Thomas Zawodniak ω*
 Abigail Anne Zelmanow ω*
 Madeline Grace Zrenda λ ω*



Rogers Lake Authority

The Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. in the Rogers Lake West Shores Association Clubhouse at 75 Rogers Lake Trail in Old Lyme.

Rogers Lake comprises 265 acres and is 66 feet deep. The water draining into the lake comes from 4, 819 acres of which 4,472 acres (93%) are natural wooded or wetlands. Properties around the lake are mostly developed, and future development should be minimal because of the large acreage of State owned land and the Stone's Ranch Military Reservation.

The third herbicide treatment to address the invasive weeds Fanwort and Variable Leaf Milfoil was completed on June 11, 2018. Before the treatment the lake management firm SWCA did a survey of the eight treatment sites and recommended that only 22 acres within these eight sites be treated instead of the 44 acres that were treated the previous two years. A post treatment survey showed the invasive weeds were well under control and the native weeds were thriving. The RLA participated in the pre and post treatment surveys, and observed the herbicide treatment. Water testing was performed in one deep and one shallow well for pre and post treatments and no traces of the herbicide flumioxazin were found. The quality of the water remains very good as can be seen with the absence of algae blooms which most other lakes in Connecticut are experiencing, and very good water clarity.

One of the RLA's primary concerns is boating safety on the lake. The police and DEEP have been called multiple times to deal with town and state violations. The major offenders have been the Jet Ski operators. If you observe any unsafe activities on the lake, immediately call DEEP at 860-424-3333 or 911. At the recommendation of the Old Lyme resident trooper, an action camera was purchased for the patrol boat to record all interactions with the public.

To further enhance safety on the lake and communications with the patrol boat, a dedicated phone is now on the patrol boat. The phone is active May through October. The cell phone number to talk with the patrol boat operator is 860-227-4285. The patrol boat was relettered to more clearly identify the patrol boat and include the phone number.

New safety green shirts and hats were purchased for patrol and launch personnel along with RLA members when on the lake.

The RLA is a member of the Connecticut Federation of Lakes. This organization held a conference in October of 2017, which two members of the RLA attended. Another conference was held in April of 2018, and was attended by four Rogers Lake representatives. The take home from attending these conferences is that Rogers Lake is healthy and has fewer issues to deal with compared to other lakes in Connecticut, and is proactive in dealing with our issues. Both conferences provided a wealth of information that was applicable to Rogers Lake.

There was a RLA sponsored lake cleanup day in September. Members of the RLA and lake residents collected debris at the dam, boat launch area and other areas around the lake.

The lake drawdown that typically occurs every leap year (2016), enabling lake residents to perform maintenance on their waterfronts, was postponed for the fall of 2016 because of the drought. The drawdown was conducted in the fall of 2017.

Permits for groups (fishing, regattas, and kayaking) with more than six boats that want to utilize the lake are permitted through the DEEP. DEEP stocked fish in the lake multiple times in the spring. Rogers Lake is considered one of the State's top trout trophy lakes.

The Rogers Lake Authority is comprised of three representatives from Lyme and three representatives from Old Lyme. The RLA can be contacted at rogerslakeauthority@oldlyme-ct.gov. The Rogers Lake Authority patrol boat can be reached by cell phone when out on the lake at 860-227-4285. A web site is maintained at http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/Pages/OldLymeCT_Bcomm/rogers_lake/index.

There has been one change to the representation on the RLA. The RLA would like to thank Thomas Mondelci for his many years of service on the RLA, and welcome Mark Hastings.

A big thank you to the board members past and present, and concerned lake residents, for their efforts in actively supporting the Rogers Lake Authority.

Dennis O. Overfield & Richard J. Smith, Sr. – *Co-chairmen*

Lyme Land Conservation Trust

Overview

This has been another productive year for the Land Trust. We acquired two new properties – the Thach Preserve on a large and beautiful beaver pond off Brush Hill Road, and the Riverside Preserve, a lovely streamside property along the banks of the Eightmile River just east of the bridge at the former Ed Bill dam on Salem Road.

The year was also chock full of fun, engaging and educational events. And it saw another leap forward in the realization of NaturePlace, an educational venue and program run in one of our most diverse and beautiful Preserves – Banningwood.

Our 50th Anniversary is now in the rearview mirror, and we are focused on ensuring that the Land Trust will remain a vibrant force for conservation in Lyme forever. That, of course, is a very long time, but then the obligations we have undertaken to steward the 68 easements and 36 properties we own, exist in perpetuity. Only if the residents of Lyme continue to give generously of their time and financial resources will we be able to realize our mission of conserving our natural, scenic and historic land and water resources.

Last year also saw the retirement of our long time Executive Director, George Moore, and the hiring of his replacement, Board member Kristina White. We will miss George greatly, but we are very pleased to have found in Kristina a most enthusiastic and competent new Executive Director!

Our Annual Meeting in June celebrated the service to the Land Trust of both George Moore and his wife Rosemary. The Land Trust Board bestowed on George the newly created title of Director Emeritus in recognition of his long and extremely effective service, both as President of the Board and later as the Land Trust's first Executive Director. We have also created a new seven-mile loop using existing trails on several adjacent Preserves that we have named the George and Rosemary Moore Trail in their honor. Look for the distinctive trail markers on this beautiful hike.

