

# ANNUAL REPORT

OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT

## The Town Hall Expansion



New London County  
2<sup>nd</sup> Congressional District  
20th Senatorial District  
37<sup>th</sup> Assembly District

## 2006-2007

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# Introduction

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## The Town Hall Expansion

The town hall expansion is now often the center of attention on Lyme Street. It gives the “sidewalk supervisors” among us something interesting to look at and talk about. It sometimes stops traffic as large equipment moves in or out. It has temporarily displaced thirteen employees to the Old Lyme Marketplace or Halls Corner.

And it has been a long time coming. The original structure dates back to 1920, when it was built at a total cost of \$40,000, \$15,000 of which was raised by “popular subscription.” At that time it was explained, “It is a memorial to the sons of Old Lyme who served their country in the time of war.” Its modified Colonial design was the work of Payne, Griswold, and Keef. The mural above the stair landing depicting the spirit of the doughboy was by Albert Herter. It was flanked by two bronze tablets; the left listed Old Lyme men who served in World War I, while the right identifies men who served in the War Between the States. Above it is a listing of all who served in World War II, “presented by the Salvage Committee of Old Lyme” from funds received from the sale of waste material.

The original first floor housed the fireproof vault and town offices. Those on the second floor included the Visiting Nurse Association, “Resident Policemen,” Red Cross, and the club room for the American Legion. Through the years the expanding community required that the town hall be remodeled or enlarged; the rededication exercises were held on September 18, 1949. In March 1951, a cupola with glass windows and a balustrade was added to the center of the roof “to make an observation post for the air-plane ‘spotters’ of the civilian defense program” (from Landmarks of Old Lyme, Connecticut, published by the Ladies Library Association of Old Lyme, 1968, p. 17). Through the years the town hall has also been used as a movie theater on weekends and housed the town’s fire trucks.

There are numerous reasons why this historic building is no longer adequate as the seat of government in the twenty-first century. Although still considered a small town, Old Lyme has grown over 400 percent since 1920; the town hall must serve a much larger public and accommodate a correspondingly greater number of boards and commissions, with approximately thirty—

whose members now number approximately 200—holding regular meetings at the town hall. These groups schedule their own meetings, which, particularly in the case of land-use commissions, are often attended by attorneys, engineers, and architects as well as interested members of the public. Due to fire code, overflow attendees are not permitted to stand in the hall or on the stairs. The only handicapped parking space is 200 feet from the door.

It is crowded both for employees and any townspeople who come here on business. The building does not meet ADA regulations; there is no elevator to the second floor, which, at the time construction began, housed the first selectman’s office, building, planning, registrars, and the American Legion hall, also used for community meetings with a capacity of only fifty-eight people. (How many of us have attended a meeting there that was forced to relocate to a school auditorium across the street?) It also is not properly equipped for audio-visual needs. Lavatories are neither accessible nor properly equipped. The building is not air-conditioned. There is inadequate storage space.

The renovation project naturally allows the center of town government to remain in the historic building at the center of town. The addition will be in keeping with the colonial design; and the building’s “historic integrity” will be maintained. Both the renovated and new areas will meet fire code and Americans With Disabilities Act requirements: All floors will be accessible and have accessible lavatories, with some of the present offices reconfigured or relocated to allow this. There will be two handicapped parking spaces near a door, and all doors and doorways will accommodate wheelchairs. The building will be air-conditioned and technologically compatible.

A generator will empower the whole building during emergencies.

The Meeting Hall addition on the first floor will have a capacity of 109 and have a separate entrance. It will welcome both boards and community use. Three smaller conference rooms with capacities of six to twelve and one larger with a capacity of twenty-seven will also be built.

Projections are that this renovation will accommodate population expansion for fifty years or more.

*All but one of the town-hall construction photos were taken by Assessor Walter E. Kent, chronicler of the Memorial Town Hall Expansion. At the time this book went to print in late December, Mr. Kent had taken and bound over 184 photos, starting with the demolition of the Speirs home. This book will exhibit twelve of them, a mere fraction. Thank you, Mr. Kent, for recording this history of the expansion project and allowing a part of it to run in this report.*



*The Speirs house at 50 Lyme Street. “Now you see it...”*



*Demolition begins. “Going, going...”*



*Barbara Speirs Traskos at the site*



*Gone. "...now you don't."*



*Excavation below future meeting room*



*Elevator shaft*



*Insulation is laid underneath before concrete poured.*

Expansion photos continued on page 70

# Election Results – November 7, 2006

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## United States Senator

*Republican* – Alan Schlesinger, 323

*Democratic* – Ned Lamont, 1,613

*Concerned Citizens* – Timothy A. Knibbs, 12

*Green* – Ralph A. Ferrucci, 26

*Connecticut for Lieberman* – Joe Lieberman,  
1,847\*

## Representative in Congress,

### Congressional District 2

*Republican* – Rob Simmons, 1,873

*Democratic* – Joe Courtney, 1,927\*

## Governor and Lieutenant Governor

*Republican* – Rell and Fedele, 2,357\*

*Democratic* – DeStefano and Glassman, 1,252

*Green* – Thornton, Jr and de Smet, 34

*Concerned Citizens* – Zdonczyk and Garcia, 4

## Treasurer

*Republican* – Linda Roberts, 1,231

*Democratic* – Denise L. Nappier, 2,273\*

*Green* – S. David Bue, 63

*Concerned Citizens* – Mimi M. Knibbs, 27

*Libertarian* – Steven Edelan, 34

## Comptroller

*Republican* – Cathy Cook, 1,262

*Democratic* – Nancy Wyman, 2,256\*

*Green* – Colin Daniel Bennett, 69

*Libertarian* – Richard C. Connelly, Jr., 42

## Attorney General

*Republican* – Robert Farr, 861

*Democratic* – Richard Blumenthal, 2,814\*

*Green* – Nancy Burton, 67

## State Senator, Senatorial District 20

*Republican* – Christopher F. Oliveira, 1,619

*Democratic* – Andrea L. Stillman, 2,088\*

## State Representative, Assembly District 23

*Republican* – Marilyn Giuliano, 2,398\*

*Democratic* – Vacancy in Nomination

*Working Families* – Robert H. Reemsnyder, 575

## Secretary of the State, Congressional District 2

*Republican* – Richard J. Abbate, 920

*Democratic* – Susan Bysiewicz, 2,687\*

*Green* – S. Michael Derosa, 73

*Concerned Citizens* – Jean Marie Burness, 21

*Libertarian* – Ken Mosher, 21

## Judge of Probate, Town Old Lyme

*Republican* – Sylvia L. Peterson, 1,679\*

*Democratic* – Sylvia L. Peterson, 1,772\*

(\* - Indicates elected)

## Regional School District #18

May 8, 2007-6

Appropriation of \$53,963,000 for LOLHS

Construction & Renovations?

Old Lyme Yes – 1,357

Old Lyme No – 2,382

## Annual Regional School District #18 Budget

May 8, 2007-6

Old Lyme Yes – 1,956

Old Lyme No – 1,744

## Old Lyme Town Hall Expansion Project

January 30, 2007

Old Lyme Yes – 466

Old Lyme No - 305

# Selectman's Report

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Timothy C. Griswold  
*First Selectman*

At the Annual Town Meeting on January 22, the Board of Selectmen honored George James as Citizen of the Year for 2006. Having moved to Old Lyme thirty-eight years ago, George has always been interested in the environment and the outdoors. He served on the Zoning Commission in the early 1990s. A member of the Water Pollution Control Authority since 1995, George served as its chair for several recent years. He has served on the Open Space Committee since 1997 and was its chair for eight years. He is an alternate on the Conservation Commission and also served on the Lymes' Youth Service Bureau Board. George is especially proud of the 950 acres of open space that have been preserved, and he enjoys the trail-making duties he has assumed. We all congratulate George James.

The expansion and renovation of Memorial Town Hall was a major event in fiscal year 2007. We thank John Forbis, chair of the Building Committee, and the other members for their hard work on this project. In August, the voters approved \$475,000 to purchase the Speirs property at 50 Lyme Street at a cost of \$300,000 and to fund additional architectural and engineering expenses. This property enabled us to build a new meeting hall wing on the south side of the building with offices below. The Board of Education asked us to consider providing space for the Central Office in the town hall, so we asked our architect, Paul Bailey of New Haven, to design their space of about 3,500 square feet. After consideration, the board decided against the concept in October. We submitted a \$200,000 grant application to the Historic Restoration Fund, which is part of the Dept. of Culture & Tourism of the State of CT.

On November 21, the voters approved \$700,000 to continue the design work associated with the Town Hall Expansion as well as to pay off the \$300,000 previously approved. This would enable us to obtain more complete construction drawings and a cost estimate to present to the voters at the Annual Town Meeting on January 22 and for the referendum vote on January 30. The voters approved the project by a vote of 466 to 305.

In order to get one more use out of the Speirs house, the Old Lyme Fire Department conducted a training exercise in the house shortly

before it was demolished in April. Meanwhile, our architect completed the bid documents so we were in a position to accept bids on April 5. After a thorough evaluation, the contract was awarded to the Rudolph Netsch Co. of Chester, CT in the amount of \$2,999,636.

The next challenge was to keep town government running during construction. We decided to relocate thirteen employees to other locations. We located Land Use, Building, Health, Parks & Recreation, and the Fire Marshal to the Market Place on Halls Road (nine employees) and Probate and the Registrars to the library (four people). Due to insurmountable fire-code issues, we later had to relocate Probate and the Registrars to 100 Halls Road. In addition, we had to find alternate meeting space for all the board and commission meetings. We relocated most to the meeting rooms of Christ the King Church and the others to the library and other locations. Ten employees remain in the town hall: Selectman's Office, Finance, Tax Collector, Assessor, and Town Clerk. We realize all this has been difficult for the public, the volunteer board and commission members, and the staff, but we had to reduce our use of the town hall so our contractor can work at a good pace.

After starting construction in May, we expect the north and south wings to be finished in May or June 2008, at which point some staff will be able to return. Then, the contractor will renovate the main part of the Town Hall and all work should be complete in September of 2008. Please be aware that the town hall cat, Emma is coping well with the construction but she, like the rest of us, is looking forward to its completion.

Over the last four years, the Towns of Lyme and Old Lyme have built three soccer/lacrosse fields with irrigation plus a handsome field house building at the Town Woods Park. We always planned a second phase, which consists of two irrigated baseball/softball fields with a common soccer field in the outfields. When the towns were informed by the State of Connecticut that each town was awarded a \$325,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grant for a total of \$650,000, Chairman Bob Dunn reactivated the Building Committee and started work on the project. Both towns received approval

to spend up to a total of \$785,000 on the project; after opening the bids on April 13, the contract was awarded to Machnik Brothers, Inc. of Old Lyme at a price of \$584,760. Machnik built the first phase of the project, and we were very pleased with his work. Work began in June and should be completed in October of 2007. It will take a year for the grass to grow in properly before the fields may be used.

When Gov. Rell assumed the governorship, she made ethics one of her main points of focus. While we do not believe we have a problem with ethics in Old Lyme, the Board of Selectmen believes it would be prudent to have a local Code of Ethics in the form of an ordinance that would cover all employees and all elected and appointed officials. We believe we should develop our own code rather than have the State of Connecticut impose one on us so, in April 2006, we formed the Ethics Formation Committee, led by Attorneys Jack Collins and Glen Sulmasy. The committee reviewed codes from other towns and spoke with several authorities within the state. A public hearing was held on November 13, and the code was presented to the Annual Town Meeting in January. Due to concern expressed about how the Ethics Committee members would be appointed, along with some other issues, the proposal was postponed until a future meeting. The committee has been meeting to address the concerns, and the matter should be presented at the January 2008 Town Meeting.

In addition to their normal workload, John Roach, Superintendent of Public Works, and his crew took on two important jobs. The first was to connect the Cross Lane Firehouse to the CT Water Co. water main in Cross Lane, and the second was to reconstruct Hartford Avenue. The Cross Lane connection went according to plan, and now the firehouse enjoys potable water. The Hartford Avenue job became complicated when weather last fall prevented completing the paving and when we agreed to extend the water main in Hartford Avenue from Martino Avenue to the south end of the street. The decision to extend the water main was made after numerous property owners asked it be done so they could obtain a more reliable water source and to prevent damaging the street if this work were done later. In all, property owners paid \$2,000 each for fifteen lateral connections to the

extended water main, and this more than covered the cost of the work. However, it further delayed the repaving planned before Memorial Day until the fall of 2007. We also decided to upgrade the flagpole at the foot of Hartford Avenue and, with guidance from Walter Zabel of the VFW, we rebuilt the island around the pole and provided illumination for the flag.

In FY 2006, the town and the Black Hall Club worked on a proposal to jointly purchase 39.2 acres consisting of two parcels owned by Black Hall Woods, LLC that abut the club, 12.5 acres on the east side of Buttonball Road and 26.7 acres on the north side of Route 156. This land would fit in nicely with the town's Open Space Plan to extend the north-south greenway and to preserve the rural appearance of Route 156 in that area. The club wants the land as a buffer to its golf course. In August, the town and the club signed a purchase and sale agreement with the assurance that Black Hall Woods would do the same. At a Special Town Meeting on October 16, the voters approved a purchase price of \$830,000 that would be split \$415,000 each between the town and the club and be paid in equal installments without interest over three years. The club's membership went through a similar approval process and we all looked forward to a January 2007 closing. In January, we were informed by representatives of Black Hall Woods that they were not prepared to close on the deal. This was very disappointing to the town and the club, and we are reviewing our options.

The Information Technology Committee has been working on purchasing a new financial software system to replace our outdated system. The committee evaluated several systems and, in February, recommended purchasing a system from BMSI of Franconia, NH at a cost of \$32,400. We will start using this system in July 2007, and it will greatly improve our financial reporting and budgeting capability. The next task for the committee will be to decide on a document-scanning system. This technology will ultimately result in a paperless storage of town documents that will be secure and improve information access.

We are moving ahead with building a transfer station at the landfill on Four Mile River Road. When complete, we will stop using the landfill to

## Selectman's Report *(continued)*

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dispose of bulky waste; instead, we will place those items in roll-off containers. Resident vehicles will be weighed on a truck scale on the way in and on the way out. The difference in weight will be that of the bulky waste and residents will be charged based on a market rate. Please note that recyclable items may still be disposed of for free. We still have remaining capacity in the landfill that we can "sell" once the transfer station is open, but the State of Connecticut is pushing us to close and cap the landfill. Once full, we will cap the landfill by means of an eighteen-inch layer of semipermeable material covered by a six-inch layer of soil to support vegetation. We have been budgeting funds over the last six years to fund the closing costs, and we expect the task will be complete in about three years.

In May the Board of Selectmen heard a proposal to swap the town-owned, one-third acre Tantummaheag Landing for a former twelve-acre gravel pit located on the Black Hall River, just north of the railroad bridge on Mile Creek Rd. Diana Johnson owns the gravel pit as well as property on both sides of the Landing. She agreed to continue limited public access over the Landing property but the proposal drew a large public outcry against trading this 300-year-old landing. In the end, she withdrew the proposal.

One of the biggest issues facing the town this year has been the High School Renovation project. The Board of Education and its Building Committee developed a \$54 million plan that called for the demolition of the academic wing of the high school, constructing a new wing, renovating the auditorium/gymnasium, constructing an over 400-square-foot Central Office/Boiler Building and a huge amount of site work. In March, the Board of Selectmen was asked to endorse the project and I was the sole selectman not to do so. On May 8, the voters rejected the proposal by a margin of 2:1. Following the defeat, I requested the Building Committee be reconfigured to include an equal number of citizens representing those who opposed the plan but, after consideration, the Board of Ed Chair denied the request. The group of eight suggested appointees decided to form the Citizens' Building Committee so they could use their considerable construction expertise to develop a less costly plan. The Board of Ed formed the Ad Hoc

Advisory Committee to consist of anyone who wanted to work on a new plan and some forty to fifty people showed interest. We are all hopeful a consensus plan will be developed over the next few months.

The town has continued to urge the Board of Ed to relocate the school bus parking facility to a portion of the landfill property at the end of the bus contract in June 2010. This would save the district taxpayers about \$50,000 per year in rent as compared to the present location, would remove the bus barn from a residential neighborhood, and provide a long-term solution. While the Board of Education has shown interest in the proposal, it continues to refuse to fund the initial cost of the engineering feasibility work and wants the Town of Old Lyme to provide the funding. Since the school would be the beneficiary of this rent-free proposal, I believe it should conduct and pay the associated costs of the up-front work. Hopefully this will be resolved before time does not allow the work to be completed before June 2010.

At the annual Town Budget Meeting on May 21, the voters approved the fiscal year 2008 budget of \$29,491,185. This represents a 3.2% increase over the FY2007 budget and the mill rate increased 0.4 mills from 17.8 to 18.2 mills. The school portion represents 73.2 % of the budget. The town continues to make yearly contributions to the Landfill Closure Account (\$200,000), the Revaluation Account (\$20,000), and the Fire Apparatus/Equipment Account (\$350,000) so that we do not have to borrow money for these expensive items. As an example, the Fire Department placed an order for a new pumper/hose tender at a cost of \$279,000 that should be delivered in November 2007. In an effort to save on the cost of electricity, the town and the school signed a five-year, fixed-price contract with TransCanada at a cost of 10.135 cents/kWh. Following an extensive discussion on how to control weeds in Rogers Lake, the Rogers Lake Authority recommended cutting the weeds in a twenty-acre section of the lake rather than use approved chemicals. The town agreed to fund 50% of the \$20,000 cost, and the work was performed in August. The FY2008 budget provides money for another cutting next year. The town purchased 5,000 blue fourteen-gallon recycling bins with lids so that each household may use them to recycle

## Selectman's Report *(continued)*

paper. We hope the bins will cut down on “fly” paper on windy days, keep the paper dry on wet days, and increase the level of recycling. When one considers it costs \$143 to dispose of a ton of garbage versus \$97 to recycle a ton, recycling not only is good for the environment, it saves us money! [Editor's note: This is a very impressive statistic!] Please recycle all that you can and use the blue bins for your paper.

