



LYME TOWN REPORT 2019

ANNUAL REPORT

Front cover

The Connecticut Woman Suffrage Association (CWSA)
worked for women's full voting rights in the state.

Photo by permission of Connecticut State Library



FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2019

Dedication

We dedicate this year's Annual Report to our Lyme's Public Works Crew. The four men pictured below are the unsung heroes of the Town of Lyme's employees. Together they have a combined 67 years of experience working for the town. Lars, our Foreman, Mark, Bobbie, Chris respond day or night to keep us safe. They take care of the trees that fall during storms, plow and salt the 40 miles of roads during winter storms (eighty miles in two directions) and respond to blocked roads when they are not passable. All to keep us safe – day and night.

Many of you may not notice all the work they do to maintain and improve the infrastructure in town. Our yellow trucks may be the only thing you notice and usually when they slow down your commute. The sight of these crews should make you gratified that dangers are being dealt with for your protection. Too many times, cars, (residents and out of towners), get annoyed when they spot our crews. Some drivers show anger and at times make inconsiderate comments or gestures due to their inconvenience. Please remember, these are our friends and neighbors and they are working for your benefit.

Thanks to the Crew for all they do.



(Left to right) Lars Anderson, Mark Negrelli, Bobbie Collins, Chris Hatt

A Vote in Lyme to be Remembered

100 years ago on Aug 19, 1920, the U. S. Congress ratified the 19th amendment to the U. S. Constitution, *“The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex”*.

By this action, full voting rights for women in the United States were constitutionally guaranteed. Lyme women would be able to exercise their new, full and equal voting rights for the first time on November 2, 1920 in a large, general election for Federal and Connecticut state officials.

In 1920, Lyme's population was 674 persons. The town was still deeply imbedded in its rural way of life – farming, fishing, small specialty industries and general merchandising. Rural postal service was available but other means of communication and ease of travel lagged behind the pace in larger towns in the region. Telephone and electricity service would not reach Hamburg from Old Lyme until after 1921. But the town was not isolated from current public affairs or changes in political and social trends.

The support for full, equal voting rights for women had accelerated in the early 20th century. Newspapers, carried by Hamburg and Hadlyme stores, brought news to town of state suffragist activity – Hartford Courant, New London Day, New Era and Norwich Bulletin. The Equal Franchise League had local branches in Lyme and Old Lyme that advocated equality between men and women in civic and political life. Young to elderly women joined as early members,

Lyme's two elected representatives to the General Assembly in Hartford were an important resource. They deliberated with their colleagues in committee meetings and General Assembly sessions. They regularly returned to Lyme, to the town hall, church, family and neighbors with statewide information on current political issues including women's suffrage.

Locally, the men and women members of the Lyme Grange, drawn from a cross section of the town leaders, occupations and families in the town, examined topics like women's leadership capacities and the possible social and political effects of women's voting. Public issues were examined in lectures, panel discussions and even debates in their frequent meetings.

In accord with the 19th Amendment and in preparation for the November 2 election, an updated voter list was needed. The Selectmen announced three, full day sessions at the town hall for the qualifications of the men and women applicants to be examined. Sixty women and twenty men were found qualified as new voters and sworn in with full voting rights. Another twenty-five women, school teachers and librarians who had been permitted to vote on town school and library matters only as early as 1893, were also made full electors. The final, updated list of electors before the election held 282 names,

On November 2, 1920, two hundred twenty seven (227) Lyme men and women voters, out of the possible 282, cast their ballots at the town hall office in leased space on the ground floor of the Hamburg Church. This was a banner turnout for the town. It was also the first time women citizens had the opportunity to use their new, full voting rights.

Respectfully submitted,
 Carolyn Bacdayan, Lyme Town Historian



Hester Warner, teacher at Joshuatown School and three sisters – Musa, Maybelle and Hattie Florence – were granted limited voting rights in 1897, for “school officers or “any educational purpose”.
 Record of electors.

Table of Contents

Dedication	2
A Vote in Lyme to be Remembered	3
General Information	6
Meetings	10
Selectmen’s Report	10
Town Calendar	12
State and Town Officers	13
Affordable Housing	96
Auditor’s Report	88
Board of Assessors	57
Board of Finance	22
Budget Summary for 2017-2018	27
Cable Advisory Council	73
Connecticut River Gateway Commission	47
Eight Mile River Wild & Scenic Watershed	32
Emergency Management Form	99
Estuary Council of Seniors	67
Estuary Transit District	53
Fee Schedule	7
Friends of Whalebone Cove	25
Graduates L/OL High School	70
Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission	37
Hadlyme Hall Garden Club	65
Hadlyme Public Hall	84
Ledge Light Health District	41
Literacy Volunteers	64
Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments	59
Lyme Ambulance Association	50
Lyme Cemetery Commission	43
Lyme Conservation Commission	78
Lyme Department of Emergency Management	97
Lyme Fire Company	55
Lyme Garden Club	34
Lyme Land Conservation Trust	74
Lyme Public Hall Association and Lyme Historical Archives	42
Lyme Public Library	62
Lymes’ Senior Center	75
Lyme Transfer Station Pricing List	8
Lyme Veterans Memorial Committee	36
Lymes’ Youth Service Bureau	23
MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.	65
Municipal Agent for the Elderly	48
Municipal Elections	77
Open Space Preservation, Management and Maintenance	38
Parks & Recreation	35
Planning & Zoning	33
Regional District 18	68
Rogers Lake Authority	71
Summary of Expenditures	19
Tax Collector	58
Treasurers Report	85
Vital Statistics	44
Volunteer Opportunities	56
Zoning Board of Appeals	67

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



Ida Harding (center) had limited voting rights for town school and library issues. She taught, at Sterling City School and was first library director for the first Lyme Public Library, est. 1913.

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
Stake 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 produced 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 motorized boats must be registered with the State of Connecticut. Connecticut Motor Vehicle Department offices process these registrations.

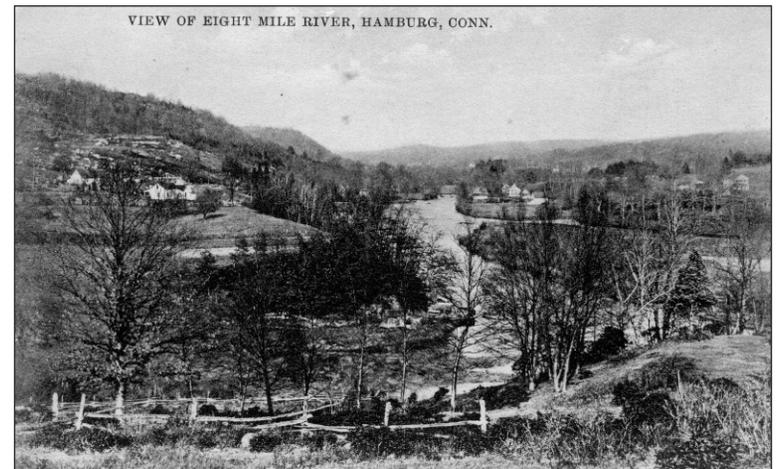
Dogs must be registered during the month of June with licenses to be effective July 1st. Fees are \$8.00 for altered dogs and \$19.00 for all unaltered dogs. There is a late fee of \$1.00 per dog per month after June.

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) or on the Town of Lyme website www.townlyme.org.

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.



Lyme families worked the resources of water power, rocky terrain, forests and stony fields for centuries. The political, economic and social networks expanded, placing the town, still rural, in the 21st century.

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

Another year has passed, and the town continues to address its infrastructure needs while maintaining strong financial controls and we maintain our position as one of the lowest property tax rate towns in Connecticut.

The fiscal year just completed was a busy one and we believe very successful. Two properties were added to town ownership. The Emerson Cemetery on Mt Archer Road was accepted from the Jewett family and the town now has 14 town-owned cemeteries. The 250-acre Johnston Preserve property purchase was completed, adding significantly to the open space in town and enlarging our greenbelt as the parcel abuts the Jewett Preserve and allows for uninterrupted protected land from Route 82 all the way to Hamburg Cove.

Through the efforts of Selectman John Kiker, we have rebuilt our town's website and expanded its offerings for interested residents. In an effort to communicate

better, the website now includes agendas for upcoming board and commission meetings and the minutes from those meetings. This effort at transparent government has been requested and we hope will be accessed so our people can become more familiar with what the town is doing. A Lyme Facebook page has also been added to reach as broad a range of residents as possible.

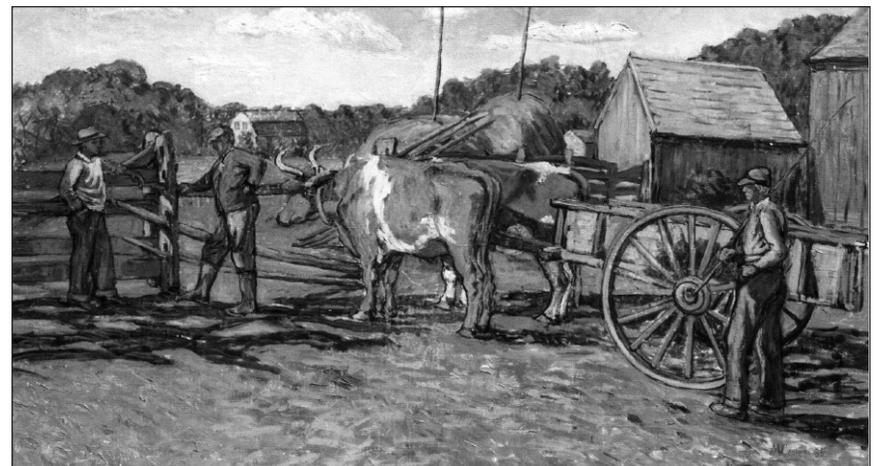
We take great pride in our town and have tried to show this by the addition of signs at all town owned cemeteries and Town of Lyme boundary signs at all road entrances into the town. Reflector strips were added to all stop signs in town in order to improve the safety of our roads. More efforts to show our pride in Lyme will be forthcoming and we hope our residents will show that same pride as they utilize the facilities in town.

One disappointing item has occurred this year. The town was forced to close the small bridge on Birch Mill Road due its deteriorated condition. The bridge, built in 1940, has not received the maintenance required and we are now designing a replacement bridge so this road can again be reopened. We have inspected all 13 bridges in town and will be planning the maintenance needs for all these bridges.

Our best news for the year is the town's financial condition. This fiscal year ended with our bank accounts growing by \$750,000 above the level planned for in the budget. This result has allowed us to hold property taxes steady for the upcoming fiscal year and this is the second year in the last three that a property tax increase was not necessary.

As we begin the new fiscal year, you will notice additional infrastructure projects to enhance the safety of our roads. As always, we hope our residents will comment to the selectmen on issues important to them. We are always available to listen or answer questions.

Respectfully submitted,
The Lyme Board of Selectmen



Town clerk William Marvin's farm on Hamburg Road was one of Lyme's many farms, both traditional and progressive, in technology and product. Margaret Cooper oil, circa 1930.

Town Calendar 2020

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 3	Last day for timely payment of taxes levied on the list as of October 1, 2019 (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, 2018– June 30, 2019

<u>Office or Commission Elected</u>	<u>Official or Member</u>	<u>Term Begins</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
First Selectman	Steven E. Mattson	Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019
Second Selectman	Parker H. Lord	Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019
Third Selectman	John Kiker	Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019
Town Treasurer	William L. Hawthorne	Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 19, 2019
Board of Finance	Herbert Ross Daniel A. Hagan <i>Chairperson</i> Peter S. Evankow Judith H. Duran David M. Brown, Sr. Kathryn R. Wayland *Matthew Sharp	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 Bruce Anderson Jarrod M. Leonardo *Daniel A. Hagan	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	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Diana Fiske	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Eugene (Chuck) A. Lynch	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Jerry R. Ehlen	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	Holly Rubino	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	Mary Stone	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	Susan Cole	Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 21, 2023
	Diane Brown	Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 21, 2023
	Jack Sulger, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 21, 2023
Lyme Members of Regional District #18, Board of Education	Mary E. Powell-St. Louis	Dec. 1, 2015	Dec. 1, 2019
	Stacey Leonardo	Dec. 1, 2017	Dec. 1, 2021
Registrar of Voters	Dianne F. Ahlberg	Jan. 9, 2019	Jan. 6, 2021
	Judy Davies *Jane C. Boyd	Jan. 9, 2019	Jan. 6, 2021
Judge of Probate	Jeannine Lewis	Jan. 9, 2019	Jan. 4, 2023
State Representative 23rd District	Devin Carney	Jan. 9, 2019	Jan. 6, 2021
State Senator 33rd District	Norm Needleman *Art Linares	Jan. 9, 2019	Jan. 6, 2021
U. S. Congress 2nd District	Joe Courtney	Jan. 3, 2019	Jan. 3, 2021
U. S. Senate	Chris Murphy	Jan. 3, 2019	Jan. 3, 2025
U. S. Senate	Richard Blumenthal	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 3, 2023
<u>Appointed</u>			
Town Clerk	Linda Winzer	Jan. 2, 2018	Jan. 6, 2020
Tax Collector	Cynthia B. Beers	Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 16, 2021
Deputy Town Treasurer	Peter S. Evankow	Jan. 2, 2018	Nov. 19, 2019
Board of Assessors	Frederick Platt III, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Madeleine H. Mattson	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	Debra A. Yeomans	Nov. 21, 2017	Nov. 21, 2023
Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission	Beverly Crowther	Nov. 8, 2016	Nov. 11, 2019
	Ben Kegley	Nov. 8, 2016	Nov. 11, 2019
	Roger Dill	Nov. 14, 2017	Nov. 10, 2020
	Thomas Reynolds	Nov. 14, 2017	Nov. 10, 2020
	Paul Armond, <i>Chairperson</i>	Nov. 13, 2018	Nov. 9, 2021
	Patrick Crowley	Nov. 13, 2018	Nov. 9, 2021
	vacancy	Nov. 13, 2018	Nov. 9, 2021
	*Priscilla Hammond		

Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission Alternates	Susan Hessel	Nov. 8, 2016	Nov. 11, 2019
	Steven Kurlansky	Nov. 14, 2017	Nov. 10, 2020
Cemetery Commission	Gordon M. Krusen, <i>Chairperson</i>	April 15, 2017	April 15, 2020
	Tina Kozlowski	April 15, 2017	April 15, 2020
	Bruce Stark	April 15, 2017	April 15, 2020
	Ann Evans	April 15, 2018	April 15, 2021
	Kim Kanabis	April 15, 2018	April 15, 2021
	Marilyn Warren	April 15, 2018	April 15, 2021
	Diana Boehning	April 15, 2019	April 15, 2025
	Thomas Davies	April 15, 2019	April 15, 2025
	Christine Plikus	April 15, 2019	April 15, 2025
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	Nov. 30, 2014	Nov. 30, 2019
	Francis Roche	Nov. 30, 2015	Nov. 30, 2020
	Roger Mayotte	Nov. 30, 2016	Nov. 30, 2021
	vacancy	Nov. 30, 2017	Nov. 30, 2022
	vacancy	Nov. 30, 2018	Nov. 30, 2023
Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission	Harry (Skip) Broom, Jr. E. Russell Learned, <i>Chairperson</i> Lisa Holmes Christian Peltenburg-Brechneff Susan Tyler	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 Jan. 23, 2024
Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission Alternates	Iain R. Horwath Thomas Richardson vacancy	Jan. 23, 2018 Jan. 23, 2018 Jan. 23, 2018	Jan. 23, 2021 Jan. 23, 2021 Jan. 23, 2021
Rogers Lake Authority	Dennis Overfield Mark Hastings Toni Phillips	June 1, 2017 June 1, 2018 June 1, 2019	June 1, 2020 June 1, 2021 June 1, 2022
Estuary Transit District	Susan Tyler	Feb. 1, 2016	Feb. 1, 2020

Recreation Commission	Trudy Burgess	Jan. 15, 2019	Jan. 15, 2020
	Heidi Meyer	Jan. 15, 2019	Jan. 15, 2020
	Carmela Monte	Jan. 15, 2019	Jan. 15, 2020
	Jason Thornton, <i>Chairperson</i>	Jan. 15, 2019	Jan. 15, 2020
	Robert Cope	Jan. 15, 2019	Jan. 15, 2020
	Emily Greene Reynolds	Jan. 15, 2019	Jan. 15, 2020
	vacancy	Jan. 15, 2019	Jan. 15, 2020
Affordable Housing Committee	Daniel A. Hagan		
	Timothy Hildner		
	Carol House		
	Steve Mattson		
	Isabel Roberge, <i>Chairperson</i>		
	Phyllis Ross		
	Tina West		
	Jason Zelek		
	*Mark Wayland		
	*Mac Godley		
Tree Warden	Lars D. Anderson	July 1, 2019	June 30, 2021
Burning Officer	Gary Weed		
Emergency Management Director EMD	John L. Evans (#EM75)		
Emergency Management Deputy Directors	William F. Firgelewski (#EM75-1) Joshua Adams (#EM75-2)		
Cable Advisory Council	Brian Bowes		
CT Gateway Commission	Wendy Hill	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	July 1, 2019	June 30, 2020
	Gary Weed	July 1, 2019	June 30, 2020
	Doris Hungerford	July 1, 2019	June 30, 2020
Lower CT River Valley Regional Planning Commission	Mary Stone vacancy, alternate	May 1, 2019 May 1, 2019	May 1, 2021 May 1, 2021
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	vacancy	July 1, 2015	June 30, 2020
	J. Melvin Woody	July 1, 2016	June 30, 2021
	David Cook	July 1, 2017	June 30, 2022
	J. Carter Courtney	July 1, 2018	June 30, 2023
	vacancy	July 1, 2019	June 30, 2024
Lyme Volunteer Fire Company Chief	John L. Evans *James Leatherbee III		
Town Marine Officer	Robert F. Roach		
Trustee, Fire Co. Incentive Program	Steven E. Mattson Dan Hagan *Matthew Sharp		
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	June 1, 2017	June 1, 2019
	Anthony Irving	June 1, 2017	June 1, 2019
	Parker Lord	June 1, 2017	June 1, 2019
	Lucius Stark	June 1, 2017	June 1, 2019
	Barbara David	June 1, 2018	June 1, 2020
	Ross Byrne	June 1, 2018	June 1, 2020
	George Lombardino	June 1, 2018	June 1, 2020
	Robert Cope	June 1, 2018	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	Dan Hagan John Kiker Steven E. Mattson Milton Walters *John Friday *Matthew Sharp	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.	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Emily Bjornberg	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Christie Christensen	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Daniel A. Hagan	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Fred William Harger	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Patricia A. Harris	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Isabel S. Roberge	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Jack Sulger	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Eleanor B. Sutton	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Karen Sutton	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	vacancies (1-R); (4-Unaffiliated)	Jan. 3, 2017	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	Jarrod Leonardo, <i>Treasurer</i>
Paul Armond	Madeleine Mattson
Susan Cole	Steven E. Mattson
Susan Fox	Toni Phillips
Liz Frankel	Ann Rich
Sue Hessel, <i>Vice Chairperson</i>	Phyllis Ross
Emily Hildner, <i>Secretary</i>	Claire Sauer
Tim Hildner	Mary Stone
Carol House	Judith L. Ulrich
John Kiker, <i>Chairperson</i>	* Emily Bjornberg
Kristina Len	

