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**2014-2015**  
**Old Lyme, Connecticut**

*Front Cover:  
A view looking north up the Lieutenant River from Halls Road*

*Back Cover:  
More than seventy-five species of birds have been observed at the seven-acre Eklund Pond, the town's only open space parcel that contains a large freshwater pond. This wood duck was observed in April of 2015.  
(Photo provided by Open Space Commission.)*

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# Selectwoman's Report

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**Bonnie Reemsnyder**  
*First Selectwoman*

**A**fter several cancellations due to storms, the **Annual Town Meeting** was finally held at Memorial Town Hall on February 23, 2015. The Board of Selectmen named Lynn Fairfield-Sonn as the **2014 Citizen of the Year** for her steadfast loyalty and dedication to the Town of Old Lyme. Lynn and her family have lived on Lyme Street in the heart of Old Lyme since 1984. She has served on boards of numerous organizations, including the Junior League of Greater New Haven, the Old Lyme Children's Learning Center, the Chamber of Commerce of Southeastern Connecticut, the Coordinating Council for Children in Crisis, Janus House, and New Haven Habitat for Humanity. Lynn has also served on the Historic District Commission and the Old Lyme - Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Board and as chairman of our Regional School District #18 Board of Education for eight years. She currently serves as Director of Development and Community Relations for the Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut, where she first volunteered in 1989. Congratulations to **Lynn Fairfield-Sonn**, our **2014 Citizen of the Year**. We thank her for all her service to our community!

The summer of 2014 began with long-awaited repairs to the **Rogers Lake Dam** and installation of a fish ladder. After years of planning, permitting, and dealing with leakage from the sluice gate, the repairs were completed by October. In addition, a new dry hydrant was installed for the safety of the residents in the Rogers Lake area. While it was an inconvenience to some residents due to the low level of the lake, we got through the construction, thanks to the leadership of former First Selectman Tim Griswold and Ellie Czarnowski.

We enjoyed beautiful weather for the annual **Midsummer Festival**, held on **July 25 and 26**, culminating in a performance by the Old Lyme Town Band and the annual fireworks display by Pyrotecnico. Many thanks are due to those individuals who work so hard each year to ensure the success of the festival. Also, thank you to M & J Bus Company for donating a bus and to bus driver Amy Wininger, who donated her time to shuttle people to the fireworks. As always, it was a terrific event that highlights the arts and

businesses in our community.

At a **Special Town Meeting** on July 29, 2014, residents approved two items – to accept a parcel of land from the CT DEEP, which is just north of Halls Road near the Lieutenant River, AND to fund a Rogers Lake Weed Study to be done by New England Environmental. Both items passed unanimously, and those in attendance were pleased with the presentations.

For the first time, the **Sound View Commission** hosted several free concerts at the flag pole at the end of Hartford Avenue, highlighting the beautiful Sound View Beach and the surrounding area. The concerts were well attended and enjoyed by all. They hope to make these annual events for all to enjoy. The **Lymes' Senior Center** was also host to a series of well-attended summer concerts.

On August 18, 2014, the Board of Selectmen formally adopted the **Natural Hazards Mitigation Plan**, which identifies natural hazards that are our greatest risk, as well as tasks that can mitigate those hazards to some degree. Approval of the plan allows the town to apply for funding to complete tasks that are in the plan. While funding is not guaranteed, it is worthwhile to apply for the grants in an effort to minimize our risks of damage in a natural disaster.



*The Old Lyme Town Band always provides a popular concert preceding the fireworks on Midsummer Festival weekend. Here the current band was photographed on the steps of the First Congregational Church by Jim Meehan for the Old Lyme Historical Society calendar, the same location where the original band was photographed around the turn of the century!*

## Selectwoman's Report *(continued)*

Plans continued for the **Route 156 Bike Path/Sound View Improvements** throughout the year. We hoped that the DOT Grant would fund the plans for the Bike Path, improvements to Hartford Avenue, the creation of a green space and newly designed parking area, and bathrooms in Sound View. Estimates came in higher than expected due to many factors, so on June 30, 2015, the committee presented a preliminary plan that addressed the project in two phases. While the news was disappointing, many residents agreed that it was important to get as much done as possible to improve the area. In order to stay within the budgeted amount and take full advantage of the DOT Grant, it was decided to focus on improvements to Hartford Avenue. The green space and restrooms would be part of a second phase of the project, as additional funds would need to be identified before proceeding.

The **BHPIC (Boathouse Hains Park Improvement Committee)**, which had worked diligently to develop plans for the expanded boathouse, ran into obstacles on the plans, even after additional funds of \$405,000 were approved at a town meeting in October of 2014. Due to code requirements, the plans for a second floor on the boathouse had to be revised, as did bathroom plans. A reconfigured committee worked hard throughout the winter to revise the plans to the satisfaction of many and continued work through the end of the fiscal year.

The **WPCA** had a challenging year of meetings as they worked to complete the Coastal Wastewater Management Plan, initially submitted in December of 2013, recommending a local solution for the handling of wastewater from Old Lyme Shores Beach to White Sand Beach. When the DEEP indicated that follow-up requirements for a local option would be costly for the town, the WPCA voted to pursue the "regional" option of sending sewage via pipeline to the New London Wastewater Treatment Facility. Public meetings in September and October of 2014 were well attended, with residents both voicing support for and expressing concern about installing sewers. Additional work requested by the DEEP led to a town meeting in May 2015 to approve funding for the completion of the plan. When the town meeting did not approve the additional funding, the DEEP issued an order to the town on June 16, 2015 to submit a completed plan

within a specific time period. Coastal wastewater management will continue to be a major topic in our community and is worthy of the attention of every taxpayer.

**Paul Formica**, former First Selectman of East Lyme, was elected to serve as State Senator for the 20th Senatorial District, and Devin Carney of Old Saybrook was elected Representative for the 23rd House District in November of 2014. We reluctantly said goodbye to retiring **State Senator Andrea Stillman** and **State Representative Marilyn Giuliano**, with thanks for their many years of service to our community.

On December 4, 2014, the kickoff workshop for **Solarize Old Lyme** was held at Memorial Town Hall, allowing residents to take advantage of an online portal to research solar options and engage with vendors who had been vetted through the State of CT. Offered with the assistance of CT Green Bank and SmartPower, the Solarize Old Lyme program offered state and federal incentives to homeowners who installed solar panel systems. The program resulted in seventeen new solar installations, and helped in qualifying the Town of Old Lyme for a \$5,000 Clean Energy Grant we can use for energy efficiency projects.

Many of us thought that we were going to experience a mild winter...until the storms began to roll in at the end of January! Our Public Works crew cleaned up after numerous storms throughout the winter of 2015 and did an excellent job. Our snow, salt, and overtime budgets took quite a hit, but that may be mitigated to some degree as one storm qualified for FEMA reimbursement. It was refreshing when spring finally arrived.

On February 8, 2015, two young men from our community were honored as Eagle Scouts. **Luke Grabowski** designed and built a thirty-five-foot bridge that connected two sides of a trail over a stream on the Honey Hill Preserve in Lyme. **Owen Mesham** constructed a twenty-eight-foot long foot bridge, specially designed to allow mountain bike access, to span a stream in the Gungy Preserve in Lyme. The entire Board of Selectmen was delighted to attend their Court of Honor and present them each with a proclamation on behalf of the town. Congratulations to Luke and Owen!

## Selectwoman's Report *(continued)*

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Our **Sanitarian, Sonia Marino** moved on as Director of Health in another community, and we hired **John Sievic** to take her place. John became our new Sanitarian in February 2015 after twenty-five years of service in Guilford, Connecticut.

The towns of Old Lyme, Lyme, East Lyme, Salem, and Old Saybrook proclaimed **February 13, 2015** as **"Loving Parting Day"** in honor of the 350th Anniversary of the amicable separation from Saybrook. On that date in 1665, representatives of settlers on both sides of the Connecticut River signed the agreement known as "the Loving Parting," creating East Saybrook. In 1667, the Connecticut General Court assigned the name "Lyme" to this new community, which eventually became the towns of Lyme, Old Lyme, Salem, and East Lyme. For more information on the Loving Parting and the history of the Lymes, be sure to visit the Old Lyme Historical Society on Lyme Street (the former Grange Hall).

The **Rogers Lake Weeds Study** Committee presented their report and recommendation to the residents on April 27, 2015. The study included a Plant Survey, Water Quality Monitoring, Domestic Well Impact Evaluation, Herbicide Impact Assessment, Wildlife Impact Evaluation, and a review of Non-Chemical and Chemical Vegetative Control Options. The recommendation was to use a mix of treatments, including hydroraking, the application of the herbicide flumioxazin, and the continued use of benthic mats. They also recommended that

the towns continue to perform water-quality monitoring on an annual basis to be sure the lake remains healthy. Before permitting could be secured, the Natural Diversity Database (NDDDB) identified the possibility of some "Species of Special Concern" inhabiting Rogers Lake; this resulted in the need for a survey, which was scheduled for the summer of 2015, delaying any treatments.

**Celebrate Center!** — a celebration of the over-eighty-year history of Old Lyme's Center School – took place on Friday, May 1, and included a Maypole dance, reminiscent of the school's former Mayday event held through 1959; speeches; and informative displays of photos and artifacts from each decade of the school's history. The event was spearheaded by Center School instructional assistant Helen Traver Scott, a Center School alumna, and brought to fruition with the help of Center School faculty and staff. Center School alumnus and recently retired teacher, Kevin Cole, regaled the audience with his extensive, often comic memories that spanned over two generations. Presentations were made by current fifth graders John Coffey, Anne Colangelo, Elise DeBernardo, Lizzy Duddy, Zoe Jensen, Gabe Katwaru, Emily Nickerson, and Lauren Presti, several of whom are children and grandchildren of Center School alumni; Helen Scott pointed out that material for the presentations was obtained largely from Old Lyme annual reports dating back to the 1930s! Next year, the school will house the



*Celebrate Center! These fifth-graders from the last class of fifth graders at Center School for the foreseeable future spoke at Celebrate Center! on May 1, 2015, an event to mark the history of this much-loved institution (left to right): Lauren Presti, Elise DeBernardo, Lizzy Duddy, Emily Nickerson, Zoe Jensen, Gabe Katwaru, and John Coffey. Missing is Anne Colangelo.*



*Kevin Cole, Center School alumnus and recently retired teacher who spoke at Celebrate Center! and Helen Traver Scott, Center School alumna and Instructional Assistant who spearheaded the event, with photo of school*

## Selectwoman's Report *(continued)*

district's central offices and preschoolers only. Other elementary grades will be located at Mile Creek and Lyme Schools until population trends require further changes.

On May 18, 2015, many taxpayers attended the **Annual Town Budget Meeting** to approve the budget for FY 2016. Due to revaluation, our grand list went from \$1,613,137,480 to \$1,563,587,269, a decrease of about 3 percent. The budget for FY 2016, approved by the

residents, is \$31,678,111, an increase over FY 2015 budget of \$31,162,635. The mill rate increased from 19.66 mills to 20.62 mills for FY 2016. In addition, the taxpayers approved the establishment of a Road Improvements Fund and a Town Building Improvement Fund. Each fund will be part of the annual budget in an effort to plan for the future maintenance of our roads and buildings.