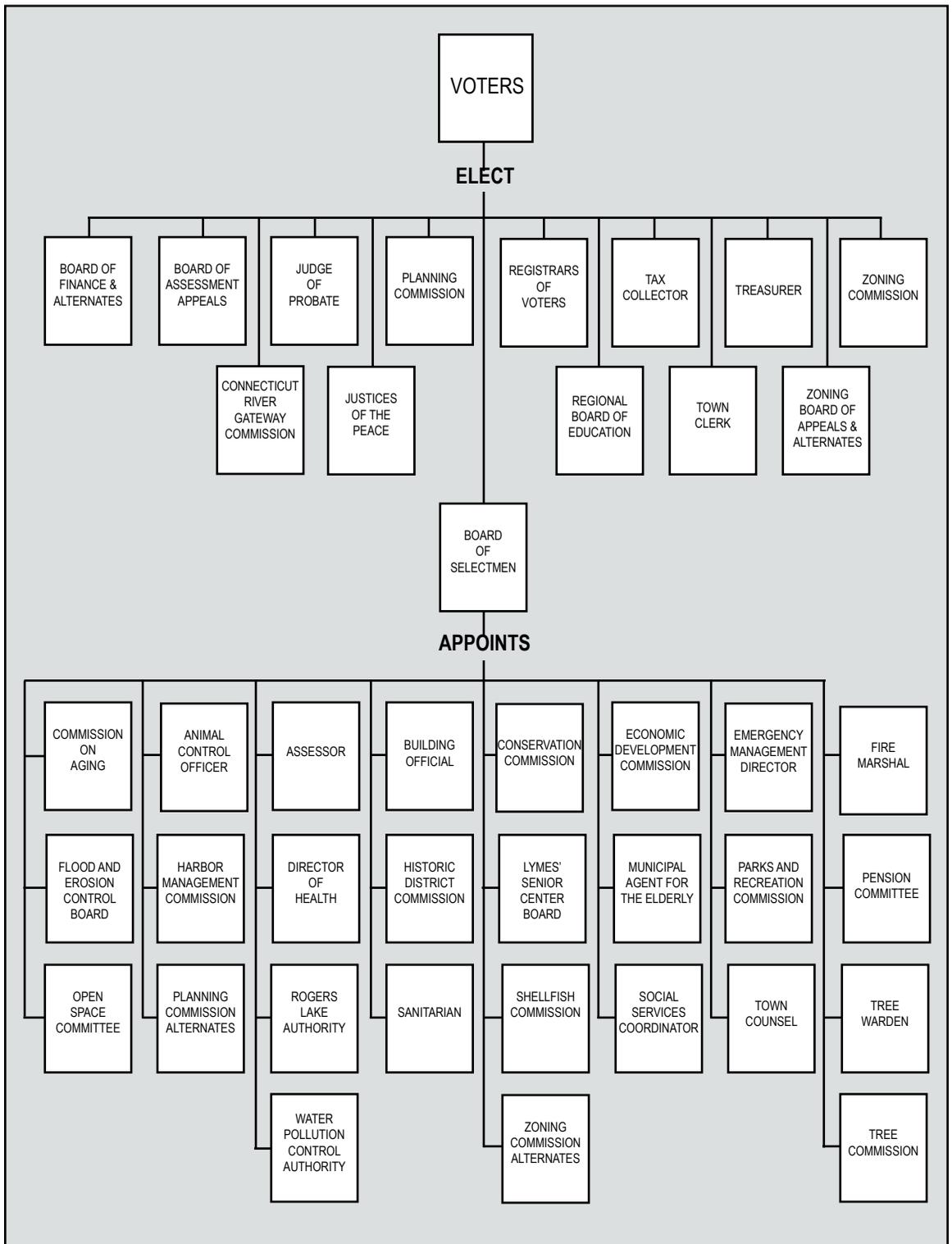
Last, there have been several personnel changes in FY 2007. Officer Howard Smith resigned as one of our constables in June after

eight years of service. We welcome Bob Gentile, who was hired under a two-year contract as our Landfill Closure Coordinator. Bea McLean informed us that she will not seek re-election as Town Treasurer in November 2007. She has been our treasurer for fifty-two consecutive years and she was honored at a ceremony in August. Finally, the town hall cat, Marmalade, died on October 4 due to complications of diabetes after six years of service. Martha Rumskas, our Animal Control Officer, gave us Emma to replace Marmalade, and we wish her well with her new assignment.



*As part of the Plaque Program acknowledging buildings in the Historic District built before World War II, the Lyme Art Association bears the year 1921.*

# Organizational Chart



# Elected Officials

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	Term Expires
<b>First Selectman</b> , Timothy C. Griswold (R).....	Nov. 2007
<b>Selectman</b> , Skip Sibley (R) .....	Nov. 2007
<b>Selectwoman</b> , Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D).....	Nov. 2007
<b>Town Clerk</b> , Irene A. Carnell (R) .....	Jan. 2010
<b>Town Treasurer</b> , Beatrice F. McLean (R).....	Nov. 2007
<b>Tax Collector</b> , Judith Tooker (R).....	Nov. 2007
 <b>Board of Finance</b>	
Andrew L. Russell, Chairman (R).....	Nov. 2009
Mark C. Diebolt (R) .....	Nov. 2007
Christopher W. Kerr (R).....	Nov. 2007
David Woolley (D) .....	Nov. 2009
Wayne E. Devoe (D) .....	Nov. 2011
H. Perry Garvin III (R).....	Nov. 2011
 <b>Board of Finance Alternates</b>	
Judith Read (R) .....	Nov. 2007
Adam S. Burrrows (D) .....	Nov. 2007
Janet G. Sturges (R).....	Nov. 2007
 <b>Board of Assessment Appeals</b>	
James B. Blair, Chairman (R).....	Nov. 2009
Jane E. Cable (D).....	Nov. 2007
Jane S. Schellens (R).....	Nov. 2007
 <b>Judge of Probate</b>	
Sylvia Peterson (D).....	Jan. 2011
 <b>Planning Commission</b>	
Harold L. Thompson, Chairman (R).....	Nov. 2010
Robert P. McCarthy, Vice Chairman (D).....	Nov. 2012
Constance Kastelowitz (R) .....	Nov. 2008
Steven Ross (R).....	Nov. 2009
Christopher W. Kerr (R).....	Nov. 2011
 <b>Regional Board of Education</b>	
Lynn Fairfield-Sonn, Chairman (R) .....	Dec. 2007
Susan Fogliano (D) .....	Dec. 2007
Mary J. Stone (R).....	Dec. 2007
Russ A. Gomes, Jr. (R) .....	Dec. 2009
Andrea Fenton (D).....	Dec. 2009
Daniel Hagan (R) Lyme.....	Dec. 2009
Karen Conniff (R) .....	Dec. 2009
Nanette Salvino (R).....	Dec. 2009

# Elected Officials *(continued)*

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	Term Expires
<b>Registrars of Voters</b>	
Ruth Sjursen (R) .....	Jan. 2009
Patricia McCarthy (D).....	Jan. 2009
<b>Zoning Commission</b>	
Theodore P. Kiritsis, Chairman (R) .....	Nov. 2007
John Johnson (R).....	Nov. 2008
Thomas Risom (R).....	Nov. 2009
Jane Cable (D).....	Nov. 2010
Jane Marsh (R).....	Nov. 2011
<b>Zoning Commission Alternates</b>	
Steven Ames (D) .....	Jan. 2008
Brian Kyle (R) .....	Jan. 2008
Howard Tooker (R) .....	Jan. 2008
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	
Susanne M. Stutts, Chairman (R) .....	Nov. 2008
June B. Speirs (R).....	Nov. 2007
Richard A. Moll (R) .....	Nov. 2009
Thomas E. Schellens (R) .....	Nov. 2010
Kip Kotzan (D) .....	Nov. 2011
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates</b>	
Judy McQuade (R).....	Nov. 2007
Joseph St. Germain (D).....	Nov. 2007

# Appointed Officials

Term Expires

## Comcast Cable Advisory Board

Brian Kyle (R) ..... June 2007  
John Alexander, Chairman (R) ..... June 2007  
Mary Stone (BOE Appt., R) ..... June 2007

## Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator

Sherry Meyer ..... Jan. 2008

## Commission on Aging

Donald Tapper, Chairman and Municipal Agent for the Elderly ..... (standing)  
Linda Camarra (OLVNA) ..... (standing)  
Kelli Boothman (R) ..... Jan. 2008  
Phyllis Shepard-Tambini (R) ..... Jan. 2008  
Patricia McCarthy (D) ..... Jan. 2009  
Dorothy McAndrew (R) ..... Jan. 2010  
Sherry Meyer (Sr. Ctr. Dir.) ..... Ex-Officio

## Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency

Jane R. Marsh, Representative (R) ..... Jan. 2008

## Connecticut River Gateway Commission

Rudolph F. Besier, Delegate (R) ..... July 2008  
Frederic T. Crosby, Alternate (R) ..... July 2008

## Conservation Commission

Ellie Czarnowski, Chairman (U) ..... Jan. 2010  
Michael Silberberg (U) ..... Jan. 2008  
Tom Sherer (D) ..... Jan. 2008  
Marianne Pfeiffer (D) ..... Jan. 2009  
Agnes O'Connor (D) ..... Jan. 2009  
Paul Dean (R) ..... Jan. 2010

## Conservation Commission Alternates

Dave McCulloch (D) ..... Jan. 2008  
George James (R) ..... Jan. 2008  
Ted Crosby (Gateway Comm. Rep.) (R) ..... Ex-Officio

## Eastern Connecticut Regional Tourism District

Roderick M. White (R) ..... Sept. 2009

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

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Term Expires

## Economic Development Commission

Robert Jose, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2011
Joseph Camean (R) .....	Jan. 2008
Susan Howard Cihocki (R).....	Jan. 2009
Geraldine Foster (D) .....	Jan. 2009
John Stratton (R) .....	Jan. 2010
Frank Oliveira (R) .....	Jan. 2010
Michael Miller (R).....	Jan. 2011
William O'Meara (R).....	Jan. 2012

## Estuary Transit District

John Forbis (D) .....	Feb. 2009
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## Ethics Formation Committee

John A. Collins III  
David J. Klein  
Mark Mercurio, M.D.  
Robert Roser  
Glenn Sulmasy  
Irene Carnell, Ex-Officio (Town Clerk)

## Emergency Management Director

David Roberge.....	Jan. 2009
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## Flood and Erosion Control Board

H. Perry Garvin III (R).....	Jan. 2008
Gary Smith (R) .....	Jan. 2008
Todd Machnik (R) .....	Jan. 2008
Robert Chapman (R) .....	Jan. 2008

## Harbor Management Commission

Charles Delinks, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2009
Michael Moran, Harbormaster (R) .....	Ex-Officio
Michael Mackey, Deputy Harbormaster (U) .....	Ex. Officio
Anthony M. Licitra, Treasurer (D).....	resigned Dec. 2007
Bradford Ficken (R) .....	Jan. 2008
Norman Hewitt (D).....	Jan. 2008
Robert Doyen (D) .....	Jan. 2009
Jon Mittleman (R).....	Jan. 2009
Michael Magee (R).....	Jan. 2010
Steve Ross (R).....	Jan. 2010
David Zita (D).....	Jan. 2010

## Harbor Management Commission Alternates

David Frederiks (R).....	Jan. 2009
Thomas Kahl (R) .....	Jan. 2010
Mark Rohrberg (R) .....	Jan. 2011

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
<b>Historic District Commission</b>	
Kenneth Levin, Co-Chairman (U) .....	Jan. 2010
James Bechtel, Co-Chairman (U) .....	Jan. 2012
Barbara S. Traskos (R) .....	Jan. 2008
Nina Peck (R) .....	Jan. 2009
Thomas Keogh (R) .....	Jan. 2011
<b>Historic District Commission Alternates</b>	
John Forbis (D) .....	Jan. 2010
Joanne DiCamillo (U) .....	Jan. 2010
Elizabeth Chamberlain (R) .....	Jan. 2008
<b>Inland Wetlands Commission</b>	
Janet Bechtel, Chairman (U) .....	Jan. 2008
Martin Griswold (U) .....	Jan. 2008
David McCulloch (D) .....	Jan. 2008
Lewis DiCamillo (R) .....	Jan. 2009
Robert Linde (U) .....	Jan. 2009
Evan Griswold (R) .....	Jan. 2010
Donald Willis (D) .....	Jan. 2008
<b>Inland Wetland Commission Alternates</b>	
Michael Moran (R) .....	Jan. 2010
<b>Lymes' Senior Center—Board of Directors</b>	
Ruth Young, Chairman (Lyme) .....	June 2007
Evald Johnson (D) .....	July 2007
William Paradis (Lyme) .....	June 2007
Phyllis Shepard-Tambini (R) .....	July 2007
Francis Balboni (R) .....	July 2008
Mary Miles (D) .....	July 2008
Jessie Smith (R) .....	July 2008
Donald Tapper, Municipal Agent for the Elderly (R) .....	July 2009
Doris Johnson (R) .....	July 2009
James Nichols (R) .....	July 2010
<b>Open Space Committee</b>	
Diana Atwood-Johnson, Chairman (R) .....	Jan. 2008
Amanda Blair (D) .....	Jan. 2008
Frederick Crosby (R) .....	Jan. 2008
Evan Griswold (R) .....	Jan. 2008
George James (R) .....	Jan. 2008
Constance Kastelowitz (R) .....	Jan. 2008
Theodore Kiritsis (R) .....	Jan. 2008

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

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Term Expires

## **Parks and Recreation Commission**

Glynn McAraw, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2008
Robert Dunn (R) .....	Jan. 2008
Roger Zito (R).....	Jan. 2008
John Flower (U) .....	Jan. 2009
Mary Ellen Garbarino (R) .....	Jan. 2009
Missy Colburn (U).....	Jan. 2010
William Crandall (R) .....	Jan. 2010
Don Bugbee, Parks and Rec. Director .....	Ex-Officio

## **Pension Committee**

Thomas Keogh, Chairman (R) .....	Jan. 2009
John Bysko (R) .....	Jan. 2008
S.E. Canaday (R).....	Jan. 2009
Wayne Devoe, Board of Finance .....	Ex Officio
Kathleen Hall, Employee Rep.....	Ex Officio

## **Planning Commission Alternates**

Nancy Strohla (R) .....	Jan. 2008
Robert Pierson (R).....	Jan. 2008

## **Regional Mental Health Board**

Sherry Meyer, Social Services Coordinator & Sr. Ctr. Dir.....	Apr. 30, 2007
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## **Rogers Lake Authority**

Roger Breunig (R) .....	Jan. 2008
Brian Kyle (R) .....	Jan. 2009
Richard Smith (U).....	Jan. 2010

## **Shellfish Commission**

Mervin F. Roberts, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2009
David Redfield (R) .....	Jan. 2008
John D. Seckla (U).....	Jan. 2009

## **Town Counsel**

Marylin C. Clarke (D).....	Jan. 2008
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## **Tree Commission**

Joanne DiCamillo, Chairman (U).....	Jan. 2008
Patience Moll (R).....	Jan. 2008
Anne Bing (D) .....	Jan. 2010
Adela Wilmerding (R) .....	Jan. 2010
Joan Flynn, M.D., Alternate (U) .....	Jan. 2008
Geraldine Foster, Alternate .....	Jan. 2008
Tom Degnan, Tree Warden .....	Ex-Officio

## **Tree Warden**

Thomas Degnan (U).....	Jan. 2008
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# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

## Water Pollution Control Authority

Thomas Risom, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2011
Joseph O'Connor (D).....	Jan. 2010
Luisa Grogan (D).....	Jan. 2009
Mervin Roberts (R).....	Jan. 2009
Aimee Eberly (R).....	Jan. 2010
George James (R).....	Jan. 2010
Dmitri Tolchinski (R).....	Jan. 2010
Roger Breunig, Vice-Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2009
Michael Dickey (R).....	Jan. 2011

## Water Pollution Control Authority Alternates

Stephen Dix (R).....	Jan. 2009
Angus McDonald(R).....	Jan. 2010

**Resident State Troopers:** TFC Scott O'Donnell; TPR Chris Olsen

**Town Police:** Wayne Collins, David Lillis (Part Time), Sal Milardo, Domonic Solari, Edward Vasko, William Zipadelli; Elaine Williams, Clerk

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Superintendent - John Roach

Edward Adanti	Vincent Doughty	Donald Ruttly
Richard Campbell	Lawrence Galbo	Donald Saunders
John Caulkins	Richard Gocka	Robert Swaney
Paul Dorothy	Brian Lorentson	Robert Wanat
	Jeff Olaski	

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE 1/3/05-1/5/09

(Elected at caucus or through application)

Patricia A. W. Bennett (U)	Mark C. Lander (D)	Ruth Dillon Roach (D)
John Bysko (R)	Rita H. Leonard (U)	Emily Minor Roberts (U)
Nancy L. Campbell (D)	Patricia M. McCarthy (D)	Mervin F. Roberts (R)
Jane E. Cable (D)	Brendan P. McKeever (R)	Frank J. Roth, Jr. (R)
Irene A. Carnell (R)	Agnes Q. O'Connor (D)	Jennie Anne Rubera (R)
Barbara McBride Doyen (D)	Christopher F. Oliveira (R)	John D. Seckla (U)
Patrick Joseph Fitzgerald (U)	Jacqueline M. Opeka (R)	Walter O. Seifert (R)
Verdina P. Ghirardi (D)	Oliver L. Patrell (D)	June B. Speirs (R)
Timothy C. Griswold (R)	Gloria J. Pendleton (D)	Michellee Speirs (U)
Lyman B. Hoops (R)	Earl J. Peters (D)	Judith Tooker (R)
Doris C. Johnson (R)	Lawrence I. Peterson (D)	Walter O. Zabel (U)
Evald Johnson (D)	Daria M. Phelps (D)	Kurt J. Zemba (R)
	Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)	

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

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## TOWN STAFF

Michele Hayes-Finn .....	Office Manager, Selectmen's Office
Catherine Frank .....	Administrative Assistant, Selectmen's Office
Ann Johnson, Ruth Roach .....	Tax Clerks
Kathleen Hall .....	Administrative Assistant, Building Department
Maribeth Fraser .....	Administrative Assessment Technician
Doris Johnson .....	Financial Administrator
Kim Groves .....	Land Use Administrator
Marilyn Swaney .....	Administrative Assistant, Health Department
Susan Bartlett .....	Administrative Assistant, Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals

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Americans with Disabilities Act Coordinator .....	Sherry Meyer
Animal Control Officer .....	Martha Rumskas
Assessor .....	Walter E. Kent, Jr.
Assistant Building Official/Assistant Sanitarian .....	John Flower
Assistant Town Clerk .....	Eileen Coffee, Jessie F. Smith
Building Official .....	Ronald E. Rose
Consulting Engineer .....	George Roberts
Director of Health .....	Vijay Sikand, M.D.
Director of Parks and Recreation .....	Donald Bugbee
Fire Marshal .....	David Roberge
Probate Court Clerk .....	Lynn Campbell
Sanitarian .....	Ronald E. Rose
Social Services Coordinator/Senior Center Director .....	Sherry Meyer
Town Historian .....	John Pfeiffer
Zoning and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer .....	Ann Brown

