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OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT

## A YEAR OF STORMS



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*“Survived Sandy – Almost”: the sign of a triumphant homeowner!!*



*Shoreline Sanitation has its work cut out for it to collect THESE barrels!!*



*White Sand Beach Gazebo and sand up to the ramp handrail*



*A blizzard-bound Lyme Street, approaching Center School (Photo by Lynne Fairfield-Sonn, courtesy of LymeLine.com)*



*Lyme Street after the sun came out (Photo courtesy of LymeLine.com)*

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# Introduction

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## A Year of Storms

The past fiscal year remains in my memory as a blur of storms and the lingering power outages that started, it seemed, too soon after the first raindrop or snowflake hit the ground. The foolish sense of excitement that one remembers from such events initially—of hunkering down inside while the winds howl, reading by flashlight or gas lamp, building a fire in the fireplace as soon as we got up—is soon replaced by the unromantic reality. It's really pretty hard to read very long by flashlight or lantern. The last third of that carafe of coffee I made ahead of time, feeling pretty smug, was unappetizingly cold by the time I wanted to drink it. Fireplace heat doesn't last through the night. And the lack of running water is just NOT fun!

Emergency Management Director David Roberge relates much of the town's storm experiences in his report for this book. Statistics were AMAZING! One contractor was hired to chip all the downed trees and major branches: 2,659 yards of chipped material was sent off to Farmington after Sandy and 1,340 yards after the February blizzard. In all, approximately 25,000 yards of material was chipped and ground.

Much of the damage in town was sustained at Hawks Nest Beach, where Perry "Grubby" Garvin III owns many rental cottages. One house on West End Drive was blown onto its side, and four privately owned houses were destroyed. Fortunately, these homes were seasonal and unoccupied at the time, so no one was hurt. There was lots of damage to porches and roofs. Garvin points out that it was a large, slow-moving storm. There were two high tides with wind out of the east pushing the water; when the storm was in New Jersey, that wind was 12 mph. Along the Connecticut coast it increased up to 36 mph, but luckily the storm moved inland, and by 8 p.m. the water started to recede rather than build.

After the storm a state of emergency was declared, and only residents could have access to their houses. West End Road was covered with three feet of sand. As Garvin puts it, "It took a while to put Humpty Dumpty back together again!"

Because of new FEMA codes, those who missed the grace period will have to increase

their house height from twelve to sixteen feet above mean tide.

Personally, in both storms we stayed off the roads as much as possible for fear of what we'd find there – closures, downed wires, or even just debris. I was unpleasantly surprised to find I'd taken so few blizzard photos, but daughter Lauren pointed out (those college education dollars at work once again) that we had no power for most of the storm and therefore no heat, so we weren't eager to go outside in the snow – it would not be easy to feel warm again once we got cold. For this reason I'm grateful to all agencies and individuals who provided photos, particularly Olwen and Nigel Logan of LymeLine.com.

Though we had few photos ourselves to document it, our memories were most vivid of the February blizzard because we were so COLD. We took it as a personal affront that husband Mike was away on business during this time...in Hawaii; literally, the power came back on just minutes before he walked in the door. He had his own storm adventure in trying to get his car at the airport; the valet service couldn't locate his snow-covered car, which is white to begin with, and spent some time uncovering the wrong car before finding his. Besides the fact that "misery loves company," he makes a more lasting fire than Lauren and I do. We hung blankets in the doorways to and from the living room to help hold the fire's warmth in and slept on the crowded couch under a common opened sleeping bag, with a cat tunneling in to join us in the night. Camping has never been my forte.

When we finally ventured out in the yard once the sun came out, it was interesting to see how others handled the situation. Lauren and I spent several hours uncovering our cars and shoveling paths to move them into the plowed driveway. While doing this, a jogger ran by, seeming to be blithely enjoying a winter wonderland rather than coping with the aftermath of a major blizzard. *Jogging??* Didn't she have recovery work to do? Did she have a hot shower waiting for her, unlike our own cold house? But we did find that we were able to benefit from houses with generators: One cousin not far away did offer us hot showers, and neighborhood children who in the summer

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sell lemonade were now selling...hot coffee!! What a great idea—we went back twice!

Mark Lander reported that for probably twelve hours, the only way to get out of Rogers Lake West Shores from beyond the clubhouse was on snowshoes due to downed wires and resultant unplowed roads.

Did the hardships caused by the blizzard actually become advantages in some respects? Resident Francine Gumkowski thinks so. She remembers:

*“[The years] 2012 and 2013 were a blur of storms .... hurricanes, snow and the ensuing multi-day power outages that became business as usual in Old Lyme. During the summer and fall it was tolerable to camp out in a dark house and cook every meal on the gas grill. But by the time the February storm hit, patience with the imposed rustic lifestyle had worn thin. As soon as the travel ban was lifted we packed up contents of our refrigerator and headed over the deserted bridge to Old Saybrook, down a barely navigable Route 1, past untouched parking lots in front of dark stores and into the welcoming arms of my cousin Paula Luby, who has a farm house on the Oyster River. Lights! Warm water! Hot coffee!! It was great fun for our families to nest together and develop bonds that only adversity can foster. We are thankful that we remained safe and were forced to stop.....and relax ....and enjoy nature from a perfect vantage point. We made memories that we otherwise would not have had the opportunity to do so.”*

The blizzard was the third major storm people had to endure in a year-and-a-half. They were feeling more mental anguish, so the town called upon social services to emphasize mental well being.

Roberge reminds residents, “The best thing people should recognize is getting themselves to focus on personal preparedness: be ready to be on your own for three days, with enough water, food, and medications for three days. It was more evident in previous storm Irene, when Oakridge was hit so hard that it was four days before CL&P could get equipment in. During

Hurricane Sandy, major damage was on Mile Creek Road and along Route 156.”

Jeanne DeLaura, secretary to the Superintendent of Schools, reports that school was closed for five days for the October 2012 hurricane and three days for the February 2013 blizzard. School was extended eight days at the end of the year. And remember postponed Halloween, held in November when lights had been restored?

Was Old Lyme *ready* for these storms? Roberge answers in the affirmative. Similar to drills at Millstone, when he knew these storms were coming, he met with relevant agency heads about ten days before the storms—groups like the fire department, EMS, public works, and the town government. They knew the senior center would be a respite center and brought in trailers with showers. Each of these agencies continued to have their own meetings five days before the storm was scheduled to hit, then three days before, then at the twenty-four- and twelve-hour marks. Each group had certain objectives to meet at each time. It worked well. While the storms may have turned off the lights, the darkness only made Old Lyme’s inextinguishable spirit shine more brightly.

— Michele Dickey, Editor

# Selectwoman's Report

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**Bonnie Reemsnyder**

*First Selectwoman*

**T**he emergency preparedness of the Town of Old Lyme was put to the test with **Super Storm Sandy**, which began its assault on October 28, and the **Blizzard of 2013**, which hit on February 8. Both storms left destruction in their wakes, with numerous downed trees and wires, resulting in over 80 percent of the population without power for far too many days. Both storms prompted a Declaration of Emergency and triggered the activation of the Emergency Operations Center under the capable direction of our Emergency Management Director, Dave Roberge. While our community has regular drills on emergency response to a host of possible scenarios, there is nothing like the real thing, and the response from our first responders was organized, well planned, and thorough. We should all feel comforted with the knowledge that both the employees and the volunteers in our community are well prepared, dedicated, and properly trained to protect our citizens and property in times of emergency. With that said, we still used both storms as learning experiences and critiqued our responses in order to improve for the future. We continue to strive for perfection and look for opportunities to expand our ability to respond quickly and efficiently. **Our hats are off to the men and women who make up our emergency response teams for their hard work during two historic storm events in our community.**

On January 28, at the Annual Town Meeting, **Robert Pierson** was honored as our **2012 Citizen of the Year**. Bob moved to Old Lyme as a high school student in the late 50s. He worked at Saunders Garage and served the fire department as a junior firefighter until his graduation from Old Lyme High School in 1964. Bob temporarily relocated in California with one of his sisters but returned to Old Lyme after his discharge from the Army and, soon after, was employed by Southern New England Telephone until 1995. He renewed his active service in the fire department when he retired and received his 50-year pin in 2012. He served as Fire Department President for seven years. Initially appointed to the town's planning commission as an alternate in 1983, Bob served as commission chair from 1996 to 2000 and stepped up again to

serve as an alternate from 2000 to 2009. He now serves as a representative to the Lymes' Senior Center Board and is currently the treasurer.

Over the years, Bob Pierson has served the town on a variety of committees – one on Information Technology, another to research a new town hall phone service, and recently one established to monitor the maintenance of all town facilities. Bob is also an “unofficial” poll worker, often assisting his Deputy Registrar of Voters wife, Barbara, with 4:30 a.m. set-ups on Election Day. Bob's name is at the top of everyone's wish list, including Barbara's, whom he assists with quality control for the 350 dozen cookies she bakes each holiday season. Congratulations and thank you to Robert Pierson!

After years of planning and anticipation, the **Closure of the Landfill** at 109 Four Mile River Road was completed. The process began in the beginning of July and was substantially completed by the onset of winter. There were no problems in the process and, because of careful planning over several years and the setting aside of funds for the closure, there was no need to bond the expense of the project. That was great news for taxpayers. The town continues to operate the transfer station from the same location, and ongoing testing of the landfill will continue, as per CT DEEP requirements.

The **Annual Midsummer Festival** took place on July 27 and 28 and was again a terrific success, though rain on the 28 did dampen the attendance for the afternoon. While there were no fireworks to celebrate the festivities (due to the ongoing High School renovation project), the festival was enjoyed by many. Special thanks to the many individuals and businesses who work hard all year long to plan this great event.

In about 2009, Point 'o Woods, a chartered beach association, installed sewers for its residents that convey wastewater to the New London Wastewater Treatment Facility. With two more Chartered Beach Associations working with CT DEEP to research the installation of sewers to New London, the Board of Selectmen approved the formation of a **Wastewater Management Task Force** to study the issue of water pollution in the entire shoreline area. Without the involvement of the town, it was likely that the

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solution to pollution would be addressed singly by beach associations within the town, with the town as an onlooker. The Task Force was charged with researching the viability of a local option for wastewater management in the shoreline area. Chaired by former Selectman Kurt Zemba, the task force was ultimately successful in hiring the firm of Woodard and Curran out of Windsor Locks to perform the study. After approval of the expenditure at a town meeting on April 9, 2013, the study commenced in late May and continued through the summer. The Clean Water Fund, administered through the CT DEEP, funded 55 percent of the cost of the study through a grant. Once completed, a recommendation will be made to the WPCA and submitted to CT DEEP for approval. Addressing our wastewater needs will prove to be a long-term process and worthy of our attention as we go forward.

A new **Veterans Memorial Stone** was installed at the Duck River Cemetery to honor "All Who Served and Sacrificed So We Could Enjoy Lasting Freedom." The memorial, which includes the emblems of the six branches of the Armed Services engraved on the top, sits in front of the flag at the cemetery. The memorial was dedicated on Sunday, November 11 at 11 a.m. by American Legion Post 41 and VFW Post 1467. Each year, our parade on Memorial Day culminates at this point in the cemetery, where we have a ceremony to honor those who have died in service to our country. Phil Trowbridge of Old Lyme, who often donates his services to the town, voluntarily installed the blue stone surrounding the memorial. Special thanks to Phil and the veterans who worked so hard to make this happen.

The Town of Old Lyme is very proud to acknowledge **Eagle Scout Award recipients Zachary Harrison, Adam Muhsin, and Matthew Fries**. It is highly unusual to have so many scouts rise to the level of Eagle Scout in one community. Often, communities celebrate this honor once every few years, so we are extremely proud to honor the hard work, dedication, and persistence of these young men. Congratulations to each of you, and carry on your good works into your future – we are sure that it is a bright one for each of you!

The **Presidential Election of 2012** was a very busy day at Cross Lane Fire House, as we expected. In preparation of record voting, we had extra police presence for traffic, lighting for safety, and added signage to keep traffic moving smoothly. Most people felt the changes made for a more efficient voting day, though we still experienced long lines at times during the day. Voter turnout was very high, which is a hallmark of our community.

At a Special Town Meeting on Nov. 14, 2012, **Steve Spooner** was elected to serve on the Regional District #18 **Board of Education**, replacing resigning member Judith Read. In addition, two new roads were accepted as town roads by the citizens of Old Lyme – Village Lane and Woodcrest Drive.

Like so many other communities both large and small, Old Lyme was stunned by the **Tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School**. As news of the tragedy unfolded, our police were immediately posted at the schools for security and reassurance. The event touched the hearts of many, and our community reacted with offerings of assistance to Newtown. Our Ambulance Association held a "Fill the Boot" event, raising over \$10,000 for Newtown, and Selectwoman Nosal, joined by Fire Department Chaplain Merv Roberts, traveled to Newtown to deliver Christmas ornaments signed by our citizens. Though our schools have excellent security measures in place, plans were reviewed by the Board of Ed and community leaders to make sure that we were doing all we can to protect our children from harm. While time heals the wounds of the heart, this was an event too close to home and one we will never forget.

"**The Doughboy**," a large pastel of a World War I soldier and Lady Liberty standing behind him helping to hold the American flag, was removed from its perch for the renovations to town hall in 2007. The painting was stored in the basement of the town hall because it needed costly cleaning and repair before being rehung. Created by Albert Herter and donated by W.E.S. Griswold in 1930, the impressive painting was missed by many who visited the town hall. Finally, in the fall of 2012, the painting was sent out for cleaning and re-framing with museum-quality acrylic to protect it. Upon its return in the

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spring of 2013, a ceremony was held welcoming this beloved painting back to its place of honor, overlooking the foyer staircase of Memorial Town Hall.

For years there has been talk of improvements to Sound View and Hartford Avenue. In 2011, a conceptual plan was endorsed by the Sound View Commission and the Board of Selectmen to build a park within the town parking lot at the end of Hartford Avenue, reconfigure parking in the lot and on the street, build public restrooms, and establish a bike path from I-95 on Route 156 to Hartford Avenue. The plan was submitted for a **Grant through the State of CT DOT Enhancement Fund**, and in the spring of 2013, the Town of Old Lyme was informed that the grant was approved. This was exciting news, as the project was estimated to cost between \$660,000 and \$700,000, with the grant paying for up to 80 percent of the cost. A committee was formed to develop an RFQ and begin the process of developing plans and specifications. We hope that these changes will improve the area for residents, businesses, and visitors alike.

The Town of Old Lyme was proud to receive an award from our insurance company,

CIRMA, for “**Establishing Risk Management as an Organizational Priority.**” The award acknowledged the hard work of our Safety Committee, which looks at how we manage our risk and provide the safest possible environment for our employees as well as our citizens. The committee is made up of employees throughout the organization and takes the subject of safety very seriously.

Two people who have served the Town of Old Lyme for many years said good-bye. Sanitarian and Building Official **Ron Rose** retired in December 2013, and **Sherry White**, Senior Center Director, retired in May of 2013. The town thanked them for their years of service and wishes them well. **Sonia Marino** was appointed as our new Sanitarian in March of 2013, and **John Flower** was appointed as Building Official in April of 2013. Both come to us with years of experience, Mr. Flower having served for fourteen years as our own Assistant Sanitarian and Building Official and Ms. Marino having worked in the Connecticut River Area Health District (CRAHD). We also welcomed **Patty Myers** as Administrative Assistant in the Health Department in July 2012, replacing Marilyn Swaney after her retirement. We are pleased to have them as part of the team.

The Board of Finance presented its FY 2014 budget at the **Annual Town Budget Meeting** on May 20, 2013 at the Middle School Auditorium. The overall budget increased from \$32,607,899 to \$32,853,111, or \$245,212, a mere 0.75%. The mill rate went from 19.26 to 19.30, so it was no surprise that the budget was passed unanimously. In addition, the voters approved the allocation of \$180,000 for the cost of Storm Sandy, as well as \$170,300 for the cost of the Blizzard of 2013. Thankfully, some of these funds are reimbursed through federal monies under FEMA.

Last but not least, sadly we said our last goodbyes to former **Town Clerk Irene Carnell**, who passed away on June 12, 2013. Irene served the Town of Old Lyme for 32 years, first as assistant Town Clerk and then as Town Clerk. Even after her retirement, Irene often called to “catch up” on town news. She will be sorely missed by many, and we extend our condolences to her family.



# Elected Officials

## Term Expires

<b>First Selectwoman</b> , Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D).....	Nov. 2013
<b>Selectman</b> , Skip Sibley (R).....	Nov. 2013
<b>Selectwoman</b> , Mary Jo Nosal, (D).....	Nov. 2013
<b>Town Clerk</b> , Eileen Coffee (R).....	Jan. 2014
<b>Town Treasurer</b> , John Bysko (R).....	Nov. 2015
<b>Tax Collector</b> , Judith Tooker (R).....	Nov. 2015

### Board of Finance

Andrew L. Russell, Chairman (R) .....	Nov. 2015
Janet Sturges (R).....	Nov. 2013
Christopher W. Kerr (R).....	Nov. 2013
David Woolley (D) .....	Nov. 2015
Wayne E. Devoe (D) .....	Nov. 2017
H. Perry Garvin III (R).....	Nov. 2017

### Board of Finance Alternates

J. David Kelsey (R).....	Nov. 2013
Anne Coburn (D) .....	Mar. 2013
Bennett J. Bernblum (D).....	Nov. 2013
Robert Jose (R).....	Nov. 2013

### Board of Assessment Appeals

Scott Chester (D) .....	Jan. 2013
George Finley (D) .....	Nov. 2013
Roderick M. White (R) .....	Nov. 2015
Robert W. Dunn (R).....	Nov. 2013

### Planning Commission

Harold L. Thompson, Chairman (R).....	Nov. 2015
Robert P. McCarthy, Vice Chairman (D).....	Nov. 2017
Stephen Martino (U).....	Nov. 2013
Steven Ross (R).....	Nov. 2014
Christopher W. Kerr (R).....	Nov. 2016

### Regional Board of Education

Jim Witkins, Chairman (R) Lyme.....	Dec. 2015
Judy Read (R) .....	Nov. 2012
Stephen Spooner (R) .....	Dec. 2013
Russ A. Gomes, Jr., (R) .....	Dec. 2013
Allison Hine (R) .....	Dec. 2013
Steven Cinami (R).....	Dec. 2013
Vicki Lanier (R) .....	Dec. 2013
Beth Jones (D) Lyme.....	Dec. 2013
Paul Fuchs, Vice-Chair (D) .....	Dec. 2015
Michelle Roche (D).....	Dec. 2015

### Registrars of Voters

Don Tapper (R).....	Jan. 2017
Sylvia Peterson (D) .....	Jan. 2017

## Elected Officials *(continued)*

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	Term Expires
<b>Zoning Commission</b>	
Patrick Looney (D) .....	Nov. 2017
John Johnson, Vice-Chairman (R) .....	Nov. 2013
Thomas Risom (R).....	Nov. 2014
Jane Cable, Chairman (D).....	Nov. 2015
Jane Marsh (R).....	Nov. 2016
<b>Zoning Commission Alternates</b>	
Ted Kiritsis (R) .....	Jan. 2014
Joan Bozek (D) .....	Jan. 2014
Harland Frazier (U) .....	Jan. 2014
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals</b>	
Susanne M. Stutts, Chairman (R) .....	Nov. 2013
Judy McQuade (R).....	Nov. 2017
Arthur E. Sibley (R) .....	Nov. 2014
Kip Kotzan (D).....	Nov. 2016
Joseph St. Germain (D).....	(Resigned 3/2013) Nov. 2015
Mary Stone (D).....	Nov. 2015
<b>Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate</b>	
Martha Rumskas (R).....	Nov. 2013
Richard J. Smith (U).....	Nov. 2013



*Note the height of the sand on the mailbox post. The flag was up; do you think there was pick-up that day??*

# Appointed Officials

## Term Expires

### Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council

Catherine Frank (R) .....	Jan. 2015
Tim Devlin (R) .....	Jan. 2015
Russ Gomes (BOE Appt., R) .....	June 2013

### Commission on Aging

Donald Tapper, Chairman (Municipal Agent for the Elderly) .....	(standing)
Linda Camarra (OLVNA) .....	(standing)
Frank Oliveira (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Phyllis Shepard-Tambini (R) .....	Jan. 2014
Doris Rand (D) .....	Jan. 2015
Cliff Johnson (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Neil Feinberg (U) .....	Jan. 2015
Sherry Meyer (Sr. Ctr. Dir.) .....	Ex Officio

### Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency

(replaced by "RiverCOG" Oct. 2012)

Jane R. Marsh, Representative (R) .....	Oct. 2012
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### Connecticut River Gateway Commission

Peter Cable, Delegate (D) .....	July 2014
Suzanne Thompson, Alternate (R) .....	July 2014