Republican Town Committee

Rowland J. Ballek	Mary E. Powell-St. Louis
Judith W. Davies, <i>Vice Chairperson</i>	G. Hayden Reynolds
William J. Fiske	Isabel S. Roberge
Donald C. Gerber	vacancy
Daniel A. Hagan	David J. Tiffany, <i>Treasurer</i>
William T. Koch, Jr.	Mark P. Wayland
David M. Lahm, <i>Chairperson</i>	Linda A. Winzer, <i>Secretary</i>
Parker H. Lord	*Priscilla F. Hammond
David A. Potts	*Matthew Sharp

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

Summary of Expenditures 7/1/18 – 6/30/19

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
EXPENSES			
General Government			
Selectmen's Office	85,003.00	84,291.01	-711.99
Town Clerk	70,099.00	60,479.95	-9,619.05
Board of Finance	3,800.00	2,072.35	-1,727.65
Tax Collector	51,410.00	42,747.34	-8,662.66
Assessor's Office	64,564.00	60,621.38	-3,942.62
Revaluation	25,526.00	20,381.01	-5,144.99
Town Treasurer	14,150.00	14,150.08	0.08
Election Expenses	28,321.00	19,409.85	-8,911.15
Board of Assessment Appeals	250.00	0.00	-250.00
Planning & Zoning Commission	15,000.00	9,041.59	-5,958.41
Zoning Board of Appeals	5,000.00	996.73	-4,003.27
Zoning Officer	37,006.00	37,005.80	-0.20
Harbor Maintenance	9,000.00	8,801.33	-198.67
Conservation Commission	11,000.00	1,850.20	-9,149.80
Pollution Control	4,000.00	3,956.25	-43.75
Probate Court	1,500.00	1,330.00	-170.00
Auditor's Expense	27,900.00	27,900.00	0.00
Town Counsel	18,000.00	14,477.25	-3,522.75
Town Report	7,000.00	6,316.42	-683.58
General Insurance	80,440.00	74,045.08	-6,394.92
Workmen's Comp	23,306.00	22,672.00	-634.00
Health Insurance	241,876.00	236,192.37	-5,683.63
Employer Medicare and FICA	55,862.00	52,916.19	-2,945.81
Retirement	47,674.00	43,597.76	-4,076.24
Town Hall Expense	13,385.00	15,460.92	2,075.92
Heat & Fuel	38,794.00	23,907.31	-14,886.69
Affordable Housing	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
Welfare Director/Elderly	8,895.00	8,895.00	0.00
Transportation District	3,220.00	3,220.00	0.00
Hadlyme Historic District	100.00	0.00	-100.00
Campus Utilities	51,435.00	46,161.22	-5,273.78
Campus Maintenance	41,803.00	43,249.00	1,446.00
Open Space Commission	1,500.00	373.95	-1,126.05
Communications	12,000.00	7,877.32	-4,122.68
Public Safety			
Fire Marshal	5,937.00	4,936.92	-1,000.08
Fire Company	50,432.00	50,431.08	-.92
VSECI	42,572.00	42,572.00	0.00
Complex Maintenance	20,993.00	11,793.27	-9,199.73
Public Safety Utilities	21,495.00	20,007.24	-1,487.76

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Police	20,000.00	7,816.93	-12,183.07
Emergency Management	22,660.00	20,836.02	-1,823.98
Building Inspector	35,335.00	36,980.78	1,645.78
Hazardous Waste	10,251.00	7,863.00	-2,388.00
Public Safety Pension	79,274.00	57,258.76	-22,015.24
Paramedic	2,500.00	2,389.00	-111.00
Highways			
Superintendent	75,369.00	71,237.51	-4,131.49
Town Crew	173,014.00	160,321.91	-12,692.09
Town Aid Roads Maintenance	202,020.00	158,998.17	-43,021.83
Local Road Maintenance	57,500.00	56,808.57	-691.43
General Maintenance	48,878.00	27,980.55	-20,897.45
Snow and Ice Removal	63,050.00	34,629.85	-28,420.15
Street Lighting	3,000.00	2,486.43	-513.57
Street Signs	4,500.00	2,790.74	-1,709.26
Tree Warden Expense	1,500.00	1,200.00	-300.00
Sanitation			
Landfill Costs	110,903.00	117,726.91	6,823.91
Tipping Fees	57,600.00	55,851.32	-1,748.68
Recycling	33,400.00	29,850.90	-3,549.10
Conservation of Health			
Health District	20,000.00	17,356.35	-2,643.65
Visiting Nurses	15,000.00	11,016.00	-3,984.00
Welfare			
Homeless Center	500.00	500.00	0.00
TVCCA	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Women's Center	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Family Service	3,979.00	3,979.00	0.00
Regional Mental Health	116.00	116.00	0.00
Soup Kitchen	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Library			
Library Staff Salary	120,936.00	120,427.15	-508.85
Books & Magazines	21,100.00	20,304.87	-795.13
Supplies	5,000.00	3,405.54	-1,594.46
Licenses & Databases	7,500.00	8,026.41	526.41
Audio/Visual	6,000.00	6,264.58	264.58
Program	5,000.00	4,944.58	-55.42
Newsletter, Postage & Book Sale	2,400.00	3,750.84	1,350.84
Dues, Travel & Miscellaneous	2,500.00	3,337.69	837.69

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Recreation			
Park Maintenance	16,740.00	14,175.67	-2,564.33
Recreation Commission	18,000.00	14,758.27	-3,241.73
Rogers Lake Commission	70,950.00	48,442.09	-22,507.91
Town Woods Property	32,529.00	26,537.47	-5,991.53
Miscellaneous			
Council of Small Towns	725.00	725.00	0.00
Soil Conservation	1,421.00	1,421.00	0.00
Data Processing	43,120.00	33,590.90	-9,529.10
Contingent Account	10,000.00	7,106.94	-2,893.06
Lyme Cemeteries	12,500.00	10,407.17	-2,092.83
Dog Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00
LCRVCOG	7,313.00	7,422.50	109.50
CRERPA Seniors	12,000.00	12,000.00	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
CCM	1,339.00	1,339.00	0.00
Lymes' Senior Center	32,343.00	30,889.64	-1,453.36
Open Space Reserve Fund	50,000.00	50,000.00	0.00
Secter	843.00	0.00	-843.00
Education			
Education	6,748,520.00	6,748,520.00	0.00
Redemption of Debt			
General Obligation Bonds Principal	350,000.00	350,000.00	0.00
General Obligation Bonds Interest	53,229.00	53,229.17	0.17
Loan Interest	8,856.00	5,765.99	-3,090.01
Loan Principal	192,398.00	192,397.74	-26
CAPITAL EXPENSES			
General Government			
Office Equipment	6,000.00	6,426.73	426.73
Public Safety			
Fire Company Equipment	59,603.00	59,594.96	-8.04
Hadlyme Firehouse	3,000.00	2,961.89	-38.11
Hamburg Firehouse	40,190.00	35,551.43	-4,638.57
Sanitation			
Transfer Station	2,000.00	1,362.	-637.42

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Highways			
Bridges	35,500.00	23,802.99	-11,697.01
Highway Equipment	15,000.00	6,760.07	-8,239.93
Garage	2,000.00	0.00	-2,000.00
Town Trucks	70,000.00	-4,000.00	-74,000.00
Miscellaneous			
Town Campus Improvements	10,000.00	6,010.00	-3,990.00
Local Capital Improvement	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00
Vital Records Restoral	4,500.00	5,000.00	500.00
Emergency Management	39,450.00	59,570.30	20,120.30
Lymes' Senior Center	16,386.00	2,863.50	-13,522.50
Town Woods Development	1,500.00	0.00	-1,500.00
Library Capital Equipment	19,000.00	18,668.49	-331.51
Land Acquisition	1,125,000.00	1,125,310.00	310.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	11,774,488.00	11,349,704.10	-424,783.90



Board of Finance

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the millage rate was increased from 18.6 to 19.95. Due to re-evaluation and a decrease in the value of the Grand List, the new mill rate was actually revenue neutral, meaning no actual property tax increase in income for the Town.

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

Our budget process begins in January. We meet at the town hall on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 P.M. The specific meeting dates are listed on the Town website. Public attendance and comments are welcome from Town residents.

Respectfully submitted, Daniel Hagan, *Chairman*

Lymes' Youth Service Bureau



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

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

Emma Boardman, *Youth Member*
Sarah Bowman
Liz Frankel, *Secretary*
Katie Gingras
Marisa Hartmann
Faulkner Hunt
Tiffany Kleefeld
Ryan Lee
Jacqueline Malizia, *Youth Member*
Megan Miller

Ritz Nichele
Shane O'Brien, *Treasurer*
Leslie O'Connor, *Chairman*
Erik Olsen, *Vice Chairman*
Julia Rathkey
Heather Richardson
Mary Roth
Jamie Snurkowski
Tammy Tinnerello
Matt Ward

LYSB Staff

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



Lyme Grange 147, established in 1897, worked to improve the rural economy and quality of rural life and political awareness.

Friends of Whalebone Cove

Founded four years ago, the Friends of Whalebone Cove is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to preserving and protecting the ecological integrity of Whalebone Cove, one of Lyme's most important natural resources for aquatic birds and plant species.

Delivering on a core commitment made to FOWC's members (now more than 106, representing 68 households), FOWC has produced a 70-page report that will serve as the roadmap for a long-term management plan to contain seven invasive non-native plants that currently exist at the 100-acre freshwater tidal marsh, located in Hadlyme.

The report is based on an extensive on-site survey carried out this summer by Judy Preston, the Long Island Sound outreach coordinator for Connecticut Sea Grant at UConn. A \$3,000 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grant (administered by the Connecticut River Conservancy) and supplemented by FOWC member dues covered all of the report's costs. FOWC's next step is to begin the search for funding from interested parties, both individuals and organizations, to help pay for the cost of developing and implementing the management plan.

The importance of FOWC's mission can be seen in Judy's description of *Whalebone Cove*: "*Whalebone Cove is unique in its own right; it is situated in a bowl-shaped, steep-sided basin with a sinuous inlet from the Connecticut River. Nutrient and sediment exchanges within the cove come from two upland creeks, daily tidal fluctuations through its connection to Long Island Sound, and seasonal flooding from the Connecticut River. In addition, local seasonal weather events, including wind, ice, and temperature and precipitation extremes, play a role in determining the types and proportions of vegetation that occupy the Cove over time, which in turn influences the habitats for other species. The dynamic interchange of these elements is what makes Whalebone Cove (and all the coves and embayments in the lower river) a critical wetland of international importance.*"

Another important FOWC initiative in 2019 was a series of volunteer "paddle patrols" on Whalebone Cove and neighboring Selden Cove to remove *Trapa natans*, an aggressive invasive species known as water chestnut that spreads rapidly and displaces native species, reducing biodiversity and even driving out native fish populations as it gathers in dense mats that block sunlight and reduce oxygen in the water.

The action on Selden Cove was carried out on an emergency basis after a large-scale infestation of water chestnut – estimated at 5,000-6,000 square feet – hit there in 2019. Selden Cove provides access from the Connecticut River to Selden Creek, one of the most important tidal wetlands of the lower Connecticut River. Left unchecked in Selden Cove this year, water chestnut infestation would put the water of Selden Creek in danger next year and in succeeding years.

Ongoing control of invasive aquatic species like water chestnuts will be a major focus of FOWC's invasives management plan for Whalebone Cove, one of the most biologically important and undisturbed tidal marshes on the Connecticut River. FOWC has spent the last three years monitoring Whalebone Cove for water chestnuts and removing isolated plants before they can drop their seeds and create colonies that turn into major patches.

In all, more than 30 volunteers participated in FOWC's 2019 paddle patrols, contributing more than 125 hours of their time, and more paddles are planned for 2020. Information on volunteering for paddle patrols can be accessed at fowchadlyme@gmail.com.

FOWC President Diana Fiske said, "Success in this important task depends largely on the hard work and dedication of volunteers using their own canoes, kayaks and small powerboats and hand-pulling the Trapa plants before they can multiply, choking out beneficial plant species that provide food and shelter for native fish and wildlife."

An important component of the implementation of FOWC's management plan will be to prioritize which invasives to go after first in Whalebone Cove. In addition to water chestnut, the report identifies six other invasive plant species: Waterthyme (*Hydrilla verticillata*), Japanese knotweed (*Reynoutria japonica*), Yellow flag iris (*Iris pseudacorus*), Eurasian water-milfoil (*Myriophyllum spicatum*), Purple loosestrife (*Lythrum salicaria*) and Common reed (*Phragmites australis*).



Summary Of The Budget For The Year Ending June 30, 2020

	Actual 2017-2018	Adopted 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020
GENERAL FUND BALANCE SUMMARY			
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	\$1,903,888	\$2,107,181	\$1,934,917
<i>Previous surplus estimate</i>		-27,447	420,000
REVISED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE		2,079,734	2,254,817
REVENUES			
Taxes, Interest & Leins	9,674,259	9,768,856	9,764,371
All Other Revenues	<u>706,996</u>	<u>1,709,189</u>	<u>663,802</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	10,381,255	11,478,045	10,428,173
EXPENDITURES			
Operating Expense	9,778,323	10,048,833	8,995,937
Capital Expense	<u>399,639</u>	<u>1,674,129</u>	<u>1,018,305</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>10,177,962</u>	<u>11,722,962</u>	<u>11,014,242</u>
ENDING FUND BALANCE	2,107,181	1,834,817	1,668,748
INCOME DETAIL			
General Property Taxes	\$9,608,497	\$9,723,856	\$9,724,371
Tax Refund and Rebate	-18,324	-10,000	-10,000
Interest & Lien Fees	<u>84,086</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>
TOTAL TAXES, INTEREST & LEIN FEES	\$9,674,259	\$9,768,856	\$9,764,371
Mooring Permits	\$5,460	\$5,000	\$5,000
Building Permits	72,521	60,000	60,000
Conveyance Tax	71,425	55,000	65,000
Other Licenses & Permits	<u>5,530</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,000</u>
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS	\$154,836	\$123,000	\$133,000
ZBA Fees	\$400	\$800	\$400
P&Z Fees	2,000	1,000	1,000
Waste Disposal Fees	7,426	6,000	6,000
Town Clerk Fees	18,282	18,000	18,000
Refunds & Rebates	5,690	6,000	1,000
Miscellaneous	44,240	4,000	5,000
Affordable Housing	4,327	3,600	3,600
Park & Rec Fees	<u>2,640</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,800</u>
TOTAL FINES, FEES & CHARGES	\$85,005	\$42,400	\$38,800
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE			
Town Aid Roads	179,946	180,020	179,863
Education Equal. Grant	54,587	53,598	58,821
PILOT State Prop/C&H	0	0	9,192
Emergency Management	31,876	42,415	74,150