## Marriages July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

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Gese Israel Rodriquez Cruz - Shannon A. Crespo .....	July 2, 2006
Thomas Louis Hatcher Berenberg - Alison Irene Stein .....	July 2, 2006
Timothy Patrick Carlson - Shannon Dawn Foley .....	July 8, 2006
Rory Callahan Murray - Meghan Ann Sheridan .....	July 8, 2006
Richard Paine Ely - Laura A. Boucher .....	July 8, 2006
Sean Michael Fuss - Cora Suzanne Sharp .....	July 8, 2006
Randy Reed Robinson - Kari Anne Labrecque .....	July 15, 2006
Edward Sanford Sedgwick - Heather Anne Thompson .....	July 15, 2006
Gene Yunkai Hu - Joanne Ng Kwong .....	July 15, 2006
Matthew Peter Dobratz - Sarah Melissa Lemelin (Westbrook) .....	July 15, 2006
James Francis Ward, Jr. - Sheila Elizabeth McTigue (Lisbon) .....	July 16, 2006
Raul Villarreal, Jr. - Allison M. Leddy .....	July 22, 2006
Brian Dinsmore Warner - Heather Ann Cymbala .....	July 22, 2006
Jeremy Fraser Burlingham - Abby Lynn Planeta .....	August 15, 2006
William Henry Covey, Jr. - Kristy Lee Caisse (East Lyme) .....	August 18, 2006
Daniel Robert Millbauer - Sarah Rebecca Pope .....	August 18, 2006
Albert Bretton Enman - Jennie Lynn Evankow (Lyme) .....	August 20, 2006
Thomas Christian Risom - Pamela Anne Austen .....	August 25, 2006
Joshua Balfore Floyd - Joanna Maria Cichowlaz .....	August 26, 2006
Joseph Wells - Holly Jo Hesper .....	September 1, 2006
Ryan Matthew Zenga - Cara Alice La Colla .....	September 2, 2006
Leonard Frederick Barker - Deneen Elaine Perkins .....	September 3, 2006
Daniel Matthew Terray - Amy Maria Cannatta .....	September 3, 2006
Jerry Francis McKenna - Jennifer Leigh Nadeau .....	September 8, 2006
Mark David Bombaci - Rachel Stephanie Connor .....	September 9, 2006
Richard Allen Fyler - Kathleen Merrifield Blake .....	September 9, 2006
Matthew J. Scialabra - Melissa A. Pellegrino .....	September 9, 2006
Raymond Alexander Belval - Maria Anne Fafalla (Groton) .....	September 16, 2006
Niels Hans Pennings - Kimberly Sommer Thompson .....	September 16, 2006
David Gray Clark - Kristen Lynn Cellillie .....	September 23, 2006
Bryan Patrick Phillips - Jennifer Ann Sager .....	September 24, 2006
Andrew Whinnem Etter - Corinne Marie-Clara Etienne .....	September 30, 2006
Charles Bruno Vernazza - Teresa Anne Peterson .....	September 30, 2006
David Thomas Whaley II - Samantha Ann Bach (East Lyme) .....	September 30, 2006
John Robert Bubello - Leslie Donkin .....	October 8, 2006
Jeffrey Joseph Choquette - Pamela Anne Krause (Essex) .....	October 8, 2006
Michael Chi-Wei Su - Katharine Elizabeth Zuckerman .....	October 8, 2006
Stanley Edward Bielski - Diane Davies Pettit (Old Saybrook) .....	October 14, 2006
Richard Mark Miller - Mary Alice Fowler .....	October 14, 2006
John Paul Mele - Lisa Kay Kenney .....	October 28, 2006
Brian David Ziolkovski - Jennifer Merle Bysko (Waterford) .....	November 4, 2006
Paul Stewart Johnson - Carolyn Curry (Clinton) .....	November 17, 2006
Joshua Addison Engelking - Anna Taysa Nunes de Aquino .....	November 25, 2006
Yan Vincent Lachowicz - Jean Davis Goslin .....	November 25, 2006
James Austin Edwards - Sheri Lynn Lincoln .....	December 26, 2006
James J. Mancuso - Gail J. Talbott .....	December 30, 2006
Robert Graves Buttinger - Mary Page B. Gallagher .....	January 13, 2007
D. Geoffrey Fitton - Joan Marie Capobianco .....	January 16, 2007
John Carter Roberts - Linda A. McCue (New London) .....	February 10, 2007
Glenn Kenneth Hourigan - Amy Ritz Drescher .....	April 13, 2007

## Marriages July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 *(continued)*

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David Ross Quick - Geraldine R. Barrett.....	April 14, 2007
Craig M. Bulas - Laura I. Rowland (Chester).....	April 21, 2007
Marc Anthony Roseman - Jennifer Ann Cichon.....	April 22, 2007
Christopher Gregory Sullivan - Anna Kathleen O'Sullivan.....	May 5, 2007
Thomas Wait Hambrick-Stowe - Megan Catherine Myers.....	May 12, 2007
James Tyropolis - Elaine G. Radics (New London).....	May 17, 2007
Bruce David Lusa - Elizabeth Warren Hawkins.....	May 19, 2007
Timothy E. O'Brien - Lucille P. Muscarella.....	May 19, 2007
Juan D. Tirado, Jr. - Kimberly Joy Benson.....	May 19, 2007
Anthony John Kalkus - Sue Anne Smith Davidson.....	May 26, 2007
David Sears McCulloch - Arnette Lydia Hunter.....	May 26, 2007
Graham Laird Seekamp - Rebecca Ann Edelson.....	May 26, 2007
Nick Patrick Toscano - Susan Little Solomon.....	May 27, 2007
Jordan Palani Oliveira - Colleen Cowell Luddy.....	June 9, 2007
Stanton S.H.Y. Ching - Melissa A. Behney.....	June 10, 2007
Frederick Anthony Kish, Jr. - Jacqueline Rose Johnston.....	June 16, 2007
Patrick Lawrence Elkins - Catherine Taylor Kurtz.....	June 23, 2007
J. Carver Glezen - Kara Anne Lawson.....	June 23, 2007
Philip Cornell Scheide, Jr. - Kristin Elizabeth Estep.....	June 23, 2007
Robert Stewart Benden - Catherine Mary Sullivan.....	June 27, 2007
Michael John Dodge - Kristin Jennifer Lash.....	June 30, 2007
Eric Michael Sirois - Hillary Elizabeth Royer.....	June 30, 2007

## Deaths July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007

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Oddny Regan.....	July 6, 2006
Marion Helen Diesl (Old Saybrook).....	August 6, 2006
Bernard M. Lavergne (Old Saybrook).....	August 11, 2006
Dennis Patrick Hawkins (New London).....	August 14, 2006
Martha Ann Keish (Essex).....	August 17, 2006
Maxine M. Perry (New London).....	August 31, 2006
Eleanor Bayer.....	September 1, 2006
Evelyn Walker (East Lyme).....	September 4, 2006
Emily C. Swett (Middletown).....	September 14, 2006
Betty Jane Woodruff (Waterford).....	September 30, 2006
Lisa Jane Mathiason (New Haven).....	October 20, 2006
Mary Mintzer (Middletown).....	November 8, 2006
Vera Lou Ficken (Essex).....	November 11, 2006
Alyce E. Stannard (Middletown).....	November 19, 2006
Elvira Pauline Avena (New London).....	November 21, 2006
Edward Henry Bergeron (Middletown).....	November 24, 2006
David Weldon Elwell (New London).....	November 28, 2006
Elisabeth G. de Gerenday (Middletown).....	November 29, 2006
Courtlandt Palmer Dixon, Jr.....	November 30, 2006
Nicolina Licitra (Essex).....	December 1, 2006
Robert Winslow Johnson (New London).....	December 2, 2006
Lawrence D. Hower, Jr. (New London).....	December 12, 2006
H. Lucretia Jewett (New London).....	December 12, 2006
Kathern D. Merrill (Branford).....	December 14, 2006
John Henry Noyes (East Lyme).....	December 22, 2006

## Deaths July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007 *(continued)*

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Clifford Ronald Nelson (Uncasville) .....	December 24, 2006
Wilson B. Noyes (New London) .....	January 3, 2007
Deborah Lee Rutty .....	January 28, 2007
Elizabeth Y. Tashjian (Old Saybrook).....	January 29, 2007
Charles S. Howard (New London).....	February 10, 2007
Susie B. Griffith (Chester).....	February 11, 2007
Frederick Moore (East Lyme).....	February 17, 2007
Carl Arno Rohrbert, Jr.(East Lyme).....	February 21, 2007
Roy Allen Craven (Chester) .....	February 22, 2007
Katharine D. Knowles (New London).....	March 3, 2007
Jack F. Kamman (East Lyme).....	March 9, 2007
Margaret E. Smith .....	March 24, 2007
Harriet N. Jones .....	March 26, 2007
Michael D. Sturges (Middletown).....	March 29, 2007
Jonathan Hine (East Lyme).....	March 30, 2007
Jessie C. Roberts (Old Saybrook).....	March 31, 2007
Margaret Louise Bond (New London).....	April 24, 2007
Isabel X. Cooney (Branford).....	April 24, 2007
Anthony Joseph Lynch, Jr.....	April 24, 2007
Sara Elizabeth Crawford (Middletown).....	April 26, 2007
Maryann Gauthier (New London).....	April 27, 2007
Robert Watts (Branford).....	May 7, 2007
John W. Lauler, Jr. (New London).....	May 13, 2007
Louise Marie Lee.....	May 21, 2007
Antoinette Corsino (Old Saybrook).....	May 27, 2007
Amy P. Sullivan.....	June 10, 2007
Helen May Hill (New Haven).....	June 15, 2007
Emil S. Umrysz (New London).....	June 29, 2007
Rozena S. Gregg (Niantic).....	June 30, 2007

# American Legion Post 41

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**William R. Stelzner**  
*Adjutant*

*“This report is dedicated to William Stelzner (October 8, 1925 - October 2, 2007). Bill was an active member of American Legion Post #41 for twenty-two years. He was a past Commander and filled the position of Adjutant and Finance Officer for many years. The American Legion is all about service to veterans, children, and youth. Bill ensured that these goals were met. He will be sorely missed.”*

*Jerry Ehlen, Commander*

**L**yme Post #41, American Legion, serving Lyme and Old Lyme, meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month from September to June at 7:30 p.m. in the Lymes’ Senior Center. This is a temporary meeting location until the Old Lyme Town Hall restorations are complete. All veterans are welcome.

A newsletter that outlines our programs and activities for veterans and youth is sent each month to every member and prospective members. It also contains other information beneficial to veterans.

Our post sponsors the annual Memorial Day Essay Contest for students in grades five and six. This year’s winners were Lucy Brainard,

Kyle O’Neal, and Madalyn Williams. Each was presented with a bond and an American flag that was specifically flown over our nation’s Capitol in their names.

Our candidate to Boys’ State this year was Micah Todd. Students from all over the state set up and operate a mock government for one week, elect officials and legislators, and pass laws.

On Memorial Day weekend, we have “Poppy Days.” All donations received during this effort are used to support our activities throughout the year. We participate in the Memorial Day Parade and Veterans’ Day ceremonies. We also place flags on veterans’ graves in local cemeteries in Old Lyme on the Saturday preceding Memorial Day.

We are proud to be of service to many other organizations, both with manpower and donations including the Rocky Hill Home and Hospital for Veterans.

We invite all eligible veterans who live in Lyme or Old Lyme to apply for membership. Please call John Wilkinson, Adjutant, at 434-2237 or Jerry Ehlen, Commander, at 434-9353 for information and applications or come to one of our meetings.



*William R. Stelzner*

# Assessor

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Walter E. Kent, Jr.  
*CCMA II*

The increase in our Grand List rose to \$1,490,568,370 from last year's \$1,478,528,100. This was an increase of \$12,040,270, and as in the past the increase was due to new construction that was completed this last year.

As we prepare for the 2007 Grand List we find ourselves in a state of disarray as we undergo major construction changes in our town hall. I am sure when it is completed it will be a great improvement from what we had.

We are also getting ready to do a town-wide revaluation, which is due on the 2009 Grand List.

This past year saw new laws passed in the area of tax assessment and taxation. Most of these seem to be enabling acts that allow a municipality the right to adopt or pass such legislation by a vote of its legislative body (Town Meeting). These new acts can be found by going to the website [www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view](http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view).

As always, this office is ready to answer any questions that pertain to assessment administration, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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## Board of Finance

Andy Russell  
*Chairman*

How our town has changed! We are in the process of improving it further with the Town Hall Renovation and expansion project, Town Woods Park Phase II, and various road projects. We have dedicated professionals and volunteers who work hard to keep Old Lyme running very efficiently.

Our fire department is a prime example of a group of dedicated volunteers who work together for the betterment of the whole town. Each year they put a great deal of work into their operating budget and capital plan. They have a very good handle on the life span of their equipment and have set up a replacement schedule for it. During this past budget year we funded the final payment on the new Hose Tender that will be delivered in December 2007.

Your Board of Finance spends many hours before and during the budget process meeting

with department heads, committees, associations, and boards to better understand their present and future needs to help develop their budgets. This past year we delivered a .4 mil rate increase to the taxpayers of Old Lyme.

We have invested in a new financial package at town hall, a new street sweeper for Public Works, newspaper recycling bins to encourage increased newspaper recycling, a new exhaust system at the Lyme Street firehouse, numerous street paving and resurfacing projects around town, and the above-mentioned new Hose Tender for the fire department.

We would like to thank our selectmen—Tim Griswold, Skip Sibley, and Bonnie Reemsnyder—and town employees for their help with the budget process. Special thanks need to go to board secretary Michele Hayes Finn and our town report editor, Michele Dickey.

# Building Department

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Ronald E. Rose  
Building Official

## *Building Permits Issued 7/1/2006 To 6/30/2007*

28	Permits -	Accessory Building .....	\$374,867.00
45	Permits -	Additions .....	\$2,935,193.00
16	Permits -	Additions/Alterations .....	\$6,597,481.00
53	Permits -	Alterations .....	\$2,234,575.00
7	Permits -	Demolition .....	\$19,180.00
1	Permit -	Dock.....	\$51,984.00
195	Permits -	Electrical .....	\$216,126.00
14	Permits -	Foundation .....	\$3,294,520.00
6	Permits -	Garage .....	\$359,360.00
113	Permits -	Heating A/C .....	\$523,426.00
7	Permits -	New Residence.....	\$0.00
162	Permits -	Plumbing .....	\$120,861.00
8	Permits -	Pool.....	\$195,233.00
178	Permits -	Repairs.....	\$2,285,551.00
7	Permits -	Replace Fuel Tank.....	\$9,175.00
2	Permits -	Security.....	\$5,517.00
9	Permits -	Wood Stove .....	\$0.00
Total Cost of Permits Issued .....			\$19,223,049.00
Total Number of Permits Issued .....			851
Total Fees Received During Fiscal Year.....			\$170,475.00
Total Cost of Permits Issued .....			\$19,223,049.00

# Citizen of the Year - 2006

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Certificate of Recognition Awarded Annually  
by the Board of Selectmen of the  
Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

The Board of Selectmen presents

## George James

this Award for his Legacy of Service in our community

George James has always been interested in the environment and the outdoors. When he moved to Old Lyme 38 years ago, he volunteered to serve on a new study group formed by the Board of Selectmen to investigate water pollution. That marked the beginnings of his extensive and lengthy service as a volunteer in the Town of Old Lyme.

He served on the Zoning Commission in the early 90's. A member of the Water Pollution Control Authority since 1995, George served as its chair for several recent years. He has served on the Open Space Committee since 1997 and was chair for 8 years.

Currently an alternate on the Conservation Commission, George acts as liaison between the Town and the Old Lyme Conservation Trust. He has also been on the board of the Lymes' Youth

Service Bureau and has participated on several Regional District 18 Committees, including one on curriculum and another on high school community service.

George is especially proud that 950 acres of Open Space have been set aside in Old Lyme, and he enjoys every minute of the trail-making duties he has assumed. Future generations will continue to enjoy the trails that George James has established and maintained.

Part of his day, everyday, is spent doing something for the Town. It is our honor to publicly thank him for his legacy of service and name him Old Lyme's 2006 Citizen of the Year.

*Board of Selectmen, Town of Old Lyme*

Timothy C. Griswold

Arthur E. Sibley, Jr.

Bonnie A. Reemsnyder



*George James addresses the audience after being named Citizen of the Year for 2006.*



*Citizen of the Year George James with his wife, Gunilla, and First Selectman Tim Griswold.*

# Comcast Cable Advisory Council of Old Lyme

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**John A. Alexander**  
*Chairman*

The role of the Cable Advisory Council is to represent and advocate for the interests of cable subscribers with the DPUC and the cable provider. During the past year the council has met on a bimonthly basis to monitor the level and quality of service and the transition of the franchise from Adelphia in bankruptcy to Comcast. The council for the Old Lyme franchise serves the interests of cable subscribers in the towns of Old Lyme, Lyme, Salem, East Haddam, and Haddam Neck. Individual subscribers with questions or concerns should feel free to contact Customer Service at 800-COMCAST, Comcast management at 860-505-3349, or the Cable Advisory Council (860-434-0710). Written communications should be addressed to the Council at 12 Lord's Meadow Lane, Old Lyme, CT 06371. In order to assure that the record of service shortcomings are fully reported to the DPUC, calls to the Customer Service number should be identified as complaints.

Comcast acquired the former Adelphia Old Lyme franchise, which the DPUC had renewed for seven years commencing August 1, 2005. The franchise renewal was conditioned upon Comcast's assumption of the responsibility to complete the physical upgrade necessary to

provide modern 860MHz bandwidth service by July 31, 2007, twenty-four months from franchise renewal. The upgrade was completed in a systematic manner slightly ahead of schedule.

The assumption of control over the franchise by Comcast was occasioned by many personnel and procedural changes. Difficulties registered through the council were generally promptly addressed. Comcast committed to a new domestic Service Center for Connecticut franchises located in Enfield, CT. Customer notifications regarding the transition of e-mail addresses, service packages, and rates were distributed in a timely fashion and contributed to a smooth transition. Physical work on the upgrade was scheduled progressively on a town-by-town basis. Notifications of expected service interruptions were provided for the accomplishment of the extensive upgrade of cable and associated equipment throughout the franchise.

The DPUC acknowledged Comcast's continued improvement in telephone-answering responsiveness but notes that it has not yet achieved full compliance with the provisions of the General Statutes 16-333k(3) and will continue to be monitored quarterly.

## Commission on Aging

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**Don Tapper**  
*Chairman*

The Old Lyme Commission on Aging meets at the Lyme's Senior Center on the third Tuesday of each month at 1 p.m. We invite anyone with senior concerns to attend. Our projects throughout the year focus on helping and informing seniors in the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme.

We encourage all seniors to take advantage of the senior center's many programs, events, and services including daily lunch for a very affordable price and the Meals on Wheels program. Our director, Sherry Meyer, continues to do an excellent job serving the many needs of our senior population.

# Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency

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Jane Marsh  
*Vice Chairman*

**T**he Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA) is in its thirty-ninth year of planning for the nine-town estuary region. CRERPA consists of two representatives from each member town, one representing the town's Board of Selectmen and the other representing the Planning Commission. The CRERPA board meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Agency office in the Saybrook Junction Marketplace, near the train station. Our current chairman is Bruce Edgerton of Deep River.

CRERPA helps its member towns work together voluntarily to solve common problems affecting the Estuary Region. During the year, CRERPA provided staff support and meeting space for the following area organizations.

The Connecticut River Metropolitan Planning Organization (CREMPO) is the approving board for transportation planning and projects within the region and towns receiving state or federal funding. Their most promising work over the last year in the region on inter-modal planning is with the small public transit system, planning for improvement of bicycle commuting corridors, rail access and expansion, transit-oriented development, and parking. The region continued to coordinate and participate in the development and implementation of Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) strategies along the I-95 corridor, deployment of incident management strategies for Route 1, and mitigation planning for evacuation and sheltering.

Lower Connecticut Valley Selectman's Association (LCVSA) brings the chief elected officials of the region together monthly to discuss common interests, including transportation, elderly services, solid waste disposal, and recycling. The LCVSA oversees the operation of a regional household hazardous waste collection facility in Essex and is involved in emergency planning efforts. First Selectman Michael Pace of Old Saybrook is the LCVSA Chairman.

The Connecticut River Gateway Commission meets monthly at the CRERPA office to protect the scenic and environmental qualities of the Lower Connecticut River through a compact among

the eight towns that border the River estuary. The commission participates in the acquisition of land and easements for conservation purposes. Gateway member towns have agreed to adopt common zoning standards for development in the state-designated Gateway Area. During the year, the State Greenways Council recognized the Gateway Area as a Designated State Greenway.

Tidewater Institute is an independent nonprofit environmental education organization headquartered at CRERPA. Together with CRERPA staff, Tidewater has successfully completed an inventory of the Connecticut River corridor and proposal of management recommendations for riparian buffers for land abutting the Lower Connecticut River.

A major component of CRERPA's work program is technical assistance to individual member towns, including review and comment on inter-municipal referrals for zoning applications, zone changes, subdivisions, or as required by statute. CRERPA staff continues to be available to answer questions or conduct research on land use and planning for local officials as requested.

CRERPA increasingly expands the integration of GIS technology into the regional planning tasks and also works toward better coordination and expansion of opportunities for more efficient use of town data with existing state and regional data.

## **Other Activities**

The Agency provides information and education on regional planning issues intended to carry out the recommendations of the Regional Plan of Development.