### Conservation Commission

George James (R) .....	Jan. 2015
Linda Clough (D) .....	Jan. 2014
Lauralyn Lewis (D) .....	Jan. 2015
Tom Sherer, Chairman (D) .....	Jan. 2014
Michael Sullivan (D) .....	Mar. 2013
Maureen Plumleigh (U) .....	Jan. 2015
Susan Baehr (U) .....	Jan. 2016

### Conservation Commission Alternates

Frank Finley (U) .....	Jan. 2014
Peter Cable/Suzanne Thompson .....	Ex Officio

### Eastern Connecticut Regional Tourism District

Roderick M. White (R) .....	Sept. 2015
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### Economic Development Commission

Robert Jose, Chairman (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Joseph Camean, Vice Chair (R) .....	Jan. 2018
Susan Howard Cihocki (R) .....	Jan. 2014
Geraldine Foster (D) .....	Jan. 2014
John Stratton (R) .....	Jan. 2015
Frank Oliveira (R) .....	Jan. 2015
Heather Gagnon (D) .....	Jan. 2016
William O'Meara (R) .....	Jan. 2017

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
<b>Ethics Commission</b>	
Michael P. O'Brien, Chairman (U) .....	Jan. 2015
Brian Hautaniemi (D) .....	Jan. 2015
Gloria Dimon, Secretary (D) .....	Jan. 2014
Dwayne Basler (R).....	Jan. 2015
Robert Staab, Vice-Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2014
<b>Ethics Commission Alternates</b>	
Laurie O'Brien .....	Jan. 2015
Patricia M. Trainor .....	Jan. 2015
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>	
David Roberge .....	Jan. 2015
<b>Estuary Transit District</b>	
John Forbis (D).....	Jan. 2017
<b>Flood and Erosion Control Board</b>	
Steve Ross (R).....	Jan. 2014
Gary Smith, Vice Chairman (R) .....	Jan. 2014
Todd Machnik, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2014
Steve Martino (D) .....	Jan. 2015
Ellie Czarnowski (U) .....	Jan. 2015
David Roberge .....	Ex Officio
<b>Flood and Erosion Control Board Alternate</b>	
Ellie Czarnowski (U) .....	Jan. 2013
<b>Harbor Management Commission</b>	
Steve Ross, Chair (R) .....	Jan. 2014
David Zita (D) .....	(Resigned Nov. 2012) Jan. 2014
Charles Delinks (R).....	(Resigned Dec. 2012) Jan. 2013
Robert Doyen (D).....	Jan. 2017
Michael Magee (U) .....	Jan. 2014
Ned Farman (R).....	Jan. 2014
David Frederiks (R).....	Jan. 2016
William Harris (D).....	Jan. 2016
Harry Plaut (R).....	Jan. 2017
Tom Meyer (R) .....	Jan. 2017
Michael Moran, Harbormaster .....	Ex-Officio
Michael Mackey, Deputy Harbormaster (U).....	Ex-Officio
<b>Harbor Management Commission Alternates</b>	
Robert Falaguerra (R) .....	Nov. 2012
<b>Health Director</b>	
Vijay Sikand, M.D.	
<b>Historic District Commission</b>	
Kenneth Levin, Co-Chairman (U).....	Jan. 2015
James Bechtel, Co-Chairman (U).....	Jan. 2017
Barbara S. Traskos (R).....	Jan. 2018
Nina Peck (R) .....	Jan. 2014
Thomas Keogh (R).....	(Resigned Aug. 2012) Jan. 2016
Joanne DiCamillo (U).....	Jan. 2016

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

## Historic District Commission Alternates

John Forbis (D).....	Jan. 2016
John Pfeiffer (R).....	Jan. 2016
Janet Sturges (R).....	Jan. 2014

## Inland Wetlands Commission

Janet Bechtel (U) .....	Jan. 2014
Sabine O'Donnell (U).....	(Resigned Nov. 2012) Jan. 2014
Timothy Rollins (U) .....	Jan. 2014
David McCulloch (D) .....	Jan. 2014
Lewis DiCamillo, Chairman (R) .....	Jan. 2015
Robert Linde (U).....	(Resigned Mar. 2013) Jan. 2015
Stanley Kolber (U).....	Jan. 2015
Evan Griswold (R).....	Jan. 2016
Linda Krulikowski (D).....	Jan. 2016

## Inland Wetlands Commission Alternates

Christian Tompkins (U).....	Jan. 2016
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## Inland Wetlands Hearing Panel

Thomas Risom (R).....	(Resigned prior to June 30, 2013) Jul. 2014
Robert DePianta (D).....	Jul. 2013
Thomas Degnan (U).....	Jul. 2013

## JUSTICES OF THE PEACE: 1/7/2013-1/2/2017

*(Elected at caucus or through application)*

William U. Archer (D)	Luisa B. Grogan (D)	Doris A. Recor (U)
John A. Bysko (R)	Doris C. Johnson (R)	Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)
Jane E. Cable (D)	Mark C. Lander (D)	Ruth Dillon Roach (D)
Nancy L. Campbell (D)	Victoria K. Lanier (R)	Mervin F. Roberts (R)
Irene A. Carnell (R)	Leslie J. Massa (R)	Jennie Anne Rubera (R)
<i>(died 6/12/2013)</i>	Brendan P. McKeever (R)	Martha Ann Rumskas (R)
Christopher Carter (R)	Agnes Q. O'Connor (D)	Frances C. Sadowski (R)
Karen B. Conniff (D)	Frank Oliveira (R)	<i>(died 10/31/2012)</i>
Barbara McBride Doyen (D)	Jaqueline M. Opeka (R)	John D. Seckla (U)
Laura Fitzpatrick-Nager (D)	Gloria J. Pendleton (D)	Walter O. Seifert (R)
Jason Cameron Gagnon (U)	Earl J. Peters (D)	Michelle K. Speirs (U)
Verdina P. Ghirardi (D)	Lawrence I. Peterson, Jr. (D)	Judith A. Tooker (R)
Timothy C. Griswold (R)	Daria M. Phelps (D)	Kurt J. Zemba (R)

## Lymes' Senior Center—Board of Directors

Mary Miles, Vice Chairman (D).....	Jul. 2014
Ruth Young, Chairman through 6/13 (Lyme) .....	Jun. 2014
Gary Weed (Lyme).....	Jun. 2014
Diana Seckla (Lyme).....	Jun. 2014
Dorothy McAndrew (R).....	Jul. 2016
Robert Pierson (R).....	Jul. 2014
Donald Tapper, Municipal Agent for the Elderly (R) .....	Jul. 2015
Doris Johnson (R).....	Jul. 2015
Ann Griffith (D) .....	Jul. 2015

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# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

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Term Expires

## Lymes' Senior Center—Board of Directors *(continued)*

Susan Campbell, Chairman as of 7/1/13 (U).....	Jul. 2016
Doris Rand (D).....	Jul. 2016
Diane Blackwell (R).....	Jul. 2014

## Open Space Commission

Diana Atwood Johnson, Chairman (R) .....	Jan. 2014
Amanda Blair (D).....	Jan. 2016
Evan Griswold (R).....	Jan. 2014
George James (R).....	Jan. 2014
William Dunbar (R).....	Jan. 2015
Theodore Kiritsis (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Peter Cable (D) .....	Jan. 2016

## Open Space Commission Alternates

Bruce Baratz (U).....	Jan. 2015
Kurt Zemba (R).....	Jan. 2015
Marianne Gotfredson (R).....	Jan. 2014

## Parks and Recreation Commission

Glynn McArw, Chairman through 12/12 (R) .....	Jan. 2014
Robert Dunn, Co-chair as of 1/13 (R) .....	Jan. 2014
Roger Zito (R) .....	Jan. 2014
John Flower, Co-chair as of 1/13 (U) .....	Jan. 2015
Mary Ellen Garbarino (R).....	Jan. 2015
Missy Colburn (U).....	Jan. 2016
Tim Gavin (U).....	Jan. 2016
Don Bugbee, Parks and Rec. Director .....	Ex-Officio

## Pension Committee

John Bysko (R).....	Jan. 2014
Gil Soucie (D).....	Jan. 2015
Jeff Hartman (U).....	Jan. 2015
Bob Jose, Board of Finance .....	Ex-Officio
Kathleen Hall, Employee Rep .....	Ex-Officio

## Planning Commission Alternates

Donald Willis (R).....	Jan. 2014
Todd Machnik (R) .....	Jan. 2014
Edgar Butcher (D).....	Jan. 2014

## Regional Mental Health Board, Region II

Kenneth Gladd (D) .....	Jan. 2013
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## Rogers Lake Authority

Tom Baehr (D).....	Jan. 2014
Robert Recor (U).....	Jan. 2015
Richard Smith, Chairman (U).....	Jan. 2016
Tom Mondelci, Lyme	
Dennis Overfield, Lyme	
Michael Sicord, Lyme	

## Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
<b>Shellfish Commission</b>	
Mervin F. Roberts, Chairman (R) .....	Jan. 2015
David Redfield (R) .....	Jan. 2014
John Seckla (U).....	Jan. 2015
<b>Sound View Commission</b>	
David Kelsey (R) .....	Jan. 2015
Harry Plaut (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Joanne Lishing (D) .....	Jan. 2016
Frank Pappalardo, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2014
Michaelle Pearson (D) .....	Jan. 2014
<b>Sound View Commission Alternates</b>	
Frank Maratta (R) .....	Jan. 2014
Russ Carlo (R) .....	Jan. 2014
Sandra Ziemba (D).....	Jan. 2014
Joe Camean (R) .....	Jan. 2013
<b>Town Counsel</b>	
Marylin C. Clarke (D).....	Jan. 2014
<b>Town Historian</b>	
John Pfeiffer (D)	
<b>Tree Commission</b>	
Joanne DiCamillo, Chairman (U) .....	Jan. 2014
Anne Bing (D) .....	Jan. 2016
Emily Griswold (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Geraldine Foster (R).....	Jan. 2014
Joan Flynn, M.D., Alternate(U) .....	Jan. 2014
Tom Degnan, Tree Warden (U).....	Ex-Officio
<b>Tree Warden</b>	
Thomas Degnan (U).....	Jan. 2014
<b>Water Pollution Control Authority</b>	
Keith Czarnecki (D) .....	Jan. 2013
Luisa Grogan (D).....	Jan. 2013
Mervin Roberts (R).....	Jan. 2013
George James (R).....	Jan. 2013
Dmitri Tolchinski, Chairman through April 2013 (R) .....	Jan. 2014
Roger Breunig (R) .....	Jan. 2013
David Redfield (R) .....	Jan. 2013
Donna Bednar (D) .....	Jan. 2014
Frank Chan (D).....	Jan. 2014
Ernest Lorda (U) .....	Jan. 2015
Kurt Zemba, Chairman as of May 2013 (R) .....	Jan. 2015
Richard Prendergast (R).....	Jan. 2017
Tom Risom, Vice chair as of May 2013 (R) .....	Jan. 2017
Douglas Wilkinson, Secretary-Treasurer as of May 2013 (U) .....	Jan. 2017
Robert McCarthy (D) .....	Jan. 2017

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

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## Water Pollution Control Authority Alternates

Andrea Lombard (R)..... Jan. 2017

## Water Pollution Control Authority Hearing Panel

Robert DePianta (D)..... July 2013

Thomas Degnan (U)..... July 2013

## TOWN STAFF

Animal Control Officer ..... Lynn Philomen  
Assessor.....Walter E. Kent, Jr.  
Administrative Assessment Technician ..... Maribeth Fraser  
Building Department –Administrative Assistant ..... Kathleen Hall  
Assistant Building Official/Assistant Sanitarian ..... John Flower  
Emergency Management Director.....David Roberge  
Finance Director..... Nicole Stajduhar  
Finance Administrator .....Doris Johnson  
Fire Marshal .....David Roberge  
Health Department Administrative Assistant ..... Patricia Myers  
Health Department, Sanitarian.....Sonia Marino  
Information Technology Coordinator..... Ruth Roach  
Land Use (Inland Wetlands, Planning, Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals)  
    Zoning and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer ..... Ann Brown  
    Land Use Administrator ..... Kim Groves  
    Zoning Enforcement Technician (Certified) .....Kim Barrows  
Payroll Administrator ..... Michele E. Hayes  
Parks and Recreation Director ..... Donald Bugbee  
Selectman’s Office – First Selectwoman ..... Bonnie Reemsnyder  
Selectman’s Office –Executive Assistant ..... Catherine Frank  
Selectman’s Office – Manager..... Michele E. Hayes  
Senior Center Director ..... Stephanie Lyon  
Social Services Coordinator ..... Valerie Goncalves  
Tax Clerks ..... Ann Johnson, Toni O’Connor  
Tax Collector..... Judy Tooker  
Town Clerk..... Eileen Coffee  
Assistant Town Clerk ..... Vicki Urbowicz

**Resident State Trooper:** TFC Gary Inglis

**Town Police:** Wayne Collins, William Flanagan, Thomas Heinssen, Martin Lane, Sal Milardo, Dominic Solari, Robert Tyson, William Zipadelli; Keri Zito, Part-Time Clerk

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**Public Works Superintendent** – Edward Adanti

**Recycling Coordinator** – Donald Rutty

Richard Campbell  
Vincent Doughty  
Lawrence Galbo

Richard Gocka  
Brian Lorentson

Donald Saunders  
Robert Swaney  
Robert Wanat

# Election Results – November 6, 2012

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## Presidential

*Republican* – Romney and Ryan, 1,958  
*Democratic* – Obama and Biden, 2,561\*  
*Independent* – Anderson and Rodriguez, 9  
*Libertarian* – Johnson and Gray, 33

## United States Senator

*Republican* – Linda McMahon, 1,898  
*Democratic/Working Families* – Christopher Murphy, 2,476\*  
*Libertarian* – Paul Passarelli, 82

## Representative in Congress, Congressional District 2

*Republican* – Paul Formica, 1,635  
*Democratic/Working Families* – Joe Courtney, 2,751\*  
*Green Party* – Collin Bennett, 45  
*Libertarian* – Daniel Reale, 26

## State Senator, Senatorial District 20

*Republican* – Mike Doyle, 1784  
*Democratic* – Andrea L. Stillman, 2,462\*  
*Libertarian* – Marc L. Guttman, 67

## State Representative, Assembly District 23

*Republican* – Marilyn Giuliano, 2,693\*  
*Democratic* – Adam Stillman, 1,653

## Registrar of Voters, Town Old Lyme

*Republican* – Donald F. Tapper, 1,727\*  
*Democratic* – Sylvia Peterson, 2,449\*

(\* - Indicates elected)

## Marriages July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013

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Thomas James Schick - Joan Mary Weed .....	July 1, 2012
Thomas Joseph Schwager, Jr. - Jacqueline Radai Shaw .....	July 7, 2012
Nicholas Albino III - Catherine Joan Williams .....	July 7, 2012
Nicholas Brian Menga - Sara Marie Kielich (Madison) .....	July 7, 2012
Gamaliel Cruz - Tina Marie Fabiani .....	July 8, 2012
William Foster O'Meara - Janice P. Smegelski (Farmington) .....	July 14, 2012
David Leonard Robertson - Jina Marie Tucker (Old Saybrook) .....	July 15, 2012
Charles Joseph Calci - Elva M. Hall (Essex) .....	July 20, 2012
John William Wizeman - Katherine Collins Ely .....	July 21, 2012
Thomas J. Stopa - Lindsay L. Boehme (Westbrook) .....	July 21, 2012
Andrew Calvin Hansen - Kevin Bruce Smith .....	July 26, 2012
Matthew Jon Meier - Amanda Lee Bourne (Middletown) .....	July 27, 2012
Stephen Carl Keller - Meredith Colleen Phelps.....	August 4, 2012
Edward Vincent Camp - Genevieve Susannah Skillen .....	August 4, 2012
Michael Gregory Bouton - Tara Lynn Richards.....	August 10, 2012
James Justin Abrahams - Alice Ring Trautman-Phillips.....	August 11, 2012
Morgan Goss Harris - Grace Buckley McGee.....	August 17, 2012
Andrew Wickersham Kitchings - Emily Wai-Ying Moy.....	August 18, 2012
Matthew James Marqua - Charlene Elizabeth Raney .....	August 19, 2012
Kevin David Braun - Samantha Erin Keene.....	August 19, 2012
Curtis Paul Meyer - Lindsey Marek (Westbrook) .....	September 1, 2012
Christopher John Dionne - Summer-Sage Williams .....	September 1, 2012
Adam Griswold Burt - Deborah Anne Fix .....	September 8, 2012
Brian Michael Bowes - Laura Lee Miller .....	September 8, 2012
Brandon Patrick Pearce - Elizabeth Appleton Pickering .....	September 8, 2012
David Grant Munson - Sarah Elizabeth Wakeman .....	September 8, 2012
Stephen Michael Dincher - Monica Marie Mazzarella .....	September 8, 2012
Scott Matthew Neville - Caitlin Maria Glennon O'Hare.....	September 15, 2012
Steven Paul Sonleiter - Angela Katherine Frusciante.....	September 15, 2012
Roger Lee Abell - Kelli Lynn Morgan (Old Saybrook) .....	September 15, 2012
Gregory Scott Bohara - Kristi Lynn Renker (Branford).....	September 15, 2012
David Joseph Baehr - Jessica Lynn Viner (Waterford).....	September 23, 2012
Marc D. Bruno - Britney M. Halpin (East Lyme).....	September 28, 2012
Christopher William Sittard - Michele Bocian Wind .....	September 29, 2012
Michael Robert Lecza - Jessica Ann Cormier (Haddam) .....	September 30, 2012
Christopher Jackson Mills - Emily Aloise Cashman.....	October 6, 2012
Peter F. Pacheco - Jessica N. Orts (Southington).....	October 7, 2012
Thomas Edward Latella - Jennifer Marie Jones .....	October 13, 2012
Jason Lee Kemp - Kimball Lynn Robbins (Westbrook).....	October 13, 2012
Jameson Lee Nordberg - Christine Marie Carlson (Stonington).....	October 13, 2012
Paul Joseph DaPonte - Melissa Anne Lambrecht (Old Saybrook) .....	October 14, 2012
Thomas E. Smith - Nancy Ginsburg Kushins (Windsor Locks).....	October 20, 2012
Gregory Smith Symonds - Jennifer Whitmore Hazen.....	November 11, 2012
Andrew Dean Montanaro - Karen Williams Martocci.....	November 14, 2012
Ronnie Jay Steele III - Sarah Beth Santaniello .....	November 27, 2012
Donald Xavier Bobowick - Karen Frances Scala .....	December 1, 2012
Ronald Charles Swanson - Priscilla Mary Bayreuther .....	December 8, 2012
Anthony Charles Mea - Karen Lee Reynolds (Wallingford).....	December 22, 2012
Robert A. Martin - Susan B. Handy .....	December 24, 2012
Richard Bruce Bellisle - Patricia E. Naktanis .....	December 31, 2012

## Marriages July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013 *(continued)*

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Matthew Michael Weber - Donna Lee Bennett .....	January 11, 2013
Philip James Speirs - Ana Yopez .....	February 8, 2013
Jason Dennis Carrier - Catherine Coppola Masilotti (New Haven) .....	February 10, 2013
John Joseph Capone III - Katelyn Marie Kirk .....	February 22, 2013
John Richard Nelson - Jane Rowley Marsh .....	March 9, 2013
Andrew J. Taylor - Jessica Elizabeth Langley .....	March 9, 2013
William Davidowsky III - Casie Gena Brown.....	March 24, 2013
Mathew Peter Jadamec - Anna Lea Stevens.....	April 6, 2013
Thomas Peter Casey, Jr. - Heather Lynn Romagna.....	April 13, 2013
Manuel Rodrigo Lozado - Nube Ximena Guaman.....	April 13, 2013
Jonathan Basil Wilder - Laurie Jean Smith.....	April 22, 2013
Christopher Tisch Holt - Jessica Ann Green.....	April 27, 2013
Henry Thomas Dombroski III - Heather Lynn Burke.....	May 11, 2013
Daniel Seung-Ho Lapolla - Nicole Denkus (Stamford).....	May 11, 2013
Glenn Michael Sulmasy - Marla Lyn Richardson (Hartford) .....	May 17, 2013
Kenneth C. Mattia - Roberta L. Smith (East Lyme).....	May 24, 2013
David Michael Cherella - Lesley Anne-Marie Crawford.....	May 25, 2013
Stephen J. Meyer - Margaret Mary Christe.....	May 28, 2013
Michael John Oliver - Caitlin Maureen Ferwerda (Madison).....	June 1, 2013
Thomas Jay Seifert - Lindsay Marie Sablone.....	June 8, 2013
Daniel Vincent LeBlanc - Lindsay Jennifer Whitehead.....	June 8, 2013
Herman H. Blanke - Amanda Cushman .....	June 9, 2013
Robert Charles Ulrich - Myriam Blinn Clarkson (East Haddam) .....	June 9, 2013
Kyle Lee Reichman - Kara Ann DiCamillo .....	June 15, 2013
Andrew Adam Allegretta - Jennie Ann Porter.....	June 15, 2013
William Lawrence Scroggie - Murray Todd Williams .....	June 15, 2013
Cullen Patrick Hagan - Kaitlin Natalie Besier .....	June 22, 2013
Michael Peter Barnes - Danielle Marie Barron .....	June 22, 2013
Vinicius Medeiros Dos Santos - Krysta Lyn Henderson .....	June 29, 2013
Andrew William Danko - Krista Lynn Borkowski (Westbrook).....	June 29, 2013
Jonathan Michael Capasso - Jennifer Kristy Haraguchi.....	June 29, 2013
Graham Chamberlain - Samantha Nicole Delanoval.....	June 29, 2013