### Alumni Seen at Celebrate Center!



*Doris King (left) and Barbara Speirs Traskos enjoy the displays. Mrs. Traskos is a Center School alumna. Mrs. King's late husband, George F. King, was a member of the first graduating class of Center School's twelfth grade in 1940; that class was the first that did not go on to high school in Clinton or New London, so as it progressed, the school added one more grade level each year all the way through to the twelfth grade. The King's daughter, JoAnn King Wright, went on to become a teacher at Center School!*



*Two generations of Center School alumni—Lauren Smith Dickey and her mom, Michele Smith Dickey—reminisce together. (Photo courtesy of LymeLine.com)*



*Center School alumnus Jim Fafalla with one of the historic displays at Celebrate Center! (Photo courtesy of LymeLine.com)*



*Mervin F. Roberts flanked by Center School alumni, two of whom are his daughters: (left to right) Edie Roberts Main, Nancy Roberts Briggs, and Michele Smith Dickey.*

# Elected Officials

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	Term Expires
<b>First Selectwoman, Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)</b> .....	Nov. 2015
<b>Selectman, Skip Sibley (R)</b> .....	Nov. 2015
<b>Selectwoman, Mary Jo Nosal, (D)</b> .....	Nov. 2015
<b>Town Clerk, Eileen Coffee (R)</b> .....	Jan. 2018
<b>Town Treasurer, John Bysko (R)</b> .....	Nov. 2015
<b>Tax Collector, Judith Tooker (R)</b> .....	Nov. 2015

## Board of Finance

Andrew L. Russell, Chairman (R) .....	Nov. 2015
Janet Sturges (R).....	Nov. 2019
Christopher W. Kerr (R).....	Nov. 2019
David Woolley (D) .....	Nov. 2015
H. Perry Garvin III (R).....	Nov. 2017
Bennett J. Bemblum (D) .....	Nov. 2015

## Board of Finance Alternates

J. David Kelsey (R).....	Nov. 2015
Robert Jose (R).....	Nov. 2015
Gil Soucie (D).....	Nov. 2015

## Board of Assessment Appeals

George Finley (D) .....	Nov. 2017
Roderick M. White (R) .....	Nov. 2015
Timothy C. Griswold (R) .....	Nov. 2017

## Planning Commission

Harold L. Thompson, Chairman (R).....	Nov. 2015
Robert P. McCarthy, Vice Chairman (D).....	Nov. 2017
Steven Ross (R).....	Nov. 2019
Christopher W. Kerr (R).....	Nov. 2016
Edgar Butcher (D).....	Nov. 2018

## Regional Board of Education

Jim Witkins, Chairman (R) Lyme.....	Dec. 2015
Sarah Smalley (D).....	Dec. 2015
Diane Linderman (D).....	Dec. 2017
Nancy Lucas Edson (D) .....	Dec. 2017
Jean Wilczynski (D) .....	Dec. 2017
Rick Goulding (D).....	Dec. 2017
Beth Jones (D) Lyme.....	Dec. 2017
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)*

Term Expires

## Zoning Commission

Joan Bozek (D) .....	Nov. 2017
John Johnson, Vice-Chairman (R) .....	Nov. 2018
Thomas Risom (R).....	Nov. 2014
Gil Soucie (D) .....	(Began Nov. 2014) Nov. 2019
Jane Cable, Chairman (D) .....	Nov. 2015
Jane Marsh (R).....	Nov. 2016

## Zoning Commission Alternates

Ted Kiritsis (R) .....	(Resigned Sept. 2014) Jan. 2015
Stacy Winchell (R).....	Jan. 2016

## Zoning Board of Appeals

Judy McQuade (R) .....	Nov. 2017
Arthur E. Sibley (R) .....	Nov. 2019
Kip Kotzan (D) .....	Nov. 2016
Mary Stone (D) .....	Nov. 2018
Karen Conniff (D) .....	Nov. 2015

## Zoning Board of Appeals Alternate

Harry Plaut (R) .....	Nov. 2015
Nancy Hutchinson (U) .....	Nov. 2015
Jack Mut (U).....	Nov. 2015

# Appointed Officials

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## Term Expires

### Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council

Catherine Frank (R) .....	Jan. 2017
Tim Devlin (R) .....	Jan. 2017

### Commission on Aging

Donald Tapper, Chairman (Municipal Agent for the Elderly).....	(standing)
Karen Veselka (OLVNA) .....	(standing)
Frank Oliveira (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Phyllis Shepard-Tambini (R) .....	Jan. 2017
Doris Rand (D) .....	Jan. 2018
Cliff Johnson (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Neil Feinberg (U).....	(Resigned Dec. 2014) Jan. 2015
Stephanie Lyon (Sr. Ctr. Dir.) .....	Ex Officio

### Connecticut River Gateway Commission

Peter Cable, Delegate (D) .....	July 2016
Suzanne Thompson, Alternate (R) .....	July 2016

### Conservation Commission

George James (R) .....	Jan. 2018
Linda Clough (D) .....	(Resigned Dec. 2014) Jan. 2017
Lauralyn Lewis (D) .....	Jan. 2015
Tom Sherer (D) .....	Jan. 2017
Maureen Plumleigh (U) .....	Jan. 2018
Susan Baehr (U) .....	Jan. 2016

### Conservation Commission Alternates

John Stearns (U) .....	Jan. 2015
Jasper Sha (U) .....	Jan. 2015
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 (R) .....	Jan. 2018
Susan Howard Cihocki (R).....	Jan. 2019
Geraldine Foster (D) .....	Jan. 2019
John Stratton (R) .....	Jan. 2020
Frank Oliveira (R) .....	Jan. 2015
Heather Gagnon (D) .....	Jan. 2016
William O'Meara (R) .....	Jan. 2017

### Ethics Commission

Michael P. O'Brien, Chairman (U) .....	Jan. 2017
Brian Hautaniemi (D) .....	Jan. 2015
Gloria Dimon (D) .....	Jan. 2016
Dwayne Basler (R).....	Jan. 2017
Robert Staab, Vice-Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2016
Patricia M. Trainor .....	Jan. 2017

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
<b>Ethics Commission Alternates</b>	
Bonnie Kramm (R) .....	Jan. 2015
Patricia M. Trainor (D) .....	Jan. 2015
Jennifer Kendall (D) .....	Jan. 2016
<b>Emergency Management Director</b>	
David Roberge .....	Jan. 2017
<b>Estuary Transit District</b>	
John Forbis (D) .....	Jan. 2017
<b>Flood and Erosion Control Board</b>	
Steve Ross (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Gary Smith, Vice Chairman (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Todd Machnik, Chairman (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Steve Martino (D) .....	Jan. 2017
Ellie Czarnowski (U) .....	Jan. 2017
<b>Flood and Erosion Control Board Alternates</b>	
Donald Willis (R) .....	Jan. 2016
David Roberge .....	Ex Officio
<b>Harbor Management Commission</b>	
Steve Ross, Chair (R) .....	Jan. 2018
Robert Doyen (D) .....	Jan. 2017
Michael Magee (U) .....	Jan. 2018
Ned Farman, Vice Chair (D) .....	Jan. 2018
David Frederiks (R) .....	Jan. 2016
William Harris (D) .....	Jan. 2016
Tom Meyer (R) .....	Jan. 2017
Curtis Rasmussen (R) .....	(Appointed Aug. 2014) Jan. 2017
Robert Falaguerra (R) .....	Jan. 2018
Harry S. Plaut, Harbormaster (R) .....	June 2017
Michael Mackey, Deputy Harbormaster (U) .....	Ex-Officio
<b>Harbor Management Commission Alternates</b>	
David Musto (R) .....	Jan. 2015
John MacDonald (R) .....	Jan. 2019
Curtis Rasmussen (R) .....	(Appointed to HMC Aug. 2014) Jan. 2017
Jim Jake (D) .....	(Resigned Dec. 2014) Jan. 2018
George Finley (D) .....	Jan. 2018
<b>Health Director</b>	
Vijay Sikand, M.D. (R) .....	Jan. 2018
<b>Historic District Commission</b>	
Kenneth Levin (U) .....	Jan. 2015
James Bechtel (U) .....	Jan. 2017
Joanne DiCamillo (U) .....	Jan. 2016
Barbara S. Traskos (D) .....	(Appointed Jan. 2015) Jan. 2020
John Forbis, Vice Chair (D) .....	Jan. 2019
John Pfeiffer, Chair (R) .....	Jan. 2018

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

## Historic District Commission Alternates

Carol Noyes-Winters (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Barbara Traskos (D).....(Appointed to HDC Jan. 2015)	Jan. 2016
Jeff Cooley (D).....	Jan. 2016
Dini Mallory (R).....	Jan. 2017

## Inland Wetlands Commission

Janet Bechtel (U) .....	Jan. 2017
Timothy Rollins (U) .....	Jan. 2017
David McCulloch (D) .....	Jan. 2017
Lewis DiCamillo, Chairman (R) .....	Jan. 2018
Stanley Kolber (U) .....	(Resigned Dec. 2014) Jan. 2015
Evan Griswold (R).....	Jan. 2016
Mike Moran (R).....	(Appointed Apr. 2015) Jan. 2018
Christian Tompkins (U).....	Jan. 2016

## Inland Wetlands Commission Alternates

Mike Moran (R).....	(Appointed to IWC Apr. 2015) Jan. 2017
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## Inland Wetlands Hearing Panel

Robert DePianta (D).....	Jan. 2015
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## Justices of the Peace: 1/7/2013-1/2/2017

*(Elected at caucus or through application)*

William U. Archer (D)	Doris C. Johnson (R)	Doris A. Recor (U)
John A. Bysko (R)	Victoria K. Lanier (R)	Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)
Jane E. Cable (D)	Leslie J. Massa (R)	Ruth Dillon Roach (D)
Nancy L. Campbell (D)	Brendan P. McKeever (R)	Mervin F. Roberts (R)
Christopher Carter (R)	Agnes Q. O'Connor (D)	Jennie Anne Rubera (R)
Karen B. Conniff (D)	Christopher F. Oliveira (R) - <i>New 6/18/15</i>	Martha Ann Rumskas (R)
Barbara McBride Doyen (D)	Frank Oliveira (R) - <i>Died 5/20/15</i>	John D. Seckla (U)
Jason Cameron Gagnon (U)	Gloria J. Pendleton (D) - <i>Died 11/15/15</i>	Walter O. Seifert (R)
Verdina P. Ghirardi (D)	Earl J. Peters (D)	Michellee K. Speirs (U)
Timothy C. Griswold (R)	Lawrence I. Peterson, Jr. (D)	Judith A. Tooker (R)
Luisa B. Grogan (D)	Daria M. Phelps (D)	Kurt J. Zemba (R)

## Lymes' Senior Center—Board of Directors

Mary Miles (D) .....	Jul. 2017
Dorothy McAndrew (R).....	Jul. 2016
Robert Pierson (R).....	Jul. 2017
Donald Tapper, Municipal Agent for the Elderly (R) .....	Jul. 2018
Doris Johnson (R).....	Jul. 2018
Ann Griffith (D) .....	Jul. 2018
Susan Campbell, Chairman (U) .....	Jul. 2016
Doris Rand (D).....	Jul. 2016
Diane Blackwell (R).....	Jul. 2012
Ruth Young (Lyme)	
Gary Weed (Lyme)	
Diana Seckla (Lyme)	

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
<b>Open Space Commission</b>	
Diana Atwood Johnson, Chairman (R) .....	Jan. 2017
Amanda Blair (D).....	Jan. 2016
Evan Griswold (R).....	Jan. 2017
George James (R).....	Jan. 2017
William Dunbar (R).....	Jan. 2018
Peter Cable (D) .....	Jan. 2016
Bruce Baratz (U).....	Jan. 2016
<b>Open Space Commission Alternates</b>	
Mary Stone (D).....	Jan. 2017
<b>Parks and Recreation Commission</b>	
Glynn McArw (R) .....	Jan. 2017
Robert Dunn (R) .....	Jan. 2017
Nigel Logan (R).....	Jan. 2017
John Flower (U).....	Jan. 2018
Mary Ellen Garbarino (R).....	Jan. 2018
Missy Colburn (U).....	Jan. 2016
Tim Gavin (U).....	Jan. 2016
Don Bugbee, Parks and Rec. Director .....	Ex-Officio
<b>Pension Committee</b>	
John Bysko (R).....	Jan. 2017
Gil Soucie (D).....	Jan. 2018
Jeff Hartman (R).....	Jan. 2018
Bob Jose, Board of Finance .....	Ex-Officio
Kathleen Hall, Employee Rep .....	Ex-Officio
<b>Planning Commission Alternates</b>	
Donald Willis (R).....	Jan. 2016
Todd Machnik (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Barbara Gaudio (U) .....	Jan. 2016
<b>Regional Mental Health Board, Region II</b>	
Elizabeth Rubitski (U).....	Jan. 2017
<b>Rogers Lake Authority</b>	
Tom Baehr (D).....	Jan. 2017
Robert Recor (U).....	Jan. 2018
Richard Smith, Chairman (U).....	Jan. 2016
Tom Mondelci, Lyme	
Dennis Overfield, Lyme	
Michael Sicord, Lyme	
<b>Shellfish Commission</b>	
Mervin F. Roberts (R).....	Jan. 2018
David Redfield (R).....	Jan. 2017
John Seckla (U).....	Jan. 2018