The Estuary Transit District: ETD was established in 1981, with the help of CRERPA, to provide public transportation in the Region. In July, 2003, CRERPA successfully transferred administration of the program to an independent office for the Estuary Transit District. CRERPA continues to provide comprehensive planning services for the district. This is a critical function as the district, under the capable direction of Brad Beecher, continues to expand programs, hours and routes.

# Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency *(continued)*

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CENSUS: Chief Elected Officials and other designated personnel- assessors, registrars of voters etc. are participating in the 2010 Census Local Update of Census Addresses (LUCA) as authorized by the Census Address List Improvement Act of 1994.

Harbor Management: Studies funded by the CTDEP and NOAA enable CRERPA to be involved with several of the Harbor Management Commissions that exist on the lower river valley. CRERPA has also been involved in the guidance of a multi town effort to develop standards for private residential docks in the lower river. During the year, CRERPA assisted the Town of Old Saybrook with the development of dock standards to be included in an addendum to the Old Saybrook Harbor Management Plan. Using that format, CRERPA was then asked to assist Estuary and Gateway region Town of Old Lyme to develop similar local private residential dock standards. The standards, ultimately to be added to both Plans, are supported by the Connecticut DEP for the purpose of further guiding state permitting decisions, and tailoring such decisions to the planning efforts of local harbor management authorities. It is anticipated that CRERPA will continue to be involved in Harbor Management efforts in both the CRERPA and Gateway regions.

Kayak and Canoe Trails: CRERPA continues to provide education materials for canoers and kayakers through their Connecticut River Estuary Canoe and Kayak Trail program. This very popular service includes the trail map series of maps for waters of Old Lyme, Essex, Deep

River and Old Saybrook. Free laminated trail guides can be found in local libraries, town halls, the DEP Marine Headquarters, at the CRERPA office in Old Saybrook, and online at the CRERPA website ([www.crerpa.org](http://www.crerpa.org)).

Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans (NHMP): The agency successfully completed FEMA requirements for Natural Hazard Mitigation Plans for each of the nine member towns and the region. Upon adoption of the NHMP by the Board of Selectmen in each town, the town becomes eligible for mitigation funding for projects designated in the NHMP and mitigation funding in the event of a natural disaster. CRERPA staff has been working as requested by the nine towns to conduct public information meetings prior to adoption. To date, the towns of Chester, Deep River, Essex, Lyme, Old Lyme, and Old Saybrook have passed resolutions adopting their town's plan. The agency continues to work with the Valley Shore Emergency Management Association (VSEMA) to facilitate their emergency planning goals with GIS, financial services, and grant writing support. Several agency staff became NIMS certified during the year. Bill Buckridge, Joel Severance, and Jean Davies continue to represent the interests of the CRERPA region on the DEMHS Region 2 Emergency Planning Team for emergency planning, sheltering, and evacuation

CRERPA staff continues to assist member towns with local open space plans, which will serve as building blocks for a regional greenway plan. The greenway plan will be part of the background work for a new Regional Plan of Conservation and Development.

# Connecticut River Gateway Commission

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Rudi Besier, Ted Crosby  
*Delegates*

The Gateway Conservation Zone is about thirty miles long and includes those portions of its eight member towns (Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook) within view of the river. In 1999, the river was designated as one of fourteen American Heritage Rivers by the President of the United States. The State Greenways council designated the Gateway Conservation Zone as an official State Greenway in 2007.

While other organizations concern themselves with natural ecological systems in the River Valley, this commission has concentrated its attention on the protection of key lands along the river that contribute to the valley's scenic qualities. These include the estuarine marshes of Old Lyme. The commission assisted with a portion of the funding for acquisition of the Roger Tory Peterson property in Old Lyme.

Another significant role assigned to the Gateway Commission is establishment of common zoning standards for height, setback, lot coverage, and the like, which member towns have agreed to adopt and enforce within the Gateway Conservation Zone. The Gateway Commission officially amended its zoning standards on February 26, 2004. Revisions include a new requirement for a vegetated buffer area along the riverfront, clarification of limitations on the height of structures, and greater emphasis on blending new structures with existing topography and landscaping. These standards respond to continuing concerns over highly visible, large, new homes along the river bank and in the upland hills facing the river, as well as extensive tree-cutting for new development or new views for existing development. As of June 30, 2007,

incorporation of the new standards into Old Lyme's zoning regulations is still pending.

Margot Burns, GIS Specialist, has completed a GIS database from the Resource Sensitivity Index (RSI) maps created by J. H. Torrance Downes as an extension to a preliminary dock study for the area. In another extension of the original dock study work, Downes used the dock study results to assist the Harbor Management Commissions from the Gateway Region Towns of Old Saybrook and Old Lyme to develop private residential dock standards that are intended to be included within their respective Harbor Management Plans.

A new initiative designed to address key threats to the internationally significant natural resources of the Connecticut River Estuary has been created by Judy Preston and has been partially funded by the Gateway Commission over the last three years. This past year, Judy assembled and mapped, with GIS help from Margot Burns, and funding from the EPA, the current status of riparian buffers in the Gateway region. In addition, she has applied for and received EPA funding to "groundtruth" the Gateway Region. Tidewater Institute is an independent non-profit 501(c)3 organization.

The Gateway Commission has invested almost \$15,000 this past fiscal year in support of Tidewater Institute and the pursuit of research and education in the Gateway area.

The Gateway Commission is staffed by planners from the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency. Updated information including meeting minutes and current standards can be found on the web at [www.ctrivergateway.org](http://www.ctrivergateway.org) or through a link at [www.crerpa.org](http://www.crerpa.org).

# Conservation Commission

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**Ellie Czarnowski**  
*Chairman*

## Old Lyme Town Hall Renovation & Expansion

The Old Lyme Conservation Commission regularly reviews submitted building and subdivision plans and provides comment designed to help builders and developers increase energy efficiency, mitigate impact on the surrounding environment, and maintain the character of surrounding neighborhoods. Of particular interest to Old Lyme residents this past year were the plans for the Town Hall Renovation and expansion project.

The Conservation Commission provided the Town Hall Building Committee with a list of practical conservation suggestions, some of

which were ultimately incorporated into the final design. At our request, shielded parking area lighting was incorporated into the site plan. These shielded lights will reduce light pollution and comply with international dark-sky initiatives. In addition, the Conservation Commission asked that energy-efficient appliances and interior lighting fixtures be utilized, and these have been specified in the final design. Because the town hall is a landmark building in Old Lyme, the Conservation Commission stressed the need to model green energy initiatives. Because of this emphasis, the town hall will soon feature a 10 KW photovoltaic solar power system to supplement its energy needs.

# Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.

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**Paula Ferrara**  
*Executive Director*

The Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. (ECSI) is a nonprofit regional senior center located at 220 Main Street in Old Saybrook, with café sites in Clinton, Westbrook, Chester, and Old Lyme. Since 1974, the ECSI's mission has been to promote senior's quality of life, community involvement, and independent living. Annually the ECSI provides 90,000 nutritious meals including Meals On Wheels, transportation to 2,400 medical outpatient appointments outside the nine-town Estuary Region, well over 1,000 free preventative health screenings, and social and exercise programs too numerous to count.

During the 2006/2007 fiscal year, ECSI served 187 Old Lyme seniors 3,547 congregate meals and delivered 5,545 Meals On Wheels

(homebound meals) to 42 seniors. Fourteen Old Lyme seniors were provided eighty-one rides to medical appointments outside the nine-town Estuary Region through the EMOTS program. In total, 470 Old Lyme seniors received 10,841 services through ECSI.

ECSI is funded in part by contributions from the nine towns in the Estuary Region, Senior Resources Agency on Aging with Title III funds made available under the Older Americans Act, other grants, individual donations, and fund-raising efforts.

For information on our breakfast and lunch nutrition program, Meals On Wheels, EMOTS, exercise programs, and social programs please call 388-1611 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

# Fire Marshal

**David Roberge**  
*Fire Marshal*

I have been involved with plan reviews for the new town hall, working with the designers to achieve fire-code compliance on the new construction. Initially twenty-eight items were found not to meet code.

During this fiscal year there were several structure fires with no injuries; one was the result

of careless smoking, one was an electrical fire, and a third was a result of a lightening strike in which lightening went into the house through the cable. There was also one vessel fire; it was completely destroyed.

I participated in two-day training programs In Rocky Hill given by the International Association of Arson Investigators.

# Health Department

**Vijay Sikand, M.D.**  
*Director of Health*

**Ronald E. Rose**  
*R.S. Sanitarian*

**John V. Flower**  
*Assistant Sanitarian*

**Marilyn H. Swaney**  
*Administrative Assistant*

Environmental Health Incidents	
Inspection of Food Handling Establishments .....	38
Nuisance Orders Issued .....	1
Complaints Investigated.....	9
Septic Systems Inspected.....	58
Septic System Permits Issued – Repair.....	39
Septic System Permits Issued – New.....	22
Well Permits Issued.....	22
Test Holes & Perc Tests (Sites) .....	46

Fees Collected - \$5,024.00

# Historic District Commission

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Jim Bechtel, Ken Levin  
*Co-Chairmen*

The Historic District (HD) created in 1971 by the citizens of Old Lyme to preserve the personality and authenticity of Lyme Street was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1972. The HD runs from the Marvin Family residence ca. 1820 (Christ the King Church Rectory) at 1 McCurdy Road on the South Green for approximately 1.5 miles down Lyme Street past the North Green to Rose Lane on Route 1. The Historic District Commission (HDC) meets the first Monday of each month (the second Monday if the first is a holiday) at 9:15 a.m. at the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, 84 Lyme Street until the Memorial Town Hall renovation and expansion is completed and the meeting room is once again available.

The HDC has no requirements as to specific architectural or historical forms or style. The HDC's goal is to maintain Lyme Street as the core of a functioning southern New England town while, at the same time, preserving its past history. All construction (new buildings including outbuildings, exterior renovations, additions, alterations, fencing, walks, driveways, and signage) and demolitions in the Historic District must first receive a Certificate of Appropriateness from the HDC.

The HDC issued seventeen Certificates of Appropriateness during the current fiscal year, including the Town Hall Expansion and Renovation project, the transformation of the former Christ the King Church at 22 Lyme Street to a private residence, renovations at 105 Lyme Street (driveway, new fence, installation of a balustrade), construction of a stone wall to replace a picket fence at 2 Sill Lane, and various other fence replacements and new signs. In addition, the HDC nominated the Florence Griswold Museum for a Connecticut Trust Historic Preservation Award. The FGM won a merit award for its extensive renovations.

The major innovation initiated this fiscal year by the HDC is the Plaque Program to acknowledge historic buildings in the HD:

To qualify, buildings must have been built prior to World War II (1939). The 16" x 13" white oval plaques with black text cost \$100 plus tax and contain the name of the original owner or the structure's purpose (e.g., Grange

Hall) and the approximate date of construction. Information concerning the Plaque Program and an application form are posted on the HDC's Web site. The HDC has been awarded an enhancement grant from the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism to provide plaques free of charge to qualified nonprofit organizations in the HD.

Plaques have already been installed at: 1 McCurdy Road (Marvin Family ca. 1820), 33 Lyme Street (Hiram G. Marvin ca. 1824), 56 Lyme Street (George W. Harris, MD ca. 1865), and 90 Lyme Street (Lyme Art Association ca. 1921). Plaques in preparation include: 1 Lyme Street (Tooker-McCurdy ca. 1700), 2 Library Lane (Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library ca. 1898), 4 Lyme Street (Congregational Church ca. 1917), 5 Lyme Street (Congregational Church Parsonage ca. 1800), 49 Lyme Street (Center School ca. 1934), 55 Lyme Street (the Grange Hall ca. 1930), 59 Lyme Street (LYSB ca. 1900) and 84 Lyme Street (John Sill ca. 1817). In addition, a plaque outside of the HD has been installed at 5 Academy Lane (Oliver C. Wait ca. 1859).

This year's more prominent projects to come before the HDC included:

The Town Hall Expansion – The Memorial Town Hall in the Colonial Revival style has not been significantly modified since its dedication on November 11, 1921. For the current expansion project, demolition of the Speirs property built in 1915 at 50 Lyme Street was needed to obtain ZBA approval (coverage of the property).

Concerning the renovation and expansion, the HDC has been concerned with: the massing of the new design, the materials to be used (including roofing), the proposed landscaping (with the Memorial Garden), maintaining the classical proportions of the 1921 building, and the demolition of 50 Lyme Street. The HDC was concerned about a demolition in the HD. However, without the necessary approvals, the town hall would not have been able to remain on Lyme Street. While the HDC would have preferred that the Speirs' house be preserved by moving it to another location, it is extremely costly today to move a structure due to the expense of removing and replacing overhead utility lines.

## Historic District Commission *(continued)*

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Transformation of the former Christ the King Church to a private residence – a two-car garage (separate structure) is being constructed in the rear of the property (visible from Lyme Street). The garage will include a guest bedroom and bath on the second floor. The existing church steeple is to be replaced by a shorter steeple in the Greek Revival style. Additions to the main structure will include a covered entrance on the north side of the building and a small sunroom on the south side. The vinyl/aluminum siding has been replaced by Hardiplank siding.

Future programs and projects in the planning stage include:

Transformation and renovation of the former Christ the King Church Rectory at 30 Lyme Street to a private residence. Present plans include the addition of an attached garage in the

rear and access to Beckwith Lane replacing the existing Lyme Street driveway.

The renovation or rebuilding of the LOL High School: The HDC will be mainly concerned with the Lyme Street access to aid and improve safety, visibility, and traffic flow. The HDC will be reviewing the plans to ensure that the revised entrance does not detract from the HD's predominantly "country" character and that the high school and parking areas will continue to be screened from Lyme Street.

The possible expansion of the Historic District to include sections of Sill Lane and Ferry Road.

A demolition policy to ensure that any demolition plans of historic structures (pre World War II-1939) are open to public review before being granted approval.

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## Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission

Janet Bechtel  
*Chairman*

**T**he Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC) is one of the regulatory Land Use Boards in town and grants permits to property owners who wish to conduct "regulated activities"<sup>1</sup> within 100 feet of an inland wetlands or watercourse. The commission meetings are open to the public and currently held at Christ the King Church on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. except in November, when it is the Tuesday after Thanksgiving, and December, when there is no meeting.

This year the commission reviewed over fifty applications. Our meetings were often lengthy, with standing room only, as Public Hearings on significant activities and wetlands violations brought applicants, neighbors, engineers, soil scientists, and attorneys together for discussion and debate. In addition to monthly meetings, commission members walked over 300 acres of property during site walks, called two Special Hearings, and attended classes, for which two members received Certificates of Completion for the DEP's Municipal Inland Wetlands Commissioners Training Program. Much-needed administrative support was provided by

the Land Use Department and our Wetlands Enforcement Officer, Ann Brown, was busy with site inspections, administrative permits, violation notices, and Cease and Desist Orders.

The Town Hall Expansion brought new challenges to the busy and crowded Land Use Department. Business as usual was conducted amid the dismantling and relocating of offices to the Old Lyme Marketplace, and many staff and volunteer hours went in to determining the look of the new Land Use Department come 2008. Important commission files were packed and transported, all the while available for inspection if requested by the public. A new meeting space was obtained at Christ the King Church and the large, air-conditioned room was greatly appreciated by all. While Land Use settled into their new offices, the staff at Memorial Town Hall worked hard to stay current with Web postings so that IWWC meeting minutes and agendas were available on-line at: [http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/Pages/OldLymeCT\\_BComm/wetlands](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/Pages/OldLymeCT_BComm/wetlands). The telephone and computer disconnects that were occasionally experienced during the move provided staff and commission members alike a much-needed break from the hectic pace of spring 2007.

# Inland Wetlands & Watercourses Commission *(continued)*

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By the close of the fiscal year in June 2007, the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission had approved Town Woods Phase II, passed “no jurisdiction” rulings on at least six applications, commented on the expansion of the LOL High School, resolved a few violations, and approved a twenty-eight-unit PRCD. To the many property owners who attended our meetings seeking permits and to the involved homeowners who voiced their concern at our Public Hearings I would like to say thank you! You have made Old Lyme and this commission better by your compliance and questions.

Tidal wetlands and dock permits continue to be regulated by the state’s Department of Environmental Protection.

<sup>1</sup> Regulated activity - any operation within or use of a wetland or watercourse involving removal or deposition of material, or any obstruction, construction, alteration or pollution, of such wetlands or watercourses... furthermore, any clearing, grubbing filling, grading, paving, excavating, constructing, depositing or removing of material and discharging of storm water on the land within 100 feet measured horizontally from the boundary of any wetland or watercourse is a regulated activity. The Commission may rule that any other activity located within such upland review area or in any other non-wetland or non-watercourse area is likely to impact or affect wetlands or watercourses and is a regulated activity.

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## Lyme Historical Society

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**Jeffrey W. Anderson**

*Director*

The Florence Griswold Museum, headquarters of the Lyme Historical Society, has supported and watched with keen interest the current project to expand and rehabilitate the Memorial Town Hall. Building Committee members John Forbis and Ken Levin have spent hours in the society’s archives combing old photographs of the building to analyze its changes over the years. And earlier in 2007, all thirty-one paintings from the Memorial Town Hall Collection were transported to the museum, where they are safely stored in a fireproof vault and looked after by our professional staff. This irreplaceable collection, part of the town’s historic legacy, will be reinstalled in the town hall once the renovations are complete.

Having undertaken a number of building projects at the museum over the past decade, we are well aware of the temporary disruption that a project like the town hall can bring to the community. But its successful completion will provide yet another place for community members and visitors to gather. In many ways, this is just the role that the Florence Griswold Museum fulfills in this town. Today, residents and visitors can tour the recently restored 1817 Florence Griswold House, take part in an activity or performance at the Hartman Education

Center, and enjoy a new exhibition or two in the Robert and Nancy Kriebel Gallery. And all of these public buildings are set within a beautiful landscape right on the Lieutenant River. Last year nearly 50,000 people took part in an active year-round program of exhibitions and educational programs that benefit townspeople and visitors to the region.

Joining with sister institutions, free family events are offered each year, including the annual Midsummer Festival, which attracted over 5,000 visitors last summer. The Hot Air Club, a series of educationally based events oriented toward younger adults, is successfully reaching out to this growing demographic in our town. The museum continues to build on its close relationship with Connecticut schools with new web-based learning resources that can be found at [www.florencegriswoldmuseum.org/learning](http://www.florencegriswoldmuseum.org/learning). Teachers are using the museum like never before, one of the most satisfying developments of the past year.

All of these activities rely on the essential support of the town’s residents, many of who volunteer here. The Florence Griswold Museum is proud to share the art and history of the town of Old Lyme with both its residents and with visitors who come to admire what the town has to offer.

# Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce

Charles E. Delinks  
*President*

Like many town organizations, the Lyme Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce has relied upon the convenient location of Memorial Town Hall as a place where residents and visitors can pick up information about the Chamber and its members or drop off donations to Chamber-sponsored events such as Toys for Tots.

The Town Hall renovation project gave us incentive to expand our website ([www.lolcc.com](http://www.lolcc.com)) and publish a toll-free phone number (888-302-9246) that people can use to help plan their visits to Old Lyme.

The Chamber meets monthly from September through June at Cherrystones Restaurant. Invited speakers at our dinner meetings this year included Emergency Management Director David Roberge; CT Power and Energy Society president Jennifer Janelle; James Benn, Lyme resident & author; Tony Sheridan, president of the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut; Jeff Paulson from Paulson Training in Chester; and Jeff Cooley and Linnea Rufo from the Old Lyme Arts Alliance.