	Actual 2017-2018	Adopted 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020
Tax Relief-Homeowners	56	17,000	0
Tax Relief-Veterans	240	400	0
Miscellaneous Grants	4,195	874,500	5,500
Local Cap. Improv. Prog.	48,186	0	26,283
Supplemental Municipal Aid	8,286	0	1,997
Teacher Pensions	0	0	-19,260
Tel. Access Grant	<u>7,437</u>	<u>9,000</u>	<u>7,000</u>
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV.	\$334,809	\$1,176,933	\$343,546
Cemetery Trust Funds	\$10,000	\$10,000	\$10,000
Interest on Investments	60,874	25,000	75,000
Cap Non-Recurr. Fund	0	0	0
Hartman Park Fund	1,500	0	0
Open Space Fund	0	255,000	0
Affordable Housing Fund	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL REVENUE FROM TOWN MONEY	\$72,374	\$290,000	\$85,000
LPL Foundation Support	\$42,000	\$42,000	42,000
Library Trust Fund Use	12,856	28,856	15,456
Fundraising & Gifts	2,319	2,500	2,500
State Funding & Grants	204	0	0
Fines, fees & misc.	<u>2,493</u>	<u>3,500</u>	<u>3,500</u>
TOTAL LIBRARY REVENUES	<u>59,872</u>	<u>76,856</u>	<u>63,456</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	10,381,255	11,478,045	10,428,173
EXPENSE DETAIL			
Selectman's Office	\$77,960	\$85,003	\$86,679
Town Clerk's Office	56,736	70,099	71,133
Board of Finance	3,728	3,800	4,409
Tax Collector's Office	50,232	51,410	54,221
Assessor's Office	62,404	64,564	66,658
Revaluation	49,474	15,000	17,000
Town Treasurer	11,923	14,150	14,429
Election Expenses	17,871	28,321	22,731
Board of Assessment Appeals	0	250	250
Planning & Zoning Comm.	23,584	15,000	20,018
Zoning Board of Appeals	1,542	5,000	2,509
Zoning Officer	36,152	37,006	53,056
Conservation Commission	4,546	11,000	12,018
Auditor's Expense	27,360	27,900	27,900
Town Counsel	8,319	18,000	18,000
Town Report	6,108	7,000	7,200
General Insurance	79,341	80,440	76,349
Workmen's Comp.	22,672	23,306	23,172
Health Insurance	203,262	241,876	250,845
Retirement	39,755	47,674	49,265
Town Hall Expense	13,340	13,385	13,520

	Actual 2017-2018	Adopted 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020
Hadlyme Hist. Dist.	0	100	100
Campus Utilities	58,495	51,435	54,650
Campus Maintenance	35,541	41,803	45,325
Open Space Commission	0	1,500	1,500
Communications	0	12,000	8,400
FICA	54,115	55,862	58,330
Data Processing	<u>69,291</u>	<u>43,120</u>	<u>26,410</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	\$1,013,751	\$1,066,004	\$1,086,077
Fire Marshal	4,817	5,937	6,085
Fire Company	62,138	50,432	56,485
VSECI	45,929	42,572	42,998
Complex Maintenance	10,953	20,993	21,647
Public Safety Utilities	19,614	21,495	22,070
Police	9,730	20,000	20,500
Emergency Management	14,723	22,660	23,755
Building Inspector	22,935	35,335	36,201
Public Safety Pension	55,534	79,274	65,333
Paramedic	<u>0</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$246,373	\$301,198	\$297,574
Heat & Fuel	30,830	38,794	40,500
Superintendent	70,842	75,369	78,929
Town Crew	164,833	173,014	179,139
Town Crew Benefits	3,603	0	0
Town Aid Roads Maint.	154,230	180,020	320,000
Local Roads Maintenance	62,293	57,500	0
General Maintenance	31,370	48,878	47,200
Snow & Ice Removal	64,436	63,050	68,700
Street Lighting	3,231	3,000	2,500
Street Signs	1,042	4,500	4,500
Garage Expense	2,665	0	0
Superintendent Expense	4,250	0	0
Tree Warden Expense	<u>1,280</u>	<u>1,500</u>	<u>1,500</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	\$594,905	\$645,625	\$742,968
Pollution Control	1,456	4,000	6,500
Hazardous Waste	9,942	10,251	8,738
Landfill Costs	100,660	110,903	118,271
Tipping Fees	46,777	57,600	68,000
Sanitarian	26,790	0	0
Recycling	<u>31,074</u>	<u>33,400</u>	<u>38,503</u>
TOTAL SANITATION	\$216,699	\$216,154	\$240,012

	Actual 2017-2018	Adopted 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020
Probate Court	1,330	1,500	1,500
Affordable Housing	0	1,000	1,000
Elderly	6,191	8,895	9,162
Transportation Dist.	3,140	3,220	3,285
Health Officer	750	20,000	17,349
Visiting Nurses	13,887	15,000	12,000
Homless Center	0	500	500
T.V.C.C.A.	1,000	1,000	1,000
Women's Center	750	1,000	1,000
Family Service	4,799	3,979	2,251
Reg. Mental Health	116	116	116
Soup Kitchen	1,500	1,500	1,500
CRERPA Seniors	11,517	12,000	12,350
Lyme Youth Services	25,000	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	\$73,980	\$96,710	\$90,013
Library staff	115,100	120,936	124,564
Books & magazines	20,865	21,100	21,100
Supplies	4,819	5,000	5,000
Licenses & Databases	7,836	7,500	7,600
Audio-Visual	4,827	6,000	7,000
Program	4,182	5,000	5,000
Newsletter, postage	3,334	2,400	2,700
Dues, travel & misc	996	2,500	2,700
Benefits	<u>27,028</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL LIBRARY	\$188,987	\$170,436	\$175,664
Harbor Maintenance	6,009	9,000	8,000
Hartman Park	766	0	0
Park Maintenance	13,843	16,740	18,150
Recreation Commission	14,822	18,000	19,050
Rogers Lake Commission	14,899	51,950	36,361
Town Woods Property	26,581	32,529	30,542
L/OL Senior Center	<u>25,358</u>	<u>32,343</u>	<u>30,680</u>
TOTAL RECREATION	102,278	160,562	142,783
Miscellaneous	2,655	0	0
Council of Sm. Towns	725	725	725
Soil Conservation	1,421	1,421	1,421
Contingent Account	2,395	10,000	20,000
8 Mile River Cemetery	5,495	0	0
Lyme Cemeteries	4,521	12,500	12,650
Dog Fund	5,000	5,000	5,000
CRERPA/River Cog	6,659	7,313	7,678
CCM	1,339	1,339	1,339
Secter	<u>0</u>	<u>843</u>	<u>0</u>
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	\$30,310	\$39,141	\$48,813

	Actual 2017-2018	Adopted 2018-2019	Proposed 2019-2020
District #18 Expense	<u>6,898,939</u>	<u>6,748,520</u>	<u>6,579,421</u>
TOTAL EDUCATION	\$6,898,939	\$6,748,520	\$6,579,421
General Obligation Bonds Interest	62,101	53,229	44,358
General Obligation Bonds Principal	350,000	350,000	350,000
Loan Interest	0	8,856	7,632
Loan Principal	0	192,398	190,625
TOTAL REDEMPTION OF DEBT	<u>\$417,101</u>	<u>\$604,483</u>	<u>\$592,617</u>
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	\$9,778,323	\$10,048,833	\$9,995,937
CAPITAL EXPENSE			
Office Equipment	<u>0</u>	<u>6,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	0	6,000	6,000
Fire Truck	57,630	0	0
Fire Company Equipment	68,346	59,603	58,455
Hadlyme Firehouse	0	3,000	8,000
Hamburg Firehouse	0	40,190	30,000
Emergency Management	<u>54,337</u>	<u>39,450</u>	<u>49,000</u>
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	\$180,313	\$142,243	\$143,455
Transfer Station	<u>9,606</u>	<u>2,000</u>	<u>6,000</u>
TOTAL SANITATION	\$9,606	2,000	6,000
Bridges	0	35,500	275,500
Highway Equipment	2,711	0	9,100
Garage	0	2,000	42,000
Town Trucks	<u>24,043</u>	<u>70,000</u>	<u>130,000</u>
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	\$26,754	\$122,500	\$456,100
Open Space	0	50,000	75,000
Local Capital Improvement	<u>175,000</u>	<u>175,000</u>	<u>150,000</u>
TOTAL TOWN MONEY SAVING	\$175,000	\$225,000	\$250,000
Town Campus Improvements	0	10,000	10,000
Vital Rec. Restoral	4,000	4,500	5,500
Cemeteries	0	0	15,000
Affordable Housing Development	0	0	60,000
Rogers Lake	0	0	3,500
L/OL Senior Center	3,080	16,386	13,750
Town Woods Development	0	1,500	0
Library Capital Equipment	886	19,000	4,000
Land	<u>0</u>	<u>1,125,000</u>	<u>45,000</u>
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	<u>\$7,966</u>	<u>\$1,176,386</u>	<u>\$156,750</u>
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE	<u>399,639</u>	<u>1,674,129</u>	<u>1,018,305</u>
TOTAL EXPENSE	\$10,177,962	\$11,722,962	\$11,014,242

Respectively submitted by the Board of Finance, Town of Lyme, Dan Hagan, *Chairman*, David Brown, *Clerk*. The audited financial report for the year ended June 30, 2018 is available at town hall.

Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee

The Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee (ERWSCC) would like to start this annual report by introducing Riley Doherty, our new Environmental Program Coordinator. Riley is a recent UCONN graduate with a degree in natural resources with a concentration in climate and water resources. Welcome Riley!

2018 marked the tenth anniversary of Wild & Scenic Designation for the Eightmile River Watershed. US Congressman, Joe Courtney, who was instrumental in getting the Eightmile River Watershed designated as a Wild & Scenic River honored the committee with a congratulatory plaque at our biennial RiverFest, stating:

“The Wild & Scenic designation is truly a high honor – one that is applied to less than one quarter of one percent of the nation’s rivers. We in eastern Connecticut are grateful to have such a small piece of Eden in our backyard and even more grateful to those who have pledged to protect it for the past ten years. I’m confident it will be in good hands for years to come.”

The Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee (ERWSCC) is as committed today, to ensuring the watershed is protected, as it was during the designation process. ERWSCC continues to support land preservation, outreach and education, habitat and stream health monitoring and best watershed management practices.

We continue to coordinate important initiatives such as summer family programs and other educational outreach, baseline water quality monitoring and habitat assessments, stream temperature mapping, federally permitted construction project reviews and resource mapping.

In 2018-2019 we embarked on several new project areas as outlined below:

- **Wander Our Watershed:** This interactive map project, funded by a grant from the National Park Foundation, ties together many of the outdoor opportunities in the watershed and surrounding areas while also highlighting local businesses and farm markets, which enhance the greater outdoor experience. Find the map at www.WanderOurWatershed.org
- **Conductivity Loggers:** ERWSCC was successful in securing a second National Park Foundation grant for the purchase of 8 conductivity stream loggers. These loggers placed throughout the watershed take hourly conductivity readings. Conductivity readings can increase from things like chlorides, which is commonly found in road salt. The data will be used to establish baseline conditions.
- **Amphibian Health Monitoring:** Teaming up with Mystic Aquarium, amphibians from three preserves (Banning Wood Preserve in Lyme, Burnham Brook Preserve in East Haddam and Walden Preserve in Salem) were sampled for the presence of the chytrid fungus. This fungus can cause die-offs in amphibian populations and ERWSCC is working with Mystic Aquarium to determine the presence and spread of the fungus in the region.

In other news, ERWSCC’s Community Grant Program was officially launched in 2018. Since then, approximately \$90,000 has been awarded for school education programming, support for land preservation, invasive species identification and removal, and outreach for bird habitat enhancement.

In closing, ERWSCC would like to acknowledge all the community support that is essential for committees such as the Eightmile to continue its work. We are especially grateful for the support of the Lyme Land Conservation Trust who continues to serve as our fiscal agent, which in turn allows ERWSCC to focus on watershed protection.

Respectfully submitted:
Patricia Young, *Program Director*



Lyme Planning & Zoning Commission

This past fiscal year of 2018-2019 was much slower than usual, the Lyme Planning and Zoning Commission met only six of the twelve months. Approval was granted to build a dwelling greater than 4000 sq. ft. in the conservation zone, expand a dwelling also in the conservation zone, and applications for two docks were approved.

The Commission started discussions on regulating Short Term Rentals, also known as Airbnb or VRBOs. This is a National subject that many towns across the country are wrestling with and became an issue in Lyme when the Zoning Enforcement Officer received complaints. The Commission also continues to work on the farm regulations, they reviewed the initial draft submitted by the Subcommittee. The Subcommittee asked local farmers to review the draft and they have been very helpful with their feedback. A special thanks goes to Fritz Gahagan, a local land-use attorney, for donating countless hours advising and helping the Subcommittee with writing the regulations. A final draft of the farm regulations should be ready for a public hearing in the near future.

Finally, a big thank you to Dave Tiffany for chairing the Planning and Zoning Committee over the last 20 years. Mr. Tiffany has stepped down as Chairman but fortunately has remained on the Committee where his many years of experience remain a valuable asset for the town.

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. Meeting announcements and minutes are also posted on the town website.

Respectfully submitted,
Ross C. Byrne, *Chairman*

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, we are continually adding plants and removing overly prolific volunteers. 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 Midsummer Festival 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 Fire Company, Inc., Lyme Veterans, and McCurdy-Salisbury Education Foundation, and UConn Master Gardener Program of New London County

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. or Andy Brennan at adeeandy@aol.com



Lyme Parks and Recreation

This year the Parks and Recreation program had a successful year, continuing to provide recreational and family programs for the Lyme community. 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 the continued assistance of Emily Reynolds and Bob Cope supporting with social media and bridging collaborations with school and other community groups. There are several others I would like to acknowledge for their services: Don Bugbee, Linda Winzer, District 18, Steve Mattson, The Lyme Public Library, and all the parents who volunteer to coach and assist. Without all of you, these programs would not be possible. We are looking forward to seeing what new programs we can bring to the community.

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. Our partnership with Valley Shore YMCA for our summer swim lessons had another successful first year and almost all spots were filled. We are looking to provide family events nights with the Y this upcoming year. With that partnership underway, we began a new one with Black Hall Outfitters encouraging kids to join their kayak and paddle board camps with added savings to Lyme residents during one week of camp. We have also begun collaborating with a youth yoga instructor in the hopes of running some classes this winter. Basketball, soccer and arts and crafts also had a year of growth in numbers. 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 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. We are working on a partnership with several town groups like The Lyme Public Library and the Land Trust to create and install peace polls with bird houses painted by our community members in many locations throughout town. Look for information about how you can get involved with these programs.

As the needs and interests of families change, we would love to hear some ideas of what families are looking for these days. We will continue to post program information on our Facebook (Lyme Park and Recreation) and Instagram pages. 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.

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 (kristenthornton97@comcast.net). 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 Parks 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. The reverse of the Memorial lists the names of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for our country from the War of 1812 to the Vietnam conflict.

The 2018-19 fiscal year featured the transition from Richard Dominy to Steve Olstein as chair of the volunteer organization. The other members are Red Anderson, Donald Babcock, Jim Beers, Andy Brennan Tom Davies, John Evans, Ron Fickett, Dave Garfield, Parker Lord, and Bruce Stark.

The Committee conducts two programs annually. The most important one took place on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11, 2018 on the 100th anniversary of the armistice that ended World War I. The program began at 11:00 AM with the tolling of the bell in the Town Hall to mark the exact time the conflict ended. 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, and an address by Professor Rolf Wolfswinkel on the end of the Great War and the legacy of German defeat. Parker Lord read the names of the twenty-eight men and one woman from our small town which then had a population of around 750 who served our country. Their names appear on a plaque located on the grounds of the Hamburg Congregational Church.

The committee also recognized the Lyme inhabitants currently in our all voluntary military service - Katrice Angier, David Brown, Trevor Kegley, Warren Stark, and Katlyn Sturgell. Perhaps the most important part of the ceremony is the rendering of a last salute to honor eleven town veterans who died in the past year – George Allard, Lloyd Babcock, Mark Lenhart, Henry Pierson, 3d, Allen Plimpton, Kenneth Plimpton, Jr., Robert Radziwon, Paul Smith, John J. Tiffany, and L. Robert Wood, two of whom, Allard and Ken Plimptom, served during World War II.

After a moment of silence, Conner Wyman, a junior at Lyme-Old Lyme High School, played taps, and Steve Olstein concluded the ceremony with a few remarks.

The Committee also held a small Memorial Day service on Monday, May 27, 2019 led by Red Anderson at 9:00 AM at the Lyme Veterans Memorial. Prior to that time, Jim Beers, Tom Davies, Ron Fickett, Jim Leatherbee, Parker Lord, Steve Olstein, and Bruce Stark placed flags on the graves of all veterans in the town's numerous cemeteries.



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,
Susan Tyler, *Clerk*

2018-2019 Commission Members

Russell Learned, *Chairman*
Henry Broom
Lisa Holmes
Christian Peltenburg-Brechneff
Susan Tyler, *Clerk*

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 committee also helps to develop public access on the open space properties that the town acquires. The Town's existing open spaces are managed and maintained by the Open Space Coordinator, a part-time Town position. 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. The report can be viewed on the Town of Lyme website. This plan establishes the ecological, aesthetic, cultural and recreational values that the residents of Lyme have identified as being important to the protection of the town's conservation identity. 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 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 closed on the 250 acre parcel, known as the Johnston Property, on Thursday December 20, 2018. The property will be called the Johnston Preserve. A grant from the Connecticut State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program provided 60% of the purchase price of \$1,450,000.00. The Nature Conservancy contributed \$25,000. During prior town meetings, the citizens of Lyme voted to use money in the Open Space Reserve Fund towards the rest of the purchase price. The Johnston Preserve abuts other open space parcels in Lyme that form a block of over 1700 acres running from river to ridgetop on the west side of the Eightmile River watershed. Trails will be developed on the preserve that will extend the network of existing trails in the River to Ridgetop Preserves system. The property connects thousands of acres of open space in East Haddam and Salem, creating a large green corridor for wildlife. The property also includes Lyme's highest point at 465 feet.

In July, a brass plaque which Parker found in the basement of Town Hall was installed on a boulder at the swimming hole. The marker commemorates the 1963 dedication of this "recreation area" to Mr. Marvin and Mr. Stark.

Discussion continued concerning plans for Selden Landing, a 2.5 acres Town property on Selden Road with CT River access via Selden Cove. The property is open

to the public for access to a lovely view of the cove. For the best view, follow the path to a bench on the ledge.