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

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	Term Expires
<b>Sound View Commission</b>	
David Kelsey (R) .....	Jan. 2018
Harry Plaut (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Joanne Reis Lishing (D) .....	Jan. 2016
Frank Pappalardo, Chairman (R) .....	Jan. 2017
Michaelle Pearson (D) .....	Jan. 2017
<b>Sound View Commission Alternates</b>	
Frank Maratta (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Russ Carlo (R) .....	Jan. 2015
Paul Orzel (U) .....	Jan. 2016
Sandra Ziemba (D) .....	Jan. 2016
<b>Town Counsel</b>	
Marylin C. Clarke (D) .....	Jan. 2016
<b>Town Historian</b>	
John Pfeiffer (D)	
<b>Tree Commission</b>	
Joanne DiCamillo, Chairman (U) .....	Jan. 2017
Anne Bing (D) .....	Jan. 2016
Emily Griswold (R) .....	Jan. 2016
Geraldine Foster (R) .....	Jan. 2017
Joan Flynn, M.D., Alternate (U) .....	Jan. 2016
Tom Degnan, Tree Warden (U) .....	Ex-Officio
<b>Tree Warden</b>	
Thomas Degnan (U) .....	Jan. 2016
<b>Water Pollution Control Authority</b>	
Dmitri Tolchinski (R) .....	Jan. 2018
Donna Bednar (D) .....	Jan. 2018
Frank Chan (D) .....	Jan. 2018
Ernest Lorda (U) .....	Jan. 2019
Kurt Zemba, Chairman (R) .....	Jan. 2019
Richard Prendergast, Vice Chair (R) .....	Jan. 2017
Tom Risom (R) .....	(Resigned Jan. 2015) Jan. 2017
Andrea Lombard (R) .....	Jan. 2017
Douglas Wilkinson, Secretary-Treasurer (U) .....	Jan. 2017
Robert McCarthy (D) .....	Jan. 2017
<b>Water Pollution Control Authority Alternates</b>	
Andrea Lombard (R) .....	(Appointed to WPCA Feb. 2016) Jan. 2017
<b>Water Pollution Control Authority Hearing Panel</b>	
Robert DePianta (D) .....	July 2016
Luisa Grogan (D) .....	July 2016
Roger Breunig (R) .....	July 2016

# Appointed Officials *(continued)*

## 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.....	John Flower
Emergency Management Director.....	David Roberge
Finance Director.....	Nicole Stajduhar
Assistant Finance Director .....	Amy Jensen
Fire Marshal .....	David Roberge
Health Department Administrative Assistant.....	Patricia Myers
Health Department, Sanitarian.....	John Sieviec, M.S., R.S.
Information Technology Coordinator.....	Ruth Roach
<b>Land Use</b> ( <i>Inland Wetlands, Planning, Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals</i> )	
Zoning and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer .....	Keith Rosenfeld
Land Use Administrator.....	Kim Groves
Zoning Enforcement Technician (Certified) .....	Kim Barrows
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-Gould
Social Services Coordinator .....	Valerie Goncalves
Tax Clerk.....	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, Thomas Heinssen, Martin Lane, Sal Milardo, Dominic Solari, Robert Tyson, William Zipadelli

## PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

**Public Works Superintendent** – Edward Adanti

**Recycling Coordinator** – Donald Rutty

Richard Campbell  
Jamie Curley  
Lawrence Galbo

Richard Gocka  
Brian Lorentson  
Robert Perry

Donald Saunders  
Robert Swaney  
Robert Wanat

# Election Results – November 4, 2014

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## **Governor and Lieutenant Governor**

*Republican* – Tom Foley and Heather Somers, 1,695

*Democrat* – Dan Malloy and Nancy Wyman, 1,713 \*

*Independent* – Tom Foley and Heather Somers, 63

*Working Families* – Dan Malloy and Nancy Wyman, 53

*Petitioning* – Joe Visconti and Chester Frank Harris, 36

*Write-In* – Jonathan Pelto and Ebony S. Murphy, 1

## **Representative in Congress**

*Republican* – Lori Hopkins Cavanagh, 1,268

*Democrat* – Joe Courtney, 2,068 \*

*Working Families* – Joe Courtney, 102

*Green* – William C. Clyde, 26

*Libertarian* – Daniel Reale, 22

## **State Senator**

*Republican* – Paul M. Formica, 1,910 \*

*Democrat* – Elizabeth B. Ritter, 1,401

*Independent* – Paul M. Formica, 132

*Working Families* – Elizabeth B. Ritter, 58

## **State Representative**

*Republican* – Devin R. Carney, 1,762 \*

*Democrat* – Mary J. Stone, 1,592

*Independent* – Devin R. Carney, 117

## **Secretary of the State**

*Republican* – Peter Lumaj, 1,559

*Democrat* – Denise Merrill, 1,659 \*

*Independent* – Peter Lumaj, 84

*Working Families* – Denise Merrill, 61

*Green* – S. Michael DeRosa, 61

## **Treasurer**

*Republican* – Timothy M. Herbst, 1,664 \*

*Democrat* – Denise L. Nappier, 1,601

*Independent* – Timothy M. Herbst, 105

*Working Families* – Denise L. Nappier, 70

## **Comptroller**

*Republican* – Sharon J. McLaughlin, 1,544

*Democrat* – Kevin Lembo, 1,647 \*

*Independent* – Sharon J. McLaughlin, 80

*Working Families* – Kevin Lembo, 70

*Green* – Rolf W. Maurer, 37

## **Attorney General**

*Republican* – Kie Westby, 1,379

*Democrat* – George Jepsen, 1,833 \*

*Independent* – Kie Westby, 67

*Working Families* – George Jepsen, 63

*Green* – Stephen E.D. Fournier, 63

## **Judge of Probate**

*Republican* – Jeffrey A. McNamara, 1,706 \*

*Democrat* – Jeffrey A. McNamara, 1,580

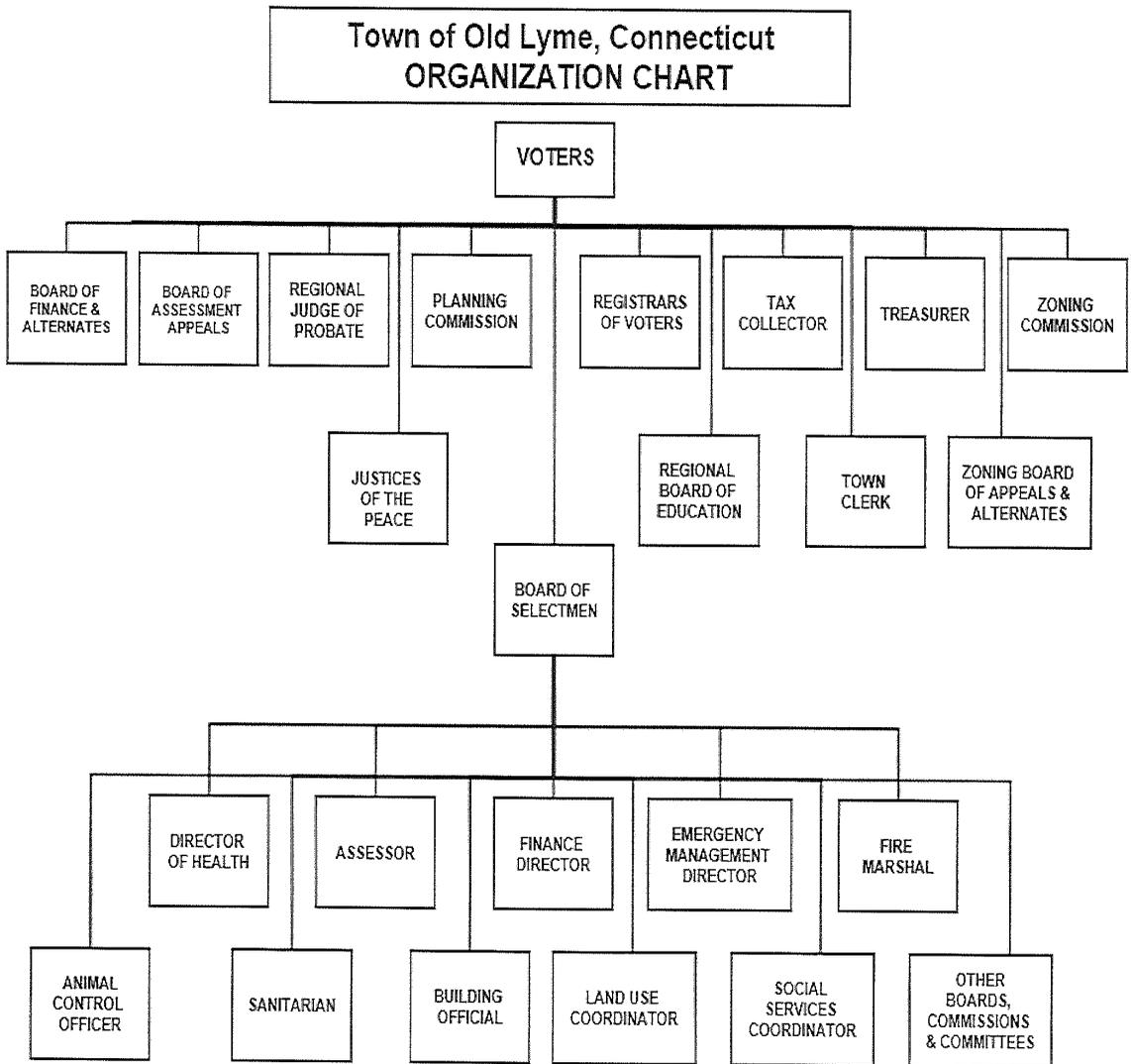
## **Question on Ballot:**

*Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to remove restrictions concerning absentee ballots and to permit a person to vote without appearing at a polling place on the day of an election?*

Yes, 1,506 \*      No, 1,368

(\* -- Indicates Old Lyme Results)

# Organization Chart



# Legislators

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## **U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal**

<https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/>  
Hartford (860) 258-6940  
Bridgeport (203) 330-0598  
Washington DC (202) 224-2823

## **U.S. Senator Chris Murphy**

<http://www.murphy.senate.gov/>  
One Constitution Plaza, 7th Fl.  
Hartford, Connecticut 06103  
(860) 549-8463  
136 Hart Senate Office Bldg.  
Washington, DC 20510  
(202) 224-4041

## **U.S. Representative Joe Courtney (2nd Congressional District)**

<http://courtney.house.gov/>  
2348 Rayburn HOB  
Washington, DC 20515  
(202) 225-2076  
55 Main Street, Suite 250  
Norwich, CT 06360  
(860) 886-0139

## **CT State Senator Paul Formica (20th District)**

<http://ctsenaterepublicans.com/home-formica/>  
Legislative Office Building  
300 Capitol Avenue  
Hartford, CT 06106  
1-800-842-1421 (CT only)  
860-240-8800 (out of state)

## **CT. State Representative Devin Carney (23rd District)**

<http://cthousegop.com/devin-carney/>  
Connecticut House Republican Office  
L.O.B. Room 4200  
Hartford, CT 06106  
860-240-8700  
800-842-1423 (toll-free in CT)