Preservation

We acquired the Thach Preserve with a leadership gifts from two anonymous neighboring donors bolstered by the generosity of many Lyme residents. The name of the Preserve is a tribute to the Thach family's many contributions to open space protection in Lyme. Most recently, Barbara David purchased and donated a significant riverside parcel to the Land Trust. With nearly a quarter mile of frontage on the East Branch of the Eightmile River on Salem Road, this piece buffers the river where a dam was removed that was inhibiting fish migration. The Trust will be working with Barbara to provide public access while protecting this nationally recognized river resource. Both Preserves will be ideal for picnicking in lovely, secluded settings.

The Land Trust depends on the caring and commitment of landowners when it comes to land protection. Sharing these goals makes the relationship between the community and the Land Trust vital and productive. With this in mind we are always available to answer questions and guide prospective landowners interested in the protection of their family lands for future generations.

Special thanks to Tony Irving, Chair of the Preservation Committee and to its other members for shepherding these important acquisitions!

Stewardship

We are pleased to report that we have added an intern to our staff. Sarah Manstan, a student at UConn studying natural resources and herpetology. She has proved to be an invaluable asset in our property management activities. On top of stewardship in the field, Sarah has been working diligently to help us inventory and itemize our files in preparation for our re-accreditation application to the Land Trust Alliance this coming Spring.

Our Slawson Preserve east of Route 156 is part of phase two of a three phase 10-15 year project to "bring back the bunnies". The project is formally called the "Young Forest Project" and works with federal, state, local, and private landowners to create 20+-acre rotating parcels of young forest, or early successional habitat for nearly 30 species of wildlife who would otherwise struggle to thrive. Some birds and animals who need this habitat for their ultimate survival include birds such as the American woodcock and the whippoorwill, as well as animals and reptiles, including the bobcat, and the endangered New England cottontail, the box turtle, wood turtle, and green snake. You can learn more about this project at <http://youngforest.org>.

Monitoring our easements and properties annually is a key performance parameter. Volunteer stewards are essential in stewarding the more than 100 properties we have under management. The Land Trust now has over 150 volunteers who help not only with property stewardship but with Land Trust events, the publication of our popular Newsletter, administrative work and special projects. A special thanks to all of them!

We were very excited this year to introduce NaturePlace, an outdoor education center inspired by Diana and Parker Lord. Located in the Banningwood Preserve, the goal of NaturePlace is to reintroduce unstructured nature exploration to the outdoor experience, while also incorporating relevant educational elements along the trails. While Banningwood aims to be a community-inspired learning center, NaturePlace's main focus will be to foster and enhance local and regional children's curiosity with nature.

Special thanks to our Environmental Director, Sue Cope, and to our new intern, Sarah Manstan, for all of their hard work in the field last year!

Events

The Land Trust hosted a variety of events last year to promote our mission and to enhance respect for our natural surroundings. In September the Land Trust hosted the ever-popular cruise on the RiverQuest to view the amazing evening display of hundreds of thousands of migrating tree swallows. We also organized a number of trail hikes guided by professionals, including ecologist and Board member, Tony Irving and geologist, Ralph Lewis.

Inspired by the beauty of the Lyme landscape which has attracted artists for more than 100 years, a group of *en plein air* artists participated in last fall's sixth annual Paint-Out and Exhibit, co-sponsored by the Lyme Art Association. In the same vein, we also collaborated for the 12th year with five neighboring land trusts to host the Annual Amateur Land Trust Photo Contest. The contest encourages photographers of all ages to record on "film" the scenic beauty around us.

Despite the clouds and gloomy forecast, the Tour de Lyme in May was another resounding success, attracting some 700 riders from all over Connecticut and surrounding states to cycle on our beautiful and quiet roads.

Special thanks to Wendy Hill, Chair of our Events Committee, and to its other members for organizing and managing so many wonderful events last year!

Philanthropy

During the past year we completed a most successful 50th Anniversary capital campaign, made possible by our members, grantors, volunteers and Board members. The focus of the campaign was on raising cash for land acquisitions and encouraging planned giving through legacy bequests and similar estate planning devices for our Endowment Fund. Our goal was \$1,500,000 – \$500,000 for preservation and \$1,000,000 for our Endowment Fund. We exceeded both goals. The preservation goal included funding for the purchase of our Brockway/Hawthorne and Thach Preserves.

The Land Trust Board believes that it is critical to build a meaningful endowment so that future generations will have the resources to steward our properties in perpetuity. Toward this end, we have created the Heritage Society, comprised of residents who have notified us that they have included the Land Trust in their estate plans. We are pleased to report that we already have 26 members of the Society. We hope you will join them! In this way you will help preserve our majestic vistas and lightly traveled roads, as well as woodlands, vital watersheds and wildlife habitats for all to enjoy.

Special thanks to Milt Walters, Chair of our Philanthropy Committee, for his tireless and effective fundraising efforts!