## Deaths July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013

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Thomas Eugene Lavoie (Middletown)	March 23, 2012
Joanne Bishop (New Haven)	July 1, 2012
William Michael Carey, Jr.	July 11, 2012
Edwin C. Breeding, Jr.	July 21, 2012
Mary Ellen Mellen (Middletown)	July 30, 2012
Paul H. Johnson	July 31, 2012
Gerald J. Montano (Hartford)	August 5, 2012
James R. Stanton (South Lyme)	August 12, 2012
Anne Rita Weber	August 15, 2012
Carolina Artificio-Bunyi Surface (New Haven)	August 18, 2012
Albert Mitchell	September 2, 2012
Mary G. Morgan	September 4, 2012
Rosario Garofalo (Branford)	September 15, 2012
Shaun B. Cashman (John) Cashman	September 24, 2012
Richard Kristopik	October 15, 2012
Irene Elizabeth Walton Berg (Middletown)	October 18, 2012
Richard Edward Kocielo (New Haven)	October 24, 2012
John Eugene Hickey (Norwich)	October 30, 2012
Frances Sadowski	October 31, 2012
Stanley L. Kowalczyk (Waterford)	November 3, 2012
George Duncan	November 4, 2012
Frederick DiScipio (Norwich)	November 5, 2012
Jacquelyn R. Costigan (Essex)	November 11, 2012
Helen C. Maranda	November 29, 2012
Velia C. Pucci (Middletown)	December 4, 2012
Tamara A. Nolin	December 11, 2012
Barbara Prato	December 11, 2012
Marjorie M. Minore	December 14, 2012
Sallie VanItallie	December 29, 2012
Gertrude Ward	January 2, 2013
Ethyl C. Comerford (Groton)	January 8, 2013
Edward William Stankiewicz (South Lyme)	January 14, 2013
Lillian Cancro (New London)	January 18, 2013
Henry William Erpenbeck (Essex)	January 20, 2013
Rose Marie Rand	January 23, 2013
John Stephan Barnas (Groton)	February 3, 2013
Agnes L. Martin	February 4, 2013
Olwen M. Falkenstein-Cullen (New London)	February 5, 2013
Elsie Mae Swaney (New London)	February 7, 2013
Roberta Griswold (Wallingford)	February 10, 2013
Carmine F. Sessa	February 20, 2013
Shirley Rose Watt (Waterford)	February 26, 2013
Joquin A. Dorantes M.D. (New London)	March 4, 2013
Russell Lawson (Waterbury)	March 12, 2013
Nicholas Clark	March 13, 2013
Grace J. Dagher (New Haven)	March 17, 2013
Helen M. Morgan (Waterford)	March 22, 2013
Nancy Ann Padegenis	March 23, 2013
Bernice Silverman (Old Saybrook)	March 25, 2013
John M. Smith (Middletown)	March 27, 2013

## Deaths July 1, 2012 - June 30, 2013 *(continued)*

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Jane A. Walker.....	April 18, 2013
Kenneth John Lee .....	April 26, 2013
Jean Gordon.....	April 26, 2013
Sylvia Marsh (Essex) .....	May 16, 2013
Janet B. Littlefield (Niantic) .....	May 16, 2013
Robert J. Sisk (Old Saybrook) .....	May 19, 2013
Emily Boro.....	May 19, 2013
Diane J. Szarzynski (Branford) .....	May 19, 2013
Lucas F. Maynard .....	May 20, 2013
George Howley (Niantic).....	May 30, 2013
Irene H. Carnell (East Lyme).....	June 12, 2013
Margaret C. Oliphant (Middletown).....	June 29, 2013

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*White Sands Beach Parking Lot sand removal*

# Animal Control

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**Lynn Philemon**  
*Animal Control Officer*

**Police Officer Tom Heinssen**  
*Animal Control Supervisor*

**Leah Russell**  
*Assistant Animal Control Officer*

Once again we have had a very busy year in the Animal Control Department here in Old Lyme. We are pleased to say in the past year we have had 80 adoptions and 47 redemptions. Throughout the past year we received and investigated 147 complaints and 18 bite reports. Unfortunately, one animal had to be euthanized due to illness and one was found deceased.

Although Old Lyme does not have a leash ordinance, the state statute mandates that all dog owners maintain control of their dogs. Also be aware of signs at parks and beaches that do not allow dogs. Old Lyme Animal Control has received quite a few complaints regarding this matter.

A friendly reminder that all dogs over six months of age must be licensed by the town. A \$1 fee will be charged for each late month. A license is a lost dog's ticket home! All dogs must have a current rabies vaccination. Failure to vaccinate means a \$136 fine for each dog.

Our goal here at Old Lyme Animal Control is to help the public keep their pets rather than having to surrender them to the shelter. We work with various organizations for low-cost spay and neuter programs and through the state we have vouchers for low income families. Please contact us for more information about these programs.

In December 2012, we held a pet food drive at all of the schools in Old Lyme, including the Lyme Art Academy. We will be doing the same thing this December. We will be distributing the donated food to the less fortunate who cannot afford these supplies.

Old Lyme Animal Control would like to make the public aware of the alarming number of missing pets this year. It is no longer safe to leave pets outside unattended due to dangerous local wildlife. Fisher cats, bobcats, coyotes, foxes, and hawks are just a few of the predators that have been known to go after and take small animals day or night. We will be moving forward and setting up a Lost and Found page for these missing animals. Always call us first at the shelter if your pet is missing. If you have any questions regarding the wildlife in your area please call us at 860-434-3047 or the D.E.P Wildlife hotline at 860-424-3011.

Although our office hours vary we have a 24/7 answering service that will contact us for emergencies. Otherwise, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible. You can find a list of our adoptable animals on [Petfinder.com](http://Petfinder.com) and <https://www.facebook.com/animalcontrolol>.



*Animal control facility and van*

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## Assessor

Walter E. Kent, Jr., CCMA II  
Assessor

This past year saw the Grand List rise from \$1,602,307,720 to \$1,608,398,700, a small increase that relates to the economy.

### **PROPERTY REVAL BEGINNING THIS FALL**

The Town of Old Lyme has hired Vision Government Solutions, Inc. to complete its state-mandated revaluation program. The reassessment project will establish market value as of October 1, 2014, which will be reflected in the tax bills issued in the summer of 2015.

Revaluation will commence this fall in the village area of the town and continue through October 2014. Data collectors will be visiting all buildings to record exterior measurements and conduct interior inspections.

Data collectors will carry a letter of identification from the Assessor's Office and a photo ID badge, and their cars will be registered with the police department. All property owners and tenants are respectfully requested to cooperate with data collectors to insure that accurate information is used in the revaluation process.

Any property owners who have questions concerning the revaluation process can contact the Assessor's Office during working hours at 860-434-1605 x219. Look for further updates as the revaluation process continues into the new year.

For more information call the assessor's office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday, at 860-434-1605 x219 or x218.



*Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts after the blizzard (Photo courtesy of LymeLine.com)*

# Board of Finance

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**Andy Russell**  
*Chairman*

The Old Lyme Board of Finance has continued to be very conservative when we develop our town budget. Since the majority of our tax income comes from homeowners' property tax, we are mindful of the fact that our residents are stretched financially.

The preliminary financial report for the 2013 FY year that ended on June 30, 2013 shows us that we collected more taxes than anticipated thanks to our tax payers and our tax collector, Judy Tooker. We also brought the expense side in under budget with the help of our finance director, Nicole Stajduhar, and department heads. We continue to strive to keep the recommended fund balance for us to maintain our strong bond rating between 10-15% of our total town budget, including our share of Region 18's budget. As of June 30, 2013 we are in that that range.

We have continued to maintain our infrastructure. We spent over \$200,000 on maintaining our roads. We continued to fund our Land Fill Closure and Open Space accounts in the FY 2013 budget.

During this budget period we were hit by two major storms. In October 2012 storm Sandy hit us hard followed by the blizzard in February 2013. These are of course unanticipated events that we do not budget for. We had costs of close to \$350,000 for the two storms combined. Our public works, emergency management, police, ambulance, and fire departments are called into

action at levels we cannot anticipate. There were shelters set up and transportation provided. The tireless work of our employees and volunteers helped keep our residents safe and informed. We overspent certain line items in the budget for supplies and labor related to these storms. Dave Roberge, our Emergency Management Director, with input from many department heads submitted the paperwork necessary to FEMA for us to get reimbursed for many of the costs associated with these storms. Since the close of the budget year we have received reimbursement for many of those storm expenses.

A special thanks need to go to board secretary Michele E. Hayes and our town report editor, Michele Dickey.

Your board of finance spends hours developing the budget each year. Our prime budget season is from the end of January through budget approval in May. During this time we meet weekly as a group and individual members meet with department heads and associations to better understand their needs.

As chairman of the board of finance, I would like to thank our board of selectman and town employees for their help with the budget process. I would also like to invite you to join us during the budget process. Our regular meetings are the third Tuesday of each month, and we meet every Tuesday during February and March.



*The aftermath of Hurricane Sandy*



*The aftermath of Hurricane Sandy*

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# Building Department

John Flower  
*Building Official*

## *Building Permits Issued*

from 7/1/2012 to 6/30/2013

18	Permits -	Accessory Buildings .....	\$274,458.00
42	Permits -	Additions .....	\$1,905,357.00
7	Permits -	Additions/Alterations .....	\$1,459,000.00
50	Permits -	Alterations .....	\$1,844,101.00
2	Permits -	Barns .....	\$58,400.00
16	Permits -	Demolition .....	\$0.00
286	Permits -	Electrical.....	\$827,116.00
15	Permits -	Foundation .....	\$4,846,048.00
6	Permits -	Garage .....	\$267,000.00
124	Permits -	Heating, A/C .....	\$603,921.00
15	Permits -	New Residence.....	\$440,000.00
227	Permits -	Plumbing.....	\$323,057.00
2	Permits -	Pools.....	\$5,000.00
159	Permits -	Repairs .....	\$2,410,736.00
9	Permits -	Replace Fuel Tanks .....	\$10,850.00
2	Permits -	Satellite Antennae .....	\$40,000.00
1	Permit -	Security .....	\$5,873.00
9	Permits -	Temporary Structures .....	\$47,008.00
9	Permits -	Wood Stoves .....	\$0.00

*Total Cost of Permits Issued.....* \$15,367,925.00

*Total Number of Permits Issued.....* 999

*Total Fees Received During Fiscal Year .....* \$163,089.00

*Total Cost of Permits Issued.....* \$15,367,925.00



*The mountains of snow made by plows are almost as high as the street signat the intersection of Flat Rock and Hatchett Hills.*

## Citizen of the Year - 2013

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### The Board of Selectmen acknowledges **Robert Pierson** for his lengthy service to the Town of Old Lyme

**H**ow do you spell dependable? The Town of Old Lyme spells it with a capital P for Pierson. Whether in his capacity as President of the Old Lyme Volunteer Fire Department, former member of the Town's Planning Commission, or Treasurer of the Lymes' Senior Center Board, Bob Pierson has earned his well-deserved reputation as someone you can count on.

Bob moved to Old Lyme as a high school student in the late 50s. He worked at Saunders Garage and served the Fire Department as a junior firefighter until his graduation from Old Lyme High School in 1964. Travelling along the original Route 66, Bob temporarily relocated in California with one of his sisters, but returned to Old Lyme after his discharge from the Army. A job with RR Donnelly & Sons persuaded him that desk work was not for him, and he worked for Southern New England Telephone from 1970 until 1995.

Bob renewed his active service in the Fire Department when he retired, and received his 50 year pin in 2012. He has served as Fire Department President for the past seven years.

Initially appointed to the Town's Planning Commission as an alternate in 1983, Bob served as Commission chair from 1996 to 2000. He stepped up to serve, again, as an alternate, from 2000 to 2009. His respite from appointed official status did not last long. Bob answered the call to serve earlier this year as one of our representatives to the Lymes' Senior Center Board and is currently that Board's Treasurer.

Over the years, Bob Pierson has served the Town on a variety of task forces and committees: an Information Technology committee, committees formed to improve Town Hall phone service, and a recent committee formed to monitor needs at all Town facilities. Bob is also an "unofficial" Poll worker, often assisting his Deputy Registrar of Voters wife Barbara with

4:30 a.m. set-ups on Election Day. Bob's name is at the top of everyone's wish list, including Barbara's, whom he assists with quality control for the 350 dozen cookies she bakes each holiday season. During this cookie season break, Barbara recently helped Bob with the collection and preparation of 180 gallons of sap to make 4+ gallons of maple syrup.

The Board of Selectmen thanks Bob Pierson for his lengthy history of dependable service to the Town of Old Lyme and gratefully names him our **2012 Citizen of the Year**.



*Citizen of the Year 2012 Robert Pierson with his wife, Barbara Pierson*



*Robert Pierson after being named Citizen of the Year 2012 with (left to right) Selectwoman Mary Jo Nosal, Selectman Skip Sibley, First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder, Pierson, Citizen of the Year 2010 Janet G. Sturges, and (seated in background) Town Clerk Eileen Coffee*

## Commission on Aging

**Don Tapper**  
*Chairman*

**T**he 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 mission throughout the year is 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 at a very affordable price and the Meals on Wheels program. The center has also been used over the last few years as an emergency respite center for both towns.

Our new director, Stephanie Lyon, has done an excellent job serving the many needs of our senior population.

# Connecticut River Gateway Commission

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J.H. Torrance Downes  
*COG Senior Planner*

## *History*

In 1973, the Connecticut Legislature recognized the Lower Connecticut River Valley as one of the State's most important natural, recreational and scenic areas, and authorized establishment of the Connecticut River Gateway Commission. In July 1974, the Commission became operational with eight eligible towns, two regional planning agencies, and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection participating.

The Gateway Conservation Zone is about 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. Since 1973, this area has been recognized as a unique area. The Nature Conservancy has designated the lower Connecticut River as one of its "Last Great Places"; the river's tidelands were recognized as an "internationally significant" habitat for waterfowl under the terms of the international Ramsar Convention; the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior has recognized the Lower Connecticut River Valley as "one of the most important ecological landscapes" in the United States; and in 1999, the river was designated as one of fourteen American Heritage Rivers by the President of the United States.

## *Scenic Preservation Responsibilities*

While other organizations have primarily concerned themselves with natural ecological systems in the river valley, this commission has concentrated much of its attention on the protection of key lands along the river that contribute to the valley's scenic qualities. Since its inception, the commission has worked with others to protect well over 1,000 acres of land through over \$1 million in gifts or purchase of scenic easements, development rights, and fee simple titles. The commission is in the final stage of donating their last two parcels of protected land, one in Chester and one in East Haddam.

## *Land Use Oversight Responsibilities*

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

As of June 30, 2013, Gateway member towns of Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme, and Old Saybrook have incorporated the 2004 standards into their zoning regulations as required by State Statute. The Gateway Commission will be proposing adjustments to the 2004 standards in 2014 which will hopefully have the Town of Essex adopt the newest standards as well.

## *Delegates*

Old Lyme's representatives are Peter Cable and Suzanne Thompson.

## *Contact*

For more information, contact River COG Senior Planner and Gateway staff J. H. Torrance Downes at (860) 581-8554 or at [tdownes@rivercog.org](mailto:tdownes@rivercog.org). Contact information can also be found on the web at [www.ctrivergateway.org](http://www.ctrivergateway.org).

# Conservation Commission

Tom Sherer  
*Chairman*

The Old Lyme Conservation Commission coordinates conservation efforts; supervises natural resource monitoring; and aids in the coordination of land development in an effort to preserve our natural resources and remaining open land and to sustain recreational property. The Old Lyme Conservation Commission also coordinates the activities of unofficial bodies organized for similar purposes and conducts research into the utilization and preservation of land areas of the municipality. In addition, the Conservation Commission often makes recommendations to zoning, planning, inland wetland commissions, and water pollution control authority or other municipal agencies on proposed land-use changes.

## *Increasing Awareness Regarding Environmental Issues*

The commission has continued with their efforts to increase community awareness regarding the negative impact of pesticides and positive benefits to organic alternatives. Along these lines, the commission has continued to promote the theme “Keep it Clean... Because We’re All Downstream.” This effort includes the creation and distribution of instructional materials (brochures/flyers/etc.) that provide information to assist residents in making safe and effective choices regarding household chemicals and lawn-care products. To promote this end, the commission’s materials will continue to be available to residents at the town hall and the library. A complete list of pesticides is available on the commission website. In addition, the commission funds the bi-annual display of a banner on Hall’s Road.

## *Rogers Lake*

The commission continued to make a concerted effort to focus town attention on Rogers Lake as one of the town’s most valuable resources. The commission has worked with both the Rogers Lake Authority and the selectmen to explore non-pesticide solutions to the invasive weed issues that have increasingly become important to town residents. The commission has established barrier plantings at Hain’s Park to prevent runoff into the swimming area and

use of the beach by Canada geese. This project has been executed via collaboration with other organizations including UCONN Extension Service Master Gardeners, C.L.E.A.R. Program of UCONN Extension Services, CT DEEP, and a local professional ecotourism and environmental interpretation specialist/planner. In conjunction with the barrier plantings, a new sign will be installed in the spring that provides information on the project.

## *Outreach Programs*

The commission continues to cooperate with the First Congregational Church’s Environmental Committee in their effort to promote organic treatment of lawns and to “go green.” Over the past year, Mr. George James from the commission recorded a fascinating public access television show providing information on local fisheries. The conservation commission also participated in the annual VNA Health Day and has also maintained a display at the Florence Griswold Library highlighting the environmental advantages of buffer gardens.

## *Earth Day*

Once again this year the conservation commission organized a celebration of Earth Day - this year at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme. Co-hosting with the Environmental Club of the Lyme/Old Lyme High School, a wide variety of displays made for an interesting and informative afternoon for all. Local groups as well as regional presenters participated at this family oriented event.

# Economic Development Commission

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Joseph Camean  
*Vice Chairman*

A current major project of the economic development commission is the Connecticut Riverway Trail. This greenway-blueway trail will provide increased public access to the beauty of the Connecticut River. Upon receiving a Connecticut DEEP grant, the commission engaged a consulting firm to conduct the survey work, develop routings, estimate construction costs, and assist with identifying grant funding. Old Lyme's first selectwoman and selectpersons will oversee it and seek future additional funding. Camean initiated the project and has been responsible for engineering, planning, and securing the initial development funding.

The trail will allow unobstructed views of the river...far better than mere glimpses caught when driving along a state highway at 45 mph! Townspeople and visitors will be able to get around without cars by non-polluting bicycle travel, in a safe way while benefitting from a healthy activity. The trail has multiple boat launch connections, facilitating kayak or canoe recreation. Camean hopes to see townspeople and visitors participating in a bicycle and kayak exchange to allow the combined experience of kayaking the blueway and returning by the greenway, whether by bicycle or other pedestrian means, including ADA accessibility. The exchange system would bring tourism to town, benefiting local merchants; generate revenue

to maintain the trail; and provide employment, especially seasonal jobs for high school students. The trail was inspired in part by the East Bay Bike Path along Narragansett Bay, which runs from Providence to Bristol, RI.

The trail will be accomplished in four phases. Phase I starts at the Baldwin Bridge near the Scenic Overlook. Connecting with the existing trail to Old Saybrook, it then goes under the Baldwin Bridge and along the green wooden sound wall (south of the busy highway ramps), continuing along Shore Road to the DEEP's Lieutenant River boat launch, then along Ferry Road to the town boat launch and the DEEP Marine Headquarters and Park. Phase II extends from the DEEP's boardwalk, paralleling the river side of the railroad tracks and ending at Watch Rock Preserve. Phase III extends from Watch Rock Preserve through the town roads of Old Lyme Estates and then on to the Town Landing Road boat launch; Phase IV extends along Town Landing Road, then along Smith Neck Road to the DEEP Great Island Boat Launch.

The Riverway Trail is a total of 4.15 miles, and in addition to connecting with the Baldwin Bridge trail to Old Saybrook, at the southern end it will connect to a soon-to-be-constructed defined bike trail along Shore Road to Hartford Avenue and Sound View beach. A future planned connection is to a proposed trail along Halls Road and Boston Post Road.



*Broken evergreen at 45 Lyme Street across from Memorial Town Hall took down power lines.*

## Emergency Management

David W. Roberge  
*Director*

Old Lyme endured a second fiscal year of storm stress and damage – Super Storm Sandy in late October 2012, followed too closely by the blizzard of February 2013.