In addition, we welcomed representatives of Regional District 18 and the Town Hall Renovation Committee to present high school and town hall construction proposals.

Our holiday meeting featured Lyme-Old Lyme High School's Select Singers. High School students returned in January with a preview of their musical, *Into the Woods*.

Charis Talcott, a junior at Lyme-Old Lyme High School, was awarded the N. Rutherford Sheffield Memorial Junior -Year Scholarships Award for Entrepreneurial Promise and

Achievement. The Chamber's Scholarship Award for Promise and Achievement in the Visual Arts is given to Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts students. The 2007 recipients were Caitlyn Concascia, Richard Lacey III, and Shane Scarratt. Pre-college summer scholarships to the Lyme Academy were awarded to Drew Archer and Jesse Bonelli.

Scholarship funding is provided through several Chamber benefit activities, including CMRK-St. Vincent DePaul recycled clothing bins, donations, and the annual Taste of the Lymes.

Members of the high school's Key Club assisted Chamber members with roadside cleanup (Adopt a Highway) this year and the community responded generously to our Toys for Tots donation requests. Work continued on our Halls Road "Chamber Safety Walk." A Fall River Quest boat ride on the Connecticut River, Winter Carol Sing and Tree Lighting at the Old Lyme Marketplace, and spring Taste of the Lymes held at the Lyme Academy were all highlights of the Chamber year.

We look forward to a new and improved Memorial Town Hall. The renovation plans include space for Chamber and tourism information, meeting rooms and a Meeting Hall that might accommodate Chamber events, and a spacious entryway that will once again make the town hall the ideal central location for the community outreach activities of the Chamber of Commerce as well as other social and civic organizations.

Members, prospective members, and guests are always welcome at our monthly meetings. Please join us this year.



*Taste of the Lymes, 2007: Pam Stevens,  
Pat McCarthy and Peggy Ames*

# Lyme-Old Lyme High School

## Thirty-fourth Annual Commencement - June 15, 2007

### Candidates For Diplomas

+*^ Daniel Wallace Bagdorf	+>* Matthew Jonathan Graves	Mark Joseph Neville
+*^ William Leverant Bagdorf	+* Leslie Sharon Green	* Chelsea Glenn-Gardner Newman
Michael Robert Ballman	+*^ Raeann Groves	Lauren Mary Josephine Nichols
+* Timothy James Berryman	+*^ Stephen Edward Hackett	Matthew Stephen Nunn
+*^ Elene Alexandra Birch	>* Kathryn Noelle Hageman	+*^ Eve Mary O'Connor
* Nicole Sanford Brady	Jeffrey Conor Harrigan	Nikita Pepemi
* Jordan Whitney Brink	Dennis Brian Hautaniemi	+* Jillian Wolcott Phelps
Brittney Alyse Burt	*^ Melissa Susan Holland	+*^ Kristin Elizabeth Pishvanov
+* Allison Mew-Ling Chan	Amelia Claire Holmes	Matthias James Powers-Kus
+*^ Caitlin Marie Chapman	Cristina Farah James	+* Brandon Andrew Przybysz
Nora Elizabeth Christopher	* Scott Tod Johnson	Rebecca Rose Rand
Shayna Marie Clancy	Dana Marie Karpuska	Kristy Ann Reiderneister
Christina Virginia Clark	>* Jennifer Lynn Kathe	*^ Thomas Elliott Ressler
*^ Zachary Michael Cohen	+* Julia Collins Kearney	+*^ Kristen Corrine Risom
+* Elizabeth Ann Collins	+* Hannah Katherine Korsmeyer	+*^ Amelia Kyle Rountree
+* Clare Elizabeth Conniff	+*^ Thomas Kempf Koski	Kristina Marie Rowe
Jonathan Paul Constantinou	Kathryn Nicole Labriola	+* Lisa Marie Russell
+* Melissa Keever Cotton	* Richard Eugene Lacey III	Richard Masterson Ryan
*^ Mercedes Carder Czapinski	+* Alyson Marie Lane	Alexander Jay Sharp
+*^ Sloan Wilson Danenhower	+*^ Katherine Terry Lawrence	+* Jenna Jean Skaar
+*> Sally Anne Davidson	^ Kevin Stroup Leaver	Julia Ann Spragg
Cody Heath Deutermann	+* Hannah Reeves Littell	+ Lilliane Phoebe Spratt
+* Martin Digenio	Zachary Dann Lockwood	+* Carey Elizabeth Stadnick
William Philip Dix	+* James William Logan	+* Elizabeth Deborah Stark
* Diana Jean Dolishny	+* Laura Helena Mackey	+* John Terrance Stearns
+* Samantha Lee Dolph	+* Chelsea Margaret Mangs	+* Zachary Calvin Thomas
Thomas Edward Duarte	Michael Paul Manser	+* Meghan Ashley Thurrott
+ Brett Michael Egri	*^ Jason John Matarazzo	*^ David Craig Touranjoe
Nicholas Rowland Farina	+* Chelsea Lynn Matarese	* Daniel Sullivan Tyler
Philip Fazzino IV	+^ James Atlee McCawley	Jacob Allen Wells
Rebecca Elizabeth Firgelewski	^ Alyssa Hart McGill	James Samuel Wheeler
Clint Hampton Franklin	* Sean Patrick McGill	Richard Lawry Wilkman
Edward James Freeman	* Connor Faas McKnight	* Eric Michael Williams
+*^ Katherine O'Neill Garland	* Dana Elisabeth Meinke	+*^ Keefe Dennis Santiago Wojcik
+>* Laura Nicole Gladd	+* Ashley Glenn Miller	+* Kathryn Munyuen Yee
+* Bethany Adeline Goddiess	^ Allison Clark Montesanto	* Cathleen Elizabeth Young
John Steven Golebiewski III	+* Katelyn Alicia Nemeth	+* Megan Elizabeth Zabilansky
		+* Ryan Francis Zrenda

- + Members of the National Honor Society
- \* CAPT Scholars
- > Academic Letter Recipients
- ^ Connecticut Career Certificate Recipients

### Class Officers

President .....	Sloan Wilson Danenhower
Vice President.....	Elene Birch
Secretary.....	Amelia Rountree
Treasurer .....	James Logan

# Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*

## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

### *Memorial Scholarships*

JoAnn Bocian Memorial Scholarship .....	Chelsea Newman
Everett “Chief” Burke Memorial Scholarship.....	Bethany Goddiess
Scott Marsh Cory Memorial Scholarship .....	Ryan Zrenda
Julie Goodman Memorial Scholarship .....	Carey Stadnick
Robert C. and Marguerite C. Graves Memorial Scholarship.....	Kevin Leaver, Alyssa McGill, Jenna Skaar, Daniel Tyler, David Touranjoe, Ryan Zrenda
Ralph P. Kehoe Memorial Scholarship by Lyme-Old Lyme Lions Club.....	James Logan
Lew Krause Memorial Scholarship by Lyme-Old Lyme Lions Club .....	Chelsea Newman
Alan McLean Kyle Memorial Scholarship .....	Daniel Bagdorf, William Bagdorf
Patricia Ann Langer Science Scholarship.....	Amelia Rountree
Lyme-Old Lyme High School Class of 1981 Memorial Scholarship .....	Richard Lacey
John McLaughlin Technology Memorial Scholarship .....	Brett Egri
Wallace F. Moore Memorial Scholarship.....	Laura Gladd
David Munday Memorial Scholarship.....	Stephen Hackett, Amelia Rountree
Harold J. Nickerson Scholarship by Lyme-Old Lyme Lions Club.....	Ryan Zrenda
Mary Hubbard Noyes Nursing Memorial Scholarship .....	Bethany Goddiess, Thomas Ressler
Carol L. Patterson Memorial Scholarship .....	Chelsea Matarese
Dr. Frances C. Roach Women in Science Memorial Scholarship.....	Julia Kearney
Mildred Sanford Business Memorial Scholarship.....	Jennifer Kathe
Otto StorJohann Academic Improvement Memorial Scholarship .....	Dana Karpuska

### *Scholarships*

Big Y Foods, Inc. Scholarship .....	Jenna Skaar
Bruce Chandler Scholarship .....	Stephen Hackett
Dunkin Donuts Franchisee Scholarship Program .....	Jenna Skaar
Duck River Garden Club Scholarship .....	James Logan
Friends of Music Scholarship.....	Nicole Brady, Allison Chan, Melissa Cotton, Laura Gladd, Thomas Koski, Zachary Lockwood, James McCawley, Mark Neville, Richard Ryan, Meghan Thurrott
W.E.S. Griswold Scholarship by MacCurdy-Salisbury .....	Allison Chan
Roger M. Grover Education Scholarship .....	Mercedes Czapinski
Kent State University 2007-2008 Scholarship Recipient .....	Melissa Cotton
Lyme-Old Lyme Administrators Scholarship .....	Lisa Russell
Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women’s Club Scholarship .....	Caitlin Chapman, Laura Mackey
Lymes’ Youth Service Bureau Youth Advisory Council Scholarship.....	Thomas Koski, Zachary Lockwood, James McCawley
National Merit Scholar “Commended” .....	Daniel Bagdorf, William Bagdorf, Allison Chan, Hannah Korsmeyer, James McCawley, Jenna Skaar, John Stearns, Zachary Thomas
National Merit Scholarship/Novartis .....	Julia Kearney
National Merit Pfizer Inc. Scholarship.....	James Logan
National Merit Scholar Pfizer Inc. Scholarship.....	Daniel Bagdorf, William Bagdorf
National Merit Scholars .....	Julia Kearney, James Logan
Old Lyme Players Scholarship .....	Melissa Cotton, Katelyn Nemeth
Old Lyme Visiting Nurses’ Association Scholarship .....	Caitlin Chapman, Bethany Goddiess, Thomas Ressler, Lisa Russell
Pfizer Math and Science Scholarship 2007 .....	Allison Chan
Regional School District 18 Teachers’ Association Scholarship .....	Shayna Clancy, Stephen Hackett
Richard Spindler-Virgin Scholarship Fund of the Regional Multicultural Magnet School Foundation.....	Cristina James
Willis Umberger Award by MacCurdy-Salisbury.....	Jenna Skaar

# Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*

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## AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

### MEMORIAL AWARDS FOR EXCELLENCE

E.F. "Red" Latourette Memorial Scholarship .....	Laura Gladd, Ryan Zrenda
Nathaniel L. Sheffield Accounting Award .....	Raeann Groves
Sidney Stringer Physical Education Award.....	Amelia Rountree, John Stearns
Roselyn Taylor Memorial Art Award .....	Clare Conniff
Tony J. Vasiloff Memorial Art Award .....	Richard Lacey

### AWARDS BY ASSOCIATIONS AND GOVERNMENTS

AHEPA New London Foundation, Inc. Scholarship.....	Elene Birch
American Association of Physics Teachers.....	William Bagdor, James Logan
American Physical Society Adopt-a-Physicist 2006 .....	Julia Kearney, James Logan
2006 Eugene Atwood "Finalist" Award .....	Jenna Skaar
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Southeastern Connecticut.....	Chelsea Matarese, Ashley Miller, Lisa Russell, Kathryn Yee
Board of Education Citizenship Award .....	Sloan Wilson Danenhower
Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout Award .....	Matthew Graves
Alice Burbank-English Award .....	Megan Zabilansky
CABE Student Leadership Award .....	Sloan Wilson Danenhower, Amelia Rountree
CAPSS Superintendent's Recognition Award/ CABE Superintendent Leadership Award.....	Nicole Brady, Stephen Hackett
CAS Honoring Visual & Performing Arts Students Award .....	Richard Lacey, Meghan Thurrott
CIAC Scholar-Athlete Award .....	Allison Chan, James Logan
College Board Advanced Placement Program.....	Julia Kearney
Connecticut Association of Schools.....	Laura Gladd, Ashley Miller
Connecticut Interscholastic Athletic Conference .....	Sally Davidson, Laura Mackey, Kristen Risom
Connecticut Scholastic Arts Award.....	Clare Conniff, Melissa Cotton, Richard Lacey, Katelyn Nemeth, Jillian Phelps
Connecticut Society of Certified Public Accountants .....	Brandan Przybysz
Elias J. Hage History/Economics Award .....	James Logan
Elks National Foundation 2007 Most Valuable Student.....	Ryan Zrenda
Kiwanis Club of New London Key Club Award .....	Sloan Wilson Danenhower, Laura Mackey
Lawrence & Memorial Careers in Healthcare Scholarship.....	Caitlin Chapman
Lyme-Old Lyme High School Student Store Entrepreneurial Scholarship .....	Daniel Bagdor, Brittney Burt, Kristy Reidemeister
Lyme-Old Lyme High School World Languages Award .....	Julia Kearney, Zachary Thomas, Meghan Thurrott
Microsoft Office Specialist.....	Martin Digenio, Brett Egri, Chelsea Newman
Middlesex County Mathematics League .....	William Bagdor
Old Lyme American Legion Post 41 Award .....	Carey Stadnick
Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce Award .....	Richard Lacey
Old Lyme Grange Service Award.....	Lisa Russell
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Program.....	Caitlin Chapman, Chelsea Newman
Shoreline Arts Alliance Award .....	Clare Conniff, Richard Lacey, Elizabeth Stark
SHED - Shoreline Heads of English Department Award .....	Amelia Holmes
Town of Old Lyme Government.....	Sloan Wilson Danenhower
United States Marine Corps .....	William Bagdor, Leslie Green, Eve O'Connor, Zachary Thomas

# Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*

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## REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EIGHTEEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Ms. Lynn G. Fairfield-Sonn, *Chairman*, Ms. Karen Conniff, Ms. Andrea Fenton, Ms. Susan Fogliano, Mr. Russell Gomes, Mr. Daniel Hagan, Ms. Nanette Salvino, Ms. Mary Stone, Mr. James Witkins

## ADMINISTRATION

Mr. David Klein, *Superintendent*

Ms. Jan Guarino-Rhone, *Principal*      Mr. Enzo Zocco, *Assistant Principal*

## CLASS ADVISORS

Jennifer Burke, *Head Advisor*

John Byrne, Jessica Cuomo, Glenn Elliott, Jonathan Goss, Jeanne Manfredi, Elizabeth Matis, John Pfeiffer, Constance Swartz, Sheila Ward, Jacob Wilson

## FACULTY

William Allik, Nicole Breault, Jennifer Burke, John Byrne, Deborah Caldwell, Carolyn Cimino, Dennis Costello, Kathleen Cote, Jessica Cuomo, Aron D'Aquila, William Derry, Karen Duhamel, Brett Eckhart, Glenn Elliott, Marlene Estabrooks, Marsha Folger, Eileen Gannon, Jonathan Goss, Roger Haynes, Joanne Hedwall, Allan Honer, Kirk Kaczor, Marci Kania, Dawn Kelley, Katia Kingston, Jeanne Manfredi, Elizabeth Matis, John McGannon, Leslie O'Connor, Barbara O'Leary, Kristine Pekar, John Pfeiffer, William Rayder, Jill Ressler, Robert Roach, Gregory Robinson, Colleen Rodriguez, MaryBeth Schreindorfer, Jacquelyn Sullivan, Constance Swartz, Leslie Traver, Linda Tuzzio, Sheila Ward, Joanna Williams, Jacob Wilson, Charles Wolfe, Louis Zubek

## CLASS MARSHALS

Emily Kearney, Peter Wilczynski



*LYSB's Youth Advisory Council (YAC) meets weekly to tackle issues important to teens and to develop community service projects. Each year the students hold several fundraisers to support their YAC Scholarships that are given to graduating seniors who have shown a commitment to community service. In June 2007, three outstanding men were awarded the YAC Scholarship: Zachary Lockwood attending Berklee College of Music, James McCawley attending Loyola College, and Tom Koski attending Northeastern University.*

# Lymes' Senior Center

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**Sherry A. Meyer**

*Director*

**T**hose who have yet to visit the Lymes' Senior Center are in for a special treat. We are located in a beautiful rural setting surrounded by large grassy fields and trees.

The senior center is open Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. to all seniors age sixty or older. The membership fee is only five dollars for residents and ten for nonresidents. All members receive our newsletter four times a year.

We have a lot of activities that suit the needs of all seniors; these include bridge on Mondays, exercise classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays, Tai Chi on Wednesdays, computer classes on Thursdays, and watercolor painting classes on Fridays. There are always ongoing puzzles, cards, board games, and monthly bingo.

Our special programs include our Summer Nights Concert Series, VNA Health Days, AARP

55 Alive Driving Courses, Lifeline Screenings, guest speakers, musicians, and more. Dates and times are announced in our newsletter and advertised in local papers.

We have walkers, wheelchairs, and other medical equipment available for loan to any senior at no charge.

Our Cozy Corner Library is filled with wonderful hardcovers, paperbacks, and large-print books as well as movies and audio books for borrowing.

A complete nutritious lunch is served Monday through Friday at noon for a small donation of \$2.50. Meals on Wheels are also available for homebound residents.

Please feel free to stop by anytime to enjoy a program or activity or simply have a cup of coffee!

## Lymes' VFW Post 1467

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**Bob Roser**

*Advocate*

**L**ymes' Veterans Of Foreign Wars Post is made up of men and women who have served our country honorably overseas in time of war. Our local Post has over one hundred members, thirty of whom participate in an assortment of projects in the Lyme-Old Lyme area. Sometimes called the "Lymes History Channel," former combat veterans work to fulfill projects aimed at our community. In addition to town service and updating all veterans on current VA programs and benefits, the goal of the Post is to provide patriotic, historical, educational events to maintain the institution of our American freedom.

This past year Lymes' VFW Post hit all its membership and program activity goals. A total of over fifty ongoing and new service projects were completed, totaling \$18,465 in 4,031 volunteer hours, mileage, and contributions. In addition to the Middle School and High School Youth Essay contests, various volunteer efforts included administering ten American Red Cross blood drives, supplying support to State Guard units stationed in Iraq, organizing major gift donations to the New Haven VA Hospital and Rocky Hill Veteran's Home, sponsoring Little

League, restoring the Sound View flagpole area, and other civic and veteran donations.

The Post continues to participate in the "Freedom Is Not Free" educational program, where a team of World War II, Korea, and Viet Nam veterans are invited to area schools to tell their stories. Members also volunteer at Honor Guard burial details designed to pay closing tribute to area departed veterans. Families can request this meaningful service when making local funeral arrangements.

The annual November Veteran's Day "Buddy Poppy" Program, which is conducted for our Post Relief Fund, continues to help several needy veterans and related relief activities. Buddy Poppies carry the slogan, "We don't leave our wounded behind." The Post appreciates all residents of Lyme and Old Lyme who contribute to this annual appeal.

Dinner meetings are scheduled the fourth Monday of the month at the Lymes' Senior Center. For membership information and the opportunity to join in the Veterans Of Foreign Wars comradeship and service, call Commander Richard Younger at 434-5529 or check the Post's web site: [vfwpost1467.org](http://vfwpost1467.org).

# Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

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Mary Seidner  
*Director*

59 Lyme Street ~ P.O. Box 589  
Old Lyme, CT 06371  
434-7208 [www.lysb.org](http://www.lysb.org)

**T**he Lymes' Youth Service Bureau (LYSB) promotes positive youth development through programs and services to children and families in Old Lyme and Lyme. LYSB, a private nonprofit organization, relies on the generous support of our community for nearly one-half of its budget. We are grateful to the Town of Old Lyme for their municipal support, and we enjoy collaborating with the town on a variety of programs.