Finance

Two major factors influenced the past year's financial performance. First, a surge in non-discretionary costs for stewarding and defending our easement and land drove spending significantly higher. This, however, was largely offset by a court award of prior legal costs involving a long-running litigation case. Second, the inclement weather in May dampened returns from our primary fundraiser, the Tour de Lyme. In contrast, membership dues, our broadest measure of community support, finished near record levels.

At the same time expenses climbed 25%, a sharp increase reflecting the legal disbursements. (Removing these costs, spending on an adjusted basis was essentially flat.) Additional cost drivers included a rise in compensation stemming from the heavy workload, and outlays for construction at our new Preserves to facilitate visitor access. These were "self-financed" through cutbacks in other areas.

Our year-end balance sheet shows ample reserves to meet future obligations and exploit opportunities as they materialize. Both the Stewardship and Enforcement funds exceed Land Trust Alliance guidelines. And our Endowment Fund continues its steady growth.

Special thanks to George Lombardino, our Treasurer, for his indispensable and highly Professional service as our financial guru!



Lymes' Senior Center

Lymes' Senior Center recently changed its population served to 55 and over...or as we like to call it, 55 and better!! We welcomed over *18,000 people* throughout the 2017-2018 fiscal year. We offered a variety of educational courses, art classes, health programs, exercise programs, dance classes, 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 early morning, evening and weekend programs. Please check the monthly newsletter or our website www.seniorcenterct.org/lyme-old-lyme/ for specific times. Newsletters get sent to all members. Membership is \$5.00 a year for members in the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme. 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 2017-2018 Year:

New Programs and Services added this year

- Post-Cancer Exercise Class
- Fitness Fusion Class
- Beginner Country Line Dancing classes
- Lifelong Learning Classes
- Gentle Vinyasa Flow Yoga
- Bocce Ball

Program Statistics

15 exercise and dance classes a week
6 games a week (ie cards, MahJongg, Wii bowling, Bocce Ball, chess)
5 special luncheons throughout the year
3 art classes/art workshops a week
24 day trips/11 overnight trips and cruises throughout the year
11 health programs/lectures throughout the year
24 historical/educational lectures throughout the year
21 musical programs throughout the year
6 computer classes
12 lifelong learning classes
4 Cons and Scams Prevention Programs
4 Outdoor Summer Concerts and Ice Cream Socials

Services offered at the center: hearing clinics, haircuts, foot care clinics, reflexology, flu shots, blood pressure clinics, nursing advice, AARP safe driving classes, Medicare help.

2017-2018 Board of Directors

Sue Campbell/Geri Baker - <i>Chair</i>	Johnny Cody
Ruth Young/Jeri Baker/ Kathy Lockwood - <i>Vice Chair</i>	Ann Griffith
Doris Hungerford - <i>Treasurer</i>	Gary Weed
Dot McAndrew - <i>Secretary</i>	Doris Johnson
Diana Seckla	Joan Bonvicin
	Don Abraham

Elections

NOTICE – REPUBLICAN PRIMARY (SEPTEMBER 12, 2017)

Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the party-endorsed candidates, if any, for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidate. The party endorsed candidates, if any, are indicated by an asterisk. Additionally, the following are the names of all other candidates who have filed their certificates of eligibility and consent to primary or have satisfied the primary petitioning requirements in conformity with the General Statutes as candidates for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street addresses of said candidates.

Office: Probate District – Saybrook - 33rd

Party: Republican

Candidate/Address *Anselmo Delia, 33 Kelseytown Rd., Clinton, CT 06413

Candidate/Address Kevin J. Hecht 85 Hartford Ave., Old Saybrook, CT 06475

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 9th day of August, 2017.

DENISE W. MERRILL, SECRETARY OF THE STATE

The foregoing is a copy of the notice which I have received from the Office of the Secretary of the State, in accordance with Section 9-433 of the General Statutes. As provided in said notice, a primary of the referenced party for nomination to the state or district offices therein specified will be held on September 12, 2017. The hours of voting at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows:

HOURS OF VOTING: 6:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

LOCATION OF POLLING PLACE: Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT 06371

VOTING DISTRICT: 1

The Lyme Town Hall will be open for business during regular hours on the day of the primary.

Dated at Lyme, Connecticut, this 9th day of August, 2017

Linda A. Winzer, Town Clerk, Town of Lyme

RESULTS - REPUBLICAN PRIMARY (SEPTEMBER 12, 2017)

Electors met at the Lyme Town Hall at 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM to cast their votes. Election officials included the following: Moderator: Pat Harris; Checker: Diana Lord; Ballot Clerk: Jane Boyd; Registrar: Jane Boyd.

Office: Probate District – Saybrook – 33rd

	Anselmo Delia	Kevin J. Hecht
Chester	12	23
Clinton	444	228
Deep River	24	4
Essex	79	59
Haddam	140	37
Killingworth	53	78
Lyme	20	44
Old Saybrook	46	277
Westbrook	41	90
Total	859	850

A recount, automatic based on the slim margin, had to occur on or before Tuesday, September 19. Lyme's recount was Monday morning, September 18, at 9:00 AM. No changes in any town's totals.