Sandy was the more damaging of the two storms and not as bad as Irene the previous year. The area of Hawks Nest Beach and Miami Beach experienced a repetitive tidal surge for two days. Homes in the Miami Beach area experienced three to four feet of flooding, and beach erosion caused sand deposits up to the roof of the pavilion at White Sands Beach. Roadways were obliterated three to five feet deep along Seaside Lane and West End Drive. Four homes on West End Drive were destroyed off their foundations, but fortunately, they were seasonal, and there were no injuries.

Besides the beach areas, other areas hit hard included Mile Creek Road, Wychwood, Browns Lane, Nottingham, and the Peppermint Ridge area along with the Rogers Lake section of town. These sections experienced extensive tree and power line damage.

During both events, the East Lyme Middle School was established as a multitown overnight sleeping shelter and the Lymes' Senior Center was operated as a daytime respite center for all who were able to get there. While only a few residents utilized the overnight accommodations at the East Lyme Shelter, the majority of townspeople spent time at the respite center, where they were able to recharge their electronic

devices as well as their psyches, have access to the Internet, and receive a hot meal. News updates, hot showers, bottled water, ice, and emotional support were offered throughout the events by the all-volunteer staff. At the peak of the storm, when 98 percent of the town was without power, the Senior Center offered over 200 meals a day prepared in house or from local vendors.

Surprisingly when 75 percent of the town's power had been restored during Storm Sandy, we still had many people coming for meals, sometimes bringing a bottle of wine with them. We look back on this and think that we "might have fed them a little too well," but the emotional well-being and support was still an important factor for the town to sustain throughout the events.

During road clearing and debris removal activities, we hired numerous local private contractors to help in clean-up efforts. Working along side our town public works crews, debris removal went surprisingly fast. Final estimates of debris materials removed from town roads exceeded 4000 tons of trees and branches. A special thank you is extended to the following local contractors, along with many others, whose hard work helped expedite the reopening of town roads and supported our recovery efforts throughout the community: Trowbridge Masonry; Commercial Construction Group; Montano & Sons; Machnik Brothers, Inc.; Shoreline Sanitation; Wilcox Tree; Nickerson



## **Emergency Management** *(continued)*

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Landscaping; A. Bond Excavating; Mike Swaney Electric; Zelek Electric; and Speirs Plumbing.

CL&P responded again in spades, with a “Town Liaison” embedded at the Emergency Operations Center helping coordinate field restoration efforts. While roadway poles and wires were damaged throughout the town, severe damage occurred deep in the woods on a CL&P “Right of Way” in East Lyme. Repairing this right of way was key to restoring power to large sections of Old Lyme. CL&P used specialized off-road repair equipment to replace poles and wire in the woods, so while people didn’t see the familiar yellow CL&P trucks on the roads, their line crews worked several days around the clock deep in the woods to help restore our power as quickly as possible.

Due to the level of devastation that occurred during these storms, local and state declarations were presented to the federal government. A Presidential declaration was extended for both events, and FEMA supported recovery efforts by implementing public assistance to communities with commodity distribution for water and food along with individual assistance to persons affected by the storm(s).

Overall the performance of all town agencies and public safety emergency response personnel along with countless volunteers was second to none. Personnel in all town departments worked many, many extra hours during both events. The emergency operations center operated eighteen hours daily throughout both events managing response and recovery efforts.

Emergencies like these illustrate the importance of “self-preparation” for these kinds of weather events. It takes a minimum of three days for a municipality, state agencies, and utility providers to fully respond to storms like these. Residents should learn to prepare themselves for those first three days by having a personal preparedness plan with family and friends. Personal preparedness also includes having adequate food and water on hand along with battery powered charging devices for your electronics and flashlights

For those residents who require specialized assistance due to health concerns, a “Special Needs Registration Form” is located on the last page of this town report. People are urged to register their assistance needs; be assured that this information will be kept confidential.

Social media was found to be exceptionally useful during and following the storms. Being able to share information in real time, along with getting feedback from the community on current conditions, helped accelerate our response efforts.

While social media did not replace normal emergency reporting such as 911, it does allow for an effective means of communications and getting information out on storm events, letting people know things like “what local stores are open” and “what roads are passable.” Other shared information included “what the hours of operation for the respite center are” and “what to do with your trash during the storm.” People are urged to follow Old Lyme Emergency Management on Facebook and Twitter to stay informed of future storm events. Remember, we can’t help you if we can’t contact you. You can Friend Old Lyme Emergency Management on Face Book (OldLymeEOC) and follow us on Twitter (#Old Lyme EOC).

Beginning this coming spring, we will implementing a new reverse 911 program to reach out to residents who can register any electronic device such as home or cell phone, texting devices such as smart phones and tablets, along with e-mail, to receive important emergency information.

In closing, we hope that through the experiences of these past storms, the community as a whole has experienced valuable lessons learned. By improving personal and family planning, continuing to monitor changing conditions and events, and heeding early warnings and advisements, people become better prepared before the next emergency hits.

# Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.

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Paula C. 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, and Old Lyme. Since 1974, the ECSI's mission has been to promote senior's quality of life, community involvement, and independent living. Last year the ECSI provided nearly 70,000 nutritious meals including 48,000 Meals On Wheels, 700 rides to medical outpatient appointments outside the nine-town Estuary Region, 746 free preventative health screenings, and social and exercise programs too numerous to count.

Hurricane Sandy knocked power out in all of our service towns of Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Westbrook, Clinton, Killingworth, Chester, Deep River, and Essex. Downed trees and power lines made it very difficult for ECSI to deliver our Meals On Wheels to homebound seniors but we were delivering to all our clients within three days of the storm. Emergency, shelf-stable, meals had already been delivered so our homebound seniors did not go without food. This was in addition to the efforts of the emergency service departments in our service towns.

During the 2012/2013 fiscal year, ECSI provided 238 Old Lyme seniors with 3,986

congregate meals and 5,997 Meals On Wheels (homebound meals). Five Old Lyme seniors were provided 66 rides to medical appointments outside the nine-town Estuary Region through the Stan Greimann EMOTS program. In total, 485 Old Lyme seniors received 11,868 services through ECSI.

In addition to our essential senior service, ECSI is a fun place for mature residents to exercise, dance, play cards, go on trips together, get a massage or facial, hear an interesting lecture, attend an art exhibit, get a haircut, take a painting class, join a book club or writers group, volunteer, shop at the Thrift Shop, or just sit and enjoy our beautiful view. ECSI has a lovely, large facility that welcomes residents of the Estuary region aged fifty years or better.

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. I would like to thank the Town of Old Lyme for your continued support of our programs.

For information and schedules of our many services and programs, please call 388-1611 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



*Downed wires on Lyme Street actually melted a hole in the street and the catch basin!*

## Fire Marshal

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David W. Roberge  
*Fire Marshal*

During the fiscal year 2012-2013, we continued to work with Regional District 18 in achieving compliance of the Connecticut Fire Safety Code with the high school renovation project. As construction finally came to completion this year, we praise the entire construction team on their commitment for life safety throughout the project.

The inspections for commercial and public buildings continue to ensure compliance of their occupants. The annual fire safety inspections of occupancies prescribed by the Fire Code as set forth in Chapter 541 of the Connecticut State Statutes continues along with plan reviews of new commercial construction projects continuing in town. We anticipate continued cooperation from the property owners and contractors to ensure full compliance with provisions of the code.

Structural fire losses in town were low this year with no major home or building losses. Investigations of vehicle and brush fires were numerous again this year, along with the investigation of an incident resulting from the use of illegal fireworks.

Many thanks again go out to the Old Lyme Fire Department for their timely and effective responses to fire emergencies and for all they do to educate the community on effective fire safety.

As part of state-mandated continuing education, the fire marshal attended various in-service education programs sponsored in part by the Office of the State Fire Marshal, the International Association of Fire Investigators, and the National Association of Fire Investigators.

## Flood and Erosion Control Board

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Todd Machnik  
*Chairman*

The Flood and Erosion Control Board meets quarterly. Our discussions focus on problems as simple as culvert and drainage swale issues on town roads to more complicated,

long-term problem drainage areas on private property.

Check the town website for our meeting schedule.



*Florence Griswold Museum Gallery*



*Tree damage from Hurricane Sandy at the Florence Griswold Museum*



Jaymie D. Nickerson

# FINANCIALS

2012-2013

Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2013

	General	Landfill Closure	Harbor Management Dredging Project	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash	\$ 1,831,126	\$ 326,396	\$	\$ 696,818	\$ 2,854,340
Investments	4,189,784			215,760	4,405,544
Receivables:					
Property taxes	852,438				852,438
Intergovernmental	194,343			60,039	254,382
Other	9,644			2,257	11,901
Due from other funds	54,596		183,342	29,617	267,555
Prepaid amounts	147,304				147,304
Total assets	\$ 7,279,235	\$ 326,396	\$ 183,342	\$ 1,004,491	\$ 8,793,464
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Accounts payable	\$ 287,499	\$ 21,133	\$	\$ 4,826	\$ 313,458
Accrued liabilities	152,240				152,240
Due to other funds	212,959	11,280		24,004	248,243
Unearned revenue	23,062		183,342	22,364	228,768
Total liabilities	675,760	32,413	183,342	51,194	942,709
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>					
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	724,328				724,328
Advanced property tax collectors	87,694				87,694
Total deferred inflows of resources	812,022	-	-	-	812,022
<u>Fund Balances</u>					
Nonspendable	147,304				147,304
Committed	365,109	293,983		816,751	1,475,843
Assigned				153,135	153,135
Unassigned	5,279,040			(16,589)	5,262,451
Total fund balances	5,791,453	293,983	-	953,297	7,038,733
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 7,279,235	\$ 326,396	\$ 183,342	\$ 1,004,491	\$ 8,793,464

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**Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut**  
**Reconciliation of Fund Balance**  
**to Net Position of Governmental Activities**  
**June 30, 2013**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (Exhibit A) are different from the governmental fund balance sheet. The details of this difference are as follows:

Total fund balance (Exhibit C, Page 1)	\$ 7,038,733
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:	
Beginning net capital assets and current additions	18,811,126
Depreciation expense	(407,796)
Disposal of capital assets	(88,957)
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds:	
Property tax interest and lien accrual	218,204
Property tax receivable - accrual basis change	724,328
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(161,000)
Some liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:	
Bonds payable	(3,475,000)
Note payable	(135,000)
Bonds premium	(40,603)
Compensated absences	(107,693)
Landfill postclosure costs	(622,500)
Accrued interest payable	(19,999)
Net position of governmental activities	\$ 21,733,843

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## Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

**General Fund**  
**Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources -**  
**Budget and Actual**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2013**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Property taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 30,530,595	\$ 30,530,595	\$ 30,765,549	\$ 234,954
Interest and lien fees	120,000	120,000	205,029	85,029
Telephone access line grant	37,000	37,000	37,077	77
<b>Total property taxes</b>	<b>30,687,595</b>	<b>30,687,595</b>	<b>31,007,655</b>	<b>320,060</b>
Charges for services:				
Building department	110,000	110,000	163,188	53,188
Health department	4,500	4,500	4,627	127
Parks and recreation department	58,500	58,500	40,945	(17,555)
Parking lot	130,000	130,000	116,882	(13,118)
Town Woods Park	29,800	29,800	28,906	(894)
Planning commission	1,000	1,000	1,162	162
Selectmen's office	8,000	8,000	11,760	3,760
Town clerk's office	190,000	190,000	243,664	53,664
Assessor	2,800	2,800	2,057	(743)
Zoning commission	3,900	3,900	11,609	7,709
Zoning board of appeals	8,000	8,000	7,396	(604)
Inland/wetlands	3,000	3,000	2,822	(178)
Engineering/legal reimbursements	21,600	21,600	10,232	(11,368)
Historic District commission	500	500	195	(305)
Fire marshal	850	850	380	(470)
Senior center	12,430	12,430	13,668	1,238
Septage transfer	85,000	85,000	48,597	(36,403)
Recycling	10,000	10,000	293	(9,707)
Landfill	75,000	75,000	91,295	16,295
Parking fines	25,000	25,000	16,709	(8,291)
Cell phone tower lease	25,700	25,700	23,691	(2,009)
Beach stickers and permits	27,000	27,000	28,285	1,285
Capital asset proceeds	10	10		(10)
School crossing guard	14,900	14,900	15,054	154
OLVNA reimbursement	3,300	3,300	10,798	7,498
Ambulance fuel reimbursement	8,000	8,000	11,194	3,194
Workers' compensation reimbursement			857	857
Registrar reimbursement			1,810	1,810
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,000	29,361	25,361
Beach patrol reimbursement			16,406	16,406
Private duty - police	33,760	33,760		(33,760)
<b>Total charges for services</b>	<b>896,550</b>	<b>896,550</b>	<b>953,843</b>	<b>57,293</b>
Intergovernmental:				
LOCIP	48,927	48,927	49,376	449
Historic preservation grant	3,000	3,000	4,000	1,000
Emergency management/FEMA	40,000	40,000	210,985	170,985
Education equalization grant	605,586	605,586	605,586	-
PILOT - state property	30,375	30,375	29,425	(950)
Miscellaneous state grants	5,000	5,000	57,434	52,434
PILOT - colleges	38,844	38,844	36,981	(1,863)
Mashantucket Pequot grant	13,030	13,030	13,893	863
Tax relief elderly	38,000	38,000	39,587	1,587
Veterans' tax exempt	5,500	5,500	4,127	(1,373)
Town aid road	114,781	114,781	115,071	290
State police DWI and special events	52,536	52,536	40,491	(12,045)
<b>Total intergovernmental</b>	<b>995,579</b>	<b>995,579</b>	<b>1,206,956</b>	<b>211,377</b>
Investment income:				
Interest on investments	17,175	17,175	15,831	(1,344)
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>32,596,899</b>	<b>32,596,899</b>	<b>33,184,285</b>	<b>587,386</b>
Other financing sources:				
Appropriation of fund balance		645,750		(645,750)
Cancellation of prior year encumbrances			50,121	50,121
Transfers in:				
Bus barn fund	11,000	11,000	10,519	(481)
<b>Total other financing sources</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>656,750</b>	<b>60,640</b>	<b>(596,110)</b>
<b>Total revenues and other financing sources</b>	<b>\$ 32,607,899</b>	<b>\$ 33,253,649</b>	<b>\$ 33,244,925</b>	<b>\$ (8,724)</b>

Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut  
**General Fund**  
**Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses -**  
**Budget and Actual**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2013**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
<b>General government:</b>				
Selectmen's office	\$ 224,140	\$ 237,470	\$ 237,469	\$ 1
Town clerk	106,702	107,929	106,697	1,232
Tax collector	90,725	92,468	82,967	9,501
Treasurer	151,297	151,297	145,831	5,466
Registrar	33,012	33,336	33,336	-
Information technology	54,980	66,647	66,647	-
Probate court	5,020	5,021	5,021	-
Assessor	120,591	120,591	119,522	1,069
Building department	91,655	91,655	91,205	450
Health department	183,422	184,015	155,178	28,837
Town hall	108,100	108,100	98,975	9,125
Insurance	691,400	638,400	636,099	2,301
Special deductions	384,750	377,076	344,685	32,391
<b>Total general government</b>	<b>2,245,794</b>	<b>2,214,005</b>	<b>2,123,632</b>	<b>90,373</b>
<b>Boards and commissions:</b>				
Harbor management commission	887	887	801	86
Economic development commission	20	20		20
Ethics commission	25	25		25
Water management authority	24,613	25,340	25,339	1
Board of finance	10,171	10,171	9,658	513
Flood and erosion control board	540	540	300	240
Historic district commission	4,750	4,750	4,168	582
Tree commission	13,760	13,760	10,226	3,534
Board of assessment appeals	465	511	511	-
Land use	289,065	289,627	218,854	70,773
Sound View	1,224	1,224	675	549
<b>Total boards and commissions</b>	<b>345,520</b>	<b>346,855</b>	<b>270,532</b>	<b>76,323</b>
<b>Public works:</b>				
Public works expenditures	884,110	888,458	854,931	33,527
<b>Parks and recreation:</b>				
Parks and recreation	217,574	218,009	179,265	38,744
Town Woods Park	141,910	141,910	141,240	670
Fireworks/Memorial day	4,010	4,373	4,373	-
<b>Total parks and recreation</b>	<b>363,494</b>	<b>364,292</b>	<b>324,878</b>	<b>39,414</b>
<b>Other public safety:</b>				
Animal control	69,571	74,201	58,797	15,404
Emergency management	12,200	362,500	362,492	8
Valley shore communications	121,324	121,324	121,324	-
Ambulance	121,930	123,368	123,368	-
<b>Total other public safety</b>	<b>325,025</b>	<b>681,393</b>	<b>665,981</b>	<b>15,412</b>
<b>Social services:</b>				
Social service	10,662	11,897	11,896	1
Lyme's youth services	72,000	72,000	72,000	-
<b>Total social services</b>	<b>82,662</b>	<b>83,897</b>	<b>83,896</b>	<b>1</b>

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

General Fund  
Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses -  
Budget and Actual  
Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Fire services:				
Old Lyme fire department	\$ 212,184	\$ 212,184	\$ 202,922	\$ 9,262
Fire protection	25,100	26,128	26,127	1
Fire marshal	60,477	60,536	60,535	1
Firemen's incentive plan	43,650	48,215	48,215	-
Total fire services	341,411	347,063	337,799	9,264
Police services:				
Roger lake patrol	7,485	7,485	5,096	2,389
Resident state police	120,396	120,396	119,419	977
Municipal police	670,523	670,523	626,088	44,435
Total police services	798,404	798,404	750,603	47,801
Health services:				
Social services agencies	2,692	2,692	2,692	-
VNA	60,970	60,970	60,950	20
Total health services	63,662	63,662	63,642	20
Senior citizens' activities:				
Estuary transit district	10,513	10,513	10,513	-
Estuary services	31,500	31,500	31,500	-
Senior center	57,264	60,367	59,543	824
Total senior citizens' activities	99,277	102,380	101,556	824
Other associations	303,000	303,000	303,000	-
Sanitation:				
Municipal refuse collection	357,371	357,371	357,371	-
Single Stream Recycling	175,718	175,718	175,718	-
CT Resources Recovery Authority	235,000	235,000	207,237	27,763
Recycling	19,220	26,658	26,658	-
Household hazardous waste	17,753	17,753	10,913	6,840
Transfer station	200,576	222,588	222,588	-
Septage	136,500	136,500	69,497	67,003
Total sanitation	1,142,138	1,171,588	1,069,982	101,606
Chartered associations:				
Point O' Woods	20,600	20,600	20,600	-
Old Lyme shores	13,500	13,500	13,500	-
Old colony beach	13,500	13,500	13,500	-
Miami beach	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
White sands beach	16,500	16,500	16,500	-
Roger's lake west shore	5,100	5,100	5,100	-
Hawks' nest beach	3,100	3,100	3,100	-
Federation of Beaches	9,000	9,000	2,738	6,262
Total chartered associations	101,300	101,300	95,038	6,262
Regional School District No. 18	24,297,890	24,297,890	24,293,158	4,732
Redemption of debt:				
Town Hall expansion	250,000	250,000	250,000	-

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

General Fund  
Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses -  
Budget and Actual  
Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Interest on debt:				
Town Hall expansion	\$ 98,813	\$ 98,813	\$ 98,812	\$ 1
Capital outlay:				
General government	113,690	356,440	347,755	8,685
Public works	122,100	122,100	120,151	1,949
Public safety	94,609	127,109	95,203	31,906
Public works roads and projects	340,000	340,000	336,774	3,226
Total capital outlay	670,399	945,649	899,883	45,766
Total expenditures	32,412,899	33,058,649	32,587,323	471,326
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out:				
Landfill closure	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Land acquisition	75,000	75,000	75,000	-
Capital nonrecurring	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
Total other financing uses	195,000	195,000	195,000	-
Total expenditures and other financing uses	\$ 32,607,899	\$ 33,253,649	\$ 32,782,323	\$ 471,326

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut  
 Report of Property Tax Collector  
 Year Ended June 30, 2013

Grand List Year	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2012	Current Year Levy	Lawful Corrections		Transfers to Suspense	Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Collections			Total	Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2013
			Additions	Deductions			Taxes	Interest	Lien Fees		
Suspense	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,129	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,129	\$ 1,129	\$ 1,067	\$ -	\$ 2,196	\$ -
1996	2			2							
1997	845				845						845
1998	2				2						2
1999	3				3						3
2000	13				13						13
2001	161				161						161
2002	145		282		427	282				282	145
2003	89				89						89
2004	1,927		171		2,098	171				171	1,927
2005	2,628				2,628	302	5		24	331	2,326
2006	15,248				15,248	6,288	9,645		72	16,205	8,960
2007	41,646				41,646	17,793	14,361		240	32,334	23,913
2008	105,729				78,427	36,277	18,251		312	54,840	42,150
2009	188,979		65	1,382	187,662	92,059	34,870		504	127,433	95,603
2010	405,581		215	3,216	402,560	166,577	41,281		1,072	208,930	236,003
Total Prior Years	762,998	-	1,862	4,600	732,958	320,818	119,680		2,224	442,722	412,140
2011	30,855,230	30,855,230	33,213	132,321	30,856,122	30,415,824	82,993		132	30,498,949	440,298
Total	\$ 762,998	\$ 30,855,230	\$ 35,075	\$ 136,921	\$ 27,302	\$ 30,736,642	\$ 202,673	\$ -	\$ 2,356	\$ 30,941,671	\$ 652,438

Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut  
Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
Combining Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2013

		Special Revenue Funds								
		Social Workers' Fund	Miscellaneous Fund	Dog Fund	Private Duty Fund	Harbor Management Fund	Town Woods Park Fund	Public Building Improvement Fund	Bus Barn Fund	Total
<u>Assets</u>										
Cash		\$ 39,384	\$	\$ 30,208	\$	\$ 18,240	\$ 18,190	\$ 28,313	\$ 142	\$ 134,477
Receivables:			3,770							3,770
Intergovernmental					2,257					2,257
Other			1,785		27,632					29,617
Due from other funds										
Total assets		\$ 39,384	\$ 5,555	\$ 30,208	\$ 30,089	\$ 18,240	\$ 18,190	\$ 28,313	\$ 142	\$ 170,121
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balances</u>										
Liabilities:										
Accounts payable		\$ 310	\$ 810	\$ 4,016	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 4,826
Due to other funds			4,745	7,105						7,415
Unearned revenue										4,745
Total liabilities		310	5,555	11,121	-	-	-	-	-	16,886
Fund balances:										
Assigned		39,074		19,087	30,089	18,240	18,190	28,313	142	153,135
Total liabilities and fund balances		\$ 39,384	\$ 5,555	\$ 30,209	\$ 30,089	\$ 18,240	\$ 18,190	\$ 28,313	\$ 142	\$ 170,121

Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut  
Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
Combining Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2013

	Capital Projects Funds						Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Town Hall Expansion Project	Capital Nonrecurring	Land Acquisition	Firefighters' Equipment	Rogers Lake Dam	Total	
<b>Assets</b>							
Cash	\$ 187,287	\$ 205,164	\$ 375,054	\$ 10,596	\$ -	\$ 562,341	\$ 696,818
Investments						215,760	215,760
Receivables:							
Intergovernmental			38,650		17,619	56,269	60,039
Other						-	2,257
Due from other funds							29,617
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>\$ 187,287</u>	<u>\$ 205,164</u>	<u>\$ 413,704</u>	<u>\$ 10,596</u>	<u>\$ 17,619</u>	<u>\$ 834,370</u>	<u>\$ 1,004,491</u>
<b>Liabilities and Fund Balances</b>							
Liabilities:							
Accounts payable							\$ 4,826
Due to other funds						16,589	24,004
Unearned revenue						17,619	22,364
<b>Total liabilities</b>						34,208	51,194
Fund balances:							
Committed	187,287	205,164	413,704	10,596		816,751	816,751
Assigned							153,135
Unassigned						(16,589)	(16,589)
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<u>187,287</u>	<u>205,164</u>	<u>413,704</u>	<u>10,596</u>	<u>(16,589)</u>	<u>800,162</u>	<u>953,297</u>
<b>Total liabilities and fund balances</b>	<u>\$ 187,287</u>	<u>\$ 205,164</u>	<u>\$ 413,704</u>	<u>\$ 10,596</u>	<u>\$ 17,619</u>	<u>\$ 834,370</u>	<u>\$ 1,004,491</u>

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut  
Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Special Revenue Funds								Total
	Social Workers' Fund	Miscellaneous Fund	Dog Fund	Private Duty Fund	Harbor Management Fund	Town Woods Park Fund	Public Building Improvement Fund	Bus Barn Fund	
<b>Revenues:</b>									
Charges for services	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Intergovernmental		33,769	6,793	37,002	5,865		6,858	50,000	106,518
Investment income			55		36	38	77	29	33,769
Contributions	12,030	11,850							235
Other									12,030
									11,850
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>12,030</u>	<u>45,619</u>	<u>6,848</u>	<u>37,002</u>	<u>5,901</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>6,935</u>	<u>50,029</u>	<u>164,402</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>									
<b>Current:</b>									
General government.		11,850			3,790		23,904		35,754
Parks and recreation									3,780
Other public safety			12,305						12,305
Police services		8,770		22,148					30,918
Health services	7,191	24,989						12,431	32,190
Debt service									12,431
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<u>7,191</u>	<u>45,619</u>	<u>12,305</u>	<u>22,148</u>	<u>3,790</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>23,904</u>	<u>12,431</u>	<u>127,888</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	4,839	-	(5,457)	14,854	2,111	38	(16,969)	37,598	37,014
<b>Other financing sources (uses):</b>									
Transfers out								(37,569)	(37,569)
<b>Net change in fund balances</b>	<u>4,839</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(5,457)</u>	<u>14,854</u>	<u>2,111</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>(16,969)</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>(555)</u>
Fund balances - July 1, 2012	34,235		24,544	15,235	16,129	18,152	45,282	113	153,690
<b>Fund balances - June 30, 2013</b>	<u>\$ 39,074</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 19,087</u>	<u>\$ 30,089</u>	<u>\$ 18,240</u>	<u>\$ 18,190</u>	<u>\$ 28,313</u>	<u>\$ 142</u>	<u>\$ 153,135</u>

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

Nonmajor Governmental Funds  
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Year Ended June 30, 2013

	Capital Projects Funds						Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Town Hall Expansion Project	Capital Nonrecurring	Land Acquisition	Firefighters' Equipment	Rogers Lake Dam	Total	
Revenues:							
Charges for services	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Intergovernmental							107,548
Investment income	599	4,502	143	4			33,769
Contributions			7,450				5,483
Other							19,480
							11,850
Total revenues	599	4,502	7,593	4	1,030	13,728	178,130
Expenditures:							
Current:							
General government							35,754
Parks and recreation							3,790
Other public safety							12,305
Police services							30,918
Health services							32,190
Capital outlay	28,635		140,400	4,574	17,619	191,228	50,828
Debt service							152,831
Total expenditures	28,635		140,400	4,574	17,619	191,228	318,616
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(28,036)	4,502	(132,807)	(4,570)	(16,589)	(177,500)	(140,486)
Other financing sources (uses):							
Transfers in		33,525	75,000				108,525
Transfers out							(37,569)
Net other financing sources (uses)		33,525	75,000				70,956
Net change in fund balances	(28,036)	38,027	(57,807)	(4,570)	(16,589)	(68,975)	(69,530)
Fund balances - July 1, 2012	215,323	167,137	471,511	15,166		869,137	1,022,827
Fund balances - June 30, 2013	\$ 187,287	\$ 205,164	\$ 413,704	\$ 10,596	\$ (16,589)	\$ 800,162	\$ 953,297

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# Florence Griswold Museum

Jeffrey W. Andersen

*Director*

During the course of serving over 64,000 visitors annually, the Florence Griswold Museum prides itself on being an institution that emphasizes public safety, preparedness for natural events such as storms and hurricanes, and prompt communications with the public through the media. But fiscal year 2012-2013 proved to be a challenge for the museum and for our town as a whole. Last October the museum was right in the midst of its exceptionally popular *Wee Faerie Village*, an outdoor family exhibition of intricate miniature installations created by artists throughout the grounds. In anticipation of the arrival of Hurricane Sandy, our staff went to great lengths to move each installation temporarily indoors so they would be protected. This was in addition to the normal preparations to protect the buildings, the riverfront, and the collections. We experienced flooding along the banks of the Lieutenant River and the loss of several trees but not the damage found along the shore or in other parts of town. Winter Storm Nemo brought massive amounts of snow, power outages, and downed tree limbs but, thankfully once again, the museum escaped any major damage.

Times like these remind us of why we live in communities like Old Lyme and Lyme and the surrounding towns. During both of these events there was a strong sense of community-mindedness and willingness to pitch in and help one another. This extends to the Town of Old

Lyme. First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder stopped by the museum the day before Hurricane Sandy; she was also one of the first to call afterwards to find out how the museum fared and to ask if we needed any help. This gesture was greatly appreciated.

Beyond these unanticipated events, the museum had a highly productive year serving residents, school children, and visitors with a diverse array of exhibitions, several of which resulted from partnerships with other institutions. The museum showed its collection at the Albany Institute of History & Art and, in exchange, we presented their extraordinary collection here in Old Lyme. This was followed by exhibitions with Historic New England, a historic preservation organization, in a show of Steve Rosenthal photographs of the meeting houses of rural New England; and the Woodrow Wilson House in Washington, D.C., on *The Art of First Lady Ellen Axson Wilson: American Impressionist*. The year concluded with a retrospective of the Lyme artist Arthur Heming that was organized by the Museum London in London, Canada. Old Lyme was the only United States venue for this exhibition. Partnerships such as these give the museum the opportunity to host exciting exhibitions that will benefit the entire town, by in bringing visitors who will contribute to our local economy and by providing a cultural vitality that adds to the high quality of life that our residents treasure.



*Visitors enjoying the Wee Faerie Village, which had to be moved inside due to Hurricane Sandy*

# Health Department

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

**Ronald E. Rose, R.S.**  
*Sanitarian*  
*(through 03/02/2013)*

**Sonia Marino, R.S.**  
*Sanitarian*  
*(beginning 03/03/2013)*

**Patricia Z. Meyers**  
*Administrative Assistant*

The Health Department has the responsibility of enforcing state statutes and town ordinances as well as ensuring compliance with the State of Connecticut Department of Public Health Code. These responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Inspection of food-service establishments and food vendors
- Inspection of school cafeterias and daycare facilities
- Inspection of food service at temporary events
- The issuance of water well permits
- Responding to complaints in a timely manner
- Lead paint investigations
- Pool inspections
- Soil testing and plan reviews for new/repair septic systems
- Reviewing 19-13-B100a Applications (Building Conversions/Changes in Use, Building Additions, Garages/Accessory Structures, Swimming Pools, and Sewage Disposal Area Preservation)

The sanitarian also manages the mandatory septic tank pump-out program for the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) and assists the WPCA in wastewater issues that can affect the town's water quality.

Office hours for the sanitarian are Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Other hours are available by appointment, if necessary, by calling 860-434-1605 ext. 214 and leaving a message. Residents are encouraged to call or e-mail the Health Department at [healthdept@oldlyme-ct.gov](mailto:healthdept@oldlyme-ct.gov) with any questions or if information is needed.

## Environmental Health Incidents

Inspection of Food Handling Establishments .....	31
Nuisance Orders Issued .....	0
Complaints Investigated .....	21
Septic Systems Inspected.....	29
Septic System Permits Issued – Repair.....	36
Septic System Permits Issued – New.....	10
Well Permits Issued.....	34
Test Holes & Perc Tests (Sites).....	43

Fees Collected - \$4,355.00 – Fiscal Year July 2012 – June 2013

# Historic District Commission

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 Christ the King 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) 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.

## *Meetings*

The HDC meets on the first Monday of each month (except August) at 9:00 a.m. in the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street. If the first Monday of the month is a holiday, the meeting will take place the following Monday (at the same time and place). Meetings are open to the public, and those interested in the HD are invited to attend.

## *Contact*

The HDC may be reached by telephoning the Town Hall at (860) 434-1605 ext. 234 or visiting the town's Web site at [www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov) Boards & Commissions - Appointed Boards.

## *Certificates of Appropriateness*

The HDC issued five Certificates of Appropriateness during the fiscal year:

- 75 Lyme Street - Front porch, steps, and siding replacement
- 1 Lyme Street - Replacement of chimneys
- 30 Lyme Street - New fences and privacy screening
- 10 Lyme Street - New siding and trim for Village Shops
- 84 Lyme Street - Phase I of Sill House exterior renovation and repairs

## *Historic Plaques*

The plaque program was initiated seven years ago by the HDC to acknowledge historic buildings in Old Lyme. There are currently twenty-nine plaques in the HD and eight plaques outside the HD. To qualify, buildings must have been built prior to World War II (1939). The 16" x13" white oval plaques with black text cost \$120 and contain the name of the original owner or the structure's original purpose (e.g., Center School) and date of construction. Information concerning the plaque program and an application form are posted on the HDC's Web site [www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov).

## *84 Lyme Street - Sill House Exterior Renovation and Repairs*

The Sill House, built in 1817 for John Sill and Abby Noyes Sill, was designed by Samuel Belcher (architect also of the Congregational Church and the Florence Griswold Museum). It features a hipped roof, a Palladian window, and matching wings. The Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts is in phase 1 of the Sill House exterior renovation, including painting and also repairs to the two entry staircases, the brownstone foundation, and the basement windows.



*The Sill House, currently being renovated*

# Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (“River COG”)

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**Linda Krause**  
*Executive Director*

River COG is a new regional organization created by the merger of the nine towns of the Connecticut River Estuary Regional Planning Agency and the eight towns of the Midstate Regional Planning Agency. The formal transition to a single organization began in May 2012 and was completed by October 31, 2012. The Council of Governments assumed the responsibilities and programs of the former agencies, and the two regional planning agencies ceased to exist. This River COG merger is the first significant change in regional boundaries within the state since regions were originally defined in the 1950s. The new COG meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday of each month at the COG office at 9 a.m. All meetings are open to the public.

The merger was accomplished through the process established by state statute. River COG, now consisting of seventeen member towns, received incentive funds from the State Office of Policy and Management to help offset the costs of the merger. A major advantage of merging the two agencies is a statutory provision that allows regions that voluntarily consolidate to retain their new boundaries as other regions of the state are redrawn. Member towns reasoned that the towns of this region have a generally non-urbanized character that would be lost if the regions were absorbed by the surrounding urban areas of New Haven, Hartford, and New London/Groton. Middletown is a modest sized college town that serves as our urban service center.

Staff persons from the two previous agencies who chose not to retire were incorporated into the new COG. Current staff is composed of nine professional planning staff, a financial administrator, and an office manager. Additional office space was required, and a search yielded a new headquarters at 145 Dennison Road in the Centerbrook portion of Essex, near Exit 3 off Route 9. We are renting a standalone 1787 historic house with modern additions, giving us space for future growth if necessary. Bringing together a combined staff and combined budget, financial resources, and programs has been a

great adventure. The physical adjustments are complete and the programmatic elements are being sorted out according to staff expertise.

Along with the new governing board of the COG, which consists of the chief elected officials of each of the towns, a new regional transportation planning board, the Lower Connecticut River Valley Metropolitan Planning Organization (LCRVMPO), was established, which includes the members of the COG board and representatives of the Estuary Transit District, the Middletown Area Transit District, and the Middlesex Chamber of Commerce. The responsibility of the LCRVMPO is to enact and foster the planning requirements of the U.S. Department of Transportation, a complex process that involves public outreach, long-range planning for transportation improvements in the region, and coordination with local, regional, state, and federal agencies to promote a safest, accessible, and efficient transportation system. The LCRVMPO meets at 9 a.m. on the fourth Wednesday of the month prior to the River COG meeting.

In addition to the MPO, River COG established a new Regional Planning Commission (RPC). The RPC includes a representative and alternate from each Municipal Planning Commission in the region. The task of the RPC is to comment on the inter-municipal impact of specific development applications. In addition, the RPC has embarked on the preparation of a new Regional Plan of Conservation and Development with the help of additional merger funding from OPM (the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management). The RPC meets monthly on the fourth Monday of each month.

Major program areas for the COG are transportation, emergency management, environmental protection, regional land use and waterways, agriculture and community resources, waste management, and shared services. In addition, the COG is working on a grant from OPM to update and standardize parcel maps in each town and create a regional digital parcel map. A second component of that grant is the

## Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (“River COG”) *(continued)*

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collection of economic data to identify our economic resources, with particular emphasis on small and home-based businesses and recreational and tourism assets in preparation for developing a regional economic strategy.

We provide local technical assistance and advice on land use and other matters. The COG enjoys its role connecting towns and the public with information that can be helpful to them. Ongoing activities from the previous agencies include the updating of natural hazard mitigation plans and operation of a household hazardous waste collection center. The COG continues to provide staff and administrative services to the Gateway Commission. We sponsor quarterly workshops with local land use staff to share ideas and concerns about special local and regional projects, land use, and zoning. The COG also functions as fiduciary for one of

the five State’s Homeland Security Regions. The COG organized and hosts a regional land trust exchange for land trust leaders within the region. A regional agriculture council has recently been established to share information on agricultural activities in the seventeen towns.

Current officers for the River COG are Cathy Iino (Killingworth), serving as Chairperson, Dick Smith (Deep River) as Vice-Chairperson, Susan Bransfield (Portland) as Secretary, and Ed Meehan (Chester) as Treasurer. The Executive Director is Linda Krause.

We welcome visitors and inquiries about specific topics of regional concern. Please contact us if you don’t know where to turn for land use, environmental, transportation or other related issues. Call (860- 581-8554) or e-mail us ([info@RiverCOG.org](mailto:info@RiverCOG.org)) if you think we might be able to help you.



*Trees were not the only things to snap, nor was damage restricted to the shoreline.*

# Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce

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Catherine Frank

*President*

Superstorm Sandy intruded on the final week of our **Fall Faerie Trail** but did not dampen the spirits of the twenty-six chamber of commerce businesses who participated: Marc Jewelers, Faces, Coastal Cuts, the Woman's Exchange, Office Express, the Bowerbird, Essex Savings Bank, Bonne Sante, Pizzeria DaVinci, Andy's Deli & Market, Fresh Ayer Gallery, Salon Pure, Songbird Cafe, Garvin Studio, Vitality Spa, the Chocolate Shell, Old Lyme Ice Cream Shoppe & Café, OLPGN Library, LYSB, Studio 80+ Sculpture Grounds, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, Lyme Art Association, Old Lyme Inn, Bee & Thistle Inn, and Coffee's Country Market. The Faerie Trail was the Chamber's annual "nod" to our Florence Griswold Museum, which welcomes thousands of visitors to Wee Faerie Village in the fall.

Chamber members were at the forefront of Sandy support efforts, providing conduits for communication when the power was out and providing food and sustenance to the volunteers who helped keep spirits high in the storm aftermath.

Speakers at our meetings this past year included Vincent G. Capece, Jr. and Harry Evert of Middlesex Hospital and local author Todd Gipstein. We welcomed nearly two dozen dogs and one bunny rabbit to our **Annual Pet Parade** and presented a **Candidate Forum** for candidates for State Senate and House seats and for US Congress.

The chamber co-sponsored networking events at the **Florence Griswold Museum** (with the Clinton Chamber of Commerce), the **Lieutenant River Center** (with Salon Pure, Old Lyme Stone, and Nina Peck, Architect), Reynolds Garage & Marine (with the Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce), and Old Lyme Marketplace (with the Woman's Exchange, Faces Aesthetics-Skincare, and Coastal Cuts).

Our Annual Tree Lighting took place at the town hall in December. Performers from the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School Band and High School Select Singers helped to spread holiday cheer; Chamber businesses and local organizations worked together to **Light Up Old Lyme** throughout the holiday season, and our Holiday Dinner Meeting took place at **The Old Lyme Inn**.

Our **13<sup>th</sup> Annual Taste of the Lymes** was a Business Expo at the Old Lyme Country Club. Chamber members actively participated with sponsored tables. The list of participants is a good reflection of the diversity of our membership: Bee & Thistle Inn, Bring Our Music Back, Divine Wine Emporium, Lyme Academy College, Florence Griswold Museum, Andy's Deli & Market, Jessie's Restaurant, The Cooley Gallery, The Woman's Exchange, Old Saybrook Chamber of Commerce, Bonne Sante, Eastern Connecticut Ballet, Red Satin Band, Critical Skills Education & Training, Help with a Heart, Fresh Ayer Gallery, Jessie's Restaurant, Cush's Homegrown, HS Plaut Environmental, Mentoring Corps for Community Development, Innovative Environmental, Old Lyme Country Club, and others.

It was a very busy year, despite our fall and winter storm events. The chamber works hard to support our Old Lyme community, and we are grateful for our community's support of local businesses. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining us – and remember to BUY LOCAL!