LYSB, along with a coalition of community agencies and citizens, created a new task force to address the issue of substance abuse among youth in our community. Community Action for Substance Free Youth (CASFY) received grant funding to administer a community youth survey to learn about attitudes and behaviors regarding alcohol, tobacco, and drugs. In grades seven through eleven, 85 percent of students completed the anonymous survey in December 2006. The survey results show that Old Lyme youth are experimenting with alcohol at an age much younger than most parents realize. Students in the upper grades are using alcohol at higher rates than their peers both locally and statewide. For complete survey results including a PowerPoint presentation, as well as resources and links, please visit the LYSB website [www.lysb.org](http://www.lysb.org). CASFY members are available to give a presentation to any interested organization or group. We meet on the second Wednesday of the month at LYSB at 7:00 p.m. and welcome attendance from any members of the community.

In the summer of 2007, LYSB provided a training program for all Old Lyme Park & Rec

youth employees including day-camp personnel and lifeguards. During the two-day program the students were given CPR and first-aid training and certification, as well as youth leadership and development activities.

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](http://www.lysb.org), or stop by our offices at 59 Lyme Street to learn about the youth programs we offer, including the following:

- Playgroups for babies and toddlers
- Parent education
- After-school programs
- Counseling
- Community service groups
- Prevention programs
- Summer programs
- Special events

## **LYSB Board of Directors**

Michelle Sagristano, Chairman; Leslie Massa, Vice Chairman; Paul Sagristano, Treasurer; Susan Fader, Secretary; Peggy Comstock, Mary Dangremond, Bill & Lisa Donovan, Sue Frost, Nikki Hostnik, Sue Jette, Maddy Mattson, Laura Mooney, Scott O'Donnell, Bettie Proctor, Dyanne Rafal, Bonnie Reemsnyder, Doreen Thomas, Wendy Visgilio, Richard Ward

## **LYSB Staff**

Mary V. Seidner, Director; Arleen C. Sharp, Parent Resource Administrative Supervisor, CPAT - Parent Educator; Missy Colburn, Youth Programs Coordinator; Ursula Chock, LCSW, Youth and Family Counselor; Marcia Leverone, Office Manager; Connie Sullivan, Administrative Assistant

# MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

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**Rowland Ballek**  
*President*

The MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation was founded in 1893. In its early years the foundation helped the school system in Old Lyme. In 1918 it began making direct grants to students to continue their education beyond high school, and by 1930 the foundation's resources were almost exclusively centered on student grants based on need. In 1973 Berenice Brevillier started the Lyme portion of the fund with a substantial gift.

The foundation had a very active past year. At our Annual Meeting on September 23, 2006, the following officers were elected: Rowland Ballek, President; Mary Seidner, Vice President; Ned Perkins, Secretary/Treasurer; and Ward Bing, Assistant Secretary/Treasurer. Ned Perkins has succeeded Ward Bing, who very ably held the Secretary/Treasurer's position for the past twenty years. Elected to the foundation's Board of Directors were Charles Dey, Sue Hessel, and Douglas Stoehr. Ann Clement was elected as a new member of the foundation.

For the school year 2006-2007 the foundation gave awards to 106 students totaling \$192,895. Projected awards for 2007-2008 are \$203,580. All high school graduates who have maintained permanent residence in Old Lyme or Lyme for at least two years are eligible to apply for a MacCurdy Salisbury grant. Grants are given for four years and are paid out semi-annually to the students provided that a student's grades do not fall below 2.0 GPA and the student (family)

remains a town resident. Applications and instructions are available at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Guidance Office.

In June, for the first time, a reception was held at the Lyme Art Association for the 2007 high-school graduates who were receiving foundation grants. At that time awards were passed out to twenty-two seniors who were going on to college. In addition to the regular awards the foundation makes two special \$500 awards. The W.E.S. Griswold Award given to the class Valedictorian was awarded to Alison Chan. The Willis Umberger Memorial Scholarship award given to the class Salutatorian was awarded to Jenna Skaar.

The foundation continued with its awareness campaign throughout the year with members hosting receptions to acquaint local residents with the foundation's purpose and results it has achieved. General and selected mailings were also sent out to residents of Lyme and Old Lyme. The goal is to build up the foundation's endowment so that the educational grants it gives out keep pace with the increasing cost of higher education. The foundation is looking to residents to help by considering outright gifts or charitable trusts or arranging for bequests.

The MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation is a very special part of this community. All of its awards are given locally to Old Lyme or Lyme students and with community support it will continue to help our students further their educations.



# Municipal Agent for the Elderly

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**Don Tapper**  
*Municipal Agent*

**A**s Municipal Agent for the Elderly, I am always available to give advice and direction to the elderly and their families on all topics concerning senior issues. Please leave a message on my home phone, 434-5334, or at Lymewood, 434-2120, and I will respond as soon as possible.

We are fortunate to have an exceptional Senior Center/Visiting Nurse Office located on

Town Woods Road. I encourage all seniors to join the center and participate in its many programs and events. Director Sherry Meyer and visiting nurse Linda Camarra do an excellent job helping with all facets of senior life.

Senior subsidized housing is available at Rye Field Manor, 434-0526, and Lymewood, 434-2120. Both are located off Boston Post Road. Please call for more information and how to get on the waiting list.

## Office of Emergency Management

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**David Roberge**  
*Director*

**T**he Town of Old Lyme was the recipient of two major grants during this fiscal year: \$32,000 from the Nuclear Safety Emergency Fund and \$50,000 from Homeland Security Grant Funding. The first was used to replace the aging radios in our fire emergency apparatus. The second was used to purchase portable lighting, radio pagers, and portable computer detection equipment for multi-gas analyzers.

Our potassium iodide (KI) program began five years ago. This year all residents received notification that they may receive new, replacement, or additional KI pills from the town hall, to be taken in the case of a “nuclear event” at Millstone.

Also started in cooperation with Millstone, we are redoing our Emergency Alert System. One tower is visible near Old Colony Beach, another off Exit 70. We will be replacing these throughout the next fiscal year.

We worked with CRERPA in developing a Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan. This identifies risk or vulnerability assessment of flood hazards, high winds and tornados, drought, hurricane, wildfires, and winter storms. This plan, once implemented, can bring about preemptive mitigation to help reduce repetitive loss. Some examples are phragmite removal to decrease fire hazards, reconstruction of outfalls (drainage pipes into Long Island sound) to minimize beach erosion, and planting of groundcovers as erosion prevention.

*Opposite: 2007 MacCurdy Salisbury Scholarship recipients. Front row (left to right): Jenna Skaar, Carey Stadnick, Raeann Groves, Kristen Risom, Keefe Wojcik, Chelsea Newman, Allison Chan, Caitlin Chapman. Back row (left to right): President Rowland Ballek, Scott Johnson, John Stearns, Will Danenhower, Mark Neville, Secretary/Treasurer Ned Perkins.*

# Old Lyme Affordable Housing, Inc.

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Les Reynolds

Executive Director

**O**LAH is an all-volunteer, independent, 501(c)(3) community-based corporation, created in 1993 by the Lyme/Old Lyme Council of Churches and its congregations to address key housing issues in Old Lyme.

In 2006-2007, having in earlier years built three “forever affordable” homes for four candidate families (one family moved nearer their job in Ledyard), we have been working toward a closer relationship with the Town of Old Lyme to establish a Housing Board or Commission with oversight and early access to the resolution of housing issues. Our focus to date has been on enabling affordable homes for our young people in town – people such as our adult children, teachers, school workers, firefighters, business employees, ambulance workers, and social service providers.

We are prepared to build or acquire houses and sell them to qualified first-time homebuyers with household income below 80 percent of the region’s median income whenever we have land on which to build. The properties are held by OLAH as Community Land Trusts, and the homes are held by the owners, using Essex Savings Bank mortgages: nothing down, good rates, and virtually no closing costs. Homeowners pay taxes on their houses, and when they move on we work together to transfer home ownership to our next approved candidate. The town forgives taxes on our properties, and we work with Old Lyme town officials so that land-use regulations and town committees proactively support affordable

housing development.

The members and staffs of three churches in Old Lyme (First Congregational, St. Ann’s Episcopal, and Christ the King Roman Catholic) have provided financial and volunteer staffing support for OLAH, with help from individuals, businesses, and a few foundations.

The Kiernan and McCulloch families donated land in the Flat Rock and Boggy Hole areas for our first three houses. To serve our clients, we need more gifts of buildable land (or run-down homes in need of repairs, where church and community volunteer work teams can make repairs at a tremendous saving in building costs and a real gain in community involvement). The land must be available at almost no cost because we hold the land in trust to keep the houses forever affordable, and we cannot recover money spent on land or property acquisition.

In our search for land donors, we carry our message to those with influence on land use and/or sale of property in Old Lyme. We make available “An Open Letter on Affordable Housing in Old Lyme” for use with town officials, landowners, developers, realtors, architects, attorneys, legislators, community and church leaders, estate managers, nonprofits, foundations, business and professional managers, corporations, philanthropists, and other interested individuals!!

To learn more, write us at P.O. Box 1044, Old Lyme, or at [lesdiane@att.net](mailto:lesdiane@att.net), or call Les Reynolds, Executive Director (860-434-3922)



*LYSB’s High School drama workshop meets during the winter and spring with a professional drama coach to work on skits and improv with a prevention theme. Acting Up! students perform for the elementary and middle schools in a program focused on prevention themes. Pictured are students at a Mile Creek performance (l to r): Greg Berryman, Lauren Bates, Sarah Peck, Kirsten Brink, Zach Agostine, Elizabeth Parsons, and Jill Hautaniemi.*

# Old Lyme Animal Shelter and Animal Control

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Martha Rumskas  
*Animal Control Officer*

This past year was a good year. Roaming dog complaints were down and not as many animals were found in bad circumstances.

We were able to help out a family in need with three children and a single parent. This was rewarding for us as we took care of their animals for a time and made sure they were settled and able to care for themselves before the animals went back.

The new town hall is going to be a wonderful asset to the town and its residents. It would be nice to have a new office there, but we prefer to be right with the animals on Machnik Drive. We are there most days, especially in the morning. Please call and let us know when you would like to visit, so that we can be available.

This year we helped 106 animals. Of these, 50 were returned to their owners, 46 were

adopted, and 8 were killed by motor vehicles. One cat, near death, was euthanized. We looked into 167 complaints, and there were 10 animal-bite complaints.

We are a No-Kill Shelter and Animal Control Department serving the Town of Old Lyme. Please call us with any concerns you may have about domestic animals. Questions and concerns about wildlife are welcome, and we can answer most of them. When we cannot answer them, we will direct you to someone who can.

The State Of Connecticut has a Spay/Neuter Program. The certificates are available to anyone who adopts an unaltered animal from a Municipal Shelter. Please consider us when looking for a special companion!

We hope you will visit. Please call 860 434-3047.

## Old Lyme Fire Department

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C. Ellis Jewett  
*Secretary*

The Old Lyme Fire Department was organized amid a groundswell of support when seventy charter members were enrolled at a meeting held in the town hall on June 14, 1923. The department's first piece of apparatus, a 1923 Federal Chemical Engine, was housed in the town hall basement. After some physical alterations the Maxim pumper joined the Federal under the town hall in 1928. It would be thirty-three years before the department had its own home. Further renovations to the town hall in the 1940s provided the department with a meeting room and small kitchen on the second floor. How many citizens remember the flashing traffic light on Lyme Street marking the fire department exit from the basement firehouse? In addition the "Emergency Room," a twenty-four-hour staffed dispatch center for all Old Lyme emergency fire and ambulance calls, was housed in the town hall from the early 1950s until the switch to the regional "Valley Shore Emergency Communications" center in 1980.

Today, the Lyme Street, Cross Lane, and

Boughton Road fire stations house nine pieces of fire apparatus and two inflatable rescue boats. Approximately forty-five active volunteers staff the department. Department training officers conduct an ongoing in-house training program. Outside instructors are employed when necessary, and members are encouraged to attend federal, state, and regional training sessions. Old Lyme firefighters spent over two thousand hours in training. The fire department answered 311 calls for assistance in the past year. Nearly 3,500 firefighter hours were logged in emergency duty. Our department continues its efforts to be prepared to meet the ever-changing challenges we face, whether it be a structural fire, rescue emergency, brush or forest fire, storm-related emergency, or hazardous material incident. It should be noted that more than 50 percent of the department responses are for automatic fire alarm activations, including town hall, and automobile accidents with injuries.

Annual funding, provided by the Town of Old Lyme, is used for the training of personnel

# Old Lyme Fire Department *(continued)*

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and the purchase and maintenance of department apparatus and equipment. As our equipment becomes more sophisticated, the upgrading, modernization, and maintenance is never-ending. Equipping firefighters to safely face the challenges of their duties, adhering to the mandates for equipment standards, and complying with maintenance and testing schedules are costly expenditures of our department.

Old Lyme Fire Department Officers and personnel must work closely with many other officials who make their “homes” in Memorial Town Hall. Cooperation and support of the selectmen, Board of Finance, fire marshal, Building, Planning, and Zoning is essential to fire protection in Old Lyme.

Our department continues to be all-volunteer. Our members are taxpayers and strive for the most efficient operation of the fire department. In this effort, town funding is supplemented with funds raised through donations and the Fireman’s Fund campaign.

New dedicated volunteers are always needed, and new members are welcome. Please consider offering your services. Visit any of the three fire stations and find out how you can assist.

Department members meet on Wednesday evenings at the Lyme Street Station for scheduled training sessions, work nights, and monthly business meetings.

The Old Lyme Fire Department is administered by the following elected officers:

## LINE OFFICERS

Chief	David Jewett
Deputy Chief	Brian Dow
First Assistant Chief	Thomas Swaney
Second Assistant Chief	Stephen Super
Captains	Thomas Rozanski Michael McCarthy Jr. Scott O’Donnell
Lieutenants	James Montanez Brian Phanuef Dayton Dell

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

President	Robert Pierson
Secretary	C. Ellis Jewett
Treasurer	Robert Cashman
Purchasing Agent	Harry Smith
Chaplain	Mervin Roberts
Steward	John McCarthy



*When the Town Hall housed the fire trucks: the truck on the left is a 1954 model, the one on the right, 1956. The trucks were here until 1961, when the Lyme Street firehouse was completed.*

# Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc.

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Thomas Schellens  
*Chairman*

The Old Lyme Historical Society was founded in 2005 to preserve and analyze the town's social, civic, economic, and political past. Its members conduct primary and secondary research and work with other groups in Old Lyme that have assembled their own histories and collections.

One of the society's major efforts is an ongoing research project regarding the thirty-five founding families of East Saybrook, then of Lyme, and ultimately of Lyme and Old Lyme, aimed at learning about their descendants. Researchers with the society have uncovered information about families who served in the Revolutionary War, those who returned to England, and those who served in subsequent wars. At least one-third of the founders' descendants still have a presence in the companion towns. A monograph is in the planning stages.

Old Lyme is perhaps best known for the emerging art colony that began in the 1890s with the arrival of artists who stayed at Miss Florence Griswold's boarding house. Yet during the nineteenth century the town also had many local industries, among them salt haying, ice production, furniture making, and other crafts. And throughout this period Old Lyme was home to political leaders, judges, industrialists, and inventors, many of them described in an article about the town that appeared in an 1876 issue of Harper's magazine. A highlight for the society last year was the issuing of a reprint of the article in monograph form. *This Ancient and Interesting Town* is illustrated with etchings from the original article.

A second monograph was issued last year: *Poverty Island*, by Neri A. Clark, a memoir of a young man's adventures and hard times in the 1930s on a small island located off Griswold Point. Illustrations are by local artist Catherine Christiano. The first printing sold out, and the booklet is in a second printing.

Also last year the society launched a series of local cemetery tours. The first, a visit to Duck River Cemetery, was led by town historian John Pfeiffer. With the success of this event, forthcoming tours include Lord Cemetery and slave burial sites.

September 21, 2008, marks the seventieth anniversary of the 1938 hurricane. Oral histories are being taken of Old Lyme residents who were present during the tumultuous storm; these will be included in an exhibit to coincide with the anniversary. A publication is also planned.

In the spring of 2009 the society will publish another monograph. *Landsavers of Lyme—Old Lyme* is planned as a historical overview of the history of local land preservation, including the role of American Impressionist artists in identifying and applying to canvas many beautiful vistas that have been preserved. This project is a collaborative venture with the local conservation trusts and the Florence Griswold Museum.

The society welcomes the input of Old Lyme residents and encourages their participation. Photographs, letters, and other memorabilia are greatly appreciated, either on loan or as a donation. Please write to the society at PO Box 352, Old Lyme, CT 06371, or go to its website (now being updated): [www.OLHSI.org](http://www.OLHSI.org).

# Old Lyme Open Space Committee

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Diana Atwood Johnson

*Chair*

Land-use boards and committees, including Open Space, are working around the disruption caused by the renovations and expansion of Memorial Town Hall. We now meet monthly at 8:30 on the second Friday of the month at Christ the King Church until the renovation is complete. Research in the town's land records has been a large part of our work this year, which continues in the Town Clerk's vault. Research and consultations with the Land Use employees takes us to the relocated offices on Halls Road. Fortunately, the improvement of access to land records and meeting minutes online, as well as email, have made it much easier to deal with the temporary disturbance. We are looking forward to the new Land Use offices in the town hall that will include files for Open Space records.

Old Lyme has approximately 1,700 acres of land owned as open space either by the town itself, the state, Old Lyme Conservation Trust, and the Nature Conservancy as well as open space owned in some subdivisions. This figure represents approximately 10 percent of the town's total land mass. We can add to that more than 300 acres protected by Conservation Easement, where the landowner retains ownership of the property but creates a legal document that perpetually keeps the land in its natural state. That brings

us to approximately 13 percent of our land protected. The state legislature has set 21 percent of state lands as their goal for providing outdoor recreation, protecting water supplies, preserving natural communities and habitats for plants and animals, and offering green spaces that are accessible to all. This is an admirable goal and we would need to protect, either through easement or acquisition, another 1,300-plus acres to meet our share.

With real-estate values increasing and the constant competition with land developers for what little remaining land there is in town, land acquisition is becoming ever more difficult. Once land is sold to a developer, the opportunity for protection as open space is lost forever. We have negotiated with several landowners over this fiscal year but have not been able to conclude a purchase successfully. On October 2, citizens at the town meeting approved the purchase of forty acres on Buttonball Road and Shore Road for which the First Selectman and the Open Space Committee had been negotiating, in concert with the Black Hall Club, for over a year. The Black Hall Club and Town would have shared equally in the cost, along with a contribution from the Old Lyme Conservation Trust, but the property owners had a change of heart and the deal fell apart. That was a large disappointment for all of us.



# Old Lyme Parks and Recreation

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Don Bugbee  
Director

The Parks and Recreation Department provides a variety of programs and services for the residents and the summer visitors in Old Lyme. The office is temporarily located at 74 Halls Road in the Old Lyme Marketplace and can be reached by calling 434 4469. The E-mail address is [parkrec@oldlyme-ct.gov](mailto:parkrec@oldlyme-ct.gov) and there is a Parks and Recreation web page that can be linked from the Town of Old Lyme's Website ([www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov)). All Parks and Recreation information is on the website and programs are listed by season.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, made up of seven residents, usually meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall. Anyone interested in participating as a commission member should contact the chairperson and the Selectman's Office. All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

During the summer months we provide a daily staff of lifeguards and parking lot attendants for our facilities at White Sand Beach and Hain's Park at Rogers Lake. We also staff the town-owned parking lot at Sound View Beach, which becomes one of the busiest spots in town. We maintain the Little League baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, and basketball courts at Cross Lane Park. Town Woods Park again was busy with soccer and lacrosse practices and games. The Park has been a beautiful addition to our town and is serving many people very well. The Phase II portion of this project is underway and will provide us with two additional fields, which will include a Little League Baseball field and a Little League Softball

field. Portable fencing will be purchased to make these fields tournament playable. The outfield area of these two fields will probably be used for our Flag Football Program.