## Marriages July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

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Matthew Ryan Letkowski & Nicole Marie Walsh.....	July 4, 2014
Thomas John Moysey & Christine Lynne Rossi (Stonington) .....	July 5, 2014
Thomas Francis Nelan & Erin Elizabeth Powell.....	July 11, 2014
Kurt Michael Litsinger & Alexandra Storm .....	July 12, 2014
Tyler Clark Lipp & Katherine Abigail Arnold (Waterford).....	July 12, 2014
Jacob Allen Wells & Shaina Elise Kus (Waterford) .....	July 14, 2014
Barbara Jean Busutil & Barbara Marie Kostick.....	July 18, 2014
Derek Lettney Jones & Kaylyn Mae Jones.....	July 19, 2014
Joseph Anthony Benejan & Julie Ann Mangiafico .....	July 19, 2014
Jonathan David Tattersall & Briana Alexandria Hunter.....	July 27, 2014
Igor Lobo Goncalves & Arisneide Queiroz Digby.....	July 28, 2014
Aaron Reza Farrokh & Sheila Ritter .....	July 31, 2014
Eric Hunter Whitney & Allison Leigh Smigel.....	August 2, 2014
Harrison Scott Phelps, Jr. & Kristen Lee Kus (Madison).....	August 2, 2014
Jared H. Meekhoff & Whitney Elizabeth Hutchinson.....	August 2, 2014
Kevin Andrew Switek & Margaret Allison Gianquinto.....	August 2, 2014
Jacob Tyler Ennis & Caitlin Virginia Hueser .....	August 8, 2014
Patrick Anthony Phelan & McKenzie Jean Kelly .....	August 15, 2014
Armand Joseph Fisher & Elysa Maria Doherty.....	August 16, 2014
Carlos Antonio Sowell & Egle Gudaitis .....	August 16, 2014
Manuel De Jesus Avila Gomez & Maria Eugenia Hernandez Garcia De Avila .....	August 16, 2014
Michael Patrick O'Shaughnessy & Elizabeth Holbrook Buchanan .....	August 16, 2014
Richard Paul Ramondetta & Rebeca Morua Alvarez.....	August 16, 2014
Peter Leendert van Vliet & Sara Joy McCollum .....	August 23, 2014
Ralph Wetmore Halsey IV & Caitlin Delaney Sargent .....	August 23, 2014
Seamus Michael Moran & Taryn Christa Murphy-Groves.....	August 23, 2014
Joseph Michael Biro, Jr. & Natasha Lee Andrade .....	August 24, 2014
Stefano Michele Berio & Germaine Louise Neal.....	August 24, 2014
Dane Vegas Vartabedian & Jennifer Osborne Lockwood.....	August 30, 2014
Ernest Bradley Smith & Katey Autumn Grieder.....	September 6, 2014
John Joseph Hyland & Kelley Kathleen Brown .....	September 6, 2014
Thomas Anthony McLoughlin & Victoria Baron Orkins .....	September 6, 2014
Todd Andrew Kelly & Kristi Leyden Brousseau .....	September 6, 2014
Christopher Steven Jankowski & Anastasia Dubois Lepore .....	September 7, 2014
Mark Clifford Hilton & Elizabeth Vanesse Locicero.....	September 13, 2014
Patrick Francis Koudelka & Gina Marie Lapenta.....	September 13, 2014
Arthur Jay Meizner & Angelica Kaner .....	September 14, 2014
Craig Lyle Bishop & Kathleen Wood Renz (Westbrook).....	September 14, 2014
Jaren L. Hollis & Sherri L. Ferace (Middletown) .....	September 19, 2014
Scott Richard Hoffman & Bozena Krystyna Amenta .....	September 19, 2014
Christopher Michael Heller & Anne Elizabeth Thompson.....	September 20, 2014
Jonathan Joseph Staron & Jessica Anne English.....	September 20, 2014
Michael Alan Calandra & Marlene Marie Eshoo (Southington) .....	September 20, 2014
Arthur George Dollinger & Andrea Lisa Testori.....	September 27, 2014
Shadrach Matthew Vega & Olivia May Lewis (Middletown) .....	September 28, 2014
Alexander William Hill & Nicolina Marie Saporito.....	October 4, 2014
William Morgan Ferguson & Melissa Anne Froehle.....	October 12, 2014
Sean Patrick Stuart & Tiffany Jean Dyke .....	October 25, 2014

## Marriages July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 *(continued)*

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Scott Charles Courtemanche & Gloria Sue Dimon (Newington) .....	October 28, 2014
Gregory Dwight Williams & Amy Catherine McCullough.....	November 1, 2014
Matthew Brian McElroy & Virginia Lynn Roma .....	November 7, 2014
David Philip Martel & Stacy Beth Goiagos (Essex) .....	November 16, 2014
John Joseph Gavin, Jr. & Nadine Andrea McLeary (Ledyard).....	December 6, 2014
Michael Patrick Caputo, Jr. & Kimberly Ann Sloan.....	December 13, 2014
William Bryant Abbott, Jr. & Jaime Elizabeth Gentile (Groton) .....	January 3, 2015
Jeffery Lynn Alexander & Samantha Marie Pink.....	March 20, 2015
Michael Louis Wujtewicz & Rhonda Sue Meaike .....	March 28, 2015
David Monaco & Sumalee Young .....	April 11, 2015
Gareth James Larkin & Chanda Marie Silva .....	April 11, 2015
Dennis M. Colclough & Jennifer Rebecca Madonia.....	April 12, 2015
Henry Estuardo Sandoval & Nancy Montiel .....	April 12, 2015
Robert Julian Gay & Sherri Marlene Storms .....	April 13, 2015
Steven Edward Hilger & Jennifer Petty Mann .....	April 15, 2015
Harley Aric Sullivan & Iris Paulina Garrison .....	April 17, 2015
Brett Stanley Warner & Lauren Frances Ramondetta .....	April 18, 2015
James Joseph Caudle & Katherine Elizabeth Halsey .....	April 19, 2015
Troy David Gaston & Kristina Marie Rowe .....	April 20, 2015
Richard Louis DeBernardo, Jr. & Tanya Lynn Brown.....	April 24, 2015
Andrew Clayton Dupre' & Rosa Maria Contreras.....	May 2, 2015
Donald Peter Mullen & Christine Anne Donahue .....	May 2, 2015
Thinh Truong Nguyen & Nguyen Khol Nguyen .....	May 3, 2015
Thomas Aaron Larson & Ashlynn Elizabeth Haywood .....	May 10, 2015
Zachary Calvin Thomas & Danielle Irene Rivera (Norwalk).....	May 10, 2015
Darren A. Smallhorn & Amanda E. Brown (New London).....	May 12, 2015
John Joseph Pitarra, Jr. & Kristin Ann Bohan (Groton).....	May 12, 2015
Erick Brian Cushman & Sarah Elizabeth Dean.....	May 15, 2015
Patrick Thomas Julianelle & Jennifer Lynn Flagg.....	May 16, 2015
Thomas Richard Coty & Maura Isabel Zelaya Lanza .....	May 16, 2015
Ryan Kyle Spanich & Amanda Rose Daniels (Waterford) .....	May 20, 2015
Michael Stephen Sullivan & Rebecca Lynn Rydzik.....	May 23, 2015
Daniel Michael Fanelli & Kristin Dee Maule .....	May 30, 2015
Bryan Daniel Gant & Helen Danielson Johnston.....	June 6, 2015
Paul Nicholas Merola, Jr. & Laura Catherine Jackson.....	June 6, 2015
Vaughn Joseph Haupt & Allyce Ann Irwin.....	June 6, 2015
Arie Fisher & Anne Graham Cummiskey.....	June 7, 2015
Michael Daniel McCarthy, Jr. & Elizabeth Dawn Brown (Norwich) .....	June 13, 2015
Robert Mathew Grissom & Allison Elizabeth Gaffey.....	June 13, 2015
Jacob Zaretsky & Sara Beth Zurit .....	June 20, 2015
John Michael James & Tara Fletcher .....	June 20, 2015
Jonathan Robert Ritz & Ludmila Katie Marceau.....	June 20, 2015
Matthew Bradford Graves & Dawn Walker Marshall.....	June 20, 2015
Paul Quigley Andrews & Elizabeth Gray Wehrly .....	June 20, 2015
Philip Andrew Thompson & Hilary Helene Miller (Darien) .....	June 25, 2015
Daniel Evan Schilke & Stephanie Michelle Passero .....	June 27, 2015
Jason Robert Cole & Kelsey Rochette O'Dell.....	June 27, 2015

# Deaths

July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015

Charles Francis Miles, Jr. ....	July 4, 2014
Advah Holland Reynolds, Jr. ....	July 13, 2014
Carl Gerr .....	July 21, 2014
Stanley Katz (New Haven).....	August 4, 2014
Pauline Josephine Carbone .....	August 10, 2014
Marie Patricia Linares.....	August 14, 2014
Maitland Vincent McNamara, Jr. ....	August 15, 2014
Jennie Hardyniec (New London).....	August 28, 2014
Nils Henry Lofstad (New London).....	August 28, 2014
Margaret Mary Coffee Kus (New Haven) .....	September 3, 2014
Mildred Ann Thomas (Westbrook).....	September 3, 2014
Victoria Ann Baird (Branford).....	September 14, 2014
Ruth Ellen Baxter-Tagliatela .....	September 16, 2014
Carolyn L. Coverdale (New London) .....	September 17, 2014
Helen Zebrowski .....	October 5, 2014
Gregory Steven Jarrabeck (Branford) .....	October 6, 2014
Elma P. Canfield (Middletown) .....	October 17, 2014
Mary Patricia Yourell (Manchester).....	October 19, 2014
William Richard O'Connell.....	October 30, 2014
Marilyn Pohorylo (Branford) .....	November 1, 2014
Robert Christopher Florin (Niantic) .....	November 16, 2014
Richard Taylor Blair (Waterford).....	November 19, 2014
Bertha M. Finnegan (Branford).....	November 21, 2014
Stanford Howard Brainerd.....	November 21, 2014
Michael H. DeStefano .....	December 7, 2014
Elaine Unger (New London) .....	December 12, 2014
Sidney Lauck Mattoon .....	December 14, 2014
Rudolph H. Funke, Jr. (East Lyme) .....	December 20, 2014
Ralph M. Clark, Jr. (Old Saybrook).....	December 27, 2014
John Wallace Snape (Westbrook) .....	December 30, 2014
Frank Harper Burke (Hartford).....	January 8, 2015
Beverly Garreffi (Old Saybrook).....	January 13, 2015
Stephanie Marchut Kufel (Branford).....	January 21, 2015
Agnes Margaret Birzell (Niantic) .....	January 23, 2015
Gordon Neal Garvin.....	January 23, 2015
John Bogush .....	February 7, 2015
Isabel Dorothy Naumowitz (Niantic).....	February 13, 2015
Franky B. Halibozek.....	February 15, 2015
Lillian Misheloff (Middletown).....	February 20, 2015
Mary Catherine Gesey (Niantic) .....	February 20, 2015
Shirley A. Willard (New London) .....	February 21, 2015
Louise Eleanor Ely (New Haven).....	March 4, 2015
Ronald A. Cirillo.....	March 17, 2015
Michael Alan Pestalozzi.....	March 20, 2015
Siro Robert Toffolon (New London) .....	March 20, 2015
Francis Leo Finley, Jr. (Branford).....	March 26, 2015
Grace Kay Wanat (New London) .....	March 26, 2015
Stanley F. Bomba.....	March 27, 2015
Paul Eugene Vargo (New Haven).....	April 1, 2015

## Deaths July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015 *(continued)*

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Eleanor Louise Mangels (Middletown).....	April 2, 2015
Harold Joseph Ware (New London).....	April 6, 2015
Geraldine Ann Moriarty (Branford).....	April 9, 2015
Virginia Catherine Young.....	April 10, 2015
Alfred Patrick Fragione (Hartford).....	April 13, 2015
Samuel Joseph Pavano (Wallingford).....	April 17, 2015
Philip Aaron Schonberger.....	April 20, 2015
Ludwig Mathias Frank, MD (New London).....	May 15, 2015
Ona K. Orentas (East Lyme).....	May 15, 2015
David Roger Christian (Middletown).....	May 16, 2015
Barbara A. Gardiner.....	May 17, 2015
William Ogle.....	May 18, 2015
Francisco Oliveira (New London).....	May 20, 2015
Concetta Tralongo.....	May 21, 2015
Jacquelyn B. Sicuranza.....	May 24, 2015
Christian Winfield Mathiason.....	June 3, 2015
Augusta Robinson Alsop (Middletown).....	June 4, 2015
Carol Lillian Brining (New London).....	June 8, 2015
Theresa Ann Moran (Middletown).....	June 8, 2015
Paul Ignasius Planinsek (Middletown).....	June 10, 2015
Sandra H. DeMazza (Branford).....	June 23, 2015

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*Riding in the 2015 Memorial Day parade are the winners of the annual essay contest for fifth graders, "What Memorial Day Means to Me," sponsored by the American Legion Post 41 (left to right): Lillian Herrera from Lyme Consolidated (second place), Meyer Goldberg from Center School (third place), and Kelsey Melton of Center School (first place).*

# American Legion Post 41 Lyme

**Bill Appleby**

*American Legion Commander*

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The year 2014 marked Post 41's ninety-fifth year as Lyme and Old Lyme's oldest community-based service organization, serving veterans, military personnel, their families, and the youth of our communities.

Members of the post span all wars and conflicts from World War II to the current Global War on Terrorism and, together with over three million brothers and sisters, are part of the largest veterans' organization in the world.