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# Lyme-Old Lyme High School

## Fortieth Annual Commencement • June 21, 2013

### Candidates for Diplomas

Erik Knut Abrahamsson	Matthew James Fuller	Meghan Ellen Nosal <sup>Δ</sup>
Gunnar Stephan Abrahamsson	Andrew Michael Ganey	Aidan Brooks O'Donnell <sup>Ψ</sup>
Vincent Robert Angeli <sup>Ψ</sup>	Michelle Gao <sup>Ψ</sup>	Paige Elizabeth Palenski <sup>ΔΨ</sup>
Maria Awwa <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Gregory John Garrison	Kelly Biren Patel
Sebastian Blaize Bakoledis	Richard Arthur Gaudet <sup>Ψ</sup>	Shawn Patrick Pelissier <sup>Ψ</sup>
Jackson Church Bennett <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Anthony Ramiro Goncalves	Andrew Masayoshi Pitman <sup>Ψ</sup>
Blaise Nash Berglund	Slater Broderick Gregory <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Rory Elizabeth Plyler
Jeffrey David Berry	Frederick John Harrison <sup>Ψ</sup>	Robert Edward Poirier
Nicholas Elliott Berry	Lily Claire Hartmann <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Katherine Mary Quinn <sup>Ψ</sup>
Lilly Marie Birk <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Matthew Joseph Harty <sup>Ψ</sup>	Travis George Russell <sup>Ψ</sup>
Olivia Susan Borsari	Hunter Graham Holmes <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Taylor McCall Saunders
Gabrielle Faith Borzillo	Audra Jayne Inglis	Lindsey Beverly Scott
Alexandra Marie Bowker	Trevor Talbot Kegley <sup>Ψ</sup>	Crow Jared Sheehan <sup>Ψ</sup>
Alex Richardson Brault <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Najee Nicole Keller <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Arielle Rose Sherman-Golembeski <sup>Δ</sup>
Michael Allen Bray	Steven Wayne Klimaszewski	Timothy James Shoemaker
Paul Edwin Burdick <sup>Δ</sup>	Lindsey Brooke Knepshield <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Audrey Elizabeth Spina <sup>Δ</sup>
Amanda Rose Burke <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Jennifer Kay Kowalski <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Samuel Thomas Stadnick <sup>ΔΨ</sup>
Dylan Joseph Burton <sup>Ψ</sup>	Molly Kristen Labriola	David Benjamin Sturgell
Devin James Byrne <sup>Ψ</sup>	Veronica Oddny Lee <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Samuel Brooks Sweitzer <sup>Δ</sup>
Nathan Todd Carabello <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	George Harold Logan <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Nora Binti Syed <sup>Δ</sup>
Kayla Marie Carberry <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Cara Lord Lucey	Sarah Allyn Talcott <sup>Ψ</sup>
Erik Leighton Carlson	Agatha Luma Magalhaes	Xinyue Cynthia Tan <sup>ΔΨ</sup>
Micaela Elizabeth Caulkins <sup>Δ</sup>	Georgia Elizabeth Male <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Taylor Marie Teixeira
Patricia Louise Celone <sup>Ψ</sup>	Tanya Malih Malik <sup>Δ</sup>	Arin Jean Thomas
Madalyn Adelle Cika <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Carly Janette Mangs <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Alexis Rayanne Thornton
Lauren Carol-Helen Colburn <sup>Ψ</sup>	Michael Austin Mann <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Brooke Andrea Tinnerello <sup>ΔΨ</sup>
Samantha Lorraine Constantinou <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Kathryn Rachel Mastrianna	Caroline Kay Tompkins
James Bennett Cromarty	Allyson June McCarthy <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Rebecca Grace Tompkins
Jabez Alan Crook	Robert William McDonald	Andrew Robert Tyrol <sup>ΔΨ</sup>
Sean Xavier Crowley	Isabelle Erin McKeon <sup>Ψ</sup>	Amber Gabriella Vernacatola <sup>ΔΨ</sup>
Nathan Daniel Crysler	Lucky Hana McLaren <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Brenna Rose Visgilio
Georgia Morrell Cummins <sup>Ψ</sup>	Mercedes Marie Mercado	Spencer Thomas Ward <sup>ΔΨ</sup>
Daena D'Mello	Anne Elizabeth Meyer	Caleb Isaac Weissinger
Chris Anthony Espinal	Victoria Jane Montanaro	Lucille Iva Welles <sup>ΔΨ</sup>
Keegan Rain Fecher <sup>Ψ</sup>	Dylan Joseph Morrissey	Morgan Ward White
Agatha Ruth Forstein <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Elliott Patrick Mueller <sup>ΔΨ</sup>	Samuel James Wilkie
Tyler Miguel Franco <sup>Ψ</sup>	Erik Gunnar Nicholson	Alexis Marie Wright

<sup>Δ</sup> Member National Honor Society, Gold Honor Cord

<sup>Ψ</sup> CAPT Scholar, Silver Honor Cord

Academic Letter Recipient

### CLASS OFFICERS

Nora Syed.....	President
Elliott Mueller.....	Vice President
Lily Hartmann.....	Secretary
George Logan.....	Treasurer
Hana McLaren.....	Class Historian

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

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## REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EIGHTEEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

James Witkins, *Chairman*  
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Michelle Roche, Stephen Spooner

## ADMINISTRATION

Mr. Ian Neviaser, *Superintendent*  
Mr. James Wygonik, *Principal* Ms. Michelle Dean, *Assistant Principal*

## CLASS ADVISORS

Brett Eckhart, *Head Advisor*  
Karen Duhamel, Kirk Kaczor, Emily Kelly, Katia Kingston, Barbara O'Leary, Kristine Pekar,  
Leslie Traver, Lucy Trost, Jacob Wilson

## FACULTY

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Karen Duhamel, Brett Eckhart, Glenn Elliott, Marlene Estabrooks, Heather Fried, Eileen Gannon,  
Jonathan Goss, Joanne Hedwall, Allan Honer, Kirk Kaczor, Marci Kania, Dawn Kelley, Emily Kelly,  
Katia Kingston, Colette LeMarie, Barbara Leen, Tracy Lenz, Emily Macione, Jeanne Manfredi,  
Elizabeth Matis, John McGannon, Leslie O'Connor, Barbara O'Leary, Courtney Payzant, Kristine Pekar,  
Adam Raiti, William Rayder, Jill Ressler, Robert Roach, Gregory Robinson, Colleen Rodriguez,  
MaryBeth Schreindorfer, Cynthia Straub, Leslie Traver, Lucy Trost, Adrienne Viscio, Lucy Walter,  
John Wang, Joanna Williams, Jacob Wilson, Louis Zubek

## CLASS MARSHALS

Chelsea Evankow, John Fairfield-Sonn

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*Ummm...how does one get IN? (Photo by Lynn Fairfield-Sonn, courtesy of LymeLine.com)*

# Lyme/Old Lyme VFW Post 1467

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David Griswold  
*Service Officer*

Lyme/Old Lyme Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1467 is made up of men and women who have served our county in combat zones. We have over one hundred members representing the towns of Old Lyme, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Westbrook, Niantic, and Groton. Our membership includes veterans of World War II, Korea, Viet Nam, the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan.

Our goal is to provide support to veterans and their families, contribute to our community, and offer leadership to the youth of our community as well as historical and educational input to various organizations.

In the past year, we have reached out to aid a number of local families:

- We contributed to a veteran's family who needed a new furnace.
- We contributed to a veteran's family for automobile repair and purchase of a wheel chair.
- We contributed to rehabilitation of an injured Iraq veteran.
- We supported the widow of a veteran by helping with fuel bills.

In the surrounding areas:

- We contributed to the support and funding of the New London homeless shelter for veterans.
- We gave to the West Haven VA for their Giant Steps Program.
- We gave to Rocky Hill VA for new appliances.
- We gave to the Fisher House.

In the community, we provided time and resources to the following:

- The Old Lyme Little League.
- A Jr. Naval ROTC Program
- A veterans program at High Hopes
- Local blood drives

We support the Veterans Day Program at the high school, middle school, and Center School; our members visit these schools and participate in discussions of patriotism and the historical events during our times of service. At Memorial Day, we supported the "Voice of Democracy" essay contest in the middle school and high school. We are very grateful for the support of the school administration in these important events.

Our members render military tributes at funerals of all veterans in our town. Families can request this meaningful service when making local funeral arrangements.

As a result of our efforts, we have been recognized at the state level as an All State Post. We are one of 10 out of 110 posts that have received this recognition.

Our financial support comes from our November Veterans Day Poppy Program. The post is grateful to all residents of Lyme and Old Lyme who contribute to this effort. Also, we would like to thank all the merchants who contribute to this effort and offer support to our various functions. Our accomplishment could not be achieved without your support.

The post meets once a month (except for January and February) on the fourth Monday at the Senior Center at Rogers Lake. For membership information and activities, please contact our Commander, Andy Brennan, at 860-434-4207 or visit our website at [lymesvfw.org](http://lymesvfw.org).

## Lymes' Senior Center

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**Stephanie Lyon**

*Lymes' Senior Center Coordinator*

**H**i! My name is Stephanie Lyon. As of May 2013, I took over the position of Lymes' Senior Center Coordinator. Lymes' Senior Center is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., with some evening programs as well. We offer the residents of Old Lyme and Lyme (ages 60 and over) many programs, including lifetime learning classes, senior club activities, exercise programs, card games, painting classes, health speakers, musical entertainment, bingo, nature programs, discussions and lectures, art shows, computer classes, and day trips. Please check the monthly newsletter for specific program times. In addition to all of our members receiving a newsletter by mail, the monthly Senior Center Newsletter is available online on the Town of Old Lyme website.

We are the home of the VFW Post 1476, and the Duck River Garden Club holds its monthly meetings and special events at our center. We have a VNA nurse who can address any general health questions or concerns and check your blood pressure as well. She is here Monday through Thursday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Friday from 12:00 to 1:00 p.m.

The senior center acts as a Respite Center for residents. The Respite Center offers a friendly and safe environment, warming or cooling, three meals a day, water, and access to Wifi during storms. Please feel free to contact me at (860) 434-4127 or stop in with any questions you may have regarding the Senior Center or the programs offered within.

## Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

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**Mary V. Seidner**

*Director*

**T**he mission of the Lymes' Youth Service Bureau (LYSB) is to empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in our community through a wide range of innovative and effective programs.

LYSB proudly serves as the primary youth-serving organization for our community, promoting positive youth development through programs and services to children and families in Old Lyme and Lyme. Founded in 1978 by a group of concerned citizens, LYSB is one of 100 Youth Service Bureaus in Connecticut. Most YSBs are municipal agencies; however, LYSB is one of only a handful of private nonprofit youth service bureaus and therefore relies on the generous support of the community for nearly one-third of our budget. We are grateful to the Town of Old Lyme for their municipal support, and we enjoy collaborating with the town and schools on a variety of programs.

LYSB provides a range of services to Old Lyme including programs in the following areas: Youth Development, Juvenile Justice, Family Involvement, Mental Health Services, Child Welfare, and Community Outreach.

LYSB continues to collaborate with our local prevention coalition Community Action for Substance Free Youth (CASFY). This group is composed of community leaders, parents, teachers, and students who advocate and support our youth through education, communication, and participation. CASFY's goal is to reduce substance abuse among the youth of Lyme and Old Lyme and to positively affect the culture of student life. We meet on the first Wednesday of the month at LYSB at 7:00 p.m. and welcome attendance from any members of the community. Results from the Youth Survey and more information about CASFY are available on the LYSB website, [www.lysb.org](http://www.lysb.org).

## Lymes' Youth Service Bureau *(continued)*

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:

- Playgroups and music for babies and toddlers
- Parent education
- After-school and youth development programs
- Counseling
- Social services referrals
- Community service
- Juvenile Review Board
- Prevention programs
- Summer programs
- Special events

### **LYSB Board of Directors**

Cyndi Miller Aird  
Michael Boardman  
Meredith Britton, *Youth Member*  
Christopher Buckley  
Trudy Burgess  
Chelsea Evankow, *Youth Member*  
Susie Kelly  
Christopher Macadam, *Treasurer*  
Dini Mallory  
Keith McCarthy  
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Emily Roberts  
Amanda Rutledge  
Donna Scott  
Vivian Senft  
Suzanne Thompson

### **LYSB Staff**

Mary V. Seidner, *Director*  
Arleen C. Sharp, *Parent Resource  
Administrative Supervisor, CPAT - Parent  
Educator*  
Missy C. Garvin, *Youth Programs Coordinator*  
Natasha Kennedy, *LCSW, Youth and  
Family Counselor*  
Karen Fischer, *Prevention Coordinator*  
Marcia Leverone, *Office Manager*



*The steep beginning of Flat Rock Hill can be hard enough to navigate in any conditions, let alone a blizzard!*



*L-R: MacCurdy Salisbury Foundation President Rowland Ballek, Salutatorian Maria Awwa of Old Lyme, Valedictorian Jennifer Kowalski of Lyme, Foundation Secretary Treasurer Ned Perkins (report on page 44).*

# MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

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Rowland Ballek  
*President*

This year, 2013, is the 120th anniversary year for the foundation and the 40th anniversary of the Brevillier (Lyme) portion of the fund. Most important, thanks to significant contributions over the past few years, this is the first time since 1973, when Lyme students were first eligible for help, that they can receive grants equal to those we give Old Lyme students, who have in the past benefited from an older and much larger portion of our fund.

In the past six years the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation has given out over \$1.3 million dollars to students from Lyme and Old Lyme. For the 2012-2013 academic year the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation was able to give out \$224,000 in educational grants to 74 students: 62 from Old Lyme and 12 from Lyme. For the 2013-2014 academic year the foundation plans to give out \$223,375 to 83 students, 68 from Old Lyme and 15 from Lyme.

The foundation held its annual reception for this year's high school graduates who were receiving grants on June 17, 2013 at the Lyme Art Association in Old Lyme, where over 100 students, parents, contributors, and foundation board members were present. Included in the numbers above are the 20 students graduating this year from Lyme and Old Lyme who were awarded grants at the reception totaling \$66,900 for the coming school year.

At the reception the foundation presented two \$500 awards -- the W.E.S. Griswold

Valedictorian Award to Jennifer Kowalski of Lyme, who will attend Haverford College, and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award to Maria Awwa of Old Lyme, who will attend Barnard College. Bill Griswold was president of the foundation from 1965 to 1992, and Willis Umberger was secretary/treasurer of the foundation from 1966 to 1986.

The annual meeting of the foundation was held on September 20, 2012, and Old Lyme resident Evan Griswold was elected as a member of the foundation. Two members were elected to the foundation's board of directors for three-year terms: Leslie Gourlay from Lyme and Leslie Massa from Old Lyme. They replaced Chris Arnold and Terry Holcomb, whose terms had expired. Foundation officers elected at the meeting were President Rowland Ballek, Vice President Mary Seidner, and Secretary/Treasurer Edward Perkins.

Foundation awards are based on the degree of financial assistance a student requires to meet their college expenses. If a student keeps a satisfactory grade point level they will continue to receive the same award for an additional three years of their undergraduate studies. The foundation is continually striving to increase the size of its endowment so the awards can keep pace with the ever-increasing cost of college tuitions and, thanks to community support, we are making progress towards this goal. Our website is [maccurdysalisbury.org](http://maccurdysalisbury.org).



*Seated L-R: Maria Awwa, Veronica Lee, Jennifer Kowalski, Lauren Colburn, Lindsey Scott  
Standing L-R: Ned Perkins, Christian Tompkins, Georgia Male, Jackson Bennett, Vincent Angeli, Erik Carlson,  
Anthony Goncalves, James Hubbard, Tim Shoemaker, Allyson McCarthy, Jabez Crook, Blaise Berglund, Caroline Tompkins,  
Rebecca Tompkins, Rowland Ballek, Gregory Garrison. Missing from the photo: Gunnar Abrahamsson, Taylor Teixeira,  
and Mollee Labriola.*

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## Municipal Agent for the Elderly

**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, 860-434-5334, 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 Stephanie Lyon 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, (860) 434-0526, and Lymewood, (860) 434-2120. Both are located off Boston Post Road. Please call them for more information and how to gain placement on the waiting list.

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## Old Lyme Ambulance Association

**Tom Rozanski**  
*President*

Old Lyme Ambulance Association breathed a sigh of relief as 2012 went by the wayside and 2013 began. After all, Superstorm Sandy had passed and although it left extensive property damage in its wake, we had made it safe and sound through the worst. Who knew that in a few short weeks we would have ANOTHER natural disaster to deal with? As the “weather people” made their predictions, we began preparations in earnest. We had no idea of the scope and magnitude of the storm and when the snow started, we hunkered down, watched, and waited, and waited some more. When it was all over, the amount of snowfall was epic. We then began doing what we do. Some challenges were met along the way. Access to patients required the assistance of the fire department, town crew, the local and state police departments, helpful citizens, and even the National Guard. Many man-hours were spent making sure that all the citizens of Old Lyme were safe, warm, well fed, and healthy not only during the storm but well after due to power outages. Although the demands of the blizzard of 2013 were extraordinary, Old Lyme Volunteer Ambulance Association works on a daily basis to ensure exemplary patient care for the people of Old Lyme. So just what or who makes our organization “tick”?

Old Lyme Ambulance Association is a combination paid/ volunteer entity that covers emergency calls, wellness checks, and community events and assists the Old Lyme Fire Department

at large incidents such as house and brush fires. Our headquarters are in the Cross Lane Firehouse, where we operate two ambulances and a responder vehicle. We also have an ambulance stationed at Boughton Road. This arrangement ensures a quick response on either side of town. Our organization receives minimal funding from the town of Old Lyme; our revenue mainly comes from insurance monies and donations from townspeople.

The members of Old Lyme Ambulance Association are national- and state-certified Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) or Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs). This training involves hundreds of hours of classroom and hands-on medical training. Although there is a high degree of commitment required to become an EMT or EMR, our volunteers report a high level of personal satisfaction in having become one. As always, Old Lyme Ambulance Association is actively seeking out new members. The volunteer component is critical to our organization’s continued success; without volunteers we would not be able to operate.

As you can see, whether it’s the typical day-to-day emergencies or a natural disaster such as the blizzard, Old Lyme Volunteer Ambulance strives to be there for our town. We train and prepare for such work on an ongoing basis and feel honored to serve you. We are also thankful that our town and its people are so supportive. Knowing you are appreciated is invaluable. Thanks.

## Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council

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Catherine Frank

*Secretary*

Following Superstorm Sandy, the town recorded several Public Service Announcements (PSAs) in our Public Access Studio on Halls Road. The announcements aired repeatedly on Comcast Channel 14. One PSA focused on the items that should be included in a household emergency kit. Another provided clear instruction on registering for emergency alerts at [www.ctalert.gov](http://www.ctalert.gov). Residents and businesses can register home phones, cell phones, and email addresses to receive current information about weather and non-weather-related emergencies. Registering helps our town communicate with residents during an emergency event.

The Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council is composed of representatives from East Haddam, Haddam Neck, Lyme, Old Lyme, and Salem. Public Access channels (12, 14, and 97) are provided by Comcast Cable in return for its cable franchise in the member towns. CTN airs programs regularly on Channel 97.

Advisory Council meetings are scheduled quarterly and are open to the public. A meeting schedule is filed annually with the town clerk. The council's web page is at [www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov).

Comcast subscribers can watch board of selectmen meetings at 7:30 p.m. on Thursdays and board of education meetings at 7:30 p.m. on Mondays. Public access shows air on Channel 14.

Since 2010, the council has awarded twelve scholarships to graduating seniors from member

towns planning to enter a communications program or a communications-related field after high school graduation. Scholarship awards have been presented to a number of graduating seniors from Lyme or Old Lyme, including Sophie Bakoledis, Sarah Briscoe, Megan Devlin, and Sarah Schmidt in 2010, Sophia G. Harvey and Elissa F. DeBruyn in 2011, and Carli Smith and Daniel Koenigs in 2012. In June 2013, scholarships were awarded to Meghan Nosal and Lindsey Kneppshild of Old Lyme and Blaise Berglund of Lyme. We congratulate all of our scholarship winners! Scholarship materials are available through the Guidance Offices of the public high schools serving the Advisory Council area, and on the Advisory Council web page ([www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov)).

The Comcast Public Access Studio on Halls Road in Old Lyme is available for use by individuals and nonprofit organizations in any of the towns represented by the local council. Free training on studio equipment is provided by Public Access Coordinator Lynn Perry. This past year, the Cable Advisory Council printed bookmarks promoting the Public Access Studio and distributed them through town halls and public libraries in our towns.

The Advisory Council acts as ombudsman for Comcast cable subscribers.

Old Lyme's Advisory Council members were Tim Devlin and Catherine Frank, appointed by the board of selectmen, and Russ Gomes, representing the Regional School District #18 Board of Education. To reach an Old Lyme representative, phone the town hall (434-1605, ext. 210) or e-mail [selectmansoffice@oldlyme-ct.gov](mailto:selectmansoffice@oldlyme-ct.gov).

## Old Lyme Fire Department

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C. Ellis Jewett

*Secretary*

A 911 call reporting an emergency is all it takes to set the Old Lyme Fire Department in motion. The professional dispatchers at the Valley Shore Communications Center notify volunteer firefighters via voice-alerting pagers. Available volunteers respond accordingly, some to staff apparatus and others to the emergency scene. This scenario was repeated 307 times during the past year. The department operates three fire stations located on Lyme Street, Cross Lane, and Boughton Road. Approximately forty-five active volunteers logged over three thousand

hours of emergency duty. 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.