Total number of names on active Republican enrollment list in town: 524
 Total number of names checked on the official checklist as having voted by absentee ballot: 1
 Total number of names checked on the official check list as having voted in person: 63
 Total number of names checked on the official check list as having voted in town: 64
 Recorded by: Town Clerk

ELECTION – WARNING – TOWN OF LYME – NOVEMBER 7, 2017

Pursuant to Sections 9-226 of the Connecticut General Statutes, the electors of the Town of Lyme are hereby warned to meet at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT 06371 on Tuesday, the 7th day of November 2017 between the hours of 6:00 AM and 8:00 PM then and there to give their votes for the persons to fill the following offices:

A Judge of Probate to fill a vacancy from 7/28/18 to 1/9/19; a First Selectman, two (2) Selectmen, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, 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 to fill a vacancy for four (4) years; one (1) member of the Board of Finance Alternate for a term of six (6) years; one (1) member of the Board of Finance Alternate to fill a vacancy for four (4) years; one (1) member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for a term of six (6) years; three (3) members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, 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 24th day of October 2017. Attest: Linda A. Winzer, Town Clerk

MUNICIPAL ELECTION RESULTS TOWN OF LYME NOVEMBER 7, 2017 Electors and citizens qualified to vote met at the Lyme Town Hall to cast their votes for:

Judge of Probate to Fill Vacancy	Jeannine Lewis	D	529
Judge of Probate to Fill Vacancy	Anselmo Delia	R	370
First Selectman	Steven Mattson	D	553
First Selectman	Mark P. Wayland	R	398
Selectman	John Kiker	D	435
Selectman	Parker Lord	R	507
Town Clerk	Linda A. Winzer	D	514
Town Clerk	Linda A. Winzer	R	414
Town Treasurer	William L. Hawthorne	R	696
Board of Finance	David M. Brown, Sr.	R	661
Board of Finance	Kathryn Wayland	R	655
Board of Finance to Fill Vacancy for Four Years	Peter Evankow	R	684
Board of Finance Alternate	Jarrod Leonardo	D	634
Board of Finance Alternate to Fill Vacancy for Four Years	Daniel A. Hagan	R	648
Board of Assessment Appeals	Hayden Reynolds	R	634
Planning and Zoning Commission	Ann C. Rich	D	562
Planning and Zoning Commission	William T. Koch, Jr.	R	569
Planning and Zoning Commission	E. Hunter Ward	R	625
Zoning Board of Appeals	Winnifred Gencarella	D	540

Zoning Board of Appeals	Jack Sulger	R	563
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate	Judy Davies	R	652
Library Directors	Susan Cole	D	496
Library Directors	Diane Brown	D	442
Library Directors	Diane Brown	R	396
Library Directors	Jack Sulger	R	385
Regional Board of Education	Stacey Leonardo	D	665
Total Number of Registered Voters:			1898
Total Number of Voters having Voted by Absentee Ballot:			56
Total Number of Voters having Voted by EDR (Election Day Registration)			5
Total Number of Voters having Voted in Person:			899
Total Number of Voters having Voted in Person, by Absentee Ballot & EDR:			960
Recorded: Town Clerk			

Lyme Visiting Nurses

On October 1, 2017 the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut (VNASC) became the contract manager for the visiting nurse services. Karen Veselka, RN, Town Nurse continued in service to Lyme residents as an employee of VNASC. This report covers the period from October through June.

Health Promotion Home visits		56 visits
Senior Center Hours	70	261 Lyme resident visits
Flu clinic hours	3	

Skilled home health care was provided to Lyme residents by VNASC in collaboration with Mrs. Veselka. These services were paid for through Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, and VNASC indigent care funds:

Skilled nursing	74
Physical Therapy	52
Occupational Therapy	14
Social Worker	1
Home Health Aide	5
Total	146

All services are available to residents by calling Mrs. Veselka at (860) 434-7808 or requesting the services from the Lyme town nurse, Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut, an affiliate of YNH when you are hospitalized.

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 2018 our dedicated board of directors planned, and with membership help, provided a Spring Italian themed dinner in March, a Chicken Barbeque in June, a Harvest Dinner in October and a Holiday Music evening with the Eight Mile River Band in December. Numerous area groups and organizations held their regular meetings in this space. Rentals provide space for private family gatherings, as well as a local organization meeting space.

Maintenance of the hall is managed by an active Building Committee that works to preserve the original character of the building. This year we accomplished exterior painting including front fascia and main building spot repair.

The Association Membership consists of 120 member families. The revenue raised from dues, hall functions, rentals and donations provide the resources to sustain the organization and the facility in support of our mission. 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.

The Hall is also the home of the Hadlyme Hall Garden Club, a group that is dedicated to maintaining the gardens at the triangle at the center of the village, at the post office, at the Fire House, at the junction of Ferry and Joshuatown Roads, as well as at the Hall and the Ferry landing. Look for the annual holiday pecan sale which helps to fund these gardens.