The month of May brings Legionnaires posted at several locations throughout town raising funds through its Poppies Drive. The poppy has come to symbolize the saying "Freedom is not Free," and many who answered the call when our nation has called them sometimes need a helping hand. Monies from poppy funds have helped replace gutters on an elderly vet's home, helped pay for utilities and oil during long winter storms, helped assist veterans admitted to local rehabilitation facilities, and helped families ease the cost of funerals. Veterans taking care of veterans!

The American Legion Post 41 has led the annual Memorial Day parade for over fifty years, and its Memorial Day essay contest titled "What Memorial Day Means To Me" is very popular with the fifth graders. Each of the three winners will address the largest audience in his or her short life in one of the humblest of venues, Old Lyme's Duck River Cemetery.

In November, when the nation celebrates Veterans Day, the post recognized one Legionnaire who stands head and shoulders above his peers in service to the Lyme and Old Lyme communities. In 2014, Richard G. Sagan was awarded the coveted Legionnaire of the Year honor for his service to both the nation and our community. A US Army veteran, Sagan used his GI Bill after his military service to obtain a pilot's license and ultimately his instructor's certificate. Teaching and flying for Air Kaman based at Bradley Airport, he retired as the exclusive corporate pilot for the Connecticut General Insurance Company. Sagan is a proud member of the Masons for over fifty years and has served as both Master of the Pythagoras #45 Masons Lodge in Old Lyme and as a district

deputy. He is the recipient of their prestigious Pierpont Medal of Honor. He has served for six years as a member of the Harbor Management Commission, ensuring the safety and protection of our coastline waters. As president of the Federation of Beaches for almost a decade, Sagan ensured the beach owners got a voice in town policies that affected them and worked tirelessly as the liaison between the beaches and the Town of Old Lyme. Dick is a member of both Westbrook Elks Lodge #1784 and the American Legion Post 41, where he serves as its chaplain.

The post continues to actively recruit all eligible veterans into our ranks. Veterans interested in joining can contact the membership committee at 860-662-0613, or [alpost41lymes@gmail.com](mailto:alpost41lymes@gmail.com) and check out our good deeds and other veteran-related information at [www.facebook.com/americanlegionpost41lymes](http://www.facebook.com/americanlegionpost41lymes). The post meets the second Tuesday evening of the month at 7 p.m. in the Memorial Town Hall, with some exceptions.



*(From left to right): American Legion Commander Bill Appleby presents the coveted Legionnaire of the Year for 2013-2014 to Richard G. Sagan. Sagan's wife, Betty, joins the celebration.*

# Assessor

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Walter E. Kent, Jr., CCMA II  
*Assessor*

Mickie Fraser  
*Administrative Assessment Technician*

**D**ue to economic conditions, the revaluation we had as of 10/1/2014 dropped from \$1,614,163,860 to \$1,566,306,930. Property values dropped in most cases since our last Reval in 2009. This resulted in a 3% drop in the Grand List.

In December 2014 Vision Government Solutions, Inc. set up eleven dates for informal hearings. Approximately 188 taxpayers came to these hearings.

The Assessor's Office reminds residents of Elderly & Totally Disabled and Additional Veterans tax relief availability. Elderly & Totally Disabled Tax Relief for Homeowners is available

from February 15 through May 15. An Additional Veterans Exemption is also available for those who qualify for Elderly & Totally Disabled. To qualify, recipients (or 1 spouse) must have reached the age of 65 by the end the previous year or be totally disabled. Eligibility is also based on combined/single income limitations and length of home ownership. Applicants may not be receiving federal, state, county, or municipal financial subsidy or aid.

Please call Mickie Fraser, Administrative Assessment Technician, at 860-434-1605, ext. 219 with any questions. Our office hours are 9 to 4 Monday through Friday.

# Board of Finance

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Andy Russell  
*Chairman*

**T**he Old Lyme Board of Finance has continued to be very conservative as the local economy continues to be challenging 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 2015 FY year that ended on June 30, 2015 shows us that we collected over \$477,00 more taxes than anticipated thanks to our taxpayers and our tax collector, Judy Tooker. We also brought the expense side in under budget by over \$425,000 with the help of our town employees, boards, and commissions and our finance director, Nicole Stajduhar. 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, 2015 we are well above that range.

We have continued to maintain our infrastructure. We are developing an inventory of our roads. This will give us the ability to track our roads, their conditions, and expected replacement or repaving year.

We have continued to support upgrades to the equipment our public works, police, and fire departments use to keep us safe. Some of the items include a new loader for the public works department and air bottle replacements and a thermal imaging camera for our volunteer firefighters.

We schedule purchases of larger capital items and projects with funds from multiple years to soften the impact to taxpayers. The most significant item in this category is our fire trucks. We are currently preparing to replace two trucks in 2020 by accumulating \$130,000 per year over six years.

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

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.

# Building Department

Jeff Flower  
Building Official

## *Building Permits Issued* from 7/1/2014 to 6/30/2015

10 Permits -	Accessory Buildings .....	\$462,310.00
49 Permits -	Additions .....	\$1,309,866.00
9 Permits -	Additions/Alterations .....	\$1,134,200.00
91 Permits -	Alterations .....	\$2,692,244.00
1 Permit -	Barn.....	\$70,000.00
1 Permit -	Commercial Building.....	\$0.00
10 Permits -	Demolition .....	\$0.00
257 Permits -	Electrical.....	\$376,475.00
17 Permits -	Foundation .....	\$5,983,650.00
14 Permits -	Garage .....	\$573,845.00
132 Permits -	Heating, A/C .....	\$624,557.00
17 Permits -	New Residence.....	\$18,000.00
193 Permits -	Plumbing .....	\$168,291.00
4 Permits -	Pools.....	\$103,900.00
130 Permits -	Repairs .....	\$2,112,123.00
9 Permits -	Replace Fuel Tanks .....	\$18,150.00
6 Permits -	Satellite Antennae .....	\$171,000.00
15 Permits -	Temporary Structures .....	\$72,447.00
12 Permits -	Wood Stoves .....	\$1,500.00
	<i>Total Cost of Permits Issued.....</i>	<i>\$15,892,558.00</i>
	<i>Total Number of Permits Issued.....</i>	<i>977</i>
	<i>Total Fees Received During Fiscal Year .....</i>	<i>\$169,050.00</i>
	<i>Total Cost of Permits Issued.....</i>	<i>\$15,892,558.00</i>

## Commission on Aging

Don Tapper  
Chairman

Old Lyme's Commission on Aging meets at Lymes' Senior Center on the third Tuesday of every month at 1 p.m. except in July and August. We invite anyone with senior concerns to attend. Our mission throughout the year is to inform senior groups in Lyme and Old Lyme, through a round-table discussion, about senior topics and upcoming senior events.

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 been used as an emergency respite center for both towns.

Our director, Stephanie Lyon-Gould, does an exceptional job serving the many needs of our senior population.

# Citizen of the Year - 2014

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## The Board of Selectmen acknowledges **Lynn G. Fairfield-Sonn** for her lengthy service to the Town of Old Lyme

Lynn Fairfield-Sonn's volunteer commitments are testament to her steadfast loyalty and dedication. Through her efforts both locally and regionally, our 2014 Citizen of the Year has demonstrated those values time and time again.

Jim & Lynn Fairfield-Sonn searched for over a year before moving to Old Lyme in 1984. They chose their Lyme Street location so that the children they would raise here -- Anne, Jimmy, and John -- could walk to school and get involved. Lynn wasted no time getting involved herself.

She has served as president of the Junior League of Greater New Haven as well as the Old Lyme Day Care (now Children's Learning) Center, and served on the boards of the Chamber of Commerce of Southeastern Connecticut, the Coordinating Council for Children in Crisis, Janus House, and New Haven Habitat for Humanity. Lynn was a Board of Selectmen appointee to the Historic District Commission for eight years.

To support her children's interests, Lynn was co-president of District 18's Friends of Music for four years, and President of the Football Booster club for six. She has twice served the Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Board as its Treasurer, and served as Chair of our Board of Education for eight years.

Lynn Fairfield-Sonn's values have been imprinted on multiple community organizations, none more than the Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut, an organization she first volunteered for in 1989 and which she currently serves as Director of Development & Community Relations.

The Board of Selectmen honors Lynn Fairfield-Sonn for the loyalty and dedication that have defined her impact on our community by naming her our 2014 Citizen of the Year.



*Citizen of the Year Lynn Fairfield-Sonn with Selectman Skip Sibley (Photo by Nigel Logan, courtesy of LymeLine.com)*



*Lynn Fairfield-Sonn with First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnnyder and Selectman Skip Sibley, with Selectman Mary Jo Nosal at podium*



*Citizen of the Year 2014 with Citizen of the Year 2013, Peter Cable*

# Connecticut River Gateway Commission

**Peter Cable**

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In 1973 the Connecticut Legislature recognized that “the lower Connecticut River and the towns abutting the river possess unique scenic, ecological, scientific and historic value contributing to public enjoyment, inspiration and scientific study” and authorized establishment of the Connecticut River Gateway Commission to “preserve such values and to prevent deterioration of the natural and traditional riverway scene for the enjoyment of present and future generations of Connecticut citizens.”

The commission was then established by communities in the lower river valley acting as partners in efforts to protect the valley’s scenic beauty. The commission accomplishes its mission through acquisition of conservation easements and through zoning standards intended to manage the “visual bulk” of hillside residential development and preserve tree cover. The standards are adopted into each town’s zoning regulations and are designed to fit development to the land, rather than altering the land to fit a particular architectural style. To date the commission has preserved over one thousand acres of land within the Gateway Conservation Zone through scenic easements or fee purchase, often by collaboration with local or national land trusts. Thus, in February 2015 the purchase of the new Brainerd Quarry Preserve in Haddam Neck by the Middlesex Land Trust was made possible through grant funding from the Gateway Commission.

The commission consists of two residents from each of eight eligible towns, representatives from each of two former planning agencies, and a representative of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Commission members as of

June 30, 2015 were Margaret Wilson (Treasurer) and Martha Wallace from Chester, Nancy Fishbach from Deep River, Harvey Thomas and Emmett Lyman from East Haddam, Claire Mathews and Jerri MacMillian from Essex, Susan Bement and Derek Turner from Haddam, J. Melvin Woody (Chairman) and Emily Bjornberg from Lyme, Peter Cable and Suzanne Thompson (Vice Chairman) from Old Lyme, Madeline Fish (Secretary) and Belinda Ahern from Old Saybrook, Raul de Brigard from the former Midstate Regional Planning Agency, and David Blatt from Connecticut DEEP. Fenwick Borough has been designated an ad hoc member and is represented by Ethel Davies, Borough Warden.

The Connecticut River Gateway Commission meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the office of the Lower CT River Council of Governments in Essex. For more information on the commission, contact River COG Senior Planner and Gateway staff J. H. Torrance Downes at 860-581-8554 or at *tdownes@rivercog.org*. Contact and meeting information can also be found on the web at *www.ctrivergateway.org*.



*Griswold Point (on the right—moving past in front of it to the right is White Sand Beach), Black Hall River (wide river moving to right), Duck River, and Great Island, that large body on the left: All that’s visible in the near distance is in the Gateway Conservation Zone.*

# Conservation Commission

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**Tom Sherer**  
*Chairman*

**T**he 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 commission meets at the town hall at 7:30 on the first Tuesday of each month and welcomes the public to attend. Please visit the commission's web site at [http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/pages/oldlymect\\_bcomm/conservation](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/pages/oldlymect_bcomm/conservation).

## *Political Action*

Members of the commission are active at both the state and local government levels to represent the concerns of town residents regarding the environmental health and safety of our community. Locally, the commission has worked with the town government in establishing strategic plans in the Rogers Lake watershed in order to curtail storm run-off, promote septic pump-out timetables, and prevent potential nutrient loading of the lake. The commission advocated for the town-wide solar initiative program, and it continues to serve as a resource for residents looking to install photovoltaic systems domestically throughout the town.

## *Increasing Awareness Regarding Environmental Issues*

The Conservation Commission has continued with their efforts to increase community awareness regarding the negative impact of pesticides and the positive benefits of organic alternatives. Along these lines, the commission funds the bi-annual display of a banner on Hall's Road promoting the theme "Keep it Clean... Because We're All Downstream." This effort also includes the creation and distribution of instructional materials (brochure, 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 web site.