The department strives to be prepared to meet the diverse challenges we face. Our firefighters never know what the next 911 call will be: a structure fire, rescue emergency, brush or forest fire, storm-related emergency, or a hazardous material incident. As in past years, more than 50 percent of the fire department responses are for

# Old Lyme Fire Department *(continued)*

automatic fire alarm activations and automobile accidents with injuries.

During the past year our area was impacted by several severe weather situations, including a hurricane and a “nor’easter.” The Old Lyme Fire Department crews spent many hours working with the police, EMS, public works, and Emergency Management personnel to insure the safety of our citizens. Pre-incident evacuations were performed where necessary. Areas were monitored for flooding, and streets were checked for fallen trees and wires. Several medical emergencies required rescue responses. Post storm searches and inspections were also carried out.

Annual funding, provided by the Town of Old Lyme, is used for the training of personnel and to purchase and maintain fire department apparatus and equipment. Modernization and maintenance of fire department equipment is continuous. Equipping firefighters to safely face the challenges of their duties, adhering to the mandates for equipment standards, and complying with required maintenance and testing schedules are costly expenditures of our department. It should be noted that continued town support for the apparatus replacement plan is essential to the adequate performance of our services. In the summer of 2012 two new fire engines were delivered, replacing twenty-one year old units at Cross Lane and Boughton Road Stations.

Old Lyme Fire Department Officers and personnel also participate in providing approvals and suggestions for many development, expansion, and renovation projects in our town.



2012 Ferrara Engine 3 housed at Cross Lane Station

Officers work with the various boards and commissions to assure adequate fire protection.

The Old Lyme Fire Department continues to be all volunteer. Our members are taxpayers, too, and strive for the most efficient operation of our organization. In this effort town funding is supplemented with funds raised through donations and the Firefighter’s Fund campaign.

New dedicated volunteers are always needed and welcome. Please consider offering your services. There are firefighting and non-firefighting duties to fit all abilities. Visit any of the three fire stations and find out how you can assist. Department members meet on Wednesday evenings for scheduled training sessions, work nights, and monthly business meetings.

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

## LINE OFFICERS

<i>Chief</i>	Tom Swaney
<i>Deputy Chief</i>	Stephen Super
<i>First Assistant Chief</i>	Michael McCarthy, Jr.
<i>Second Assistant Chief</i>	Thomas Risom
<i>Captains</i>	Thomas Rozanski
	Brian Dow
	Dayton Dell
	John Duddy
	Larry Merrill III
	James Oldfield

## Lieutenants

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Robert Pierson
<i>Secretary</i>	C. Ellis Jewett
<i>Treasurer</i>	Thomas Negrelli
<i>Purchasing Agent</i>	Anthony Vallombroso
<i>Chaplain</i>	Mervin Roberts
<i>Steward</i>	John McCarthy



2012 Ferrara Engine 5 housed at Boughton Road Station

# Old Lyme Harbor Management Commission (HMC)

Steven A. Ross  
*Chairman*

Ned Farman  
*Vice Chairman*

**A**mong the HMC's ongoing projects, FY2012-2013 witnessed significant progress with the initiation of a Navigable Waterways Study in response to silting on the Black Hall and Four Mile Rivers in Old Lyme, which raised environmental and safe boating concerns.

Having received a State of Connecticut Department of Transportation Grant Award of \$200,000 in 2011 to design and engineer possible dredging projects on the Black Hall and Four Mile Rivers, HMC, after numerous revisions and with the assistance of Consultant Geoff Steadman, finalized an RFP and sent it to possible bidders July 30, 2012.

The principal goals of the Navigable Waterways Study are 1) To develop the data needed to determine the feasibility of establishing a suitable dredged navigation channel to maintain ease and safety of navigation in one or both of the waterways, and 2) To reach agreement with DEEP and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers on a conceptual dredging plan or plans to be evaluated in more detail by the town. (The three-phase study can be found on the town website under "Current Projects.") HMC's ultimate goal remains using as much dredged material as possible for local beach renourishment and fortification of bird sanctuaries in addition to safer access to the Long Island Sound by users from all over the state, plus survival of three marinas and related small businesses in and around Old Lyme. (DEEP maintains a boat launch site on each of the rivers.)

On October 1, 2012, five bids were opened; all five were deemed "qualified" to carry out the work in Phase I of the Study. HMC representatives, with input from outside sources, chose the low bidder, Coastline Consulting & Development, LLC of Madison (\$19,000 for Phase I). The Board

of Selectmen accepted the bid recommendation on October 15, 2012, and First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder signed a contract with Coastline Consulting for Phase I of the Navigable Waterways Study.

The research task of Phase I began in November 2012; the on-water testing took place in February, and the remaining tasks were completed as the fiscal year ended.

Briefly, Phase I has involved historical review of prior permits and activities, hydrographic testing, the determination of desired channel dimensions and locations, the identification of coastal resources and conditions, volume and cost estimates, and a summary report reviewed with DEEP.

On October 9, 2012 HMC held an informational meeting on current progress. Attendees included the First Selectwoman, marina owners, and representatives of DOT and DEEP. While closing out Phase I, HMC was also considering an RFP process for Phase II of the study, which will involve sediment testing, benthic analysis (of living organisms), disposal options, and final design.



*This fiscal year brought initiation of the Navigable Waterways Study in response to silting on Black Hall (shown here) and Four Mile Rivers. The Black Hall River Bridge, looking south, is central in this photo.*

# Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc.

Tim Griswold, Mark Lander  
*Co-Chairs*

The Old Lyme Historical Society works to collect, preserve, and interpret the cultural, economic, social, and architectural history of Old Lyme from the earliest settlements to the present.



At its ninth annual meeting held on June 10, 2013, the society marked the end of another successful year. This year's publication was the 2013 Now & Then, Old Lyme Community Calendar. The calendar design uses historic photographs from the organization's archives and juxtaposes them with contemporary ones of the same scene, with each month sponsored by a different community organization and calendar listings of community events throughout the year. The celebration launching the inaugural edition took place on November 5, 2012 at the Lyme Art Association.

In March, the Old Lyme Historical Society hosted its second annual antiques appraisal event Vintage! at the Old Lyme Town Hall benefiting the scholarship fund. This has quickly become a popular annual community event where, for five dollars per item, one may receive a verbal appraisal from one of five experts covering a range of antiques specialties. The annual dinner and lecture was held in May at the Lymes' Senior Center with guest speaker Dr. John Pfeiffer presenting a lecture titled "Preserving Old Lyme's Historic/Cultural Resources."

In addition to its well-publicized events and publications, the Old Lyme Historical Society more quietly continues its steady work on collecting and preserving the rich history of Old Lyme. A dedicated group of volunteers serving on the Archives Committee meets regularly to carefully process donated materials for inclusion in the archives. New donations of historically significant items and documents are welcome. Another group of volunteers serving on the Oral History Committee reached a milestone this year when they successfully met the goal of posting to the organization's website video and audio interviews with links to transcripts. Also, through the assistance of a staff of volunteers, the Old Lyme Historical Society maintains regular

hours at its office in the Genealogy Room of the Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, 10 a.m. to 12 noon Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays. The organization also maintains a website [www.OLHSI.org](http://www.OLHSI.org) that includes information about the organization's activities, publications, links to oral histories, and membership.

At the annual meeting held in June 2013 Mark Lander was elected co-chair of the board. The officers for the year ahead are Tim Griswold and Mark Lander, co-chairs; Martha Hansen, secretary; and Carol Winters, treasurer. All board members whose terms ended in June 2013 opted to continue serving for an additional three-year term; there were no newly elected members. The 2013 Old Lyme Historical Society Scholarship recipient was Audry Spina. The Board of Trustees meets on the second Monday of each month in the Community Room of the Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library.

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*Old Lyme Historical Society's Officers for 2013 – 2014 include from left, Tim Griswold, Co-Chair; Mark Lander, Co-Chair; Martha Hansen, Secretary; and Carol Winters, Treasurer. Photo credit James Meehan.*

# Old Lyme Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC)

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Lewis DiCamillo  
*Chairman*

As stated in the Old Lyme IWWC regulations, the inland wetlands and watercourses in the State of Connecticut are indispensable and irreplaceable, a fragile natural resource with which the citizens of the state have been endowed. This is especially true in our town of Old Lyme. The IWWC of Old Lyme was established in accordance with an ordinance adopted October 21, 1963 and is charged with protecting the wetlands by regulating any activity within a 100-foot protected buffer area from the boundary of a wetland. This buffer area protects the wetlands from degradation via filtration of pollutants from toxins, fertilizers, erosion, and other outside sources or disturbances.

This past year the IWWC issued twenty-nine permits for activity in the regulated area. These permits were approved after extensive review and possible site changes suggested by the IWWC prior to approval. There were no application

denials. There was one permit issued for approval of a complete home rebuild as a result of damage from Hurricane Sandy.

Town residents considering any activity in a wetland regulated buffer zone or who have wetlands on the property site are required to submit an application to this commission. Applications are obtained by visiting the land use office in Memorial Town Hall. In order to expedite the approval process, each application must be completed in detail with a description of the activity and a well-defined site map identifying the wetlands and distances relating to the activity. The IWWC Regulations are also posted on line.

The IWWC meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the town hall. The agenda and minutes of each meeting are posted on line on the town website. There is no meeting scheduled in the month of December.



*White Sands Beach Parking Lot looking West*

# 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 located at 52 Lyme Street, in the lower level of the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall and can be reached by calling 434-1605 ext 235. The email 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.

Hurricane Sandy had an impact on all of us in one way or another. The damage to town properties was not nearly as problematic as it was to some of our citizen's residences. The town parking lot at Sound View was under about four feet of water. We were lucky not to have any damage to the gazebo or fences. At White Sand Beach we had more of a problem. There was about four feet of sand pushed onto the parking lot, and there were several more feet of sand on the beach than normal. There was some relatively minor damage to the bathroom building and, surprisingly, the gazebo was not damaged. All of the other parks and recreation facilities made it through without a problem. There were some trees down, but nothing that caused a big problem.

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 Memorial 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 and the tennis courts and basketball courts at Cross Lane Park. Town Woods Park once again was very busy with soccer, lacrosse, and Little League baseball and softball practices and games. Cooperation between all of the groups involved is essential for things to run smoothly. These fields require a first-class field maintenance program to keep up with the amount of use they are receiving and to prevent them from being worn out. The Town Woods Park fields are being maintained "pesticide free," similar to the school district's fields.

The typical programs we currently offer for our youth include a six-week summer day-camp, a summer baseball camp, three summer basketball camps, two summer tennis camps, a summer soccer camp, fall soccer, and winter basketball. Adult programs currently include yoga sessions, which run during the fall, winter and spring, and our adult basketball program, which basically runs during the entire school year.

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, 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.

# Old Lyme - Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library

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Mary Fiorelli

*Director*

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The Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library offers many collections and services to educate and enrich the lives of Old Lyme residents. Our resources reflect the needs of the community including from early literacy training to the latest downloadable eBooks, online consumer information, and foreign language instruction as well as thirty educational databases accessible from home or the library to educate and inform our users. Cultural enrichment programs, story times, and interactive activities for teens keep pace with patron interests. The library is proud to say it has over 7,000 Old Lyme residents registered as borrowers. The staff proactively manages 50,000 visits annually with peak usage in summer months due to the increase in seasonal visitors. Last year, patrons checked out over 68,000 items. The reference staff answered 3,450 questions and provided daily technology assistance and loaned over 9,000 items to other libraries in the state. The library's public computers are used for nearly 10,000 sessions over the course of the year. In 2012, the library initiated Constant Contact email newsletters to market activities and events to a wider audience.

The Children's Department is a busy hub of activity for families and after-school activities and offers a myriad of programs for babies to teens. Story times for babies and toddlers, special presentations such as a visit from Rapunzel, Animal Embassy, Lullaby Nights, Make your Own Solar System, and Owls of Connecticut demonstrate the range of educational events offered.

Young Adult Services focus on teens by engaging them with visits by young adult authors, interactive crafts and science-based activities, yoga, and Murder Mystery Nights as well as highly successful lawn concerts and music enrichment classes funded by the Bring Our Music Back Foundation. Homework help, laptops and PCs, literacy workstations for our

littlest patrons round out the gamut of services provided. A total of 259 programs attended by 5,713 children and teens are a tribute to the energy of staff who serves the community. The Dream Big Summer Reading Program attracted children from kindergarten to grade 9, with 614 participants.

Our patrons take full advantage of free Wifi and PCs, technology assistance, and the Libraries Online consortia collection of nearly 4,000 eBooks and audio books on their digital devices. Cultural programs for adults that include a film series, art exhibits, opera lecture series, book discussion groups, author talks, concerts, lectures, and presentations on historical and environmental topics are offered year round. Our print collections, audio books, music CDs, and DVDs remain high-demand materials sought after by our patrons. After Storm Sandy and Storm Nemo, residents and nonresidents alike took refuge in the comfort of our building and were grateful for the Wifi service and ability to recharge their electronic devices while power was restored to their neighborhoods.



*Original entrance to Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library*

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# Old Lyme Police

Officer Thomas Heinssen

The Old Lyme Police consists of one Resident State Trooper, six full-time and two part-time town police officers. During periods of leave, the town of Old Lyme receives general patrol coverage from the Connecticut State Police Troop F in Westbrook, which dispatches the Old Lyme Resident Trooper and town police. The following is a breakdown of the total police incidents that occurred in the town of Old Lyme, including Interstate 95 during fiscal 2012-2013.

Total Calls for Service:	12,121
Investigations:	167
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	171
Driving Under the	
Influence Arrests:	43
Motor Vehicle Citations:	1021
Motor Vehicle Warnings:	1001
Miscellaneous Service Calls:	9792

*(Alarms, Assist to the Fire Department, Medicals, Property Checks, Finger Prints, general assists to the public, disabled motorist, etc.)*

How did these storms impact police activity? Resident State Trooper TFC Gary Inglis said the night off the storm was violent, with high water and falling trees. The Old Lyme Fire Department assisted with oxygen set up at the town hall; the biggest concern was the elderly who lived alone. Old Lyme Constables rotated shifts at the East Lyme shelter and checked in at the senior center to make sure everyone had what they needed. They called it a “collaborative effort to get through the storm.” There was a mandatory voluntary evacuation, which sounds like an oxymoron; police could not MAKE residents leave. This was largely south of Route 156 to the shore. Boy scouts helped by going door to door and pointing out that, should there be an emergency, they may not be able to get out as quick.

The Old Lyme Police Department, located at 294 Shore Road, is not manned 24 hours. To report any type of emergency or crime in progress, please dial 911. For routine calls, the Resident State Trooper and town police officers can be reached by calling (860) 434-1986. That number rings at the Police Department and will roll over to the Troop F Dispatch if not answered.



*The Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library as seen from snowy Lyme Street  
(Photo by Lynn Fairfield-Sonn, courtesy of LymeLine.com)*

# Old Lyme Tree Commision

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Joanne C. DiCamillo  
*Chair*

## A REMINDER TO ALL TOWN RESIDENTS: PERMIT REQUIRED

You must obtain permission from the Tree Warden to *plant, remove, or trim trees on the town right-of-way adjoining your property*. The application is available at Town Hall or online at [www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov).

Once again, our town was impacted by major storms that left behind a mess of broken trees and blocked roads. In 2011 Tropical Storm Irene's gusty winds certainly caused a considerable amount of tree damage. However, Super-Storm Sandy's sustained winds toppled trees and brought down power lines as the tidal surge flooded our shoreline, severely damaging homes, flooding basements, and submerging roads.

While the cleanup from Sandy was still ongoing, Blizzard Nemo blew into town with 18 inches of snow and ice that blanketed the whole region. Roadways were impassable. Interstate highways were closed.

Public works employees, with help from CL&P, local tree companies, landscapers, and construction companies plowed the roads and cut up and cleared downed trees to provide utility workers with access to poles, transformers, and lines.

Public Works Director Edward Adanti estimates that 15 percent of the town's trees were heavily damaged from these storms and had to be removed. The number of trees lost on private property is undetermined.

It appears that Hurricane Sandy injured the deciduous shade trees and ornamental flowering trees. Cherries, dogwoods, pears, and apples were heavily damaged, while the conifers -- pines, spruces, junipers, and arborvitae -- bore the brunt of the snow from Nemo and the ice storm that followed a few days later, bending them to the ground. A number were uprooted and some were split, causing their branches to shear, leaving the roads littered with tree trunks, needles, and huge limbs.

Months later, scars and tears are still visible on many of our roadside trees, leaving them weak and vulnerable to insects and disease. We ask residents to be vigilant and report any trees that appear hazardous directly to the selectmen's office.

Thank you for your help and your interest in keeping our trees healthy and safe. Residents are welcome to attend our meetings, which are generally held on the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 p.m. in the town hall.



*Broken evergreen at 45 Lyme Street across from Memorial Town Hall took down power lines*

# Old Lyme Social Services

Valerie Goncalves  
*Social Services Coordinator*

## *Managing Stress in a Storm*

For many of us, the past few years have been the toughest in recent memory. We were in disbelief that our beautiful town was again going to be in the path of a hurricane (and, in just a few months, a monster blizzard). We prepared as best we could as these storms wreaked havoc on our lives.

These two events impacted our daily routines, leaving most of us feeling completely debilitated for several days. Hurricane Sandy left 98 percent of the town without power for more than five days. Many residents took advantage of the Respite Center at the Senior Center, which the town established for both storms so people could gather for information, meals, water, food, warmth, and to charge electrical devices. As the power was restored and roads were cleared, most of us were able to adjust, return home, and regain our daily routines.

It is not uncommon, however, for people to have different emotional reactions after going through a difficult experience. Not everyone has an immediate or obvious emotional reaction. It is important to remember that there is no one correct way to react emotionally during or after a storm. Each person gets through the emotional challenges in his/her own time and on his/her own terms.

To help manage emotions associated with storms you should use coping methods you are familiar with and that are comfortable for you. Here are some useful suggestions for coping with the stress stemming from disasters and other traumatic events.

1. Limit your exposure – Many of us are glued to the media for updated images and news about the event, but ongoing exposure can make some people even more anxious and worried.

2. Exercise, eat well, and rest – As we strive to return to normalcy, it is important to take care of ourselves. Think about what you are eating and do your best to get enough sleep.

3. Keep in touch – People experiencing strong emotional reactions may sometimes withdraw and pull inside themselves. Do not withdraw from important relationships. Stay connected with friends, family, and your local community.

4. Process through storytelling – Communicating your thoughts and feelings helps people to understand the realities of what they have experienced. It also opens the door to the possibility of moving past the trauma.

5. Lend a hand anyway you can – Service is a therapeutic activity. It is as important to accept help as it is to help others. One thing I have noticed as an employee and resident of Old Lyme is that people pull together here when there are rough times. During our recent storm events, local officials, churches, community organizations, and neighbors rolled up their sleeves, cleared debris, and took care of one another. The sense of community born among those who work together following a storm can forge a spiritual kinship that lasts for a lifetime... or longer.

# Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

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**Muriel Drugan**  
*Executive Director*

The Visiting Nurse Association has been in existence since 1922. Over the past ninety-one years the organization has worked diligently to service the public health needs of the community. The town nurse's office is located in the Lymes' Senior Center at 26 Town Woods Road. The nurse is available there for free healthcare services Monday to Friday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. During the past year, the nurse had 666 resident visit for services and consultations. The nurse also made a total of 303 house calls to those who are homebound and unable to travel to the office. The total of nursing service hours for the year was 1,170.

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, committees, 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. The board of directors holds meetings at 1 p.m. on the second Monday of the month in Memorial Town Hall. Our meeting year runs from the month of September through the following June. The board does not meet in July or August. For inquiries of the board, please call the administration office at 860-434-5241 or send an email to the administrator at [murdru@aol.com](mailto:murdru@aol.com).

The 2012 Flu Clinic immunization program dispensed 382 shots to clinic participants, the homebound, town employees, police, and volunteer fire and ambulance personnel. The association also gave pneumonia immunizations to any resident requesting one who was age 65 and over who had not been previously vaccinated. The flu and pneumonia vaccines are purchased by the association and always dispensed on a free or voluntary donation basis.

Due to Super Storm Sandy last fall and the ensuing power outage, we were obliged to cancel our 2012 Health & Wellness Day event. However, in the aftermath of the storm the town nurse, along with the social services director, made a number of visits to persons in their homes to deliver hot meals, nonperishable foods, and water.

During these visits the nurse also made an overall medical assessment of the individuals' situations, and residents were offered transportation to the Red Cross shelter in East Lyme. The nurse as well as several association volunteers spent time at the Senior Center to assist with serving the needs of those community members who were seeking respite there. For the past two years the town emergency management office has been given a list of association members who have offered their time to help where needed during any future storm or other emergency.