The typical programs we currently offer for our youth include a six-week summer day camp, a summer baseball camp, three summer basketball camps, a summer tennis camp, summer soccer camp, fall soccer, fall flag football, and winter basketball. Adult programs currently include yoga sessions, which run during the fall, winter, and spring. Our basketball program basically runs during the entire school year. Weightlifting/exercise classes are always under consideration, pending availability of instructors and space.

Reviews of our various town-owned facilities have been completed. Discussions are ongoing to develop a plan to upgrade these facilities and bring them into good physical condition. This is a slow process because of high costs and various restrictive parameters. A maintenance plan will be developed as well to assure the facilities remain in suitable condition.

As always, I would like to thank all of the Parks and Recreation employees, commission members, the Public Works Department, the selectmen, the Board of Finance, and Regional District 18 for the use of facilities and the town employees for the efforts they contribute to our programs. Also and in particular, thanks goes to the dedicated volunteers who continue to give up their time for the benefit of others in our community. Your efforts are essential to many of our Parks and Recreation programs and they are appreciated.

*Opposite: LYSB provided a two-day training for twenty-five Old Lyme Park and Rec youth employees including day camp staff and lifeguards. The youth employees pictured received certification in first aid and CPR, and participated in team building activities. LYSB received the Youth Leadership grant from the Connecticut Youth Services Association and the Connecticut After School Network.*

# Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library

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**Mary Fiorelli**

*Director*

Our dedicated professional staff completed the enormous task of migrating our library catalog and records from the Dynix “Classic” system to Innovative Interfaces “Millennium” system on September 26, 2006. They devoted hours of staff time on training and preparation to achieve a successful transition. Change is always difficult even when it is sought after. A period of adjustment for our patrons followed, with issues brought to our attention so that we could address user needs. Rich Conroy, Head of Adult Services, became our onsite trainer of staff, mastered statistical reporting, and wrote documentation. Cynthia Cohen compiled the cataloging manual, creating an invaluable reference.

Our website continues to undergo design changes for a more user-friendly format. All the latest news appears on the homepage, and a site meter was added to monitor traffic flow and determine the pages most frequently accessed by our patrons. The library expanded the use of its wireless Internet access with five laptops donated by the Pfizer Corporation.

The Keep Phoebe Smiling Campaign for the Endowment was launched in 2006. It is a three-year campaign to raise \$1,500,000 for the library’s permanent endowment, undertaken to help ensure the library’s future as an essential educational and cultural resource of our town. As of June 30, 2007, the library has received \$308,516 in pledges and donations from our generous donors. As of November 1, 2007 we have reached a total of \$594,676 in pledges and donations.

An immediate outcome of this campaign was the targeted effort to fund the restoration of the original entrance to the library. The old portico refurbishment was completed with private funds from local residents and matching gifts. Our landscaping facing Lyme Street and Library Lane

has been redesigned and is flourishing thanks to an anonymous gift of another creative and generous donor.

We are deeply grateful to all who have contributed to the library’s fundraising efforts. These donations will secure the library’s future in the community, providing funds for our building, collections, and future advancements in library services.

The library was awarded a grant of \$18,800 to initiate a new service to older patrons in the community. Homebound Services to Older Adults provides free home delivery of library materials to residents of Old Lyme via volunteers and the Meals on Wheels program. Funding was awarded by the Connecticut State Library under the Institute of Museum and Library Services Grant program. We also wish to acknowledge grants from Essex Savings Bank for audio books and Pfizer Corporation for funding a Teen Book Club.

Our report would not be complete without a mention of our successful programs for all ages. Connecticut authors Mary Anne Tyrone Smith and Luanne Rice were very well-attended author talks. Connecticut College Professor Robert Baldwin’s Art Lectures educated our local patrons in midwinter and book discussions provided by the Connecticut Humanities Council kept people engaged with current popular books. Art exhibits for Rick Spencer, Elin Larson, and Nancy Parodi Schroeder were very successful shows. The Children’s Mid Summer Festival activity and Spring Nature Series engaged parents and children alike.

Our collections and library operations are relevant and successful due to the significant contributions from our outstanding Friends of the Library organization. Approximately \$30,000 went to library materials and \$8,500 for new equipment and furnishings. We are greatly indebted to their support of library services.

# Old Lyme Department of Police Services

Officer Dominic Solari  
*Patrol Officer*

The Old Lyme Police Department is once again pleased to submit its annual report for the year 2007. The department would like to thank the board of selectmen and community for their continuous support for police services. As in recent years, the town has shown an increased need for calls of service in our community in the year 2007. With these increased calls for service, Old Lyme Police Officers continue to maintain an extremely low crime rate and safety for the community.

With the recent departure of one of our officers after serving seven years in the department, the board of selectman are currently determining whether or not a sixth officer is needed to maintain and meet the community's needs for police service.

The Old Lyme Police continue to see an increased number of marine-related emergencies and calls for service on Rogers Lake, the Connecticut River, and Long Island Sound. This topic has also been brought to the attention of the board of selectman regarding an adequate

police vessel. Being part of a town bordered by bodies of water on three sides, the department is still attempting to acquire a police vessel that we feel would act as an important tool for response and presence on the waterways.

In closing, Old Lyme Police Officers would like to encourage the community to clearly number your residences so we can locate your home in a timely fashion when you are in need of help. This matter is very important not only for officers but also for your possible emergency needs.

## Personnel

Officer Wayne Collins  
Officer Sal Milardo  
Officer Dominic Solari  
Officer Edward Vasko  
Officer William Zipadelli  
Officer David Lillis (Part Time)  
Trooper Scott O'Donnell  
Trooper Chris Olsen  
Secretary Elaine Williams

## STATISTICS

	04-05	05-06	06-07
<b>TOTAL INCIDENTS</b>	<b>6,407</b>	<b>8,003</b>	<b>8,077</b>
Alarms (Residential/Commercial)	549	613	561
Assault Incidents	7	4	6
Citizen Assists	175	260	310
Assist other Police/DCF Agency	94	126	101
Burglaries (Residential/Commercial)	33	22	16
Criminal Mischief Incidents	24	27	4
Disturbance-Related Incidents	127	92	96
DWI Arrests	44	42	36
Larceny Investigations	46	56	42
Liquor Law Violations	4	1	4
Medical/Fire Assists	117	166	106
Missing Person Investigations	8	6	6
Narcotic Violations/Drug Arrests	20	12	8
Patrol Checks (Residential/Commercial)	1,367	1,618	2,659
Robbery Incidents	1	1	1
Suspicious Incidents	322	302	271
Traffic Accidents (Motor Vehicle/Motorcycle)	268	279	288
Traffic Accidents (Involving Deer)	48	61	13
Motor Vehicle Violations	1,838	3,395	2,611
Trespassing Incidents	9	2	4
Weapon Offenses/Arrests	3	2	3
Assist Disabled Motorists	401	432	647
Other Police Incidents	902	483	284

# Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association

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Robert P. Knauff  
*Treasurer*

The Old Lyme Volunteer Ambulance Association is an independent organization that exists to provide emergency medical services to the town of Old Lyme and mutual aid emergency medical services to other area towns when requested. We are now in our fifty-eighth year of service to the townspeople of Old Lyme. During the 2006-2007 fiscal year, association personnel and equipment responded to 620 dispatched emergency calls. We operate two ambulances – a primary unit from the Cross Lane station and a secondary unit from the Boughton Road station.

The Town of Old Lyme employs Emergency Medical Technicians who staff the ambulance weekdays between 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. Volunteers staff the ambulances at all other times. With the exception of the salaries for paid technicians, the association meets its expenses from funds raised from the annual membership drive, donations, fees for service, and interest on investments. Association expenses include purchasing of new ambulances, maintenance and fuel for our vehicles, equipment, supplies, and training of personnel. The association also provides medical equipment to fire department vehicles and police cruisers in the Town of Old Lyme.

The response to our annual appeal has been generous, and we extend our thanks to the Old Lyme community for its continued support. Your

participation enables us to continue maintaining a high standard of training and “up-to-date” equipment without further burden to the taxpayers of Old Lyme. It is our goal to give the best care possible. In this respect we are fortunate to have the support and cooperation of the Old Lyme Fire Department and Police Department.

We have been fortunate in the past year to have increased our membership significantly at a time when volunteerism seems to be on the wane. We are constantly on the lookout for “new blood.” Please consider serving your community as a volunteer member of the Old Lyme Ambulance. Our officers and members will be glad to discuss the requirements with you. While most of what we do is not high-profile work, the reward comes from within, knowing that you have helped someone at one of the most frightening times of his or her life.

Our officers are as follow:

Executive Officers:

President	Brett J. M. Flynn
Vice President	Tom Brown
Secretary	Sharon Swaney
Treasurer	Robert P. Knauff

Operations Officers:

Chief of Operations	Barbara R. McCarthy
Deputy Chief	Troy Clark
Training Officer	David DelBiondo
Engineer	Thomas Bump

# Old Lyme Tree Commission

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Joanne C. DiCamillo  
*Chairman*

**T**he Tree Commission has been actively involved with the Town Hall Expansion project.

We met several times with the landscape architect to suggest plant choices and to discuss important criteria to consider in developing the new plan. The following items were outlined as priorities: utilize deer-resistant native plants, especially in the areas with close proximity to the wetlands; and consider selections that are attractive to wildlife, provide seasonal color and winter interest, and have low maintenance requirements. We also emphasized the importance of installing protective fencing around any trees and shrubs that could be damaged during the construction period.

The commission decided that an attempt should be made to save as many plants as possible from the bulldozer's path. We toured the site in the fall of 2006 and evaluated each of the shrubs and trees individually. In early spring, three beautiful, large azaleas and a new Japanese lilac tree, planted with the Center School students on Arbor Day 2006, were transplanted to new locations. The town crew cleared a shaded, well-protected area behind the Town Hall to use as a temporary holding nursery for twenty-five additional plants, including a valuable Japanese maple tree.

Commission members diligently weed and carry buckets of water or pull hoses to the different locations. Only one outside faucet,

located at the front of the building, remains connected for watering so it's been a difficult task weaving hoses through construction equipment and huge piles of dirt. Climbing over stacks of lumber and hay barriers, combined with the periods of drought we've experienced this summer, has been very challenging; however, the plants remain healthy and have produced new growth. A two-week rotation schedule will be followed through November. Our maintenance duties will resume next spring and will continue until the nursery plants are installed into the new landscape, sometime in late summer 2008.

We are enthusiastic about the new landscape plan for town hall and are confident the community will be pleased with the outcome.

The commission meets at the Lymes' Senior Center on the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. We encourage all residents to report hazardous trees to the selectmen's office.

Permit required: By law, any person, property owner/representative is required to obtain a permit from the Tree Warden before proceeding with trimming, planting or removing trees and shrubs growing on the town right-of-way. A permit application is available at Town Hall or online at [www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov).

I would like to thank the Tree Commission and their families for their dedication and hard work, the selectmen, the Board of Finance, and the community for supporting our efforts to preserve and maintain the trees in our town.

# Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

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**Muriel Drugan**

*Executive Director*

For over seventy years the Visiting Nurse was located in the town hall building, and community residents would come in for her services or just drop by to say hello. So it was with some sadness that a decade ago, the nurse's office was moved to the then-new Lymes' Senior Center. But in a short time, it was evident that this change was very beneficial and resulted in ever-increasing numbers of townspeople using the nurse's and the association's community health services and programs. During the past year, the nurse had 804 persons come in for consultations during her office hours at the Senior Center every weekday from 12 noon to 1 p.m. The nurse also made a total of 625 house calls to those who are homebound and unable to travel to the office. The total of nursing service hours for the year was 1,315.75.

A number of town resident volunteers who make up our dedicated Board of Directors and Associates work under the direction of the Town Nurse at several clinics throughout the year and arrange, organize, and staff a number of other clinics and services. Without the efforts and hours that our volunteers so generously give, the association would not be able to accomplish so much of the work that it does.

At our outdoor blood pressure clinics held in June and September a total of fifty-eight persons were screened. The yearly blood pressure clinic at Lyme-Old Lyme High School saw fifty-six young people take advantage of this service, and the students were also given a presentation by an oncology nurse on the health importance of sun safety to prevent skin cancer. The 2006 Flu Clinic immunization program dispensed 404 shots to clinic participants, the homebound, town employees, police, and volunteer ambulance and fire personnel. At our Health Day, fifty-three persons took blood tests and more than three dozen people had blood pressure screenings from the town nurse. Also that day, Dr. Robert

Klimek gave eye examinations for glaucoma in addition to retinal screenings and cataract checks. Dr. John Carroll saw a number of persons for foot screenings. Naturopathic physician Dr. Christopher Lachowski gave a presentation on preventive medicine, diet, and lifestyle. Nutritionist Julie Buchanan gave dietary advice and had a display of smart food choices for persons to sample. Certified massage therapist Gail Popoff gave stress-reducing chair massages. Last April, through the association's arrangements with a professional medical imaging service, ultrasound tests were offered at a reasonable charge. That clinic saw a total of fifty-one persons take advantage of those services that screened for carotid artery disease, abdominal aneurysm, peripheral vascular disease, and osteoporosis.

Our annual Adult Audio Clinic, administered by Mr. Jeff Worgul, a certified clinical audiologist, screened eighteen people, free of any charge. In the spring, the Pre-kindergarten Audio-Visual Clinic, which is co-sponsored with the Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women's Club, tested thirty-two children. Dr. Christine Semenza was in charge of the visual screenings, and the Audio Clinic at Pequot Medical Center supervised the hearing component of the tests.

In June, the association awarded the yearly scholarships to graduating seniors who intend to pursue college majors in health-related fields. The Old Lyme VNA Scholarship was awarded to four recipients, and there were also two awardees of the Mary H. Noyes Memorial Scholarship.

The Town of Old Lyme supports the professional nursing services operating budget. From the ongoing generous response of our residents and friends to our annual fund drive and the various memorial donations and gifts received over the years of our existence, the association is able to continue to offer a number of community public health services and programs to the residents of Old Lyme either completely free of charge or at a substantially reduced cost.

# Old Lyme Water Pollution Control Authority

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Tom Risom  
*Chairman*

The Old Lyme Water Pollution Control Authority (OLWPCA) was established in 1997 to address a 1982 Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) order to focus on the quality of the town's groundwater and effluents into Long Island Sound and the Connecticut River. The WPCA determined that though there were areas in town of higher-than-recommended residential density, there was no part of town that could only be improved by installing centralized sewers. We adopted a mission of sewer avoidance that continues today.

Now that our programs have been in existence for nearly a decade, we can look back and analyze the data collected over that time and adjust our strategies where necessary. We now have ten years of surface water and ground water sampling data from our thirty-five test points. Along with our consulting engineers, Nathan Jacobsen Associates, we have seen a slight water quality improvement in the winter season but the summer testing continues to reveal less-than-desired results. We believe that the winter improvement comes from our five-year septic tank pump-out and inspection program. There are fewer failures documented and small problems that will quickly lead to big problems are being discovered and repaired.

In 2006, Representative Guiliani was instrumental in passing enabling legislation that would allow homeowners in the state of

Connecticut to install septic systems that required various type of mechanical or bacteriological technology. These systems could be installed as a repair for some of the troublesome systems in the seasonally dense parts of town, specifically Rogers Lake, White Sands, and Sound View. Unfortunately a turf war between the DEP and the Connecticut Department of Health (DOH) has prevented this legislation from being useful. When it is made effective, either through the DOH, which typically regulates residential systems, or through the DEP, which focuses more on industrial and municipal waste, we are confident that we on the shoreline will be able to take advantage of the technology at individual homes or small groups of homes. Across New England this type of decentralized sewerage is found to be cost-effective, locally manageable, and scaled to small towns like ours. Our hope is that our elected state officials are diligent in ceasing this turf war and moving forward.

Your WPCA's future includes addressing any remaining substandard systems (cesspools) in town, oversight of the community septic systems being considered by some developers, and the condition of the systems serving homes on nonconforming lots. We meet on the third Thursday of each month at the Town Hall (Christ the King Church during town hall renovation) at 7:30 p.m. Guests are welcome to be heard on every agenda. Please contact the town's health department with any questions.

# Planning Commission

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**Harold Thompson**

*Chairman*

The Planning Commission currently meets at Christ the King Church at 7:30 p.m. on the second Thursday of each month except for the month of August. Special Meetings are held when required, and all meeting notices are posted in the town hall. Information on the actions of the commission and meeting schedule can also be obtained from the office and on line at [oldlyme-ct.gov](http://oldlyme-ct.gov). The Land Use offices are temporarily settled in at the Old Lyme Marketplace and open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Kim Groves, our Land Use Administrator, is always willing to accept your applications and assist you in any way.

By the close of the fiscal year in June 2007, the Planning Commission had approved many applications including Subdivisions, Resubdivisions, Lot Line Modifications, and Subdivision Modifications. They also reviewed several municipal referrals as well as proposed zoning amendments.

The Planning Commission continues to work on the revisions to the current road

standards. Basic requirements of the roads would not change but in some locations, easements and setback requirements could be relaxed for private roads to minimize disturbance of trees and other natural vegetation.

The Planning Commission is looking forward to the completion of the Town Hall Renovations in order to eliminate the inconvenience of moving filings back and forth to Christ the King Church and having a large meeting room to accommodate the public at all hearings.

The commission consists of five elected members and three alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The commission is responsible, by State Statute, for the Town Plan of Development, Subdivision Regulations, and special documents such as ordinances that are approved by a town meeting. The commission is also required to act on any municipal developments, such as the acquisition of open space, relocation or abandonment of any public property, land, parks, roads, schools, public utilities, or anything owned or acquired by the town.

# Probate Court

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**Hon. Sylvia L. Peterson**

*Judge of Probate*

**Lynn Campbell**

*Clerk*

Probate is the court-supervised legal process that includes determining the validity of a will; gathering the assets; paying debts, taxes, and the expenses of will administration; and then distributing the remaining assets to those persons entitled to them. The main advantage of probate is that the probate court supervises the entire proceeding, ensuring that the probate laws are being followed. This is especially beneficial if there are claims of creditors, challenges to the will, or disputes that arise from the will. Probate courts are statutory courts and, as such, have only the jurisdiction and authority granted by the state legislature.

Probate courts deal with a wide variety of matters in addition to estates. Other areas of jurisdiction and services include trusts; conservatorships; children's matters, including

guardianship, temporary custody, termination of parental rights, adoption, and paternity; commitment of mentally ill children and adults; matters involving persons with mental retardation; review of treatment programs for mentally ill or emotionally disturbed children; emancipation of minors; name changes; determination of title to property; confirmation of change in gender; consent for marriage of minors; custody of remains of deceased person; and processing of passport applications. For updated information on probate issues, processes, judges, forms, and more, you may visit [www.ctprobatejudges.org](http://www.ctprobatejudges.org)

At the end of April 2007, the probate court relocated to the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library to share office space with the registrars of voters due to extensive renovation of the town hall. We

were warmly welcomed by the library director and staff. However, we quickly realized that our location on the second floor, accessible only by a steep set of stairs, was not the ideal spot for the probate court. By the middle of May, the court moved again to the Halls Corner Professional Center, along with the Registrar of Voters. We were encouraged to “travel lightly” and stored nonessentials, brought a fireproof cabinet with us to hold current work, and left closed files and microfilmed volumes in the town clerk’s vault. Through the generous support of Probate Administration, we were able to transfer about fifteen years worth of documents to a laser fiche storage system. We have remote access to that information when information on a closed matter is needed.