## *Outreach Programs*

Commission members regularly author articles for local publications on a wide range of environmental topics such as radon, invasive plant control, pesticides, solar panels, and lawn care. The commission coordinates with other environmental groups in town and in southeastern Connecticut to strengthen our ability to preserve our town's natural resources, open land, and recreational property. The commission has also created displays at the Phoebe Griffith Noyes Library to highlight the environmental advantages of buffer gardens and has helped to maintain the existing demonstration buffer garden at Hains Park. Plans to expand opportunities for joint community service projects with high school students are currently being implemented.

## *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 become increasingly important to town residents. Along those lines, the commission has authored a paper titled "Rogers Lake Long-Term Plan" that outlines effective alternatives to pesticide applications in order to maintain the long-term health of the lake. Commission members have provided input to the Boathouse/Hains Park Improvement Committee regarding future master planning for Hains Park and have worked with the Rowing Association in the placement and removal of benthic mats to inhibit weed growth in the lake. The 2016 Conservation Commission budget includes additional funds for purchase of benthic weed control mats to be made available to residents of the Rogers Lake community.

# Economic Development Commission

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**Robert Jose**  
*Chairman*

The Old Lyme Economic Development Commission continues to support projects that will enhance existing businesses and attract new ones to the town. One of our members has spearheaded the effort for the hiking/biking trail that runs from the I-95 bridge on route 156, eastward to Sound View and ties into the development of the park and pavilion at the end of Hartford Avenue with the thought of encouraging more tourists to town.

Also, we have actively supported the Halls Road project that is studying the best path to a unified, cohesive, and welcoming main street that would encourage additional folks to town to shop, eat, and enjoy the outdoors and museums. Going forward, we are focused on the new developments in the adjacent towns and their potential impact on Old Lyme and how we may benefit. In addition, we have begun to review the key elements for attracting new prospects for business to our mostly residential town.

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## Emergency Management

**David W. Roberge**  
*Director*

Mother Nature returned in force last January with record snowfalls again. While we had a greater than usual accumulation of snow, we weathered through the storms with no major impacts to the community.

We worked with FEMA during this last presidential disaster declaration for the snow storms of January 2015 and anticipate receiving funds for our efforts spent during the January blizzard. Again this year, the Town of Old Lyme was the recipient of grants totaling \$20,000 from the Nuclear Safety Emergency Fund. These funding sources continue to provide for additional response equipment and emergency operations center improvements.

Other projects currently moving forward include radio communications upgrades. These improvements will enhance interoperable communications between all town public safety departments, allowing communications along a single bandwidth for improved communications.

We continue to implement our new town-wide emergency notification system. This new reverse 911 call system will create an opportunity for residents to register their electronic devices to our “Old Lyme Alerts” program. Similar to

the CT ALERTS program, this is for alerts that relate solely to the town of Old Lyme. When vital or emergency-related information is needed to be shared with the community, Old Lyme Alerts will send these messages via text message, voice mail, or e-mail to any electronic device a resident registers. Registration is available online at the town’s website or in person in the town hall. A registration card is also available in the back of this annual report.

We are still expanding our data files for local residents who might have special needs in the event of a local emergency. People with potential mobility problems, transportation needs, or dependency on electricity for life support are encouraged to register with this office. For your convenience, a “Special Needs Registration Form” is included again on the last page of this year’s annual report. If you or someone you know in town might be in need of special assistance, please take a moment and complete the form and return it to this office. All information received is maintained confidential.

In addition you can now follow Old Lyme Emergency Management on Facebook and Twitter for important information and storm updates.

# Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc.

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Paul J. Doyle  
*Executive Director*

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The Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. (ECSI) is a nonprofit regional senior center located at 220 Main Street in Old Saybrook with café sites also in Clinton, Killingworth, and Old Lyme. Since 1974, the ECSI's mission has been to promote seniors' quality of life, community involvement, and independent living. Last year the ECSI provided over **67,983** nutritious meals, including nearly **51,558** home-delivered Meals On Wheels and over **16,425** congregate meals, and **554** rides to medical outpatient appointments outside the nine-town Estuary Region. Also, **1,046** individuals received free preventative health screenings and participated in social and exercise programs too numerous to count. Our "*Choices*" senior counseling position that helps seniors connect with other services available to them in the community as well as navigate the Medicare/Medicaid and prescription drug programs has been busier than ever; we are expanding the hours of this program by 30 percent to meet the need.

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

better. All in all we had over **99,498** visits to our center in the past fiscal year for meals, activities, support, and fun.

During the reporting period for the town of Old Lyme, the ECSI served **31** residents a total of **5053** home-delivered meals, and an additional **148** residents joined us for **3,065** congregate meals. Our Emergency Medical Outpatient Transportation provided **13** individuals with **44** rides to medical appointments. We had a total of **10,453** visits by a total of **634** people overall to the center from residents of Old Lyme

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

# Estuary Transit District

**Joseph Comerford**  
*Executive Director*

The Estuary Transit District (ETD) was formed in 1981 by the nine towns of the Connecticut River Estuary region: Clinton, Chester, Deep River, Essex, Killingworth, Lyme, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, and Westbrook. The ETD's mission is to provide local, coordinated public transportation for all residents of the area. To meet this goal, the ETD operates public transit via the 9 Town Transit (9TT) service.

The Estuary Transit District is governed by a board of directors. Each member town appoints one representative, each having a weighted vote based on the population of the town he or she represents. Towns receiving contracted services appoint a nonvoting member. The directors serve in a voluntary capacity to adopt policy, set budgets, and conduct long-term planning for the district. Regular board meetings are held on the third Friday of every other month at 9:30 a.m. at the Estuary Transit District. All meetings are open to the public.

9TT's four deviated fixed routes serve the main corridors of the region and provide connections to public transit providers serving the surrounding regions. The routes include the Old Saybrook to Madison Shoreline Shuttle, the Old Saybrook to Chester Riverside Shuttle, the Old Saybrook to Middletown Mid-Shore Express, and the new Old Saybrook to New London Southeast Shuttle. Free connections are offered onto the New Haven, New London/Norwich, Middletown, and Hartford-area bus services.

In addition to the deviated fixed routes, 9TT provides door-to-door service throughout all nine towns of the estuary region as well as the towns of Durham, East Haddam, and Haddam through its Dial-A-Ride service. As with all of 9TT's services, the Dial-A-Ride service is open to all persons with no age or disability restrictions.

The ETD's services are subsidized by federal, state, and local funding. This allows for inexpensive fares of \$1.50 for deviated fixed routes and \$3.00 for Dial-A-Ride. The ETD also receives a Title III grant through the area agency on aging that allows area senior citizens to ride any ETD service on a donation basis in lieu of the fare.

More than 107,000 passenger trips were provided during the fiscal year, more than doubling the annual trips provided just six years ago. Though the ETD has continued to grow senior ridership, 80 percent of all trips are made by persons below 60 years of age, and over half of all trips are employment related.

Though the expansion of services slowed this year, ETD is aggressively pursuing funding to provide new deviated fixed route service between Middletown and Madison along Route 81. Funds are also being sought to extend the Shoreline Shuttle hours as well as make service adjustments to improve the on-time performance.

The ETD continued to grow its unrestricted fund balance, which is now at almost 12 percent of the annual operating budget. This has enhanced ETD's cash flow position, reducing the need for borrowing and reducing interest expense.

## Board of Directors

Noel Bishop		Westbrook
Joan Gay		Killingworth
Ralph Eno	<i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Lyme
John Forbis	<i>Treasurer</i>	Old Lyme
Roland Laine		Old Saybrook
Peter Bierrie		Essex
Richard Smith		Deep River
Leslie Strauss	<i>Chairman</i>	Chester
Virginia Zawoy	<i>Secretary</i>	Clinton

## Administrative Staff

Joseph Comerford	Executive Director
Ryan Visci	Operations Manager
Halyna Famiglietti	Finance Manager

# Fire Marshal

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David W. Roberge  
*Fire Marshal*

Tragedy struck the town of Old Lyme during the fiscal year 2014-2015 with a civilian fatality due to fire. Other structural fire losses in town remained low, with only one major residential loss.

Building inspections for commercial and public buildings continue annually 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 in town. We anticipate continued cooperation from the property owners

and contractors to ensure full compliance with provisions of the Code.

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 Arson Investigators and the National Association of Fire Investigators.

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.

# Florence Griswold Museum

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In November 2014, *Yankee* Magazine described the Florence Griswold Museum as one of “the 5 Best Small Museums in New England.” The article went on to highlight each of the five museums, noting that these institutions are “proof that great art isn’t found only in large cities.” The museum has always enjoyed strong press coverage in newspapers and magazines, but it was particularly satisfying to be recognized along with our peer institutions by such an iconic magazine that has chronicled New England for decades.

Why did the editors select the Florence Griswold Museum? I cannot be sure but I will bet that it has a lot to do with the unique story of Old Lyme as an artists’ colony and center for the arts. Everything at the museum – the landscape, the buildings, and the collections – work in concert with one another to tell a compelling story about a group of artists who found their inspiration in the beauty of our town and helped to transform it into the place we know today. The artists came here initially as visitors, staying in the Florence Griswold House. Quite a few eventually became seasonal or permanent residents, serving as ambassadors for the town through the fame of their paintings and artworks. In many instances,

their descendants still live in the region. It is a remarkable story that resonates today with the over 65,000 people who visit the museum annually, learning about the town’s history and its artistic accomplishments, past and present.

Over the past year, the museum has had an active schedule of exhibitions, educational programs, and special events that have attracted the participation of town residents and visitors alike. Last summer saw the debut of an exhibition

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*The museum’s grounds have been a place for inspiration and relaxation for well over a century. Staff look for creative ways such as camps for children, garden programs, and yoga to encourage exploration of the landscape.*

## Florence Griswold Museum *(continued)*

of American folk art from the Fenimore Art Museum in Cooperstown, New York and a show that explored the tradition of 18th-century furniture making along the Connecticut shoreline. In the fall we premiered *Life Stories in Art*, an exhibition that delved into the life stories of three artists: the Tonalist painter Mary Rogers Williams (1857-1907), modern sculptor Mary Knollenberg (1904-1992), and the contemporary glass artist Kari Russell-Pool. This winter we presented *Peter Halley: Big Paintings*, an innovative exhibition devoted to this influential artist who began in the 1980s to visually represent many of the new technologies and interconnections that rule our lives today. As you can see, the museum's exhibitions are imaginative, intellectually rigorous, and diverse in nature.

I am especially proud of our educational partnerships with schools, libraries, community centers, and other nonprofits, serving 11,400 students, parents, and teachers during the past year. Local students come here through regular school field trips, after-school programs, summer camps, classes, and special events like the incredibly popular Wee Faerie Village in which students and families joyfully interact with the museum, its volunteers, and its staff. None of this would be possible without the loyal and steadfast support of the residents of this community, many of who are involved as members, volunteers, parents of children in the schools, and business partners. We are all working together to foster the high quality of life found here, something akin to what the Lyme Art Colony artists first felt over 100 years ago.

While the Florence Griswold Museum may be well known in New England and beyond, it is still a place-based institution that could only exist where it is, right in the heart of Old Lyme. As such, I hope you will view it as your community museum, a place where you can feel right at home.



*Museum staff are dedicated to the goal of fostering an understanding of American art in all its forms. The exhibition Peter Halley: Big Paintings provided opportunity to discuss interconnection, isolation, communication, and technology with a wide array of audiences.*



*Exhibitions like Peter Halley: Big Paintings highlight the unexpected variety and collective significance of modern and contemporary artists who have worked in Connecticut.*



*Through partnerships with schools, libraries, community centers, and other nonprofits, the museum served 11,400 students, parents, and teachers during the past year.*

# Harbor Management Commission

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**Steve Ross**  
*Chairman*

**Ned Farman**  
*Vice Chairman*

## *Waterfront Progress*

The Old Lyme Harbor Management Commission (HMC) moved forward on a number of fronts in FY2014-2015, with the most significant being the completion of the feasibility study (officially the Navigable Waterways Study) to dredge the Four Mile and Black Hall Rivers to provide safer navigation and environmental protection.

The HMC dredge project began in 2009, and the formal application process to CT DEEP and the Army Corps of Engineers was funded by a CT DOT grant in 2011 and conducted by Coastline Consultants of Branford. The project was managed and coordinated by HMC Vice-Chairman Ned Farman with support from HMC Chairman Steven Ross and First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder.