In the spring, the Pre-Kindergarten Audio-Visual Clinic, which is co-sponsored with the Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women's Club, tested fourteen children. Dr. Christine Semenza was in charge of the visual screenings and certified audiologist Maureen Miller-Lebek from L & M Hospital Audiology Department supervised the hearing component of the tests. In June, we also partnered with the Old Lyme Police Department in offering a bike rodeo for children from kindergarten through middle school grades. The rodeo featured fun riding skills challenges while teaching safety tips. Bicycle and tire inspections were done by a volunteer experienced mechanic.

A survey was taken around town of the nonprofit organizations that might be in need of wheelchairs to assist disabled persons to have access to their buildings. Several respondents indicated they could use such equipment, so in May the association purchased and donated wheelchairs to Christ the King Church, First Congregational Church of Old Lyme, Florence Griswold Museum, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, Lyme Art Association, Memorial Town Hall, Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, and Saint Ann's Episcopal Church.

The association awarded yearly scholarships to a number of the Class of 2013 graduating seniors who intend to pursue majors in health related fields. The Old Lyme VNA Scholarship was awarded to Kayla Carberry, Taylor Teixeira, Anthony Ramiro-Goncalves, and Carly Mangs. The Mary H. Noyes Memorial Scholarship recipients were Georgia Cummins and Amber Vernacatola.

The Town of Old Lyme supports the professional nursing services operating budget.

# Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. *(cont'd)*

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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.

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## Planning Commission

Harold Thompson  
*Chairman*

The planning commission meets in the town hall on the second Thursday of each month at 5:00 p.m. except during the month of August.

Special meetings are held when required, and all the meeting notices are posted in the town hall and on the town website ([www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov)). Information on the actions of the commission and meeting schedule can also be obtained from the office, which is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Kim Groves, our Land Use Administrator, is always willing to accept your application and assist you in any way.

The commission consists of five elected members and three alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The commission is responsible, every ten years by State Statue, for the Town Plan of Conservation and 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, or public utilities; or anything owned or acquired by the town.

The planning commission continues to be involved with Open Space and with issues relating to open space, the impact of development on wetlands, and the installation of private roads for new developments.

The planning commission is continuing to actively communicate with other land-use commissions and committees to address land-

use concerns with proposed developments and subdivisions. This continued communication often has provided an opportunity for members of the various commissions to exchange views on the course of development in Old Lyme.

Due to the economic climate over the last year there has been a significant reduction in the number of applications received by the commission.

The planning commission is currently in the final stages of revising the Design and Construction Standards. These have been submitted to the First Selectwomen's office for review and comment. The Subdivision Regulations are also being reviewed to ensure that changes made to the Construction Standards are properly and correctly reflected in the Subdivision Regulations. The revision of the subdivision regulations is nearing completion.

The planning commission is also working on a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan that will supersede the current Town of Old Lyme Emergency Action Plan. Each town is required by FEMA to have a Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan, and having this plan in place will allow the Town of Old Lyme to apply for Federal Funds that may be used for either the repair of conditions caused by severe storms or for storm damage mitigation. The Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan will be based on the existing emergency action plan and will address additional requirements established by FEMA.

## Registrars of Voters

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Sylvia Peterson (D), Donald Tapper (R)

*Registrars*

The Registrars of Voters' office is located on the mezzanine level of Memorial Town Hall. Our regular posted hours are on Mondays, 1 to 4 p.m. Special sessions are advertised *The Day* newspaper, as set forth by the Secretary of the State in the election calendar.

*Elections, Primaries, Referenda held in the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year:*

- August 14, 2012 – Democrat & Republican Primaries (US Senate & Congress)
- November 6, 2012 – Presidential Election
- May 8, 2013 – Referendum (School Budget)

A paper ballot vote was conducted on November 14, 2012 for a Board of Education successor.

*Registered Voters as of June 30, 2013: 6,008*

Democrat: 1,716      Republican: 1,744

Unaffiliated: 2,509      Other: 39

*New Election Laws effective 01/01/2013:*

1. Election Day Registration (EDR)
2. Permanent Absentee Ballot Voting Status for voters permanently physically disabled (PPD)

## Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools

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Ian Neviaser

*Superintendent of Schools*

The 2012-2013 school year in the Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools was an exceptionally busy one in which our school district excelled in a variety of different areas. It is with great pride that we share this annual report with the citizens of Old Lyme.

The district continued to prepare our students for the new Common Core State Standards. This process has been ongoing for the past two years because it requires significant adjustments from our previous curriculum. We implemented a new math program for our kindergarten through eighth graders and worked to revise our English Language Arts program as well. The upcoming school year will see the addition of two specialists in the Scientific Research

Based Intervention program at the elementary level. In addition, the middle school will now have a realigned approach to instruction in the areas of mathematics and English language arts due to realignments in those areas. Lyme-Old Lyme High School revised and implemented their mathematics program as well to ensure all students complete Algebra II by grade eleven. Both the middle and high school have implemented the state-mandated Student Success Plans using Naviance software. The district developed, and the Board of Education approved, new teacher and administrator evaluation plans based on new guidelines from the Connecticut State Department of Education.

## **Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools** *(continued)*

Again this year, the Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Schools were recognized on both the state and national level for numerous awards. Lyme-Old Lyme High School was awarded Gold status by *Newsweek* magazine and named one of “America’s Best High Schools.” Lyme Consolidated School was recognized by the Connecticut State Department of Education as a School of Distinction for the highest overall performance on the Connecticut Mastery Test. This was a tremendous honor for the students, staff, and community. On a team and individual level, the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School Science Club won the Connecticut Science Olympiad for the second year in a row, and the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Boys’ Varsity Crew 8- and 4-man boats won the Connecticut Public Schools Rowing Association’s State Championship.

Technological improvements both inside the classroom and throughout our facilities allowed the district to keep pace with the ever-changing digital world. All of our buildings became completely wireless, and each classroom is now outfitted with a SmartBoard, allowing students and teachers broad access to the use of technology. In addition, the district migrated all electronic communication to a more modern platform. We now e-mail, schedule appointments, and store and retrieve documents and files through Microsoft’s 365 cloud-based system. This has made communication for students and staff more efficient and more accessible on a multitude of mobile devices. Most notably, we continue to receive support from the Lyme-Old Lyme Education Foundation to advance the implementation of our technology plan. The board of education also saw some changes in technology with the introduction of an online searchable database of board of education policies. E-meeting software is now used for all Lyme-Old Lyme Board of Education regular meetings.

During the 2012-2013 school year, we made many upgrades to our facilities. As of July, we had completed approximately 99% of the construction of the Lyme-Old Lyme High School renovation project. In addition to the project itself, we finished the replacement of the baseball field fence, installed a warning track on the baseball field, and purchased and installed a new scoreboard. As part of an ongoing safety effort, we installed visitor access control systems at each building to provide a more secure environment for students and staff. At Mile Creek Elementary School, we installed a fence on the west side of the playground and began planning a window replacement project for the entire building. Lyme Consolidated School is in the process of installing a new emergency generator.

As a school system, we continue to plan for the future and, as such, continue to monitor enrollment and projected enrollments. As we prepare for our declining enrollment, we implemented the second year of the elementary redistricting plan and prepared for year three.

In the area of finance, the towns approved a \$31,741,789 school budget, which represents a 2.36 percent increase for the 2013-14 year. The budget increase was driven by three major factors: debt service related to the Lyme-Old Lyme High School renovation project, employee contractual obligations as negotiated over the last year, and increased energy costs. These factors were offset by decreases in the operations budget including declining enrollment, reductions in program expenses, and reductions in employee benefit costs and administrative service expenditures.

The upcoming year again will be filled with many changes as we move to a new staff evaluation process and a new state-mandated assessment of our students and continue to improve upon our facilities.

## Rogers Lake Authority

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Richard J. Smith, Sr.

*Chairman*

The Memorial Bench for the past Rogers Lake Authority chairman Fredrik Holth has been installed in Haines Park by the barrier garden that has just been completed. The dedication should take place sometime next spring. The barrier garden, designed and supplied by the Old Lyme Conservation Commission, will help protect the lake shoreline. I would like to thank the Old Lyme Conservation Commission for their work on this project.

Phragmites, an invasive weed, had been discovered on the eastern side of Haines Park a few years ago; this prompted the Old Lyme Conservation Commission to begin working on hand removal of this weed and applying Benthic mats, providing some good results. The phragmites are located just outside the area where the barrier garden has been placed.

The milfoil and fanwort by the boat launch area had been chosen to be the subject of a diver-assisted suction harvesting test project. New England Aquatics was the company chosen to do the removal of the weeds at the boat launch and southerly along the Grassy Hill Road side of the lake. New England Aquatics began working in August until the end of September, accomplishing approximately four acres of harvesting. The fanwort, which is the more aggressive weed, began to regrow in some areas before the harvesting was finished. The milfoil did not regrow at all in this area at this time. The diver-assisted suction harvesting seemed not to produce the results that the Rogers Lake Authority and the towns of Old Lyme and Lyme had hoped for.

The dam at Rogers Lake is finally going to receive the repairs that are desperately needed, work to begin in July of 2013. A fish ladder will be installed to allow alewives to migrate into the lake for spawning. There is a possibility of a drawdown during these repairs.

We purchased benthic mats from New England Aquatics and placed them at the Haines Park swim area. These five mats are seven hundred square feet in area and should be moved some time in September 2013. Other benthic mats have been tried by several homeowners with some good results. These mats are smaller, approximately four hundred square feet, which makes them easier to handle by individuals. The Rogers Lake Authority is currently working on a program to introduce these mats to homeowners for trial runs and possible reduced-rate purchasing, a work in progress.

The summer of 2012 was plagued with active algae blooms on the lake due to warmer water and extra phosphorus from chemicals from lawns and runoff along with extra phosphorus from decaying plant life in the lake. At the start of the algae bloom there was a small fish kill for a few days. Please refrain from using lawn chemicals near the lake.

I would like to thank all the volunteers as well as the launch attendant, lake patrol, board members, and especially the Old Lyme Conservation Commission for all their work on trying to make Rogers Lake a better and healthy lake. All those involved will be needed in the future as we work to make the lake even better.

## Tax Collector

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Judith A. Tooker

*Tax Collector*

We are here to collect taxes. We try to do this in a friendly manner. We are here 9 to 12 and 1 to 4 weekdays.

# Town Meetings

## TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Approximately 200 electors and citizens attended the Special Town Meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of Regional District No. 18 Middle School, Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectwoman Bonnie A. Reemsnyder called the meeting to order.

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

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

1. A motion was made and seconded to accept Village Lane, situated within Village Estates Subdivision, as a town road effective upon the delivery of a warranty deed, as approved by the Old Lyme Planning Commission and as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

*Motion Carried*

2. A motion was made and seconded to accept Woodcrest Drive, situated within Woodcrest Estates Subdivision, as a town road effective upon the delivery of a warranty deed and the posting of a road maintenance bond, as approved by the Old Lyme Planning Commission and as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

*Motion Carried*

3. An election was held to elect to the Regional District #18 Board of Education the successor to Judith Read until the next municipal election in November 2013. Only Old Lyme registered electors voted on this item of the call. Results of the election:

Stephen Spooner (R) 120

Diane Linderman (D) 75

*Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen K. Coffee  
Old Lyme Town Clerk  
Meeting adjourned at 8:42 PM.  
Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee  
November 15, 2012*

## TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL TOWN BUSINESS MEETING

Approximately 55 electors and citizens attended the Annual Town Business Meeting held on Monday, January 28, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Hall, Old Lyme Town Hall at 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by First Selectwoman Bonnie A. Reemsnyder.

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

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

1. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, as submitted by the Board of Finance.

*Motion Carried*

2. Robert (Bob) Pierson was selected for the Citizen of the Year Award for 2012 by the Old Lyme Board of Selectmen.

3. A motion was made and seconded to approve an amount not to exceed \$32,500 for the installation of equipment on the Mile Creek Tower to allow interagency communication between Police, Fire, EMS, Public Works and other agencies, as recommended by the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen.

*Motion Carried*

4. A motion was made and seconded to elect the successor to Scott A. Chester as a member of the Board of Assessment Appeals for the period from January 2013 to the next municipal election in November 2013 in accordance with the minority representation provisions of Section 9-167a of the Connecticut General Statutes.

5. George Finley (D) was elected as successor on the Board of Assessment Appeals.

*Respectfully submitted  
Eileen K. Coffee  
Old Lyme Town Clerk  
Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.  
Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee  
January 29, 2013*

## Town Meetings *(continued)*

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### TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Approximately 140 persons attended the Special Town Meeting held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School auditorium of Regional District #18, Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by First Selectwoman Bonnie A. Reemsnyder.

Atty. Marilyn Clarke was elected to serve as moderator.

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

1. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$185,000 for the feasibility study of a community wastewater management system, such study to be conducted by the firm of Woodard and Curran of Windsor, CT, selected by the Board of Selectmen and recommended by the Old Lyme Wastewater Management Task Force.

Voting results: 106 yes 7 no

*Motion carried*

2. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the expenditure of a sum not to exceed \$27,300 for improvements to parking design and two kiosks on Hartford Avenue for on-street parking payments, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

*Motion carried*

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 PM

*Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen K. Coffee  
Town Clerk  
Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee  
April 10, 2013*

### TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Approximately 24 electors and citizens attended the Annual Town Budget Meeting on Monday, May 20, 2013, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Regional District No. 18 Middle School, Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

Marilyn C. Clarke was elected to serve as moderator.

The call of the meeting was read by Eileen K. Coffee, Town Clerk.

1. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

*Motion carried*

2. A motion was made and seconded to adopt a proposal that taxes in the Town of Old Lyme on Real Estate and Personal Property shall be paid in two (2) semi-annual installments, the first payment being due on July 1, 2013 and the second payment on January 1, 2014. Any tax in these categories under \$100.00 will be due in full in one payment in July, 2013, as are vehicles on the Supplemental List due in January, 2014 in one payment.

*Motion carried*

3. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the additional sum of \$180,000.00 for the Town's emergency management account in connection with Storm Sandy. Such appropriation may be funded in part by federal monies under FEMA.

*Motion carried*

4. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the additional sum of \$170,300.00 for the Town's emergency management account in connection with the February 2013 snowstorm. Such appropriation may be funded in part by federal monies under FEMA.

*Motion carried*

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM

*Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen K. Coffee, Town Clerk  
Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee  
May 21, 2013*

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## Treasurer

John A. Bysko  
*Treasurer*

As was the case last year, the financial condition of the Town of Old Lyme continues to be excellent. Unlike both our Federal government and the State of Connecticut, both of which have seen their financial ratings reduced, Old Lyme continues to operate financially in a stellar fashion.

Our reserves continue to be trend higher and towards the upper range of a recommended range of between 5% to 15% because of the hard work and responsible approach of all involved in the finances of the town. This continues because of the diligent work of the board of finance, the selectmen, the finance director, the tax collector, and all other individuals and departments involved in adhering very carefully to their

budgets. All working as a team and coordinating their efforts make this possible.

The annual outside audit by the CPA firm that prepared the Town of Old Lyme audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012 was a “clean” one, meaning that the recordkeeping and accuracy as well as the financial position was excellent. It is anticipated that the audit for the year ending June 2013 will be similar. Much of the credit for the record keeping and the significant improvement goes to our Finance Director Nicole Stadjuhar, CPA and her staff.

The Town of Old Lyme continues to operate well financially, and the residents can be confident that their town financial balance sheet continues to be in excellent shape.

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## Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)

Kurt J. Zemba  
*Chairman*

Superstorm Sandy (and her predecessor, Irene) demonstrated to people across the country the detrimental impact that weather can have on wells and septic systems. We were fortunate in Old Lyme that we did not have to confront some of the pollution issues that communities in neighboring states had to face after these major storms. The WPCA and the town are working on plans to manage our water resources and wastewater collection in order to minimize future potential pollution hazards in our community.

We began exploring alternatives to waste water management with a study in the fall of 2012. That preliminary evaluation indicated that the cost to build and maintain a community sewage treatment system within our own community would be less than connecting to the New London wastewater treatment facility.

The board of selectmen formed a Wastewater Management Task Force in mid-November so that further study into the possibilities of a community treatment system for our shoreline area could begin. The task force worked closely

with the Connecticut DEEP to make sure we would qualify for grants through the Clean Water Fund to cover much of the study costs.

The firm of Woodard & Curran was engaged to conduct the study, approved at town meeting, and they began immediately.

Woodard & Curran have examined several options for wastewater management, as required by the DEEP, and they will present a final report with recommendations in late-2013. The WPCA will continue to keep the community posted on the progress of this important effort as we move forward. It is our goal to work together with our shoreline residents to identify and proceed with a wastewater alternative that makes the most sense to our community.

In late spring, all of the Wastewater Management Task Force members agreed to continue serving the town as members of the WPCA. Old Lyme is fortunate to have WPCA volunteers with business, engineering, and scientific research credentials. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank all of our members for the important service they are continuing to provide

## Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) *(continued)*

to our community: Donna Bednar, Frank Chan, Andrea Lombard, Ernest Lorda, Robert McCarthy, Richard Prendergast, Tom Risom, Dimitri Tolchinski, and Doug Wilkinson.

In addition to the Wastewater Management project, the WPCA continues to work closely with Sanitarian Sonia Marino and WPCA Engineer Brian Curtis to monitor groundwater and enforce a mandatory seven-year septic tank pump-out schedule.

We are committed to preserving our community's natural resources for future generations.

Members of the community are always welcome at our meetings, and we encourage residents to contact us directly with any questions or concerns. Messages for the WPCA can be left with our Health Department at 860-434-1605, ext. 214, and we will respond promptly or message us via the town website at [www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov).

## Zoning Board of Appeals

**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 appeals from decisions of the Zoning Enforcement Official. Applicants must show "exceptional difficulty or unusual hardship" due to the unique characteristics of their property. A variance can be granted only if it is in harmony with the general intent and the comprehensive plan of zoning put forth by the town.

This year we heard twenty-six cases and held nine meetings: twenty cases were granted variances, some with conditions or modifications, and five were denied. One case was to uphold the Zoning Officer's decision. One change we see this year are applications to elevate houses in the beach area to comply with FEMA standards.

In time, this will change the look of this area considerably.

In April Mary Stone filled the vacancy on the regular board left by Joe St. Germain, who moved to Massachusetts. I wish to thank Joe for his long and dedicated service to the board.

I would like to thank the members of the board – Kip Kotzan, Judy McQuade, Joe St. Germain, Arthur Sibley, Martha Rumskas, Mary Stone, Richard Smith, George Hunt, and our clerk, Kim Barrows – for their time and commitment to the board and the town.

Our regular meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month (with the exceptions of August and December) at 7:30 p.m. at the Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme.



*The aftermath of Hurricane Sandy*



*The aftermath of Hurricane Sandy*

## Zoning Commission

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Jane Cable  
*Chairman*

**T**own zoning commissions are authorized by section 8-2 of the state statutes to draft regulations that define lot and building sizes, density of development, and the use of land within the town in order to “protect the public health, safety, convenience and property values.” Our zoning commission consists of five elected members and three alternates appointed by the board of selectmen in January to terms of one year. Any elector who is interested in being appointed as an alternate member of the zoning commission should contact the selectman’s office.

The zoning commission meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the meeting room at Old Lyme Town Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend all public hearings and regular meetings.

Of major concern to the zoning commission are the effects of coastal storms on our shoreline structures and the new requirements issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for raising the heights of structures above areas of expected flooding and wave action. Owners of some homes damaged by Hurricane Sandy and other recent storms wish to raise the rebuilt homes to heights consistent with FEMA requirements, although such building heights may exceed maximum building heights allowed by our regulations. Finding an equitable way to allow structures to be elevated for safety while preserving the character and beauty of the shoreline will be the subject of discussion and action by the zoning commission in the coming year.



*Note the water line on the side of the house.*

**OLD LYME EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION FORM**

In order to provide the highest level of assistance to the residents of Old Lyme, the Office of Emergency Management is asking its residents to preidentify themselves in the event of needing special assistance during an emergency.

If you, or if you know of someone who, may be in need of transportation or any other assistance during an emergency, please fill out this special needs form and return the form to: OLD LYME EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, 52 LYME STREET, OLD LYME CT 06371. In the event of an emergency, local emergency workers contact you and provide assistance.

This information is voluntary and will remain confidential.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ APT # \_\_\_\_\_

TOWN: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION OF A RELATIVE OR FRIEND**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ TELEPHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL DIRECTIONS TO YOUR HOME:**

**PLEASE CHECK ANY OF ITEMS WHICH MAY ADDRESS YOUR NEEDS**

I am hearing impaired  I use a TDD/TT device

I am oxygen dependent  I have impaired vision

I depend upon electrically powered life sustaining medical equipment

Respirator equipment  Inhome dialysis  Other \_\_\_\_\_

I have mobility concerns and rely on the use of a:

Wheelchair  Walker  Cane  Other \_\_\_\_\_

I have a service animal or guide dog  I have special dietary needs

I rely on in-home health care assistance  I have special prescription needs

I would require special transportation in the event I had to evacuate my home

**I understand that this information is voluntary and will remain confidential.**

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_