Members of the Committee this year were: Paul Armond, Barbara David, Bob Cope, Anthony Irving, George Lombardino, Parker Lord, and Lucius Stark. Open Space Coordinator Wendolyn Hill regularly attended meetings. When business required it, the committee met monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Town Hall.

Open Space Coordinator

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

From July 2018 through June 2019 the Open Space Coordinator focused on managing and maintaining the town of Lyme's Open Space, including leading walks on the town-wide properties and educating the public about ecological issues, documentation, keeping maps up-to-date and available, maintaining trails and signage, and managing invasive plant species. In addition, the Coordinator continued to administer the hunting program for both the Town of Lyme and LLCT.

Hunting Program

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

Open Space Management / Maintenance

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

Czikowsky Hill Preserve

This 96-acre Preserve was obtained in March 2010. It is co-owned by the Town of Lyme and TNC and is further protected by a Conservation Restriction held by the LLCT. Pedestrian access that does not result in noticeable human disturbance is allowed. The upper and lower field were mowed to maintain the meadow habitat for bluebirds and other wildlife, and to keep invasive plant species under control.

Hartman Park and the Philip E. Young Memorial Preserve

John and Kelly Bill Hartman donated the 302-acre Hartman Park, located on the east side of Gungy Road, to the town of Lyme in 1988. Ruth Young donated the 82-acre Philip E. Young Preserve in memory of her son Philip to the town of Lyme in June 2012. 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. The six-acre field around the Lee Farmhouse on the Park Road was mowed November 2018 for the first time to control barberry bushes and other invasive plants. Mal Karwoski is the volunteer steward for the Young Preserve.

Jewett Preserve

This 434-acre preserve was created in October 2004. This Preserve is owned and managed by the Town and TNC. Tom Bischoff mowed the field in the Preserve, to reduce the number of autumn olive and other invasive shrubs. A new purple trail was blazed by Wendolyn Hill and Liz Robinson (The Nature Conservancy), to connect to anticipated Johnston Preserve trails.

Mt. Archer Woods/Eno Preserve

Mt. Archer Woods is a 275-acre Town-owned property. Brantley Buerger is the volunteer steward of Mt Archer Wood, keeping the trails maintained and cleared of downed trees.

The George and Rosemary Moore Trail

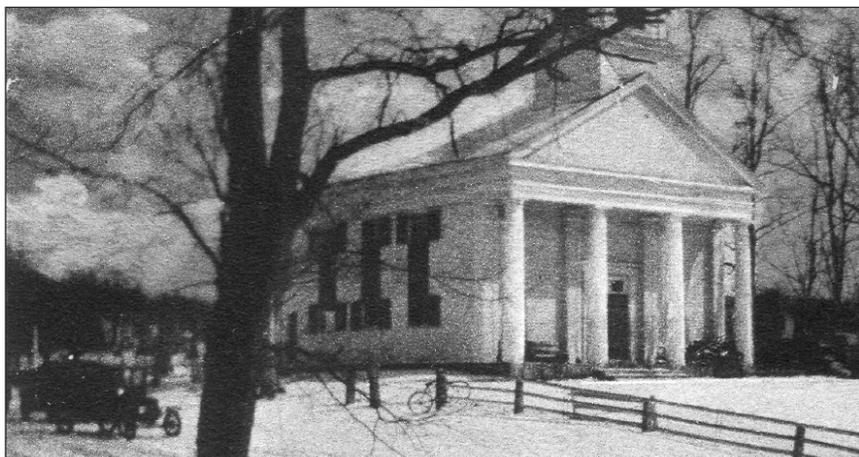
The new trail, named to honor George and Rosemary Moore's 14 years of service towards land preservation in Lyme, uses existing trails to provide a nine-mile scenic loop in the River to Ridgetop Preserves, through several properties owned and/or managed cooperatively by the Lyme Land Trust. Town of Lyme and the Nature Conservancy. The opening of the trail was December 1, 2018.

Johnston Preserve

The 250-acre Town owned property was acquired in December 2018. Anthony Irving, professional forest ecologist and member of the Open Space Committee, has volunteered to lay out trails on the preserve in cooperation with the Open Space Coordinator.

Maps of the 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*



Hamburg Congregational Church was the location for voting in the Nov. 2, 1920 election. The town leased space on the ground floor for offices into the 1930s before moving to its current site.

Ledge Light Health District

Ledge Light Health District (LLHD) serves as the local health department for the municipalities of Ledyard, East Lyme, Lyme, Groton, Waterford, Old Lyme, Stonington, North Stonington and New London. The LLHD team, comprised of experts in administration and finance, environmental health, communicable disease prevention, and health education & community outreach, work cooperatively to promote healthy communities and ensure that healthy opportunities are available to everyone.

Environmental Health

LLHD inspects food service establishments to ensure they are compliant with the Connecticut Public Health Code (PHC) and are following good food safety practices. These establishments are inspected based on the risk associated with their level of food preparation activities. LLHD also inspects temporary events where food is served to assure proper food safety practices are being followed and inspects public pools, cosmetology, day care and lodging establishments to ensure these entities are taking measures to protect the public health.

Our environmental land use staff of five sanitarians, who have more than 85 years of combined land use experience, conduct soil testing, plan reviews, ground-water monitoring and construction inspection activities for building lots served by onsite septic systems and/or wells.

Communicable Disease Prevention

LLHD holds annual free flu vaccination clinics for all ages, provides free vaccinations for new parents, grandparents and caregivers of infants to protect against Pertussis (whooping cough) and is now offering free Hepatitis A vaccinations to at risk populations at shelters, soup kitchens and needle exchange programs. LLHD provides support to schools and long-term care facilities during reported outbreaks to help prevent the spread of illness. We also provide yearly educational opportunities for infection control personnel in long term care facilities and schools. We meet monthly with Infection Preventionists from area Long Term Care facilities to provide education and guidance.

Preparedness Activities

LLHD is a regional leader in emergency preparedness; Director Stephen Mansfield currently represents the public health sector on the Regional Emergency Preparedness Planning Team, and is the chair of the DEMHS Region 4 Health Care Coalition (HCC). In addition, he is the preparedness lead and a board member of the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health and is one of three public health representatives on the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities' (CCM) Public Health Committee.

Health Education & Community Outreach

LLHD engages and supports the communities we serve in health education, health promotion, and health policy development activities in a variety of ways. These efforts draw on scientific, evidence-based best practices to ensure that the programmatic processes involved make efficient use of taxpayer dollars, while achieving measurable and desired changes in our population's overall health and resilience. LLHD works diligently to secure external funding to support these activities and supplement our municipal members' contributions.

Lyme Public Hall and Local Historical Archives, Inc.

The Lyme Public Hall & Local History Archives (LPHLHA) 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 variety of program offerings.

The Lyme Local History Archives, a safe climate-controlled repository for treasured historic paper materials donated by town residents, is housed in the Lyme Public Library. The Local History Archives continues to thrive under the capable stewardship of volunteer archivist and town historian Carolyn Bacdayan who responds to visits and inquiries from hundreds of people each year. The Archives are open Tuesdays 2 – 4 pm, Thursdays 10 am – noon, or by appointment. For more information, to donate items or to volunteer, call Carolyn Bacdayan at 860-598-9760.

A variety of programs was offered in 2019. A spring Old-Fashion Recipe Swap was followed in June by "The Crossing: A Musical Journey" an original musical written and performed by local artists. Also in June, Joan Motyka led a well-attended memoir writing class entitled "Writing Your Story." July brought more music to the LPH with the big band sounds of The George Manstan Big Band—with no less than 14 musicians. Additionally, in October, Professor Rolf Wolfswinkel provided a discussion on the rise of Hitler's power prior to the start of WWII. Of note: patrons who suffered with the oppressive heat of 2018, were pleasantly relieved to find the Hall had been air conditioned in 2019.

The annual meeting of the Lyme Public Hall is held on the second Thursday in June with a community potluck supper and program. The Public is invited to attend. The 2019 annual meeting program featured a presentation entitled "Lyme Roads: What's in a name?" by LPHLHA President Bill Denow.

Other 2019 events included the town wide Spring Clean-Sweep on Earth Day weekend, the annual 4th of July exhibit entitled "Vanishing Lyme," the annual August Pie and Ice Cream Social, the annual Tag Sale fundraiser in September, the popular Chowder Dinner in November, and Holiday Wreath Making Workshop in December.

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 on member dues, donations, and Hall fundraisers to maintain the building and fund its activities. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining or volunteering in any way, please call 860-574-4143 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 2018-2019 were: William Denow (President), Richard Jones (Vice-President), George Fowler (Secretary), Jerry Ehlen (Treasurer); Kathy Tisdale, George House, Lisa McCarthy, Jos Knost, Jacqueline Jaffe, Rolf Wolfswinkel, Leslie Lewis, and Carol Jones.

Respectfully submitted,
William Denow, *President*

Lyme Cemetery Commission

Lyme cemetery activity in Fiscal 2019 proved less demanding than in prior years. Fortunately, more benign weather, plus the pay-off of years of prophylactic removal of threatening trees and limbs, minimized damage to gravesites and landscaping.

A hearty salute and welcome aboard to Justin Ciccone (!!!), who this spring took over the routine maintenance—mowing, trimming, pruning, clean-up, etc.—for eleven cemeteries; already his noteworthy results have drawn many favorable comments.

And a long, long overdue formal expression of our appreciation for Russell Rankin—"gravedigger par excellence"—who for nearly two decades has done all the work preparing gravesites for interment.

A hearty salute and thanks!!!!

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 (1717 to 2008) 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 26 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 → "About" → "Cemeteries of Lyme" → "link" → "Information for Visitors"
- (b) for direct access to Archives Excel spreadsheets: lymepublichall.org → "Lyme Local Historical Archives" → "Headstones and Cemeteries" → "A. Lyme, CT Gravestones (1717-2008) by Alpha Surname" or "B. Eight Mile River Cemetery Interred Sept.1, 2019" or "C. Lyme Cemeteries Location Map"

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, and Jim Leatherbee for their continuing hard work placing and maintaining flags – removed during winter – at Veterans’ In Fiscal 2019 at Eight Mile River Cemetery there were no 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 Co-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, Gordon Krusen, *Co-Chairman*



Vital Statistics

DEATHS JULY 2018 – JUNE 2019

Joseph G. Fouquette	Born April 2, 1968 Died June 10, 2018
Shirley Schenk	Born June 14, 1930 Died June 13, 2018
Edwin Andino	Born December 26, 1975 Died July 31, 2018
LeRoy Robert Wood	Born March 2, 1929 Died August 8, 2018
Kenneth DePau Plimpton, Jr.	Born December 4, 1925 Died August 23, 2018
Barry Malcolm Bloom	Born August 12, 1928 Died August 25, 2018
Carolyn Lee Plummer	Born May 7, 1922 Died August 30, 2018
Robert W. Radziwon	Born August 24, 1932 Died August 31, 2018
Carol J. Dominy	Born December 12, 1952 Died October 2, 2018

Mary Clasen	Born June 12, 1926 Died October 15, 2018
Eric John Christianson	Born August 20, 1942 Died October 28, 2018
Ann B. Kloman	Born February 25, 1935 Died November 1, 2018
Paul Anatole Williams	Born June 7, 1950 Died November 2, 2018
Leroy Joseph Caprarola	Born November 25, 1926 Died November 25, 2018
Glenn Charles (Chip) Dahlke	Born May 10, 1951 Died December 8, 2018
Kevin D. Murray	Born August 23, 1966 Died December 12, 2018
John Ernest Friday, Jr.	Born October 24, 1929 Died December 23, 2018
Leon Lawton Czikowsky	Born October 23, 1956 Died January 8, 2019
Doreen Margaret Meyer	Born May 10, 1932 Died April 5, 2019
Rose Guidi Weaver	Born September 7, 1923 Died March 1, 2019
Richard Fairchild Cooper, Jr.	Born May 7, 1944 Died March 29, 2019
Timothy James Garfield	Born November 24, 1950 Died March 31, 2019

MARRIAGES JULY 2018 – JUNE 2019

Matthew Joseph Willett to Jennifer Nicole Falcigno	June 15, 2018
William Lee Temple, Jr. to Joyce Renee Chamberland	July 2, 2018
Nicholas E. Genovese to Cari M. Andross	July 7, 2018
Michael Peter Evangelisti to Michelle Lindsey Davis	July 28, 2018
Andrew Michael Sarroff to Jennifer Dee Minnen	July 31, 2018
Justin Reed Bankston to Haley Elizabeth Beck	August 8, 2018
Eric Michael Bombaci to Jayme Lynn Keeling	September 1, 2018
Travis John Gauvin to Shelisa Rene Ciccone	September 2, 2018
Michael Charles Watson to Hillary Paige Borges	September 3, 2018
Jameson Reed Gay to Isabel Mary Sutton	September 8, 2018

Joseph Christopher St. Jean to Gina Marie Ricci	September 17, 2018
Kevin Carl Reidemeister to Cailey Sarah Moriarty	September 22, 2018
Robert Joseph Nurse, Jr. to Stephanie Ann Melonas	September 29, 2018
Steven John Mossberg to Elaine Catherine Devine	October 26, 2018
Corie Robert Citron to Kirsty Mary McNulty	October 31, 2018
Joseph Leduc Malave to Sarah Frances Greenlaw	November 10, 2018
Joseph John Gregory to Meryl May Villadolid Morante	November 18, 2018
Brantley Charles Buerger to Karen Margaret Harlow	January 18, 2019
Nicholas Eugene Whitney to Alyssa Jo Hawthorne	January 26, 2019
Tommy Lee Davis, Jr. to Danielle Nikole Livorsi	February 25, 2019
Kyle Preston Hoadley to Jessica Gayleen Bradshaw	April 2, 2019
Thomas Jack Love, III to Emily Michele Pfannenstiel	April 16, 2019
Yuwsuf Shahid Williams White to Christelle Toussaint Pognon	June 1, 2019
Jorge Ivan Botero Ramirez to Lina Fernanda Bowlby	June 22, 2019

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.

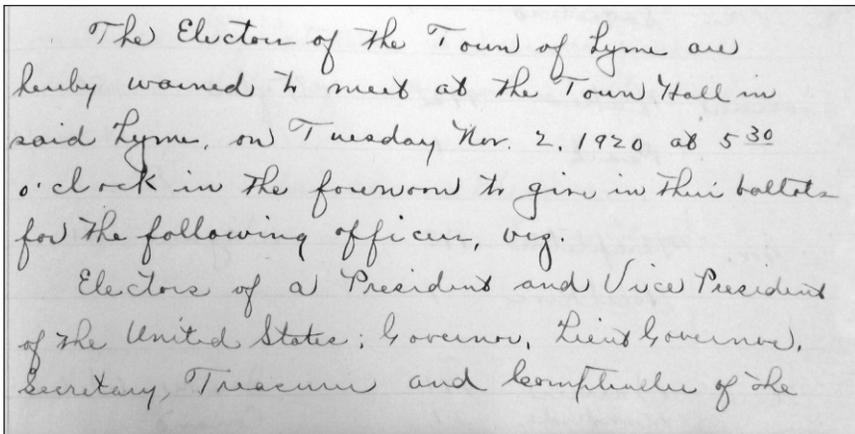
The Gateway Conservation Zone is 30 miles long and includes portions of its eight member towns (Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook, including the Borough of Fenwick) within view of the river. The Nature Conservancy has designated the lower Connecticut River 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, 2019 included: Margaret Wilson and Jenny Kitsen of Chester; Nancy Fischbach of Deep River; Cray Brownell and Joel Ide of East Haddam; Claire Matthews and Mary Ann Pleva of Essex; Susan R. Bement and Mike Farina of Haddam, J. Melvin Woody and Wendy Hill of Lyme; Peter Cable and Suzanne Thompson of Old Lyme; Bill Webb and Tom Gezo 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 Newton C. Brainerd.

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.



Warning to electors for the upcoming Nov. 2, 1920 election, 5:30 A.M. - 6 P.M. for national, state and Lyme offices. Selectmen Minutes.

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*



Lyme Ambulance Association, Inc.

This year has experienced some exciting changes, not the least of which was the purchase of two new ambulances that are now in service and should serve Lyme reliably for years to come (please see more about them on our web page: <http://lymeambulance.org/>). We thank all for the historic generosity displayed by the Lyme community, especially two major donors who offered matching funds to donations. Overall, we received donations covering over half of the overall cost of the new ambulances. In addition to our annual mailing, ambulance and community members have also actively been raising funds through our website, our summer barbeque and a very successful and enjoyable night of Bingo at the Hamburg Station sponsored by the Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women's Club. Additionally, voters in the Essex Savings Bank's "Community Investment Program" placed Lyme Ambulance Association in the top 10 this year, earning us a sizable donation from the program. 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.

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 43 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. Over the past year (July 2018 – June 2019), our volunteers responded to 201 emergency ambulance calls, 39 of which required a medic. Our responses covered 18 motor vehicle accidents, 35 fall-related incidents, 7 stand-by's at fire calls and 39 mutual aid calls for assistance in East Haddam. Unfortunately, these numbers are up 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.

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.