Following a three-year application process, including public comment periods, approvals to dredge were received in April 2015. In the following weeks, bid specifications and solicitations were finalized, with a June 19 deadline. As a result of a \$1,614,074 bid from Patriot Marine, the town applied for an additional DOT grant in that amount to fund the dredging of the two rivers.

In non-dredging news, Old Lyme finally received the deed transfer from the state for the .62-acre parcel of land on the west side of the

Lieutenant River, across from Morning Glory, the result of an HMC initiative. Now that the ownership transfer is complete, HMC will look into clearing the land and developing a kayak launch site. We also note what appears to be an increase in the use of person-powered watercraft (paddle boards, kayaks, canoes) taking advantage of our scenic network of rivers for recreational use.

Thanks to the efforts of Harbormaster Harry Plaut and Deputy Mike Mackey, our monitoring of moorings continues to be updated as we look into ways to better communicate with mooring holders so that they understand and carry out their responsibilities. Harbormaster Plaut also participated in a FEMA-funded training program in Waterford.

Mike Magee continued to manage the Pilgrim Landing site. Weed cutting and other maintenance was carried out by Mike, with assistance from Steven Ross, who also pitched in to help repair the dinghy dock at Ferry Landing with Mike Mackey.

The HMC, an active member of the Connecticut Harbor Management Association, meets the second Tuesday of each month (except August, January, and February) at 7 p.m. at the town hall. All are welcome to attend.

# Health Department

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

**Sonia Marino, R.S.**  
*Sanitarian (through 2/08/15)*

**Paricia Z. Myers**  
*Administrative Assistant*

**John T. Sievic, M.S.R.S.**  
*Sanitarian (beginning 2/09/15)*

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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 investigation.
- 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 through 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* with any questions or if information is needed.

## Environmental Health Incidents

Inspection of Food-Handling Establishments .....	109
Inspection of Food-Vending Trucks.....	3
Inspection of Lodging Houses .....	4
Inspections of Salons/Barber Shops.....	9
Inspections of Schools, Churches, and Day Care Centers.....	13
Nuisance Orders Issued .....	0
Complaints Investigated .....	26
Septic Systems Inspected .....	39
Septic System Permits Issued – Repair .....	30
Septic System Permits Issued – New .....	11
Well Permits Issued .....	25
Test Holes & Perc Tests (Sites).....	40
19-13-B100a Plan Reviews.....	37
Engineered Plan Reviews.....	10
Plan Review for Food-Service Establishments. ....	1

Fees Collected - \$10,332.75 – Fiscal Year July 2014 – June 2015

# Historic District Commission

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Dr. John E. Pfeiffer  
*Chairman*

The Town of Old Lyme Historic District Commission (HDC) meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of each month in the Memorial Town Hall. Our charge as a commission is to maintain the historic integrity and aesthetic character that is the result of almost 350 years of our Old Lyme ancestors' visions, passions, and toils.

Our town, founded in 1667, and the historic district have been the center of both commercial and residential activity since the days of our founders. The homes, barns, sheds, and other outbuildings as well as pathways and roads, are a genuine local, state, and national resource that deserves protection. The town initiated such protection in the early 1970s by establishing the Old Lyme Historic District. The district was then adopted by the state of Connecticut and placed on the National Register of Historic places.

The HDC has a historic plaque program to identify the original builder and date of construction for any structure in town built before 1939. Application forms may be obtained from the HDC at town hall and are available on the Town of Old Lyme's web page under Boards and Commissions/Historic District.

As a steward agency, the Historic District Commission has the job of trying to preserve what lies within the bounds of the district. Simultaneously, our job is also to be partners with those who reside as well as work and have businesses within our district. The district is not a museum that attempts to preserve a past moment or be a static reflection of the "way it used to be." Rather, the district is alive and ever changing, as it has been since inception. Our job as stewards of the historic district is to help guide change so that it is in keeping with past styles and traditions.

For the commission and its partners to be most effective at guiding change, projects must be reviewed at the planning phase. Residents must come before the commission if there are proposed changes to structure or grounds. We have a handbook and maintain a website to make this process easier. Anyone with a project

within the district is also directed towards the Historic District Commission when applying for permits from the town building, planning, and zoning departments. To satisfy the zoning enforcement officer, applicants must obtain a "Certificate of Appropriateness" from the Historic District Commission.

This past year the Old Lyme Historic District Commission has reviewed many projects within the bounds of the district. The scope of the projects that have come before us this year range from minor additions such as air conditioners, signs, banners, sculpture, and screening fences to more complex reconstruction of driveways, placement of propane tanks, and major restoration of historic homes. All such projects present their own set of circumstances and require our effort to aid the applicant to generate a design that gets their job done but also maintains the character of the Old Lyme Historic District.

Please remember that we are all in this together. The Historic District Commission is made up of community volunteers. Our charge came from the voters of the Town of Old Lyme. We view that charge as a responsibility to you. Thank you for your continued support.

The HDC approved eleven Certificate of Appropriateness applications from July 1, 2014 - June 30, 2015:

- July 7, 2014, 32 Lyme Street -- Chimney renovation
- October 6, 2014, 31 Lyme Street -- Install black iron railing on side porch steps; replace light fixtures at front and side entry ways; remove exterior chimney; trim overgrown privet hedge and remove other growth; replace old flagpole mounting hardware; and replace mailbox on front porch.
- 23 Lyme Street -- New Yoga Studio sign
- April 6, 2015 - 31 Lyme Street -- House addition; 90 Lyme Street -- Lyme Art Assn. Banner
- June 1, 2015 - 5 Lyme Street -- Fence enclosure and screening

# Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce

**Mark Griswold**  
*President*

**Olwen Logan**  
*Vice President*

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The past year has been both a busy and exciting one for the Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber but in all our events and presentations, our mission remains unchanged in its focus to support local businesses and the community.

During the summer months of 2014, we held a couple of cocktail events respectively at the Bee and Thistle Inn and Old Lyme Inn, and we also hosted a Welcome Table at Old Lyme's Midsummer Festival.

The month of October 2014 saw chamber members celebrate the Steampunk'd Wonderland-themed Wee Faerie Village hosted by the Florence Griswold Museum by presenting a series of contests and exhibits with a Beyond Wonderland twist. Participating businesses included Amity Construction & Design, Webster Bank, Essex Savings Bank, Office Express, the Bowerbird, Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, Lyme Art Association, High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, and the Woman's Exchange.

Our Annual Tree Lighting took place at the town hall in December. Students from the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School and High School Select Singers helped spread holiday cheer by celebrating the season in music and song. We, in turn, celebrated them by serving hot chocolate and candy canes!

Speakers this year have included the Director of Development at Mystic Seaport; the owner/manager of Upper Pond Farm; the Campus Dean and Vice President of Development at Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts of the University of New Haven; the Executive Director of the Shoreline Arts Alliance; and the President of Connecticut College, Katherine Bergeron, who is also an alumna of Old Lyme High School.

Two Business Breakfasts were co-hosted with the Town of Old Lyme – the first offered a presentation of the Sound View Improvement plans and the second a forum for State Representative and State Senator candidates to present their platforms. Both were well attended and generated lively discussions.

Our 15th Annual Business Expo and Wine Tasting was held April 26 at the Old Lyme

Country Club. Demonstrations by local chefs accompanied a delicious array of food provided by local restaurants and business members. Guests were treated to music by the MusicNow Foundation/Nightingale's Acoustic Cafe while Preston Ridge Vineyard hosted the wine-tasting and Stomp N Crush of Clinton was the featured brewery. Local businesses that participated at the Expo included Critical Skills, Vitality Spa, Annunziata Travel, Advantage Personal Training, Innovative Environmental, Healthy Addiction, Help With a Heart, the Woman's Exchange, the Bee and Thistle Inn, and Upper Pond Farm. Institutions and organizations that attended included the Florence Griswold Museum; High Hopes Therapeutic Riding, Inc.; MusicNow Foundation; Musical Masterworks; the Kiwanis Club; Lyme Art Association; and Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts of the University of New Haven.

The chamber hosted its annual meeting at the Old Lyme Country Club in June. After the business segment of the evening, Lyme-Old Lyme High School juniors Gabriel Barclay, Brett Hartmann, and Sloane Sweitzer were announced as the 2015 recipients of the N. Rutherford Sheffield Memorial Award for Entrepreneurial Promise and Achievement from the chamber. The award was established in 1999 by the chamber in honor of Mr. Sheffield, who served the chamber as its secretary for over fifty years and was a leader in many community organizations.

Eli Kuhn, who is now in his senior year at the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts of the College of New Haven, was also honored as the recipient of the Scholarship Award for Achievement in the Visual Arts. Kuhn has received the award from the chamber for each of his four years at the college.

All four students were acknowledged with proclamations from the State Legislature presented by State Senator Paul Formica and State Representative Devin Carney, who attended the Annual Meeting, and State Senator Art Linares.

The chamber also awarded Business Leadership Awards to Lyme-Old Lyme High School seniors Jared Stanland and Alex

## Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce *(continued)*

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Clippinger. Their awards were presented at Lyme-Old Lyme High School's Senior Awards Ceremony.

The Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce Scholarship program has awarded over \$30,000 in scholarships and grants to local students since its inception. The Chamber Scholarship Fund is supported through donations to CMRK clothing donation bins located in Lyme and Old Lyme: at the Lyme Firehouse, behind the Bowerbird, at 151 Boston Post Road, and on Route 156 at Shoreline Mowers.

Outgoing Chamber President Catherine Frank was acknowledged for her exemplary service as president of the chamber with a proclamation from the state legislature presented by the state dignitaries in attendance.

The chamber is excited to announce that it is planning a new event on June 18, 2016, at Sound View. Partnering with the Connecticut Audubon Society, Lyme Academy College and MusicNow

Foundation, the inaugural Osprey Festival will celebrate a combination of art, music, and nature with a number of special events and presentations along with a variety of vendors. For more information, visit [www.ospreyfestival.com](http://www.ospreyfestival.com).

The Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce hosts monthly meetings on the third Wednesday of each month in a variety of formats – some include dinner and others are appetizers only – but all offer a welcoming business networking environment. Details about upcoming meetings and special events, membership and much more can be found on the chamber's website at [www.visitoldlyme.com](http://www.visitoldlyme.com). The chamber works diligently to support the Lyme-Old Lyme community, and we appreciate the community's support of local businesses. New or potential members are always welcome at our meetings, and if you are not yet a member, please consider joining us – and last but not least, remember to **Buy Local!**



*A sunny autumn day in historic Duck River Cemetery*

# Lyme–Old Lyme Education Foundation

Mary Stone  
President

*“Supporting Excellence in Our Schools and Community”*

The Lyme–Old Lyme Education Foundation (LOLEF) is an independent, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, established in 2006 to support and enhance public education in our community.

The foundation raises and distributes funds to support innovative teaching and learning, to enhance or expand enrichment programs, and to build educational partnerships between our students and our community.

LOLEF is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors from Lyme and Old Lyme. We are grateful for the leadership of past presidents Adam Burrows; Richard Korsmeyer; and, for the past three years, Michael Kane.

Our mission is to create and enhance the valuable educational programs above and beyond those traditionally provided by the Lyme–Old Lyme Public Schools. We align our work with the district’s strategic planning process in order to encourage innovative and effective learning opportunities for students of all ages.

## *Some LOLEF Grants Made in 2014-2015:*

- A state-of-the-art “**MakerSpace**” with a 3-D printer and the latest Computer Numerical Control technology (including a CNC lathe, CNC plasma cutter, and CNC router) for our high school’s technical education program. This lab rivals the most sophisticated university-based MakerSpaces in the country and supports the high school’s championship robotics team.
- **The Number Nook**, a math enrichment center at the Old Lyme–Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, featuring hands-on manipulative materials. The Number Nook supports the district’s math curriculum and allows children to learn any time the library is open. It is designed to enhance understanding of math concepts by providing activities at many levels of complexity to accommodate each child’s growth in skills.
- A **SMART Table** for Lyme Consolidated Elementary School. With its touch screen capabilities, the SMART Table gives young children a stimulating way to collaborate in small groups on many learning objectives. This pilot program proved so successful that

the Board of Education decided to extend it to Mile Creek Elementary School.

- The “**Wobble and Learn**” pilot program at Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School. Well-documented brain research has shown the importance of body movement to intellectual activity. This program tests alternative seating options designed to increase students’ ability to focus on the task at hand. This pilot program proved successful, and the Board of Education voted to expand it to more classrooms.
- LOLEF co-sponsored a full day of immersion in the arts at Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School. *Spring Into Arts!* exposed students to a variety of arts-related studies and careers.