We thank all our members, visitors and friends for their support. All people in the area are encouraged to join our membership. With your support we will continue to provide this unique gathering space for our community.

Submitted by:
 Curtis J. Michael
President, Hadlyme Public Hall Association

Treasurer's Report 2017-2018

Balance, Checking Account June 30, 2017		876,618
Tax Collector:		
Taxes	9,590,173	
Interest & Fees	84,086	
		9,674,259
State of Connecticut:		
Capital Improvement	48,186	
Telephone Access Line Tax	7,437	
Elderly Tax Relief	56	
Supplemental Municipal Aid	8,286	
Education Grant	54,587	
Civil Preparedness	31,876	
State Property	0	
Boating Grant	0	
Veteran's Exemptions	240	
Other Grants	4,195	
		154,863
Special Revenue:		
Town Aid Road Fund	179,946	
Affordable Housing Program	4,328	
Town Library	59,873	
		244,147
Interest:		
Investments	60,874	
		60,874
Miscellaneous:		
Building Permits	72,521	
Conveyance Taxes	71,425	
Mooring Permits	5,460	
Other Permits	5,530	
Planning & Zoning	2,000	
Zoning Board of Appeals	400	
Town Clerk Fees	18,282	
Refunds & Rebates	5,690	
Waste Disposal Fees	7,426	
Miscellaneous	44,237	
Other Receipts	14,140	
		274,111
Total Receipts		11,257,872
Less increase in CT STIF account		-500,000
		0
Less: Selectmen's Disbursements		10,177,962
Balance, Checking Account, June 30, 2018		579,910
Balance in Banks		
General Fund:		
Account:		
CT Short Term Investment Fund		1,500,000.00

Reserve Funds:		
Citizens Bank		6,067.14
Essex Savings Bank		8,491.89
Liberty Bank for Savings		3,269.94
Liberty Bank		0.00
Morgan Stanley - Capital Transfer		634,890.76
Morgan Stanley - Open Space Reserve Fund		369,688.99
Special Funds:		
Library Trust Fund		113,330.45
Nutmeg Network Grant		1,865.06
Town Aid Road Fund		
Balance, July 1, 2017		8,675.63
Add: Current Allocation	179,946.05	
Interest	3.52	
		179,949.57
Less: Expended to General Fund		179,946.05
Balance, Essex Savings Bank, June 30, 2018		8,679.15
Cemetery Trust Fund		
Balance, July 1, 2017		138,663.68
Add: Interest	70.47	
Plot Sales	3,400.00	
Less: Exp to General Fund	10,000.00	
		-6,529.53
Balance, June 30, 2018		132,134.15
Balance, June 30, 2018		
Essex Savings bank	6,247.32	
Citizens Bank	64,638.30	
Certificates of Deposit (2)	61,248.53	
Dog Fund		
Balance, July 1, 2017		4,440.65
Add: Town Clerk-Surcharge, Unaltered Dogs	90.00	
Town Clerk-Surcharge, Altered Dogs	508.00	
Town Clerk - License Fees	1,551.00	
Warden-Impoundment Fees	60.00	
Town of Lyme Appropriation	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	.50	
		7,209.50
Less: Warden-Salary and Fees	2,460.00	
Warden-Expenses	2,350.00	
State of Connecticut-Surcharge	596.00	
State of Connecticut-50% of Fees	796.00	
Advertising	0.00	
Dog tags, Supplies	4.45	
		6,206.45
Balance, June 30, 2018		5,443.70

Hartman Park

Balance July 1, 2017		7,443.70
Add: Contributions	4,404.00	
Less: Exp to General Fund	1,500.00	
Balance June 30, 2018		10,347.12

Pension Fund

Balance July 1, 2017		732,085.07
Add: Town of Lyme-Contributions	34,878.79	
Gains/Losses	81,339.77	
Less: Pension Payments	44,044.61	
Fees	0.00	
Balance June 30, 2018		804,259.02

Lyme Fire Company and Lyme Ambulance Association Incentive Program

Plan Balance as of April 1, 2017	1,393,779.85
Town Contribution	53,033.60
Fees	-9,620.85
Investment Gain/Loss	158,324.54
Distributions	-16,475.20
Balance as of March 31, 2018	1,579,042.04

William L. Hawthorne, *Treasurer*

The goods and merchandise of merchants and of manufacturers were taxable in 1917. Buildings were separately valued.



Stores of James L. Lord (left) and H.L. Reynolds Store (right) ca 1920.