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. 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 Paul Ahnell at 860-575-2216, or email Chief Steve Olstein 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*

2018-2019 Board of Directors

Officers

Andrew Smith, *President*
Adam McEwen, *Vice-President*
Adam McEwen, *Treasurer*
Carrie McCarthy, *Chief of Service* *
Anne Roy, *Recording Secretary*

From the Community

Fred Harger
David Roberge
Sirgen Orzech
Bob Webster

From the Operations Group

Paul Ahnell
Lori Landry
Ariana Eaton
Steve Olstein

Ex officio: Steve Mattson, *First Selectman*; John Evans, *Fire Chief*

2018-2019 Operations Crew

Paul Ahnell, *EMT, Driver*
Colleen Atkinson, *EMT*
Will Bartlett, *EMR*
Heidi Bill, *EMT*
Sherry Block, *EMT*
Judy Brault, *staff*
Tom Darna, *EMT, Driver*
Alan Cone, *EMR, Driver*
Carter Courtney, *EMT, Driver*
Beverly Crowther, *Operations Sec'y*
Ariana Eaton, *EMR, Driver*
Jerry Ehlen, *Supplies*
John Falstrom, *staff*
Will Firgelewski, *EMT, Driver*

Robert Harris III, *EMT*
Rick Lacey, *EMR, Driver*
Doug Lo Presti, *EMT*
Carrie McCarthy, *EMT, Chief of Service*
Ed McCusker, *Driver*
George Mooney, *EMR*
Steve Olstein, *EMT, Driver*
Devin Paquin, *EMR*
Erica Schillawski, *Recording Secretary*
Kelly Smith, *EMR, Driver*
Ed Vidou, *EMT, Driver*
André Yeomans, *EMT*
Jason Zelek, *EMR, Driver*

* Steve Olstein became Acting Chief of Service in late May, and was then formally elected as Chief of Service in June 2019.

N.B. Special thanks to Andy Smith for his six years serving as President! In June 2019, Andy stepped down from the Board, as did Anne Roy and Lori Landry. Adam McEwen was elected as our new President, with Christy Zelek as Vice-President. Scott and Dottie Wells are joining the Board as Co-Treasurers, and Emily Hildner has accepted the position of Recording Secretary 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) and XtraMile.

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 five 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.

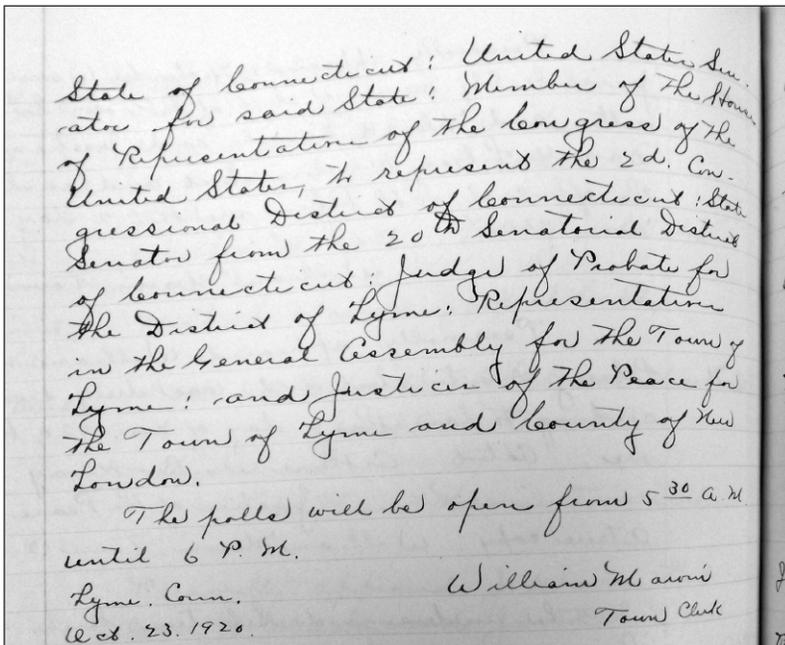
ETD's services are subsidized by federal, state and local funding. This allows for inexpensive fares of \$1.75 for deviated fixed routes, \$.85 for people with disabilities, and \$3.50 for Dial-A-Ride. Students of participating state colleges and universities may ride any deviated fixed route for free with a UPass. 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 were provided during the fiscal year.

During the fiscal year, ETD began new deviated fixed-route service between Madison and Middletown along Route 81. This includes the towns of Clinton, Killingworth and Higganum and Middlesex Community College and connections to CT Transit New Haven, CT Transit Hartford and Middletown Area Transit.

ETD also began a taxi voucher program for seniors and people with disabilities. The program allows participants half priced taxi trips to anywhere in Connecticut. Wheelchair accessible taxis are also available as part of this program.

In January, ETD received the district's first large transit buses. These buses will provide additional capacity on the Old Saybrook to Madison bus route and improve on-time performance. To accommodate these vehicles, ETD will begin providing ADA paratransit service in FY 2019-2020, which will provide door-to-door transportation along this route to those unable to use the route due to a disability.

Beginning in May of 2019, ETD began a pilot Microtransit service in Old Saybrook, Westbrook and Essex under the XtraMile brand. XtraMile provides on-demand service within the service area to passengers who schedule the bus through a smartphone app or by phone, with no advance scheduling required. The service



area was designed to connect the Westbrook and Old Saybrook train stations to residential areas and employers in the region. The pilot will run free of charge through November 2, 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 began in early 2019 and is expected to be completed in April 2020. As part of this study, there will be multiple public outreach events occurring during FY 2019-2020 to assist in formulating a plan for the future of public transit in the region.

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

s. on
 & list
 2, 1920

The undersigned hereby certify that the within is the official check list of the Town of Lyme used at the Electors Meeting held in said Lyme on the 2^d day of Nov. 1920, and that said list contains the names of 258 electors of which number 227 names have been checked and 31 have not.

Lyme, Conn. Harry J. Walsh } Registrar
 Nov. 2, 1920 William M. Hall }

A true copy
 Albert William Marwin
 Town Clerk.

Lyme's final tally for election of Nov. 2, 1920: 227 voters of 282 voted, 1 rejection.



Lyme Fire Company

Our Volunteers - Members of Our Community Serving Our Community

Dear Lyme Neighbor,

The Lyme Fire Company continues to serve our community with an all-volunteer group of first responders and administrative personnel. Our top priorities as we look to the next year and beyond is to continue to 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. We have received several targeted anonymous donations, one specifically earmarked for training. Thanks to our generous donors.

This year we had a change of command with Fire Chief Jamie Leatherbee retiring and Deputy Chief John Evans elected as the new Chief. On behalf of the membership and our mutual-aid friends in neighboring towns, we want to thank Jamie for his leadership as our Chief and his 42 years of service in the fire department. His dedication, focus and great sense of humor has helped the department continue to grow and thrive. He has also been instrumental in "building bridges" and reinforcing being a good neighbor with our other local first-responder organizations - an important legacy. Thanks, Chief Leatherbee, the last Y-1!

This year our training activities have been enhanced by our ability to use the new Salem Fire Department's burn house. Here we practice search and rescue and structural fire fighting in a purpose-built facility. We are indebted to Salem for this essential training-aid for active Lyme firefighters. Also, after years of planning and in cooperation with Lyme Ambulance Association, we launched a successful R1 supplemental service, where specially trained firefighters (EMR & EMT) respond in conjunction with the ambulance to ALS medical calls. The goal of this effort is to continue to improve and support the level of service offered by Lyme Ambulance, by providing augmented qualified resources and an additional means of getting aid to our residents as quickly as possible. Both organizations are very proud of this endeavor and its positive impact on our community.

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 year 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 75 John Evans
 Deputy Fire Chief 75-1 Jason Zelek
 Assistant Chief 75-2 (Hamburg) Josh Adams
 Assistant Chief 75-3 (Hadlyme) Sam Adams
 Captain 75-4 (Hamburg) Edward Vidou
 Captain 75-5 (Hadlyme) André Yeomans

Administrative Officers

Foreman Pete Adams
 Secretary Tom Davies
 Acting Treasurer Tom Davies
 Captain Fire Police Bill Firgeleski



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 in farming), commercial furniture / fixtures / equipment, farm machinery, leased equipment, and all other tangible goods. Failure to file will result in a 25% penalty.

Filing deadline for Application for Tax Exempt Status for charitable and certain other organizations (quadrennial filing).
- December 31 -** Filing deadline for Application of Motor Vehicle Exemption for serviceperson stationed out of state.

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

While the 2018 Physical Revaluation is behind us, and work in the Assessor's Office has returned to the normal routine, we are still struggling with an ongoing problem with automobile registrations and related complications in the assessment process. The problem concerns the information listed on your vehicle registration.

We want to, once again, remind all Lyme taxpayers about the importance of using the proper Town Tax Code when registering a motor vehicle. **Please verify that the Tax Code listed on your Motor Vehicle Registration is shown as 075**, the correct Code for Lyme, and not 105 which is the Tax Code for Old Lyme. Having the Old Lyme code on your registration does not mean that your motor vehicle tax bill will never catch up with you - it just means that every time the Old Lyme tax assessor's office gets an update on a vehicle which is actually a "Lyme" vehicle, the two offices have to take the time to correct the DMV information. We have also had an issue with Hadlyme vehicles mistakenly registered as East Haddam vehicles. This problem, which has occurred **300 times** in the past year, results in much unnecessary work for the two towns' assessors. It would be appreciated if everyone could check their registrations and notify the D.M.V. if the registration does not reflect the correct "075" Tax Code. Helping to minimize the workload at the Town Hall will contribute toward keeping our mil rate as low as possible.

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



Report of the Tax Collector

Below is a comparison of Tax Collection figures based on the 2017 Grand List total net assessment of \$530,105,917 before changes, and the Motor Vehicle Supplement List of \$3,502,840.

Item	Budget Estimate	Actual Collections	Collections Above Estimate
Taxes	\$9,723,856	\$9,859,635	\$135,779
Interest	55,000	54,164	(836)
Total	\$9,778,856	\$9,913,799	\$134,943

The current year collection was \$9,796,988 which represents 99.49% of the total \$9,847,500 due on the 2017 Grand List.

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

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 appropriate amount of receivables while converting previously delinquent taxpayers into current taxpayers.

NOTE: When you renew your Motor Vehicle registrations, please review the mailing address. Many 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 / executive 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 Anthony Salvatore (Cromwell), serving as Chairperson, Lauren Gister (Chester) as Vice-Chairperson, Ed Bailey (Middlefield) as Secretary, and Noel Bishop (Westbrook) as Treasurer. First Selectwomen Cathy Iino (Killingworth) and Bonnie Reemsnyder (Old Lyme) join the RiverCOG officers on the Executive Committee.

Fiscal year 2019 was an eventful year for RiverCOG staff. 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. Environmental Planner Margot Burns was instrumental in initiating an Environmental Review Team, partnering with the Connecticut Resource Development & Conservation Area, to help combat invasive aquatic species in the Connecticut River. Executive Director Sam Gold was named Chairman of the Connecticut Association of COGs, received the Friend of Transportation award from the CT Association of Community Transportation,

and continued to sit on multiple boards (Sustainable CT) and steering committees (Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations). We were also pleased to host four interns this year, two of whom were Sustainable CT Fellows. In fiscal year 2019 twelve of the seventeen 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 2019 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 tolling, transportation, changes to tax structure, implementation of statewide GIS, trail connectivity, and regionalization of assessor services.

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 year, the RPC provided reviews throughout the region and continued work on the Regional Plan of Conservation & Development.

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. 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 Hydrilla and other harmful plants.

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. In July, we added a successful new satellite collection in Cromwell with 4,840 pounds of household hazardous waste collected. During the 2018 season (April – October), 100,735 pounds of waste were collected. Due to Connecticut's participation in the PaintCare program, towns saw significant savings as they are no longer charged for paint waste. 65,300 pounds of latex and oil based paint were collected. Prior to implementation of the PaintCare program, the charge for disposal of the oil based paint collected would have been \$32,287. RiverCOG also continued holding paper shredding events with 34,200 pounds of paper collected and partnering with the state on recycling efforts on plastic film, mattresses, mercury switches, and textiles.

Other regional planning projects from fiscal year 2019 include:

- Began a regional transit study looking at ways of better integrating operations of 9 Town Transit and MAT
- Continued corridor studies along Routes 81 & 66
- Aided Haddam and East Haddam with a Federal BUILD grant application for a walkway on the Swing Bridge
- Initiated an update to our website, rivercog.org
- Began hosting and staffing of the non-profit Lower Connecticut River Land Trust
- Preliminary work on Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan update
- Hosted inaugural Repair Café and Compost Bin/Rain Barrel sales

LOTICIP projects

- Millbrook Road, Middletown, construction, \$2.4 million
- Higganum Road, Durham, construction, \$2.6 million
- Coles Road, Cromwell, final design, 2.4 million
- Candlewood Hill Road, Haddam, committed, \$2.9 million
- Main Street, Chester, committed, \$2.4 million

Other projects

- Main Street Middletown intersections, construction, \$3.9 million
- Arrigoni Bridge approach spans, design, \$52.5 million
- Route 9 closed circuit tv, design, \$9.2 million

Completed a new regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Lyme Public Library

The biggest change in library services during the 2018-2019 fiscal year was the addition of more digital offerings with Hoopla and RB Digital. Both services proved to be popular as Hoopla offers eBooks, downloadable audio books, comics, music and streaming movies and TV shows that are always available, and RB Digital offers streaming video with the very popular Acorn TV, as well as Qello concerts, Indieflix and Great Courses. The Library continues to try to accommodate all our patrons between those who still demand print materials, those who only want digital materials, and the patrons who will accept both. The Library held a series of Digital Resource Days where staff was available to help patrons take advantage of these new offerings.

The interlibrary loan system has stabilized and delivery is more dependable, but the ability of reQuestIT CT to integrate with libraries' circulations systems and online catalogs as well as the ability for patrons to submit their own ILL requests has not materialized as expected. Progress on these enhancements will be pursued during the coming year as the state budget allows. The large library consortia (groups of member libraries such as LION, Bibliomation, etc.) will be the first to receive these enhancements, and because we are a small, standalone library, we will be among the last to receive them when they become available.

Also, in November 2018, the Library was added to the town's fiber connection for Internet.

Other Library Activities

Overall Usage

The Library continued to see evidence of the transition from physical materials to digital as the use of physical materials declined while digital materials increased. However, over the prior twelve month period, the library continues to be heavily used as the number of library card holders has increased, the attendance for all programs remains steady, and meeting room usage is up.

Children's Programs

The Library continued its afterschool art and science programs and the Open Studio program for children in grades 6-12 with Kristen Thornton, and preschool story hours. Children's Librarian Barbara Carlson again worked with Kristen Thornton and the Region 18 Media Specialists on the Summer Reading Program *A Universe of Stories* and the Nutmeg Books program. Barbara continually strives to maintain the children's room as a welcoming, educational, and fun space for children.

Strategic Plan

The Library Board began the process of developing a new strategic plan by soliciting input from the community via a survey open to all residents and interviews of community leaders. There are also to be focus groups and staff interviews. The primary purpose of the plan is to ensure that the library more completely serves the

community and better adapts to the changing needs of our patrons. The final report is expected before the end of 2019.

Friends of the Library

One of the most welcome occurrences during the year was the purchase by the Friends of the Library of new, lightweight, stackable tables for the Program Room. They have made it much easier to rearrange the room for the various types of programs offered and are much more attractive than the plastic top tables that were there previously. The Friends also continued to offer interesting and informative programs to the community. Among the offerings were a series of outdoor concerts, programs on the First Amendment, tick-borne diseases, animal migration, gardening, Irish folktales, the Sunday film series, and book talks/signings with authors Jim Benn and Patricia O'Brien. The Friends also expanded the Book Nook area and conducted a very successful two-day book sale in June. The Friends of the Library continue to be a vital part of the Library's success.

Lyme Public Library Foundation

The Lyme Public Library Foundation allocates a substantial amount every year to the Library's operating budget. It continued to increase its endowment with an annual appeal letter and a major fundraising event which for this period was a benefit performance of *A Chorus Line* at the Ivoryton Playhouse. The entire event proved to be a resounding success and great fun as attendees besides seeing a great performance were also able to mingle with the cast at a post-performance reception on a beautiful summer night. The Foundation is another critical component which enhances the Library's ability to meet the needs of our town.

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, the Lyme Public Library Foundation, the Lyme Garden Club, the Lyme Land Conservation Trust, the Lyme Consolidated School, and the many other generous individuals who support our efforts. With everyone's ongoing support, the library will continue to strive toward meeting the needs of our community despite the challenges of ever changing trends and emerging technologies.

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



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 **6 students and benefitted from the good work of 20 volunteers from the town. Overall, LVVS tutored more than 185 students, spending 13017 hours of volunteer's time to deliver 10403 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 was established in 2000 with the primary mission of civic beautification, community appreciation, and gardening education.

The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club has established, planted and maintains the gardens at the Circle at the Hadlyme Four Corners, the planter at the Hadlyme side of the ferry, the triangle at Ferry Road and Joshuatown Road, the window boxes at the Hadlyme North School, the garden and planters at the Hadlyme Fire Station and the gardens at the Hadlyme Public Hall. During the Holiday Season members place wreaths at several Hadlyme locations including the Hadlyme Congregational Church.

The garden club also has a mentoring program for high school students which helps them to complete their community service obligation. The students learn about gardening and the importance of giving back to their community.

We enthusiastically welcome new members!!! If you enjoy gardens and beauty; learning about new gardening techniques; would like to participate in the beautification of your community, and enjoy wonderful social events with like minded neighbors, please join us!

We also do trips and special events in conjunction with other local garden clubs.

Dues for membership are \$25.00 per year. You can become a member by sending your check made out to:

Hadlyme Hall Garden Club
P.O. Box 261
Hadlyme CT 06439

For more information please contact Ellen Fennema, Membership Coordinator at 860-434-2373 or at ellen.fennema44@gmail.com



MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

The MacCurdy Salisbury Foundation celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2018. Started in 1893 by Evelyn MacCurdy Salisbury and originally named the Old Lyme High School Association, the Foundation at first gave financial assistance to the Town of Old Lyme to help pay for teachers' salaries and school building repairs. In 1918 it made its first grants to students to help them continue their education after high school. Two grants of \$100 each were made to Old Lyme High School graduates to attend Connecticut College. Today yearly grants exceed \$300,000.00.