We are quite comfortable in our temporary quarters, and the parking and accessibility are appreciated by those using the court services, although we do miss the hustle and bustle of the town hall. We make a daily trip there to pick up mail, use the postage machine and fax machine, or work in the vault. We look forward to rejoining

the town hall community and settling in to our new offices.

Along with the activity involved in moving the court twice, we also dealt with an incredible increase in the number of passport applications. Our office processed 434 applications during this reporting period, compared to 337 during the prior reporting year. The increase was due to the January 2007 implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and summer travel plans. Beginning October 1, 2007, all U.S. citizens were required to have a passport when traveling by air between the U.S. and Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Caribbean region. On January 1, 2008, passports will be required for all travel outside the U.S. For up-to-date information on how to apply for a passport, how long it takes to process an application, and current requirements for travel, you may contact the probate court or visit their website at <http://travel.state.gov>.

As always, you are welcome to visit the court for information relating to the functions and procedures of the probate court. Hours are Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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## Regional School District 18

David Klein  
*Superintendent*

In last year’s annual report of the Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools, I indicated that the district was actively involved in the due diligence process required for a future renovation of Lyme-Old Lyme High School. As you know, on May 8, the community overwhelmingly rejected a proposed \$54 million dollar project. As a follow-up to the referendum, the Board of Education conducted a public forum on May 15 and then created an Ad Hoc Advisory Committee composed of Lyme and Old Lyme citizens committed to recommending a different LOLHS plan with a reduced project scope and cost to the community. The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee began its work in early August 2007 and this focused and dedicated group of approximately fifty community members will

present their recommendation to the Board of Education in November 2007. The Advisory Committee’s recommendations will be forwarded to the Building Committee for incorporation into a future LOLHS project proposal. Further, Board of Education Chairwoman, Lynn Fairfield-Sonn, added additional members to the Building Committee based upon input from the Lyme and Old Lyme First Selectmen.

Even though the LOLHS project has been an item of intense community focus, let us not forget that student achievement is the most important aspect of what we do in the Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools. We are proud to report that our quantitative and qualitative indicators of student success in the district remain strong in all areas (academic and extracurricular). Annual

## Regional School District 18 *(continued)*

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quantitative performance indicators include standardized test data, attendance reports, extracurricular participation rates, AP course enrollment and test results, college acceptance data, and disciplinary statistics. The district also analyzes qualitative or “soft” assessment indicators, such as the overall feeling (culture) in our schools according to students, staff, and parent feedback. The district’s quantitative and qualitative data clearly indicate that the quality of public education in Lyme-Old Lyme is very good and continues to improve.

Thank you to our Lyme-Old Lyme community for supporting the district’s 2007-2008 education budget. The \$26,956,429 budget, which represented a 1.85 percent increase over the 2006- 2007 budget, was once again favorably endorsed by residents of both towns. In fact, the district’s education budget was approved at referendum by voters in both towns for the eighth consecutive year. The approved operating budget increase of 1.85 percent was well below the increases reported in many other communities in Southeastern Connecticut and throughout the state. The main factors contributing to the minimal budget increase were as follows: Board of Education negotiated changes to the employee health plan leading to a reduction of insurance rates by approximately 4.5 percent and personnel changes due to retirements, relocations, and professional promotions. As always, the Board of Education and administration worked closely with the Lyme and Old Lyme Boards of Finance to prepare a fiscally responsible spending plan for 2007-2008. In addition, the district prepared a three-year budget projection to provide fiscal transparency and enhance financial planning for the school district and our member towns. We thank you, our community, for your continued support, as well as the trust and confidence you place in the Board of Education and district staff.

The school district routinely uses its strategic plan as a critical planning and decision-making tool. Over one year ago (April – August 2006), the Board of Education, in conjunction with approximately fifty participants ( BOE, parents, district staff, and Lyme-Old Lyme residents),

developed a new strategic plan for 2006-2011. The new five-year plan was presented to the Board of Education and officially adopted in September 2006; it focuses upon four strategic areas: Teaching and Learning / Community Connections / Facilities / Student and Staff Life. The district’s strategic plan has served and will continue to serve as the lens by which our district vision is focused and as a benchmark for continuous organizational improvement. Our district commitment to the Strategic Plan and mission-based thinking has improved our planning, budgeting, and overall decision-making at the building and district levels.

The true success of any organization is determined by the quality of the people working within it. Once again this year, the district experienced tremendous success in recruiting, hiring, and retaining exemplary staff members. The district’s marketability to prospective employees and families continues to improve annually and affirms our reputation as a school district and community that delivers and supports quality education. We are methodically achieving our goal of being recognized as an exemplary school district within the state. The school district is committed to continuous improvement and striving to be the best it can be for the students of our Lyme-Old Lyme community.

For the past seven years, Board of Education Chairwoman Lynn Fairfield-Sonn and I have been meeting monthly with our Lyme and Old Lyme Selectmen and Board of Finance Chairs to discuss district matters and community issues. We value and appreciate this unique collaborative model for community leadership and decision-making. I believe that our community remains poised for some remarkable accomplishments, and I am confident in our ability to come to consensus about a Lyme-Old Lyme High School project that appropriately supports the educational program and makes financial sense for residents. Our educational program gives us much to be proud of, and quality education certainly enhances the lives of our students and boosts the pride and confidence of the citizens within our community.

# Registrars of Voters

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Patricia M. McCarthy (D)

Ruth Sjursen (R)

*Registrars*

In November 2006 we held an election for State and Federal Offices. The results were as follows:

Governor: Jodi Rell

U.S. Senator: Joe Lieberman

U.S. Representative in Congress: Joe Courtney

State Senator: Andrea Stillman

State Representative: Marilyn Giuliano

Since the town hall renovation project began in the spring of 2007, we have been operating out of our temporary location at 100 Halls Road.

We registered 249 new voters this year as follows:

Democrats: 65

Green: 1

Republicans: 48

Unaffiliated: 135

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# Rogers Lake Authority

Fredrik D. Holth

*Chairman*

Implementation of monitoring at the Connecticut boat launch throughout the active boating season seems to have resulted in a relatively quiescent enforcement period. While the impact of elevated fuel prices may have contributed to reduced motorboat activity, it is also probable that active monitoring at the boat launch and on the water, coupled to periodic police enforcement, resulted in more responsible patterns of operation.

In the wake of multiple public meetings and hearings held to consider optimal aquatic weed control methods, publicly financed harvesting by Aquatic Control Technology of twenty acres, coupled to hydro-raking of individual locations paid for by affected property owners, resulted in significant, if temporary, improvement.

The Rogers Lake Authority opted for harvesting the shallow corridor lying between the upper and lower lake basins for a width of several hundred feet to facilitate transit by rowing shells and boats, with additional cutting in the shallow area lying northerly of Picnic Island.

With cutting limited to approximately six feet in depth, and significant portions of the above areas lying within three or four feet of the lake bottom, harvesting these weeds, which grow at rates of up to one inch daily, can be arguably compared to the efficacy of mowing one's lawn. Dredging remains the long-range solution but with an attendant significant cost to bring depths to the point where weed propagation cannot occur.

As previously noted in these reports, global warming has resulted in a longer growing season for aquatic weeds. The collateral impact of diminished or absent ice cover during the winter adds to growth and simultaneously minimizes the effect of more passive control strategies, such as a drawdown of lake water levels conducted by the authority in an attempt to reduce weed infestation.

Meetings are held quarterly and attendance by any interested parties encouraged.

# Shellfish Commission

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Mervin F. Roberts, *Chairman*

John D. Seckla, *Treasurer*

David W. Redfield, *Secretary*

The only positive news the Old Lyme Shellfish Commission has to report this year is its bank balance which is \$946.60, the same as last year.

All town waters, with the exception of the Four Mile River, are polluted and closed for recreational shellfishing. The Four Mile River could be deemed a provisional area, which would allow shellfishing in periods without significant rainfall and the waters test safe. Unfortunately the hard clam beds existing there (both naturally and from prior seeding) encompass a small area; really too small to warrant the hiring a full-time warden to satisfy the State requirements of policing and testing. A recent survey indicated that the Four Mile River clam beds are of a size that would likely be depleted if opened recreationally for a season.

The known oyster beds still exist in the Connecticut River but the two diseases of Dermo and MSX have taken a toll there. It is felt that leasing to a commercial operator who could relay or depurate the oysters harvested from these beds is not practical at this time.

The Commission is in the process of seeking a grant, which would finance a complete survey of Old Lyme waters so that we can obtain a more current idea of this hither-to unrecoverable asset for our town.

The Shellfish Commission meets whenever there is business to transact. The meetings are advertised and all are welcome. The commissioners are accessible to any persons with questions or recommendations.

# Tax Collector

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Judith A. Tooker

*Tax Collector*

The construction is all around us – north, south, above, and below. There are less people coming and going but more noise

with all the banging.

It will be a great building when it is finished – something for the town to be proud of.

# Town Meetings

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## Town of Old Lyme Special Town Meeting

A special Town Meeting was called to order by First Selectman Timothy C. Griswold on Monday, August 28, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in the Middle School Auditorium of Regional District #18, Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

Marylin C. Clarke was elected to serve as moderator.

Irene A. Carnell, Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting.

Approximately 120 people attended the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the purchase of the premises known as 50 Lyme by the Town for the sum of \$350,000 and to authorize the expenditure of a total amount not to exceed \$475,000 for said purchase and for architectural and engineering fees, for the cost of demolition and miscellaneous costs associated with associated with the initial phase of the Town Hall Expansion Project, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

Motion carried

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the borrowing by the Town of an amount not to exceed \$475,000 in short-term promissory notes for the expenditures described above in Item 1, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

Motion carried

To consider and act upon on other matters, which may properly come before said meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Irene A. Carnell  
Town Clerk  
Recorded by Irene A. Carnell  
August 30, 2006*

## Town of Old Lyme Special Town Meeting

Approximately fifty (50) people attended the special Town Meeting on Monday, October 16, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. in the Middle School Auditorium, Regional District #18, Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

Marylin C. Clarke was elected to serve as moderator.

Eileen K. Coffee, Assistant Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Timothy C. Griswold, First Selectman.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the acquisition of a 12.51 acre parcel of land on Buttonball Road and a 26.65 acre parcel of land on CT Route 156 from Black Hall Woods, LLC as Open Space I perpetuity; and to authorize the expenditure of \$412,500 towards said acquisition, said expenditure to be made in three equal payments of \$137,500, commencing in the fiscal year 2006-2007, and in the two successive fiscal years. Black Hall Club, Inc. will pay an equal amount over the same period of time towards this acquisition by the Town, which acquisition has been recommended by the Planning Commission, Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen.

Motion carried

A motion was made by First Selectman Griswold and seconded to table to authorize the acquisition of a 4.89 acre parcel of land (Parcel A) and a .31 acre parcel of land (Parcel B) on Lord's Meadow Lane within the subdivision known as "Lord's Woods" from Bassam Awwa as Open Space in perpetuity for no monetary consideration, as recommended by the Planning Commission and Board of Selectmen.

Motion tabled

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen K. Coffee  
Assistant Town Clerk  
Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee*

# Town Meetings *(continued)*

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## Town of Old Lyme Special Town Meeting

Approximately 130 persons attended the Annual Town Meeting on Monday, January 22, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. in the auditorium of the Regional District #18 Middle School, Old Lyme, CT.

The meeting was called to order by Timothy C. Griswold, First Selectman.

The call of the meeting was read by Irene A. Carnell, Town Clerk.

Atty. Marylin C. Clarke was elected to serve as moderator.

A motion was made and seconded:

To accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006.

Motion carried

George James was selected for the Citizen of the Year award for 2006 by the Old Lyme Board of Selectmen

A motion was made and seconded:

To adopt an ordinance establishing a Code of Ethics for the Town and creating an Ethics Commission.

Motion withdrawn

Another motion was made and seconded to move the adoption of the ordinance to a later Town Meeting.

Motion carried

A motion was made and seconded:

To adopt an ordinance providing for the exemption from Town subdivision regulations of the first subdivision of land by a landowner for affordable housing, as authorized by Section 8-19(b) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

Motion carried

A motion was made and seconded to remove item 5 from the call:

To adopt an ordinance establishing standards for docks constructed in Old Lyme waters, as administered by the Town's Harbor Management Commission.

Motion carried

A motion was made and seconded:

To adopt an ordinance providing for a Town stormwater management plan and regulations established pursuant thereto.

Motion carried

To consider and discuss (but not vote on) a resolution:

(a) To appropriate \$4,400,000 for the costs related to the expansion of the Town Hall building, including, without limitation, the costs of (i) the design and construction of the Town Hall expansion project and on site and off site improvements and appurtenances related thereto, (ii) the purchase and installation of equipment, fixtures, furnishings and other materials for the foregoing Town Hall expansion project, (iii) the preparation and printing of bid documents, cost estimate reports and studies, informational materials and other preliminary materials, studies and reports related to the Town Hall expansion project, and (iv) design, demolition, construction, materials, site work, land and easement acquisition, engineering, architectural, legal, administration, temporary and permanent financing and any other costs and expenses related thereto;

(b) To authorize the Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or an other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$4,400,000 (or such amount as may be necessary after the deduction of grants therefore); and

(c) To authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate. All electors and persons eligible to vote in town meetings of the Town are hereby further notified that pursuant to Section 7-7 of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, the Board of Selectmen of the Town has removed the above resolution on the call of this Annual Town Business Meeting for submission to the electors and persons of the Town who are eligible to vote at town meetings by paper ballots. The aforesaid resolution shall be placed on the ballots under the following heading:

“SHALL THE TOWN OF OLD LYME APPROPRIATE \$4,400,000 FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPPING OF THE TOWN HALL EXPANSION PROJECT AND AUTHORIZE THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS AND NOTES OF THE TOWN IN THE SAME AMOUNT TO FINANCE SUCH APPROPRIATION?”

The vote will be conducted on Tuesday,

# Town Meetings *(continued)*

January 30, 2007, between the hours of six o'clock A.M. and eight o'clock P.M. at the Cross Lane Firehouse, Cross Lane, Old Lyme, Connecticut. Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk's office. Voters approving the resolution will vote "Yes" and voters opposing the resolution will vote "No".

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Irene A. Cornell  
Town Clerk  
Recorded by Irene A. Cornell  
February 16, 2007*

Referendum Results: Yes 466 No 305

## **Town of Old Lyme Special Town Meeting**

A special Town Meeting was called to order by First Selectman Timothy C. Griswold on Monday, March 12, 2007 at 7:30 P.M. in the Middle School Auditorium, Regional District #18, Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

Marylin C. Clarke was elected to serve as moderator.

Eileen K. Coffee, Assistant Town Clerk, read the call of the meeting.

Approximately 80 people attended the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the appropriation of \$785,000 to fund Phase II of the Town Woods Recreational Park during the fiscal year 2007 and fiscal year 2008, which expenditure shall be reimbursed by State of Connecticut Small Town Economic Assistance Program (STEAP) grants totaling \$650,000 to the Towns of Old Lyme and Lyme. The actual cost in the amount of \$135,000 shall be shared 75% by the Town of Old Lyme (\$101,250) and 25% by the Town of Lyme (\$33,750), and \$33,750 to be reimbursed by the Town of Lyme to the Town of Old Lyme as the paying agent

for the Phase II project. Said appropriation has been recommended by the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance.

Discussion followed.

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen K. Coffee  
Assistant Town Clerk  
Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee  
March 13, 2007*

## **Town of Old Lyme Annual Budget Meeting**

Seventeen electors and citizens attended the Annual Budget Meeting on Monday, May 21, 2007 in the Middle School Auditorium of District #18, Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

Timothy C. Griswold, First Selectman, called the meeting to order.

Chris Oliveria was elected to serve as Moderator.

1. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Motion carried

4. A motion was made and seconded to adopt a proposal that taxes in the Town of Old Lyme on Real Estate shall be paid in two (2) semi-annual installments, the first payment being due on July 1, 2007 and the second payment on January 1, 2008. Any tax in these categories under \$100.00 will be due in full in one payment in July, 2007 as are vehicles on Supplemental List due in January, 2008 in one payment.

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Irene A. Carnell  
Town Clerk  
Recorded by Irene A. Carnell  
May 22, 2007*

# Treasurer

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**Beatrice F. McLean**  
*Town Treasurer*

This is my FIFTIETH and final report as Town Treasurer. In these many years I have seen many changes in the Town Hall, but my office has hardly been affected by the new construction.

As usual the Tax Collector, Judy Tooker, and I have worked closely to keep town tax monies invested as quickly as possible. Again, I thank her.

During FY 2006-07 two new accounts have been created – Town Woods Phase II and Town Hall Expansion. Several Financial Advisors were interviewed for the Town Hall Expansion

account and Webster Bank was selected as the Paying Agent.

For fiscal year ending 6/30/07 the budgeted estimate for Interest on Investments was \$175,000. The actual revenue earned was \$315,000, exceeding the budget estimate by \$140,000. The interest rate has remained fairly steady at about 5 percent.

Again, my many thanks to Cathy Frank, Deputy Town Treasurer, and to Doris Johnson, Financial Officer, for carrying on the office during my hospitalization.

# Zoning Board of Appeals

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**Susanne Stutts**  
*Chairman*

The standards that guide and limit the Zoning Board of Appeals are the Connecticut General Statutes. Acting in a quasi-judicial capacity, the board hears appeals for variances and from decisions of the Zoning Enforcement official. The Zoning Board of Appeals' duties and responsibilities do not include the enactment and revisions of the Zoning Regulations, which lie with the Zoning Commission, nor the overseeing of the development of land and housing within the town, both functions of the Planning Commission.

Our caseload for the fiscal year was forty

one: thirteen granted, some with modifications; sixteen denied; and five appeals of the Zoning Enforcement Officer's decisions, which were upheld. The number of meetings held were ten regular meetings and four special meetings.

Our regular meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month, with the exceptions of August and December. My appreciation to our board members June Speirs, Richard Moll, Tom Schellens, Kip Kotzan, Wendy Brainerd, Judy McQuade, and Joseph St. Germaine for their faithful attendance and commitment to the board and the town.

# Zoning Commission

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Ted Kiritsis  
*Chairman*

The construction of the “new” town hall building has had, as was anticipated, positive and adverse affects on the personnel that were required to be moved to temporary locations. Changes, for the most part, come with some disruptions.

Zoning personnel gained positive benefits from the move by being afforded more space than was possible in the “old building” and the ability to more readily interface with other land-use personnel. A much quieter environment, free from construction dust and noise, and more available parking has also been large advantages.

The expense of the relocation--being removed from 52 Lyme Street--has created losses in time, requiring the need to access data and information that remained in the old building,

for trips to pick up and drop off mail or confer with the tax assessor or town clerk. This has impacted the daily work schedule.

It is anticipated that the new enlarged facility will be a great benefit, not only to the town hall personnel but to the various commission and committee members and, most of all, the public for any daily business requirements and meeting activities.

The Zoning Commission meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. Special meetings are held on the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Membership is comprised of five elected members and three elected alternates.

The public is welcomed and encouraged to attend Zoning Commission meetings.



*The studded area is now enclosed, and the roof is no longer flat. Flat roofs tend to leak; rot was occurring behind the siding where water had run down from the roof. This roof now allows room for heating ducts.*



*Kent reports, "They studded the first section below, then added the deck, then built up."*



*This large new upstairs space for land-use departments, building, fire marshal, and health shows studs for partitions, not full walls. The ceiling will be exposed post-and-beam, visually appealing and allowing heat ducts to vent downward.*



*View from rear*