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2018**

ASSETS	General Fund	Capital Nonrecurring Fund	Open Space Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash of \$50,000)	\$ 701,876	\$ 652,720	\$ 369,689	\$ 265,261	\$ 1,989,546
Investments	1,500,000	-	-	-	1,500,000
Receivables, net:	241,418	-	-	-	241,418
Property taxes, interest and liens	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets	<u>\$ 2,443,294</u>	<u>\$ 652,720</u>	<u>\$ 369,689</u>	<u>\$ 265,261</u>	<u>\$ 3,730,964</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 70,318	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 70,318
Unearned revenue - grants	-	-	-	1,356	1,356
Performance bond deposits	33,599	-	-	-	33,599
Total liabilities	103,917	-	-	1,356	105,273
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	208,117	-	-	-	208,117
Total deferred inflows of resources	208,117	-	-	-	208,117
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
Restricted	-	-	-	94,622	94,622
Assigned	296,443	652,720	369,689	119,283	1,438,135
Unassigned	1,834,817	-	-	-	1,834,817
Total fund balances	2,131,260	652,720	369,689	263,905	3,417,574
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 2,443,294</u>	<u>\$ 652,720</u>	<u>\$ 369,689</u>	<u>\$ 265,261</u>	<u>\$ 3,730,964</u>

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, 2018**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Taxes, interest and lien fees:				
General property taxes	\$ 9,366,172	\$ 9,366,172	\$ 9,628,792	\$ 262,620
Tax refunds and rebates	(10,000)	(10,000)	(18,324)	(8,324)
Interest and lien fees	30,000	30,000	87,847	57,847
Total taxes, interest and lien fees	<u>9,386,172</u>	<u>9,386,172</u>	<u>9,698,315</u>	<u>312,143</u>
Licenses and permits:				
Mooring permits	2,500	2,500	5,460	2,960
Building permits	50,000	50,000	72,521	22,521
Conveyance tax	50,000	50,000	71,424	21,424
Other licenses and permits	4,500	4,500	5,530	1,030
Total licenses and permits	<u>107,000</u>	<u>107,000</u>	<u>154,935</u>	<u>47,935</u>
Charges for services:				
Zoning board of appeals fees	750	750	400	(350)
Planning and zoning fees	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000
Waste disposal fees	10,000	10,000	7,426	(2,574)
Town clerk fees	18,000	18,000	18,282	282
Refunds and rebates	3,000	3,000	5,690	2,690
Visiting nurse receipts	275	275	-	(275)
Miscellaneous	10,000	10,000	14,334	4,334
Affordable housing	3,500	3,500	4,327	827
Parks and recreation fees	3,000	3,000	2,640	(360)
Library fines, fees and miscellaneous	3,300	3,300	2,493	(807)
Total charges for services	<u>52,825</u>	<u>52,825</u>	<u>57,592</u>	<u>4,767</u>
Intergovernmental:				
Supplemental municipal aid	8,286	8,286	8,286	-
Town aid roads	180,020	180,020	179,946	(74)
Education equalization grant	-	-	54,587	54,587
Emergency management	37,015	37,015	31,876	(5,139)
Tax relief - homeowners	17,500	17,500	56	(17,444)
Tax relief - veterans	400	400	240	(160)
Miscellaneous grants	955,000	955,000	4,195	(950,805)
Local capital improvement program	47,237	47,237	48,186	949
Library state funding and grants	300	300	204	(96)
Total Intergovernmental	<u>1,245,758</u>	<u>1,245,758</u>	<u>327,576</u>	<u>(918,182)</u>

... Continued ...

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Investment income:				
Interest on investments	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 60,897	\$ 45,897
Total investment income	<u>15,000</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>60,897</u>	<u>45,897</u>
Other revenue:				
Telephone access grant	9,000	9,000	7,437	(1,563)
Total other revenue	<u>9,000</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>7,437</u>	<u>(1,563)</u>
Contributions:				
Library	44,500	44,500	44,319	(181)
Total contributions	<u>44,500</u>	<u>44,500</u>	<u>44,319</u>	<u>(181)</u>
Total revenues	<u>10,860,255</u>	<u>10,860,255</u>	<u>10,351,071</u>	<u>(509,184)</u>
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in - Library Trust	12,856	12,856	12,856	-
Transfers in - Hartman Park	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
Transfers in - Eight Mile Cemetery	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Total other financing sources	<u>24,356</u>	<u>24,356</u>	<u>24,356</u>	<u>-</u>
Total revenues and other financing sources	<u>\$ 10,884,611</u>	<u>\$ 10,884,611</u>	<u>\$ 10,375,427</u>	<u>(\$ 509,184)</u>