At the Annual Meeting held on September 13, 2018, Dr Matthew Cantner was elected as a Member of the Foundation. Matt grew up in our Connecticut shoreline community. He received a dual degree in biology and economics at Lafayette College and his Doctorate of Dental Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania where he stayed on for his three-year specialty training. In 2004 he joined his father, Lee Cantner and Jim McArw in their established Old Saybrook practice. Also introduced at the meeting was the new Regional District 18 Board of Education Representative Paula Gaudet.

At the same meeting Kevin McGlinchey and Tom Richardson were elected to the Foundation's Board for three-year terms replacing Judith Read and Jim Fairfield-Sonn whose three-year terms had expired. Officers elected at the Meeting were President, Rowland Ballek, Vice President, Mary Seidner and Secretary/Treasurer, Ned Perkins.

The Foundation held its Annual Reception for new High School graduates receiving awards on June 4, 2019 at the Lyme Art Association. For the upcoming 2019-2020 school year the Foundation awarded \$335,700, a record high, to 104 students from Lyme and Old Lyme who will attend colleges throughout the United States. This includes the \$104,300 in grants distributed at the event to 28 graduating seniors from Lyme, Old Lyme High School, and 2 new requests from older students continuing their education.

Foundation awards 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 Kylie Hall who will attend Wellesley College and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award to Hannah Morrison who will attend Oxford College, Emory University.

At the Reception President Rowland Ballek thanked the Foundation Members, their Investment Committee and the many local donors that enabled the Foundation to distribute over \$3,000,000 to students over the past eleven years. He said, "We are fortunate to live in such unique communities that are committed to supporting education."

Rowland Ballek, *President*
www.maccurdy Salisbury.org

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board met once out of the 12 months during this reporting period. This is 50% reduction in the number of times the Board met last year. There was one appeal filed for the 2018 - 2019 fiscal year. The application for a variance was granted. For the past 13 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 a 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 **71,906** nutritious meals including nearly **58,000** home delivered Meals On Wheels, and over **26,000** 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 **112,000** visits to our center in the reported timeframe for meals, activities, support and fun.

During the reporting period for the Town of Lyme, the Estuary served **1** resident a total of **197** home delivered meals and an additional **35** residents joined us for **1,262** congregate meals. Our Emergency Medical Outpatient Transportation

provided 2 individuals with 2 rides to medical appointments. We had a total of 1,803 visits by a total of 190 people overall to the center from residents of Town of Lyme

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

Sincerely Yours
Stan Mingione, *Executive Director*



Region 18 (Lyme/Old Lyme) Public Schools

During the 2018-2019 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:

- Two of our schools were recognized as “Schools of Distinction” by the State of Connecticut.
- LOLHS Girls Soccer won their fourth state championship in the last four years

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 in the top ten of all 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.

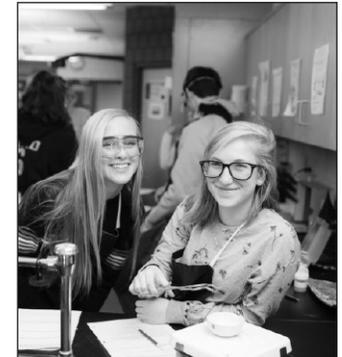
As a part of the 2019-2020 budget, the Board of Education included monies to allow for the first universal pre-k program in a suburban Connecticut district. This program expansion will allow all four-year-old students to attend our exceptional Pre-K program at no cost. The program will provide opportunities to all children in

our communities to begin their school career working with our highly qualified staff. The Connecticut Office of Early Childhood Education noted this change as being “a visionary” move.

In the area of finance, the towns approved a \$35,084,758 budget for the 2019-20 school year representing a 2.29% increase over the adopted budget for the current year. The drivers for this budget included employee contractual obligations, an increase in capital projects, and health insurance rates. The approved budget supports our commitment to continued adherence to class size guidelines, 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)



Class Officers

Gary Bocian, *President*
Caroline Sagristano, *Vice President*
Brynn McGlinchey, *Secretary*
Sarah Hayward, *Treasurer*
Britney DeRoehn, *Class Historian*

Candidates for Diplomas

λ Member National Honor Society, Silver Honor Cord
π Member Spanish Honor Society, Silver Honor Cord
ω Academic Letter Recipient, Gold Academic Distinction Cord
* Seal of Biliteracy, Gold Academic Distinction Cord
x National Merit Scholar, Gold Academic Distinction Cord
ƒ AP Scholar, Gold Academic Distinction Cord

Teresa Elisabeth Rosie Allan λ π ω * ƒ
Grace Margaret Ames
Kendall Michelle Antoniac ω
Kathryn Sean Atkinson λ ω x * ƒ
Lewis David Avery
Madison Olivia Babcock
Jacqueline Patricia Barry λ ω
Catherine Marie Battalino λ π ω *
Lauren Ann Birk ω
Casey Madison Blue λ π ω *
Mackenzie May Blue λ π ω *
Gary Jonathan Bocian
Jack Ryan Bocian
Claire Constance Britton λ π ω *
Paige Catherine Britton λ π ω *
Jocelyn Miracle Campbell
Abigail Brooke Carlson
Liam Asher Clark ω
Tyler Wilson Clark ω
Ann Marie Cote λ ω *
John Joseph Coughlin
Lily Marilyn Cox ω *
Thomas Martin Creagan
Noah Barkley Crolius
Jacob Logan Curtis
Miles Timothy Cutler-Stamm
Emma Carolyn Danes λ π ω * ƒ
Britney Jean DeRoehn λ ω *
Corey Paxton Drummond ω ƒ *
Grace Anne Edwards ω
Marlena Julianne Elmoznino *
Andy Gabriel Espinal
Olin Burns Frederiks λ ω
Evan James Getz
Zachary Thomas Gidius ω *
Grace Ann Gilbert ω *
Emily Nicole Grenier ω

Kylie Erva Hall λ π ω x * ƒ
Colin Emanuel Hallahan λ π ω *
Exavier Jaxon Hanlon-Panko
Sarah Katherine Hayward λ π ω * ƒ
Haley Rose Heath ω
Destiny Lynn Heil
Christian Rene Herrera
Dylan Steven Hettick-Harlow
Kate Niamh Hickie λ π ω *
Liam Francis Holloway ω
Aoife Marie Hufford λ ω *
Riley May Jacobson
Mya Lynn Johnson λ ω
Warren Quonochontaug Jones
Andrea Rose Kathe
Jess Talbot Kegley *
Ciara Nicole Klimaszewski λ ω *
Michael Matthew Kolesnik
Sarah Faye Kroes
Savannah Marie Krulikowski
Jillian Mariah Kus
Sophie Anne Elizabeth Kyle ω
Henry Alexander Lahm
Elyza Spencer Learned λ ω
Joshua William Liefeld ω *
Hunter Thomas Looney
Peter Seamus Macadam ω *
John Thomas Manthous π ω *
Lilah Rose McAndrew
Danielle Marie McCarthy λ ω *
Brynn Elizabeth McGlinchey λ π ω * ƒ
John Joseph McLaughlin
Christopher Arthur Montazella
Alexander Robert Montville
Hannah Nichole Morrison λ ω x ƒ
Nicholas Noah Myers ω
Leah Marie Neithamer

Nancy Savannah Noelle Nickerson
Emily Anne O'Brien λ π ω * ƒ
Sydney Machnik Ogden
Jacob Thomas Olsen λ ω
Thomas William Pennie λ ω
Katherine Duyen Reid π ω *
Caitlin Marie Restrepo
Julia Marie Reynolds
Alexander Jeffrey Riggs
Jenny Yana Ritchie λ ω
Eaven Rivera *
Antonio Manuel Rogers
James Patrick Rollins
Quintin Robert Romeo ω
Nicholas Francis Roth λ ω
Sadie Elizabeth Rubitski
Olivia Leigh Rugg λ ω
Noah William Rumm ω
Kellie Marie Sablone λ π ω *
Caroline Anne Sagristano λ ω * ƒ
Ashley Brookes Santiago

Anna Ruth Sather λ ω * ƒ
Jacob Elijah Schauder
Robert Louis Sedlatschek ω
Justin Colby Shaw
Peter Daniel Sherman
Maxwell Alexander Sielbeck
James Liam Slusarz
Penelope Jeanne Small ω
Neil Richard Smith
Sean Thomas Spina
Eli Robert St. Germain
Griffin Rex Standish
Carson Selden Swope π ω *
Adam Syed ω
Emily Xiping Tan λ ω ƒ
Harleigh Eliza Thomas
Ethan Gabriel Tracano
Caroline Anna Wallace
Colleen Elizabeth Walsh ω π * ƒ
Alexander Clay Williams λ ω ƒ



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.

A post treatment survey from the third herbicide treatment was performed in late July of 2018. Two RLA members participated in the survey. In summary the weeds in the treated and adjacent areas seem to be in reasonable control. The invasive weeds are significantly reduced from the previous two years and native weeds were thriving. 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.

SWCA Environmental Consultants issued a vegetation survey report indicating the overall species diversity increased over the four years during herbicide treatment and overall invasive plant coverage decreased. The lake health is good overall. Prior to the start of the herbicide treatment, 24 native plants were identified in the lake. The recent survey identified 29 native plants. With the reduction in invasive weeds, the native plants have been able to reestablish.

Aquatic Ecosystem Research issued their 2018 water quality report and recommended we continue the use of herbicide to recreationally important areas.

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. The patrol boat has a dedicated phone that is active May through October. The cell phone number to talk with the patrol boat operator is 860-227-4285.

The RLA met with DEEP to discuss what could be done to improve boating safety on the lake. DEEP indicated the lake ordinances were quite confusing and outdated and suggested they be revised. They also suggested adding signage at appropriate areas.

The RLA is an active member of the Connecticut Federation of Lakes (CFL). RLA members attended conferences in October, November and April. The RLA expanded their knowledge base by attending the CT DEEP Volunteer Water Monitoring Program in April. The take home from attending these conferences is that Rogers Lake is healthy, and is proactive in dealing with our issues. The conferences provided a wealth of information that was applicable to Rogers Lake.

There was a RLA sponsored lake cleanup day in October. Members of the RLA and lake residents collected debris at the dam, boat launch area and other areas around the lake. Of major significance was the removal of a non-functional boatlift at the entrance to the channel to the state boat launch.

In January, the RLA hosted Professor David Post of Yale University who talked about alewives and the ecology and evolution of Rogers Lake. He presented 15 years of observations and the impact of alewives on fishing, and water quality. The efforts of Yale and CT DEEP have been successful in that alewives started coming back into the lake this spring via the fish ladder. Through DNA analysis it was shown that the returning alewives were born in the lake and had returned to spawn.

Fishing line is dangerous for birds and water life and DEEP sponsors and promotes fishing line recycling. Two monofilament recycling bins will be built, with one at the State boat launch and the second at Hains Park.

Candace Fuchs, president of the Old Lyme Rowing Association, continues to keep the RLA abreast of rowing activities. The RLA patrol boat is out on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to ensure the safety of all boating activity on the lake.

In an effort to improve communications with the community at large, this spring the RLA mailed a newsletter. The newsletter outlined RLA activities and important safety considerations when using the lake.

The Rogers Lake Authority is comprised of three representatives from Lyme and three representatives from Old Lyme. There has been one change to the representation on the RLA. The RLA would like to thank Thomas Baehr for his many years of service on the RLA, and welcomes Jenell Janes. The RLA can be contacted at rogerslakeauthority@oldlyme-ct.gov. A web site is maintained at www.oldlyme-ct.gov/rogers-lake-authority.

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

During Fiscal Year 2018-2019, the Agency met only six times, and made decisions at only 4 meetings to review and approve 9 applications, some with modifications requested by the Agency. Applications included the repair of a spillway for an existing farm pond, construction of a new septic system in a regulated area, construction of a new boat dock on Roger's Lake, demolition and reconstruction of a cabin, creation of a new garden pond, building of a picnic pavilion, a wetland crossing for a timber harvest and a parking lot for a new town land preserve.

Changes in the Inland Wetlands regulations last year that returned to the State of Connecticut authority over Lyme tidal wetlands has had a dramatic impact on the number of applications reviewed by the Agency.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul A. Armond, *Chairman*



Cable Advisory Council

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

Since 2010 the council has awarded 15 scholarships to graduating seniors and undergraduates from member towns who are planning to enter into a communications program or a related field of study after high school graduation. Two scholarships were presented in 2019. Scholarship applications for 2020 are available through the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Guidance Office. Also in 2019 the Council initiated an internship pilot program for students to earn rewards for completing public access projects. Information on this program is available through the Guidance Department.

The Comcast Public Access Studio on Halls Road in Old Lyme is available for use by individuals and non-profit organizations in any of the member towns represented by the local Council. Free training on the studio equipment is provided by the Public Access coordinator, Lynn Perry. Please contact Lynn at 860-434-0643 for more information. Brian Bowes was elected Treasurer of the Council in 2016 and remains in that position today. 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

Lyme Land Conservation Trust

Our core mission is acquiring and protecting land of high conservation value. And just about every year we have been able to report on another acquisition, sometimes two. This year is no different, as we are finalizing a large donation totaling 235 acres that we have been working on all year. The land abuts other significant open space parcels in Lyme and beyond, the ideal from a conservation point of view. We also have other important initiatives in the works that we hope to be able to report on soon.

This year has marked an important inflection point in the history of the Land Trust. While we remain committed to our core mission, we drafted a new Five Year Strategic Plan in January that calls for “increasing substantially the Trust’s educational offerings to youth and adults.” We are already beginning to make good on this objective. This year we increased the guided and self-guided nature walks, lectures and presentations on environmental issues, newsletter articles and educational outings on our Preserves.

As importantly, our Events and Education Committee is working on its own strategic plan that eventually may include a programmatic series of educational events for youth in cooperation with schools and other conservation organizations. In parallel, we are exploring the recruitment of interns majoring in the environmental sciences at nearby universities to conduct summer scientific studies on some of our Preserves. Stay tuned on both counts!

Our Stewardship Committee was very active last year. Highlights included major improvements to our new Thach and Riverside Preserves in preparation for their opening ceremonies. The Thach Preserve now hosts a cedar bench near the top of a rock face and a picnic table in a serene setting overlooking a busy beaver pond. And our Riverside Preserve now has a pavilion over a picnic table overlooking the Eight-mile River.

Finally, in the Fall of 2018 we began our timber harvest in our Slawson Preserve in order to create habitat for the endangered New England Cottontail. The cut was completed in the Spring of 2019 creating early successional or “young forest” habitat that also benefited nearly 30 other species of birds and other wildlife which would otherwise struggle to thrive.



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 *26,000 people* through our doors in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. We offered a variety of educational courses, art classes, health programs, exercise programs, hiking, dance classes, financial fraud and scam alert programs, entertainment, special programs, games, recently released movies, baby boomer activities, computer and Streaming Classes, lunches, Outdoor Concerts in July, 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 2018-2019 Year!

New Programs and Services added this year:

- All about the Cloud Classes
- Classes on Streaming Cable TV
- Low Impact High Energy Dance Fitness Class
- History of Old Time Radio Program Series
- Creative Writing and Poetry Classes
- Chinese Brush Painting Classes
- Cribbage
- The Probate Court Process & What Matters they Handle
- Holiday Dance Show put on by our Dance Classes
- Vision Screenings
- Motivational Speakers

Program Statistics

We held 187 unique programs this year! We also offered many ongoing programs and activities that meet weekly and monthly.

15 exercise and dance classes weekly

6 games and activities weekly (*ie multiple card groups, Horseshoes, Wii bowling, Bocce Ball*)

5 special luncheons throughout the year

3 art classes/art workshops weekly

13 day trips/5 overnight trips and cruises throughout the year

17 historical lectures/ lifelong learning classes throughout the year

- 7 Retirement, Financial and Scam Programs
- 4 Motivational Speaker Programs
- 34 entertainment programs throughout the year
- 5 computer classes, phone classes, and streaming classes
- 11 Recently Released Movie Showings
- 4 Outdoor Summer Concerts and Ice Cream Socials

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

2018-2019 Board of Directors

- | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Jeri Baker - <i>Chair</i> | Ann Griffith |
| Kathy Lockwood - <i>Vice Chair</i> | Jacqueline Roberts |
| Doris Hungerford - <i>Treasurer</i> | Gary Weed |
| Doris Johnson - <i>Secretary</i> | Joan Bonvicin |
| Sue Campbell | Don Abraham |
| Diana Seckla | Dot McAdams |
| Johnny Cody | |



Elections

NOTICE – REPUBLICAN PRIMARY (AUGUST 14, 2018)

Notice is hereby given that a Primary of the Republican Party will be held in Lyme, CT on August 14, 2018 for nomination to each office indicated below. Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the party-endorsed candidates, if any, for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidate. The party-endorsed candidates, if any, are indicated by an asterisk. Additionally, the following are the names of all other candidates who have filed their certificates of eligibility and consent to primary or have satisfied the primary petitioning requirements in conformity with the General Statutes as candidates for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidates.