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
General Government:				
Selectman's office	\$ 78,629	\$ 78,629	\$ 77,961	\$ 668
Town Clerk's office	56,184	56,184	56,736	(552)
Board of Finance	3,800	3,800	3,728	72
Tax Collector's office	49,865	49,865	50,233	(368)
Assessor's office	60,772	60,772	62,404	(1,632)
Revaluation	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Town Treasurer	9,924	9,924	11,923	(1,999)
Election expenses	22,091	22,091	17,871	4,220
Board of assessment appeals	250	250	-	250
Planning and zoning commission	13,000	13,000	23,584	(10,584)
Zoning board of appeals	5,000	5,000	1,542	3,458
Zoning Officer	36,152	36,152	36,152	-
Harbor maintenance	5,000	5,000	6,009	(1,009)
Conservation commission	13,000	13,000	4,546	8,454
Pollution control	1,457	1,457	1,456	1
Probate court	2,076	2,076	1,330	746
Auditor's expense	27,900	27,900	27,360	540
Town counsel	18,000	18,000	8,319	9,681
Town report	6,750	6,750	6,108	642
General insurance	82,650	82,650	79,340	3,310
Workers' compensation insurance	22,800	22,800	22,672	128
Health insurance	211,299	211,299	203,262	8,037
Retirement	39,283	39,283	39,754	(471)
Town Hall expense	12,750	12,750	13,341	(591)
Heat and fuel	31,036	31,036	30,830	206
Affordable housing	750	750	-	750
Elderly	8,191	8,191	8,191	-
Transportation district	3,140	3,140	3,140	-
Hadlyme historic district	500	500	-	500
Campus utilities	49,062	49,062	58,495	(9,433)
Campus maintenance	39,258	39,258	35,540	3,718
Open space commission	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
FICA	54,379	54,379	54,115	264
Data processing	43,220	43,220	38,091	5,129
Total general government	1,024,668	1,024,668	999,033	25,635
Public Safety:				
Fire marshal	5,700	5,700	4,817	883
Fire company	62,200	62,200	62,138	62
VSECI	45,929	45,929	45,929	-
Complex maintenance	15,692	15,692	10,953	4,739
Public safety utilities	20,000	20,000	19,614	386
Police	20,000	20,000	9,730	10,270
Emergency management	15,250	15,250	14,723	527
Building inspector	23,900	23,900	22,934	966
Hazardous waste	10,894	10,894	9,942	952
Public safety pension	77,602	77,602	55,534	22,068
Total public safety	297,167	297,167	256,314	40,853

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Highways:				
Superintendent	\$ 69,386	\$ 69,386	\$ 70,842	(\$ 1,456)
Town crew	164,891	164,891	164,833	58
Town crew benefits	4,000	4,000	3,602	398
Town aid road - maintenance	181,016	181,016	176,230	4,786
Local roads maintenance	58,293	58,293	62,293	(4,000)
General maintenance	45,000	45,000	31,369	13,631
Snow and ice removal	60,000	60,000	64,435	(4,435)
Street lighting	3,000	3,000	3,231	(231)
Street signs	3,500	3,500	1,042	2,458
Garage expense	1,000	1,000	2,666	(1,666)
Superintendent expense	4,250	4,250	4,250	-
Tree Warden expense	1,465	1,465	1,280	185
Total highways	595,801	595,801	586,073	9,728
Sanitation:				
Landfill costs	101,395	101,395	100,660	735
Tipping fees	52,700	52,700	46,777	5,923
Sanitarian	27,134	27,134	26,790	344
Recycling	31,650	31,650	31,074	576
Total sanitation	212,879	212,879	205,301	7,578
Health and Welfare:				
Health officer	750	750	750	-
Visiting nurses	14,135	14,135	13,887	248
Vital statistics	75	75	-	75
T.V.C.C.A.	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Women's center	750	750	750	-
Family service	4,799	4,799	4,799	-
Regional mental health	116	116	116	-
Soup kitchen	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
Lyme youth services	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
Elderly housing	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
Literary volunteers	500	500	500	-
C.R.E.R.P.A. seniors	11,517	11,517	11,517	-
Total health and welfare	61,642	61,642	61,319	323

... Continued ...

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Library	\$ 200,246	\$ 200,246	\$ 188,986	\$ 11,260
Recreation:				
Hartman park	1,500	1,500	766	734
Park maintenance	13,988	13,988	13,843	145
Recreation commission	16,450	16,450	14,822	1,628
Rogers lake commission	34,312	34,312	33,899	413
Town Woods property	33,180	33,180	26,581	6,599
Lyme/Old Lyme senior center	26,671	26,671	25,358	1,313
Total recreation	<u>126,101</u>	<u>126,101</u>	<u>115,269</u>	<u>10,832</u>
Miscellaneous:				
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,000	2,660	1,340
Council of small towns	725	725	725	-
CT river conservation district	1,421	1,421	1,421	-
Contingent account	6,000	6,000	2,395	3,605
Eight-mile cemetery	7,350	7,350	5,495	1,855
Lyme cemeteries	5,300	5,300	4,621	679
C.R.E.R.P.A.	6,659	6,659	6,659	-
CCM	1,339	1,339	1,339	-
Sector	843	843	-	843
Total miscellaneous	<u>33,637</u>	<u>33,637</u>	<u>25,315</u>	<u>8,322</u>
Education:				
Regional School District No. 18	6,900,233	6,900,233	6,900,233	-

... Continued ...

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018
... 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	24,045	24,045	24,043	2
General obligation bonds interest	62,101	62,101	62,101	-
Total redemption of debt principal and interest	<u>436,146</u>	<u>436,146</u>	<u>436,144</u>	<u>2</u>
Capital Outlay:				
Fire truck lease	56,600	56,600	57,630	(1,030)
Fire company equipment	68,600	68,600	68,345	255
Sanitation site improvement	-	-	9,606	(9,606)
Highway equipment	2,500	2,500	2,711	(211)
Open space	950,000	950,000	-	950,000
Vital records restoration	4,000	4,000	4,000	-
Emergency management	37,015	37,015	54,337	(17,322)
L/OL senior center	4,500	4,500	3,080	1,420
Town Woods development	126	126	-	126
Library	900	900	885	15
Total capital outlay	<u>1,124,241</u>	<u>1,124,241</u>	<u>200,594</u>	<u>923,647</u>
Total expenditures	<u>11,012,761</u>	<u>11,012,761</u>	<u>9,974,581</u>	<u>1,038,180</u>
Other Financing Uses:				
Transfers out:				
Local capital improvement	175,000	175,000	175,000	-
Dog fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Total transfers out	<u>180,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>180,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures and other financing uses	<u>\$ 11,192,761</u>	<u>\$ 11,192,761</u>	<u>\$ 10,154,581</u>	<u>\$ 1,038,180</u>

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2018**

Grand List Year	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2017	Current Year Levy	Lawful Corrections		Transfer To Suspend	Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Taxes	Collections			Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2018
			Additions	Deductions				Interest	Lien Fees	Total	
2001	\$ 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	2,391	-	-	-	-	2,391	-	-	-	-	2,391
2007	3,821	-	-	-	-	3,821	1,375	1,591	24	2,990	2,446
2008	5,124	-	-	-	-	5,124	2,940	3,141	24	6,105	2,184
2009	5,095	-	-	-	-	5,095	5,131	6,719	48	11,898	(36)
2010	5,415	-	-	-	-	5,415	5,112	5,774	48	10,934	303
2011	5,865	-	-	-	-	5,865	5,593	5,168	72	10,833	272
2012	9,443	-	-	-	-	9,443	6,785	5,426	72	12,283	2,658
2013	19,028	-	-	701	-	18,327	8,947	5,155	96	14,198	9,380
2014	36,811	-	-	2,079	-	34,732	16,648	9,258	120	26,026	18,084
2015	85,212	-	154	1,007	-	82,487	48,296	12,041	264	60,601	34,191
Total Prior Years	188,093	-	154	3,341	4,652	180,254	100,827	54,273	768	155,868	79,427
2016	-	9,577,058	11,658	28,154	-	9,560,562	9,486,580	27,419	171	9,514,170	73,982
Total	\$ 188,093	\$ 9,577,058	\$ 11,812	\$ 31,495	\$ 4,652	\$ 9,740,816	\$ 9,587,407	\$ 81,692	\$ 939	\$ 9,670,038	\$ 153,409

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

Affordable Housing

The Lyme Affordable Housing Commission is dedicated to providing affordable housing to people who volunteer, work, or live in the Town of Lyme.

The commission is actively working toward adding a new home to the current inventory of eight affordable houses in the Town of Lyme, as well as streamlining the application process.

The Commission has also added a few new members this year, but would welcome new members that have skills in the building trades or an interest in furthering the work of providing affordable housing in the town of Lyme.

Respectfully submitted,
Isabel Roberge, *Chairperson*



Lyme Department of Emergency Management

Dear Lyme Resident,

The Lyme Department of Emergency management is staffed by volunteers: four officers and fourteen staff. Our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is located in the lower level of the Lyme Public Safety facility. This public facility also houses the Lyme Fire Company and Lyme Ambulance Associations and their respective apparatus and equipment.

This last year has seen continued improvements to our operations through significant grants. This important source of funding has also allowed enhancing capabilities at the Town Hall and for the fire department through strategic technology implementation that would be used during a major emergency. I would particularly like to thank Josh Adams, deputy Emergency Management Director, for his major contributions in managing these projects and the fiscal oversight too.

This year we also dealt with a malfunction of an in-town notification siren for Millstone, causing an audible activation for a sustained period and heard by many of our residents and neighboring towns. Thanks to Jason Zelek and the use of his bucket truck in assisting the EMD in deactivating the siren with permission from Dominion Millstone staff. Since then, the sirens have been inspected and a technical correction was made by Dominion to try to prevent a similar activation in the 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 (CT-DEHMS). 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 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, CTDOT, Dominion, Eversource, Comcast, the Lyme Fire Company, the Lyme Ambulance Association, our own Public Works Department 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 organizations and individuals protecting and serving the State and our Lyme community.

Sincerely yours,
John C.L. Evans, *Director of Emergency Management*
EMD #EM75
Town of Lyme
em75@LymeCT.gov
Region 4 RESF-1 Transportation Chair
Region 18 School Safety Committee Member

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.

I am hearing impaired Yes No

I have impaired vision Yes No

I am otherwise disabled Yes No

Please explain: _____

I would need a ride in an evacuation

Yes No

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

Street _____

Apartment # _____ Town _____

Telephone # _____

Special directions to your house:

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.

Credits and Acknowledgements

Appreciation is extended to the Lyme Local History Archives
for the use of historical material and photographs.

Captions for Lyme historical photographs, Carolyn Bacdayan.

Compiled by Marsha Orzech
Edited by Marsha and Sirge Orzech



Valley Press & New Era Printing Co.
Sirge and Marsha Orzech, Owners

Graphic Layout by Long Cat Graphics

SELECTMEN'S OFFICE
LYME, CONNECTICUT 06371

Presort Std.
Postage Paid
Permit #37
Deep River, CT
06417