GOVERNOR: *Mark Boughton, 1 Kennedy Flats, Danbury, CT 06811
 Timothy M. Herbst, 97 Fairview Ave., Trumbull, CT 06611
 Steve Obsitnik, 8 Imperial Ldg, Westport, CT 06880
 Bob Stefanowski, 1046 Boston Post Rd., Madison, CT 06443
 David Stemerman, 517 Lake Ave., Greenwich, CT 06830

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: *Joe Markley, 47 Elm St., Plantsville, CT 06479
 Jayme Stevenson, 65 Saint Nicholas, Darien, CT 06820
 Erin E. Stewart, 242 Reservoir Rd., New Britain, CT 06052

UNITED STATES SENATOR: *Matthew Corey, 181 Center St., Manchester, CT 06040
 Dominic Rapini, 4 Mariners Way, Branford, CT 06405

TREASURER: *Thad Gray, 117 Wells Hill Rd., Lakeville, CT 06039
 Art Linares, 1110 Old Clinton Rd., Unit E, Westbrook, CT 06498

COMPTROLLER: *Kurt Miller, 18 Sawn Ave., Seymour, CT 06483
 Mark Greenberg, 184 Fern Ave., Litchfield, CT 06759

ATTORNEY GENERAL: *Sue Hatfield, 306 Wrights Crossing Rd., Pomfret, CT 06259
 John Shaban, 29 Ledgewood Rd., Redding, CT 06896

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 28th day of June, 2018.
 DENISE W. MERRILL, SECRETARY OF THE STATE.

The foregoing is a copy of the notice which I have received from the Office of the Secretary of the State, in accordance with Section 9-433 of the General Statutes. As provided in said notice, a primary of the Republican Party for nomination to the state or district offices therein specified will be held on August 14, 2018. The hours of voting at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows: HOURS OF VOTING: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. LOCATION: Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT 06371 Absentee ballots will be counted at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT 06371.

Dated at Lyme, Connecticut, this 28th day of June, 2018.
 Town Clerk, Linda A. Winzer, Town of Lyme

NOTICE – DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY (AUGUST 14, 2018)

Notice is hereby given that a Primary of the Democratic Party will be held in Lyme, CT on August 14, 2018 for nomination to each office indicated below. Notice is also hereby given that the following are the names of the party-endorsed candidates, if any, for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidate. The party-endorsed candidates, if any, are indicated by an asterisk. Additionally, the following are the names of all other candidates who have filed their certificates of eligibility and consent to primary or have satisfied the primary petitioning requirements in conformity with the General Statutes as candidates for nomination to each office indicated, together with the street address of said candidates.

GOVERNOR: *Ned Lamont, 4 Ashton Dr., Greenwich, CT 06831
Joe Ganim, 36 Monroe St., Bridgeport, CT 06605

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: *Susan Bysiewicz, 339 Hill Ave., Apt. 116, Middletown, CT 06457
Eva Bermudez Zimmerman, 22 Bankside Trl, Sandy Hook, CT 06482

TREASURER: *Shawn Wooden, 115 Scarborough St., Hartford, CT 06105
Dita Bhargava, 502 Cognewaugh Rd., Greenwich, CT 06807

ATTORNEY GENERAL: *William Tong, 99 Chestnut Hill Rd., Stamford, CT 06903
Paul R. Doyle, 38 Thornbush Rd., Wethersfield, CT 06109
Chris Mattei, 176 North Beacon St., Hartford, CT 06105

Dated at Hartford, Connecticut, this 28th day of June, 2018.
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 Democratic Party for nomination to the state or district offices therein specified will be held on August 14, 2018. The hours of voting at said primary and the location of the polls will be as follows: HOURS OF VOTING: 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. LOCATION: Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT 06371 Absentee ballots will be counted at the Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT 06371.

Dated at Lyme, Connecticut, this 28th day of June, 2018.
Town Clerk, Linda A. Winzer, Town of Lyme

RESULTS - REPUBLICAN PRIMARY (AUGUST 14, 2018)

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: Judy Davies; Checkers: Sherry Block and Diana Lord; Ballot Clerk: Pat Harris; Registrars: Dianne Ahlberg and Jane Boyd.

GOVERNOR: *Mark Boughton 22
Timothy M. Herbst 39
Steve Obsitnik 34
Bob Stefanowski 70
David Stemerman 41

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: *Joe Markley 61
Jayme Stevenson 52
Erin E. Stewart 81
UNITED STATES SENATOR: *Matthew Corey 149
Dominic Rapini 37
TREASURER: *Thad Gray 54
Art Linares 143
COMPROLLER: *Kurt Miller 109
Mark Greenberg 79
ATTORNEY GENERAL: *Sue Hatfield 158
John Shaban 34

Total number of names on active Republican enrollment list in town: 507
Total number of names checked on the official checklist as having voted by absentee ballot: 8
Total number of names checked on the official check list as having voted in person: 200
Total number of names checked on the official check list as having voted in town: 208

Recorded by: Linda A. Winzer, Town Clerk

RESULTS - DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY (AUGUST 14, 2018)

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: Judy Davies; Checkers: Sherry Block and Diana Lord; Ballot Clerk: Pat Harris; Registrars: Dianne Ahlberg and Jane Boyd.

GOVERNOR: *Ned Lamont 258
Joe Ganim 16
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR: *Susan Bysiewicz 156
Eva Bermudez Zimmerman 116
TREASURER: *Shawn Wooden 182
Dita Bhargava 85
ATTORNEY GENERAL: *William Tong 197
Paul R. Doyle 24
Chris Mattei 47

Total number of names on active Democratic enrollment list in town: 618
Total number of names checked on the official checklist as having voted by absentee ballot: 9
Total number of names checked on the official check list as having voted in person: 270
Total number of names checked on the official check list as having voted in town: 279

Recorded by: Linda A. Winzer, Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION – WARNING – NOVEMBER 6, 2018

The Electors of the Town of Lyme are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling places in said town on Tuesday, November 6, 2018, for the following purposes:

- I. To cast their votes for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Secretary of the State, Treasurer, Comptroller, Attorney General, Judge of Probate, and Registrar of Voters.
- II. To vote on the following questions for the approval or disapproval of a proposed AMENDMENT to the Constitution of Connecticut, a vote of “YES” being a vote for approval, and a vote of “NO” being a vote for disapproval:
 - a. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to ensure (1) that all moneys contained in the Special Transportation Fund be used solely for transportation purposes, including the payment of debts of the state incurred for transportation purposes, and (2) that sources of funds deposited in the Special Transportation Fund be deposited in said fund so long as such sources are authorized by statute to be collected or received by the state?
 - b. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to require (1) a public hearing and the enactment of legislation limited in subject matter to the transfer, sale or disposition of state-owned or state-controlled real property or interests in real property in order for the General Assembly to require a state agency to sell, transfer or dispose of any real property or interest in real property that is under the custody or control of the agency, and (2) if such property is under the custody or control of the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, that such enactment of legislation be passed by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of each house of the General Assembly?

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

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

Voting District	Location of Polling Place
1	Lyme Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT

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

Dated at Lyme, Connecticut, this 30th day of October, 2018.

Recorded by: Linda A. Winzer, Town Clerk

STATE ELECTION RESULTS_NOVEMBER 6, 2018

Electors and citizens met at the Lyme Town Hall to cast their votes on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Moderator: Pat Harris; Checkers: Diana Lord, Sherry Block; Machine Tenders: Carol House, Daniel Hagan; Ballot Clerks: Patricia Stark, Mary Stone; Absentee Ballot Counters: Elizabeth Lawlor, Carolyn Bacdayan; Registrars of Voters: Jane Boyd, Dianne Ahlberg

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz	Democratic	756
Bob Stefanowski and Joe Markley	Republican	617
Ned Lamont and Susan Bysiewicz	Working Families	17
Bob Stefanowski and Joe Markley	Independent	28
Rodney Hanscomb and Jeffrey Thibeault	Libertarian Party	5
Mark Stewart Greenstein and John Demitrus	Amigo Constitution Liberty Party	0
Oz Griebel and Monte E. Frank	Griebel Frank for CT Party	56
Lee Whitnum and Jacey Wyatt	Write In	0

United States Senator

Christopher S. Murphy	Democratic	878
Matthew Corey	Republican	544
Christopher S. Murphy	Working Families	32
Richard Lion	Libertarian	9
Jeff Russell	Green	7
Fred Linck	Write In	0
Kristi L. Talmadge	Write In	0

Representative in Congress, Congressional District 2

Joe Courtney	Democratic	933
Danny Postemski, Jr.	Republican	463
Joe Courtney	Working Families	56
Daniel Reale	Libertarian	11
Michelle Louise Bicking	Green	9

State Senator, Senatorial District 33

Norman Needleman	Democratic	867
Melissa Ziobron	Republican	562
Melissa Ziobron	Independent	33

State Representative, Assembly District 23

Matt Pugliese	Democratic	32
Devin R. Carney	Republican	672
Matt Pugliese	Working Families	19
Devin R. Carney	Independent	42

Secretary of the State

Denise W. Merrill	Democratic	817
Susan Chapman	Republican	562
Denise W. Merrill	Working Families	28
Susan Chapman	Independent	28
Heather Lynn Sylvestre Gwynn	Libertarian	9
S. Michael DeRosa	Green	8

Treasurer

Shawn Wooden	Democratic	809
Thad Gray	Republican	572
Shawn Wooden	Working Families	26
Thad Gray	Independent	27
Jesse Brohinsky	Libertarian	15
W. Michael Downes	Write In	0

Comptroller

Kevin Lembo	Democratic	803
Kurt Miller	Republican	576
Kevin Lembo	Working Families	22
Kurt Miller	Independent	27
Paul Passarelli	Libertarian	12
Edward G. Heflin	Green	10

Attorney General

William Tong	Democratic	782
Sue Hatfield	Republican	625
William Tong	Working Families	19
Sue Hatfield	Independent	34
Peter D. Goselin	Green	8

Judge of Probate

Jeannine Lewis	Democratic	1,024
----------------	------------	-------

Registrar of Voters

Dianne F. Ahlberg	Democratic	838
Judy Davies	Republican	585

Questions on Ballot

1. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to ensure (1) that all moneys contained in the Special Transportation Fund be used solely for transportation purposes, including the payment of debts of the state incurred for transportation purposes, and (2) that sources of funds deposited in the Special Transportation Fund be deposited in said fund so long as such sources are authorized by statute to be collected or received by the state?

Yes 1,101 No 100

2. Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to require (1) a public hearing and the enactment of legislation limited in subject matter to the transfer, sale or disposition of state-owned or state-controlled real property or interests in real property in order for the General Assembly to require a state agency to sell, transfer or dispose of any real property or interest in real property that is under the custody or control of the agency, and (2) if such property is under the custody or control of the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, that such enactment of legislation be passed by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of each house of the General Assembly?

Yes 1,061 No 131

Total Names on Active List at end of day (including EDR & restored inactive)	1,917
Total Number of Names Checked as Having Voted	1,491
Regular Absentee Ballots Issued	133
Rejected Absentee	3
Federal Ballots Only (unregistered citizens overseas – hand counted)	2
Overseas (hand counted)	6
Rejected Overseas	0

Recorded by: Linda A. Winzer, Town Clerk

RECOUNT_33rd STATE SENATE DISTRICT_NOVEMBER 18, 2018

In accordance with state law, the Town of Lyme conducted a recount of the votes cast for the office of 33rd State Senate District, which includes the towns of Chester, Clinton, Colchester, Deep River, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland and Westbrook. Under Connecticut law, recounts are required in legislative races if the margin of victory is less than one-half of one percent of votes cast for that office or less than twenty votes. The original November 6 vote tally for Lyme was Needleman 867, Ziobron 595. The results of the November 18 recount were Needleman 869, Ziobron 595.

Recorded by: Linda A. Winzer, Town Clerk



Hattie Florence Warner and Hayden Reynolds with son, Harold. Hattie held offices in the Lyme chapter of the Equal Franchise League, Lyme Grange and Ladies Benevolent Society.

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 2019 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 a local organization meeting space. Our dinners, rentals and Membership dues provide the financial means to keep the building in good maintenance and the lights on.

Maintenance of the hall is managed by an active Building Committee that works to preserve the original character of the building as it was built by local volunteers between 1908 and 1911.

The Association Membership consists of 101 member families. As is the current trend, our contact with members is shifting to electronic means. Members are asked for email information so event schedules and other useful information can be transmitted easily to them. Our email address at the hall is HadlymeHall@gmail.com, we are on Facebook (Hadlyme Public Hall) and on the web at HadlymePublicHall.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 Hadlyme 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 Chester-Hadlyme Ferry landing. Look for the Club's 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 for years to come.

Submitted by:

Curtis J. Michael

President, Hadlyme Public Hall Association

Treasurer's Report 2018-2019

Balance, Checking Account June 30, 2017		579,910
Tax Collector:		
Taxes	9,932,031	
Interest & Fees	54,772	
		9,986,803
State of Connecticut:		
Capital Improvement	30,613	
Telephone Access Line Tax	0	
Elderly Tax Relief	41	
Supplemental Municipal Aid	1,997	
Education Grant	61,597	
Civil Preparedness	64,288	
State Property	22,899	
Boating Grant	0	
Veteran's Exemptions	353	
Other Grants	876,267	
		1,058,055
Special Revenue:		
Town Aid Road Fund	188,543	
Affordable Housing Program	3,413	
Town Library	75,530	
		267,486
Interest:		
Investments	127,494	
		127,494
Miscellaneous:		
Building Permits	71,040	
Conveyance Taxes	92,894	
Mooring Permits	4,940	
Other Permits	1,725	
Planning & Zoning	900	
Zoning Board of Appeals	400	
Town Clerk Fees	18,559	
Refunds & Rebates	0	
Waste Disposal Fees	6,993	
Miscellaneous	38,624	
Other Receipts	268,116	
		504,191
Total Receipts		12,523,939
Less increase in CT STIF account		-500,000
		0
Less: Selectmen's Disbursements		11,349,704
Balance, Checking Account, June 30, 2019		674,235
Balance in Banks		
General Fund:		
Account:		
CT Short Term Investment Fund		2,000,000.00

Reserve Funds:

Citizens Bank	0.00
Essex Savings Bank	0.00
Liberty Bank for Savings	0.00
Liberty Bank	0.00
State of Connecticut STIF - Capital Transfer	840,407.95
State of Connecticut STIF - Open Space Reserve Fund	167,942.67

Special Funds:

Library Trust Fund	85,591.52
Nutmeg Network Grant	0.00
Town Aid Road Fund	0.00

Balance, July 1, 2017	8,679.15
Interest	1.06
Less: Expended to General Fund	-8,680.21
Balance, Essex Savings Bank, June 30, 2019	0.00

Cemetery Trust Fund

Balance, July 1, 2017	132,134.15
Add: Interest	1,855.45
Plot Sales	0.00
Less: Exp to General Fund	10,000.00
	-8,144.55
Balance, June 30, 2019	123,989.60

Balance, June 30, 2019	
CT STIF Account - Cemetery Fund	123,989.60

Dog Fund

Balance, July 1, 2018	5,443.70
Add: Town Clerk-Surcharge, Unaltered Dogs	102.00
Town Clerk-Surcharge, Altered Dogs	476.00
Town Clerk - License Fees	1,570.00
Warden-Impoundment Fees	89.00
Town of Lyme Appropriation	5,000.00
Miscellaneous	0.00
	7,237.00
Less: Warden-Salary and Fees	2,489.00
Warden-Expenses	2,200.00
State of Connecticut-Surcharge	510.00
State of Connecticut-50% of Fees	662.75
Advertising	26.00
Dog tags, Supplies	489.27
	6,377.02
Balance, June 30, 2019	6,303.68

Hartman Park

Balance July 1, 2018		10,347.12
Add: Contributions	4,966.00	
Less: Exp to General Fund	0.00	
Balance June 30, 2019		15,313.12

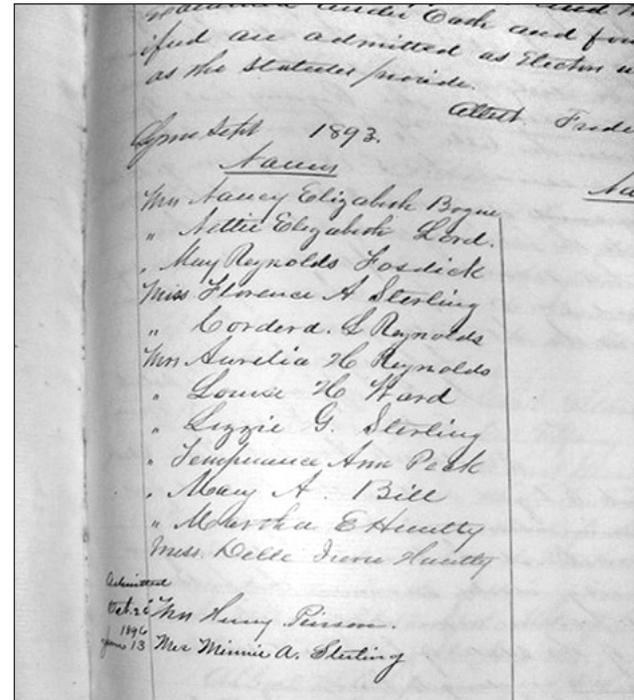
Pension Fund

Balance July 1, 2018		804,259.02
Add: Town of Lyme-Contributions		39,087.76
Gains/Losses		48,385.18
Less: Pension Payments		0.00
Fees		0.00
Balance June 30, 2018		891,731.96

Lyme Fire Company and Lyme Ambulance Association Incentive Program

Plan Balance as of April 1, 2018		1,579,042.04
Town Contribution		51,923.76
Fees		-10,001.04
Investment Gain/Loss		87,960.24
Distributions		-92,035.06
Balance as of March 31, 2019		1,616,889.94

William L. Hawthorne, *Treasurer*



Names of the Lyme women who applied and were admitted to limited voting rights in 1893. Lyme Record of Electors.

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2019**

	General Fund	Capital Nonrecurring Fund	Open Space Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash of \$50,000)	\$ 839,393	-	-	-	\$ 839,393
Investments	2,000,000	840,408	167,943	109,350	3,132,341
Receivables, net:					
Property taxes, interest and liens	205,791	-	-	-	205,791
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,045,184</u>	<u>\$ 840,408</u>	<u>\$ 167,943</u>	<u>\$ 233,340</u>	<u>\$ 4,286,875</u>
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	\$ 141,769	-	-	-	\$ 141,769
Performance bond deposits	16,000	-	-	-	16,000
Total liabilities	157,769	-	-	-	157,769
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	171,648	-	-	-	171,648
Total deferred inflows of resources	171,648	-	-	-	171,648
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	-	-
Restricted	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
Assigned	717,994	840,408	167,943	91,445	1,818,240
Unassigned	1,997,773	-	-	91,895	1,997,773
Total fund balances	<u>2,715,767</u>	<u>840,408</u>	<u>167,943</u>	<u>233,340</u>	<u>3,957,458</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,045,184</u>	<u>\$ 840,408</u>	<u>\$ 167,943</u>	<u>\$ 233,340</u>	<u>\$ 4,286,875</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, 2019**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Taxes, interest and lien fees:				
General property taxes	\$ 9,723,856	\$ 9,723,856	\$ 9,935,330	\$ 211,474
Tax refunds and rebates	(10,000)	(10,000)	(3,149)	6,851
Interest and lien fees	55,000	55,000	55,464	464
Total taxes, interest and lien fees	<u>9,768,856</u>	<u>9,768,856</u>	<u>9,987,645</u>	<u>218,789</u>
Licenses and permits:				
Mooring permits	5,000	5,000	4,940	(60)
Building permits	60,000	60,000	71,040	11,040
Conveyance tax	55,000	55,000	92,894	37,894
Other licenses and permits	3,000	3,000	1,725	(1,275)
Total licenses and permits	<u>123,000</u>	<u>123,000</u>	<u>170,599</u>	<u>47,599</u>
Charges for services:				
Zoning board of appeals fees	800	800	400	(400)
Planning and zoning fees	1,000	1,000	900	(100)
Waste disposal fees	6,000	6,000	6,993	993
Town clerk fees	18,000	18,000	18,559	559
Refunds and rebates	6,000	6,000	-	(6,000)
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,000	26,628	22,628
Affordable housing	3,600	3,600	3,413	(187)
Parks and recreation fees	3,000	3,000	3,115	115
Library fines, fees and miscellaneous	3,500	3,500	1,859	(1,641)
Total charges for services	<u>45,900</u>	<u>45,900</u>	<u>61,867</u>	<u>15,967</u>
Intergovernmental:				
Supplemental municipal aid	-	-	1,997	1,997
Town aid roads	180,020	180,020	179,863	(157)
Education equalization grant	53,598	53,598	61,597	7,999
Emergency management	42,415	42,415	64,288	21,873
Tax relief - homeowners	17,000	17,000	41	(16,959)
Tax relief - veterans	400	400	353	(47)
PILOT - state and exempt property	-	-	16,247	16,247
Miscellaneous grants	874,500	874,500	875,767	1,267
Local capital improvement program	-	-	30,613	30,613
Library state funding and grants	-	-	142	142
Total Intergovernmental	<u>1,167,933</u>	<u>1,167,933</u>	<u>1,230,908</u>	<u>62,975</u>

... Continued ...

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Investment income:				
Interest on investments	\$ 25,000	\$ 25,000	\$ 127,510	\$ 102,510
Total investment income	25,000	25,000	127,510	102,510
Other revenue:				
Telephone access grant	9,000	9,000	6,652	(2,348)
Total other revenue	9,000	9,000	6,652	(2,348)
Contributions:				
Library	44,500	44,500	44,673	173
Total contributions	44,500	44,500	44,673	173
Total revenues	11,184,189	11,184,189	11,629,854	445,665
Other financing sources:				
Sale of general capital assets	-	-	14,500	14,500
Transfers in - Library Trust	28,856	28,856	28,856	-
Transfers in - Open Space Fund	255,000	255,000	255,000	-
Transfers in - Eight Mile Cemetery	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Total other financing sources	293,856	293,856	308,356	14,500
Total revenues and other financing sources	\$ 11,478,045	\$ 11,478,045	\$ 11,938,210	\$ 460,165

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
General Government:				
Selectman's office	\$ 85,003	\$ 85,003	\$ 84,291	\$ 712
Town Clerk's office	70,099	70,099	60,480	9,619
Board of Finance	3,800	3,800	2,072	1,728
Tax Collector's office	51,410	51,410	42,747	8,663
Assessor's office	64,564	64,564	60,621	3,943
Revaluation	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Town Treasurer	14,150	14,150	14,150	-
Election expenses	28,321	28,321	19,410	8,911
Board of assessment appeals	250	250	-	250
Planning and zoning commission	15,000	15,000	9,042	5,958
Zoning board of appeals	5,000	5,000	997	4,003
Zoning Officer	37,006	37,006	37,006	-
Harbor maintenance	9,000	9,000	8,801	199
Conservation commission	11,000	11,000	1,850	9,150
Pollution control	4,000	4,000	3,956	44
Probate court	1,500	1,500	1,330	170
Auditor's expense	27,900	27,900	27,900	-
Town counsel	18,000	18,000	14,477	3,523
Town report	7,000	7,000	6,316	684
General insurance	80,440	80,440	74,045	6,395
Workers' compensation insurance	23,306	23,306	22,672	634
Health insurance	241,876	241,876	236,192	5,684
Retirement	47,674	47,674	43,598	4,076
Town Hall expense	13,385	13,385	15,461	(2,076)
Heat and fuel	38,794	38,794	23,907	14,887
Affordable housing	1,000	1,000	-	1,000
Elderly	8,895	8,895	8,895	-
Transportation district	3,220	3,220	3,220	-
Hadlyme historic district	100	100	-	100
Campus utilities	51,435	51,435	46,161	5,274
Campus maintenance	41,803	41,803	43,249	(1,446)
Open space commission	1,500	1,500	374	1,126
Communications	12,000	12,000	7,877	4,123
FIICA	55,862	55,862	52,916	2,946
Data processing	43,120	43,120	33,591	9,529
Total general government	1,132,413	1,132,413	1,022,604	109,809
Public Safety:				
Fire marshal	5,937	5,937	4,937	1,000
Fire company	50,432	50,432	50,431	1
VSECI	42,572	42,572	42,572	-
Complex maintenance	20,993	20,993	20,993	-
Public safety utilities	21,495	21,495	20,007	1,488
Police	20,000	20,000	7,817	12,183
Emergency management	22,660	22,660	20,836	1,824
Building inspector	35,335	35,335	36,981	(1,646)
Hazardous waste	10,251	10,251	7,863	2,388
Public safety pension	79,274	79,274	57,259	22,015
Total public safety	308,949	308,949	269,696	39,253

... Continued ...

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Highways:				
Superintendent	\$ 75,369	\$ 75,369	\$ 71,237	\$ 4,132
Town crew	173,014	173,014	160,322	12,692
Town aid road - maintenance	180,020	180,020	161,998	18,022
Local roads maintenance	57,500	57,500	56,809	691
General maintenance	48,878	48,878	27,981	20,897
Snow and ice removal	63,050	63,050	34,630	28,420
Street lighting	3,000	3,000	2,486	514
Street signs	4,500	4,500	2,791	1,709
Tree Warden expense	1,500	1,500	1,200	300
Total highways	606,831	606,831	519,454	87,377
Sanitation:				
Landfill costs	110,903	110,903	117,727	(6,824)
Tipping fees	57,600	57,600	55,851	1,749
Recycling	33,400	33,400	29,851	3,549
Total sanitation	201,903	201,903	203,429	(1,526)
Health and Welfare:				
Health officer	20,000	20,000	17,356	2,644
Visiting nurses	15,000	15,000	11,016	3,984
Paramedic	2,500	2,500	2,389	111
T.V.C.C.A.	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Women's center	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Homeless center	500	500	500	-
Family service	3,979	3,979	3,979	-
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	12,000	12,000	12,000	-
Total health and welfare	84,595	84,595	77,856	6,739

... Continued ...

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019
... Continued ...**

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Library	\$ 170,436	\$ 170,436	\$ 170,463	(\$ 27)
Recreation:				
Park maintenance	16,740	16,740	14,176	2,564
Recreation commission	18,000	18,000	14,758	3,242
Rogers lake commission	51,950	51,950	29,442	22,508
Town Woods property	32,529	32,529	26,537	5,992
Lyme/Old Lyme senior center	32,343	32,343	30,890	1,453
Total recreation	151,562	151,562	115,803	35,759
Miscellaneous:				
Council of small towns	725	725	725	-
CT river conservation district	1,421	1,421	1,421	-
Contingent account	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Lyme cemeteries	12,500	12,500	10,407	2,093
C.R.E.R.P.A.	7,313	7,313	7,422	(109)
CCM	1,339	1,339	1,339	-
Sector	843	843	-	843
Total miscellaneous	34,141	34,141	31,314	2,827
Education:				
Regional School District No. 18	6,748,520	6,748,520	6,748,520	-

... Continued ...

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019
... 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	\$ -
General obligation bonds interest	53,229	53,229	53,229	-
Loan principal	192,398	192,398	192,398	-
Loan interest	8,856	8,856	5,766	3,090
Total redemption of debt principal and interest	604,483	604,483	601,393	3,090
Capital Outlay:				
Office equipment	6,000	6,000	6,427	(427)
Fire company equipment	59,603	59,603	59,595	8
Hadlyme firehouse	3,000	3,000	2,962	38
Hamburg firehouse	40,190	40,190	35,551	4,639
Emergency management	39,450	39,450	59,570	(20,120)
Transfer station	2,000	2,000	1,363	637
Bridges	35,500	35,500	35,500	-
Highway equipment	15,000	15,000	6,760	8,240
Garage	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Town truck	70,000	70,000	74,000	(4,000)
Town campus improvements	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Vital records restoration	4,500	4,500	5,000	(500)
L/OL senior center	16,386	16,386	2,864	13,522
Town Woods development	1,500	1,500	-	1,500
Library	19,000	19,000	18,668	332
Land acquisition	1,125,000	1,125,000	1,125,310	(310)
Total capital outlay	1,449,129	1,449,129	1,443,570	5,559
Total expenditures	11,492,962	11,492,962	11,204,102	288,860
Other Financing Uses:				
Transfers out:				
Local capital improvement	175,000	175,000	175,000	-
Open space	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
Dog fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Total transfers out	230,000	230,000	230,000	-
Total expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 11,722,962	\$ 11,722,962	\$ 11,434,102	\$ 288,860

**TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2019**

Grand List Year	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2018	Current Year Levy	Lawful Corrections		Transfer To Suspense	Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Collections			Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2019
			Additions	Deductions			Taxes	Interest	Lien Fees	
2002	\$ 1,611	\$ -	\$ 1,611	*	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003	1,903	-	-	-	1,903	37	97	-	-	1,866
2004	2,170	-	-	-	1,632	-	16	-	-	1,632
2005	1,670	-	-	-	1,301	-	-	-	-	1,301
2006	2,391	-	-	-	1,811	-	-	-	-	1,811
2007	2,446	-	-	-	1,839	-	-	-	-	1,839
2008	2,164	-	-	-	2,177	-	-	-	-	2,177
2009	(36)	-	-	-	(36)	-	-	-	-	(36)
2010	303	-	-	-	303	386	532	-	-	(83)
2011	272	-	-	-	272	272	123	-	-	-
2012	2,656	-	-	-	2,658	1,731	2,456	-	-	927
2013	9,380	-	-	-	9,380	3,352	2,713	24	-	6,028
2014	18,084	-	-	-	17,193	6,304	2,228	72	-	10,889
2015	34,191	-	-	-	32,832	12,102	6,591	96	-	20,730
2016	73,982	-	-	-	73,082	36,463	11,879	192	-	34,619
Total Prior Years	153,409	-	46	2,390	4,718	62,647	26,635	384	-	83,700
2017	-	9,851,148	10,560	13,923	305	9,796,988	27,082	63	-	50,512
Total	\$ 153,409	\$ 9,851,148	\$ 10,626	\$ 16,313	\$ 5,023	\$ 9,859,635	\$ 53,717	\$ 447	-	\$ 134,212

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

Affordable Housing

The Lyme Affordable Housing Commission has made considerable progress this year and has added several new members, who bring valuable experience and insight to the work of the Commission.

Creating and sustaining affordable housing is a challenging task and the members have been investigating additional methods of obtaining affordable and sustainable housing, as well as exploring the best utilization of the Young property.

As you may know, a savings fund for Affordable Housing was created this past year and it is intended to help our invaluable emergency services volunteers buy a home in Lyme. This fund can accept tax-free donations from residents along with contributions from the town. We hope you will consider donating to this fund, to help increase the affordable housing stock in town. Checks made payable to "Affordable Housing Fund" can be sent to Board of Selectmen, Town Hall, 480 Hamburg Road, Lyme, CT 06371.

As always, we invite your questions, comments and suggestions.

Respectfully submitted,

Isabel Roberge, *Chairperson*



CT General Assembly Public Act of 1893 *permitted limited voting rights for women. It was an important step toward full voting rights for women in Connecticut. Note the requirement for separate ballot boxes labelled clearly, "For Women's Ballots".*

PUBLIC ACTS PASSED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
of the STATE OF CONNECTICUT in the year 1893

CHAPTER CCLXVI.

An Act concerning the Right of Women to Vote for School Officers.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened

SECTION 1. Every woman who shall have attained the age of twenty-one years, who shall be a citizen of this state, or of the United States, and who shall have resided in the state one year, and in the town for six months, and can read the English language, shall have the right to vote at any meeting held for the purpose of choosing any officer of schools or for any educational purpose under the general or special laws of this state.

SECTION 2. Any woman who is entitled to vote under the first section of this act may be registered by the town clerk as a qualified voter in town or school district meetings, by making application to him for that purpose. It shall be the duty of the town clerk in each town to keep a registry list of the women entitled to vote in town or school district meetings under the provisions of this act, and to register the names of any women who may apply for registration for that purpose; provided, that after being examined by him under oath they shall satisfy him that they have the qualifications required by this act.

SECTION 3. Any woman who, after taking such oath before the town clerk, shall testify falsely concerning her qualifications, or shall knowingly vote illegally at any school, town, or district meeting, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be punished by a fine of fifty dollars, or imprisoned thirty days.

SECTION 4. Whenever, in any school district, registry lists shall be used by those voting in school district meetings, it shall be the duty of the registrars of voters of the town in which such districts are situated, to prepare separate lists of the names of those women residing in such school districts, or the voting districts of any such school districts, that have been registered by the town clerk under the provisions of this act.

SECTION 5. At all elections to which the provisions of Chapter CCXLVII of the public acts of 1889 apply, there shall be provided a separate ballot-box distinctly marked "For Women's Ballots," and all ballots of persons permitted to vote under the provisions of this act shall be deposited in the box so labeled.

Approved, July 1, 1893. [Substitute for House Bill No. 8.]



Lyme Department of Emergency Management

Dear Lyme Resident,

The Lyme Department of Emergency & Homeland Security is staffed by three officers and fourteen volunteer staff and 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.

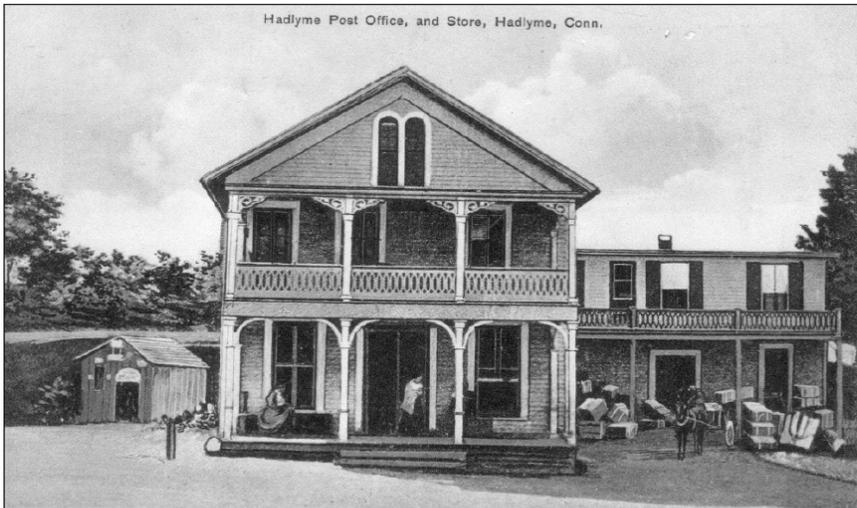
OUR MISSION

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 Emergency Operations Facility (EOF) 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, Dominion, Eversource, 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 individuals protecting and serving the State and our Lyme community.

Sincerely yours,
 John C.L. Evans, *Emergency Management Director #EM75*
 Town of Lyme
 em75@lymect.gov
 IAEM/IAFC
 State Cyber Terrorism Workgroup
 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.

Street _____

Apartment # _____ Town _____

I am hearing impaired Yes No Telephone # _____

I have impaired vision Yes No

I am otherwise disabled Yes No

Please explain: _____

Special directions to your house: _____

I would need a ride in an evacuation _____

Yes No

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

I am a part-time resident ___Yes ___No

List months you are here: _____

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

This information will remain confidential.

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

Credits and Acknowledgements

Photographs are from the Lyme Local History Archives,
captions by 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.
U S Postage
PAID
Permit 1090
New Haven,
CT