To submit a grant for review, please visit our website for guidelines and an application: [www.LOLEF.org](http://www.LOLEF.org)

## *Annual Community Fundraising Events*

- **Trivia Bee** – Held each winter
- **Bound for the Sound Road Race**
- **5k, 10k and 1-Mile Fun Run** held each September
- **Annual Community Appeal**

We gratefully accept donations in any amount **by mail:** PO Box 895, Old Lyme, CT 06371 *or* on our **website:** [www.LOLEF.org](http://www.LOLEF.org) *or* by event sponsorship and attendance.

For event information, please see our Facebook page: Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation.

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

# Lyme-Old Lyme High School

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## Forty-Second Annual Commencement • June 19, 2015

### Candidates for Diplomas

Zachary Walter Abrahamsson Ψ  
Alexa BoHee Agostine  
Meredith Gilmore Aird Λ Ψ  
Olivia Grace Angeli Λ Ψ  
Jacob Paul Ballachino Ψ  
Brendan Gardner Basler Ψ  
John Michael Berger  
Anais Brigitte Bolduc  
James Richard Bolles  
Jordan McKenzie Bourne Ψ  
Nicholas Brian Bozenhard Ψ  
Noel Catherine Brown  
Megan Renee Burns  
Brian Stephen Buttrick  
Max Harrison Castonguay Ψ  
Abigail Calkins Cipparone Λ Ψ  
Hugh Calkins Cipparone Λ Ψ  
Alex Richard Clippinger Ψ  
Megan Elizabeth Cole Λ  
Liam Rivington Corrigan Λ Ψ  
Thomas Crisp Λ Ψ  
Alida Adams Dahlke Ψ  
John Thomas Darcy  
Claire Detels  
Ashley Baily Detuzzi Ψ  
Mary Catherine Devlin  
Jared James Di Carlo Ψ  
Austin Lee Feeney  
Jacob Robert Fenton Ψ  
Derek MacLean Fischer  
Holly Frances Fiscus Λ Ψ  
Evan Jesse Howard Fravel  
Rande Leigh Gearing Λ Ψ  
Taylor Marion Gentile Ψ  
Harry Leland Godfrey-Fogg Λ Ψ  
Ross Andrew Golebiewski Ψ  
Adam John Goncalves  
Luke Thomas Grabowski Λ Ψ  
Brandon Gregory Green  
Rowan John Hallahan Λ  
Tess Elizabeth Hamilton-Ward Λ Ψ  
Taylor Madison Hamparian  
Zachary Thomas Harrison Ψ  
Kyle Martin Harvill  
Ian Robert James Λ Ψ  
Skyler Harris Jenkins  
Katelyn Elizabeth Judy Ψ  
Joseph Christian Klimaszewski  
Cooper Wills Kotzan Ψ  
Ellen Taylor Leary  
Diana Trainor LeRoi  
Aidan Fitzgerald Liefeld Ψ  
Mae Katherine Lucey Λ Ψ  
Tajhay Timothy Marshall Λ  
Colin Patrick McGrath  
Mathew Hunter Merrill  
Hannah Ruth O'Brien Λ Ψ  
Owen Scott O'Donnell Ψ  
Kristiana Jane Olson Ψ  
Eric Jamin Pan Ψ  
Hannah Lu Paynter Λ Ψ  
John Michael Pettersen Ψ  
Jeffrey Alan Poirier  
Matthew Ryan Przybysz  
Catherine Helen Quaratella  
Michael David Rasberry  
Sofia Elizabeth Restrepo  
Daniel Joseph Rockwell  
Veronica Elizabeth Rollins Λ  
Thomas John Roth Λ Ψ  
Emma Alston Rountree Λ Ψ  
Hunter Andrew Sheffield  
Haley Nicole Shettles Λ Ψ  
Colby Theriault Smith Ψ  
Jared John Stanland Λ Ψ  
Kathleen Anli Stedman Λ Ψ  
Julia Eva Strycharz Λ Ψ  
Joshua James Swanski Ψ  
Kasey Elizabeth Testa  
Salvatore Joseph Tinnerello Ψ  
Nicholas Ryan Todaro  
Isaak Forest Todd Λ Ψ  
Alix Ann Turner  
Matthew Steven Urbowicz Ψ  
Thomas Dolan Ward Ψ  
Hannah Wilczewski Λ Ψ  
Samuel Donald Winter Ψ

Λ *Member National Honor Society, Gold Honor Cord*

Ψ *CAPT Scholar, Silver Honor Cord*

*Academic Letter Recipient*

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

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## CLASS OFFICERS

Meredith Aird ..... President  
Eric Pan..... Vice President  
Holly Fiscus..... Secretary  
Hugh Cipparone ..... Treasurer  
Hannah Paynter ..... Class Historian

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## REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EIGHTEEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

James Witkins, *Chairman*  
Paul Fuchs, Nancy Lucas Edson, Richard Goulding, Beth Jones,  
Diane Linderman, Michelle Roche, Sarah Smalley, Jean Wilczynski

## ADMINISTRATION

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

## CLASS ADVISORS

Marybeth Schreindorfer, *Head Advisor*  
Jennifer Burke, Courtney Carbone, Glenn Elliott, Heather Fried, Jonathan Goss,  
Sarah Hylas, Jeanne Manfredi, Elizabeth Matis, Adam Raiti

## FACULTY

Christina Acunzo, William Allik, Jennifer Burke, William Buscetto, Courtney Carbone, Sonja Charpentier,  
Aron D'Aquila, William Derry, Karen Duhamel, Brett Eckhart, Glenn Elliott, Heather Fried, Jonathan Goss,  
Joanne Hedwall, Allan Honer, Megan Hubbard, Sarah Hylas, Kirk Kaczor, Marci Kania, Dawn Kelley,  
Emily Kelly, Barbara Leen, Colette LeMarie, Tracy Lenz, Emily Macione, Jeanne Manfredi, Elizabeth Matis,  
John McGannon, Jessica Ninteau, Leslie O'Connor, Barbara O'Leary, Courtney Payzant, Kristine Pekar,  
Lance Piantaggini, Adam Raiti, William Rayder, Jill Ressler, 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

Katherine Fanelli, Ford Klier



*The Lyme-Old Lyme High School Band returns up Lyme Street in the Memorial Day parade*

# Lyme-Old Lyme Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1467

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Tim Griswold

*Post Commander*

Lyme-Old Lyme Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1467 membership includes men and women who served the United States in combat zones that include World War II, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan. At the beginning of 2014, we had 100 members representing the towns of Old Lyme, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Westbrook, and Niantic, as well as members from fifteen other Connecticut towns and seven other states. We meet the fourth Monday of every month from March through November at Lymes' Senior Center.

Our post was chartered some twenty-three years ago as a VFW Post whose mantra is, "No bar, no building, just do good works!" Our main goal is to provide temporary assistance to veterans-in-need and to their immediate families, contribute to our community, offer leadership example to our youth, and provide educational resources support to young leaders in our community.

We have been very fortunate for the many Lyme-Old Lyme VFW Post 1467 members who have worked very hard at our annual November VFW Buddy Poppy Program and annual fall BBQ. We also have been the beneficiary of local churches and individuals who contribute to the funding to aid military veterans and/or their families who find themselves in unfortunate circumstances. Our VFW may provide significant temporary monetary assistance to defray costs for a rental payment or mortgage interest payment, utility or home heating fuel, medical expenses, medications, eyeglasses, food and incidentals, children's clothing needs, and durable medical equipment. Our VFW also may help defray the costs of vehicle expenses, home repairs, maintenance, or disabled access renovations. And the personal privacy of veterans involved in seeking and receiving our temporary assistance is protected!

VFW disbursements for services only are reviewed and determined by the executive board.

We rely on our local residents, our town social services coordinator, and a periodic letter in the *Lyme Times* asking to identify any veterans and their families in need. This is very important because we find that many veterans-in-need do not readily seek help themselves. We aid veterans in need and contribute to others' relief funding.

We contribute equipment and/or funds to West Haven VA Hospital, Rocky Hill State VA Hospital, Fisher House at the West Haven VA, Giant Steps Program, and the Veterans Administration National Home.

Locally, we contribute to the New London High School Junior ROTC program, High Hopes Veteran program, Lyme-Old Lyme Memorial Day cemetery flags replacement, Memorial Day Parade cost, Lymes' Senior Center upkeep, Boy Scouts, and the Old Lyme Little League.

## **PLEASE CALL US IF YOU KNOW OF A VETERAN-IN-NEED!**

The Lyme-Old Lyme VFW Post supports the Lyme-Old Lyme High School, Middle School, and Center School Veterans Day programs. We support the Voice of Democracy essay contest in the middle and high schools. We have always been impressed with the students' attention and the support of school administrators during this annual tribute.

Please come and join us in serving those less fortunate military service members and also enjoying the comradeship of fellow veterans in our dedication to giving back. You may call or email the following:

Tim Griswold, Post Commander  
*timothygriswold@yahoo.com*, H 860-434-9111 C 860-662-4001

John Donnelly, Adjutant *j.donnelly@snet.net*,  
H 860-388-5349, C 860-964-0876

# Lymes' Senior Center

**Stephanie Lyon-Gould**  
*Director*

*seniorcenter@oldlyme-ct.gov*  
*860-434-1605, ext. 240*

Lymes' Senior Center serves our senior community ages sixty and over and offers a variety of educational, health, exercise, and other special programs; art classes; entertainment; games; baby-boomer activities; hiking; lunches; day and overnight trips and cruises; and much, much more! Our membership has more than doubled in size since 2013, and our monthly attendance has more than **tripled**, with anywhere from 700 to 1,300 visitors a month, depending on the month. Lymes' Senior Center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with some evening and weekend programs. Please check the monthly newsletter for specific times. Newsletters get sent to all members. Membership is \$5.00 a year. Please feel free to contact Stephanie Lyon-Gould, Director, at 860-434-1605, ext. 240 or stop by with any questions you may have regarding the senior center or the programs offered.

Listed below are just some of the highlights of the 2014-2015 fiscal year:

- Our July concerts and ice-cream socials, which happen every Thursday night in July, continue to be one of our biggest events of the year. In July of 2014 we had nearly 800 people in the community come out for our free outdoor concert series.
- In August we had our 7th Annual New England Lobster Bake.
- In September we had a 3-week free Memory Enhancement Seminar.
- In October we had our 2nd Annual Veterans' Luncheon.
- In November we had local celebrity Braiden Sunshine perform for us.
- In December we had the LOL High School Select Singers perform for us.
- In January we enjoyed "An Afternoon with the Gillettes."
- In February we had a community seminar on hearing and hearing loss.
- In March we enjoyed the performance of the Gray School of Irish Dance (with many children from Lyme and Old Lyme) at our St. Patrick's Day Luncheon.

- In April we had various intergenerational programs including a Mystic Aquarium Touch Tank, an African drumming circle, and bingo during April vacation week so that grandparents could bring their grandchildren and other Lyme/Old Lyme youth to these events. In addition, we had the Dance Center of Old Lyme put on a dance recital for us with many students residing in Lyme and Old Lyme.
- In May we had a lecture by Mark Albertson on Battleship Connecticut and the Great White Fleet.
- In June we had our 2nd Annual Art & Nature Weekend & Art Show. Contributing to this event was our very own Shoreline Artists' Workshop, the Lyme Garden Club, and the Duck River Garden Club.

## *2014-2015 Board of Directors*

President – Sue Campbell  
Vice President – Ruth Young  
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Mary Miles  
Don Tapper  
Ann Griffith  
Gary Weed  
Doris Johnson  
Doris Rand



# Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

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Mary V. Seidner  
*Director*

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

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

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



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 or stop by our offices at 59 Lyme Street to learn about the youth programs we offer in the following areas:

- Early childhood
- Parent education
- After-school programming
- Counseling
- Juvenile Justice
- Social service referrals
- Community service
- Prevention
- Summer programming
- Holiday giving

## LYSB Board of Directors

Cyndi Miller Aird; Michael Boardman; Christopher Buckley, *Chairman*; Trudy Burgess; Candace Engdall; Liz Frankel; Katie Gingras; Susie Kelly; Ford Klier, *Youth Member*; Christopher Macadam, *Treasurer*; Dini Mallory; Tracy McGlinchey, *Secretary*; Michele Mergy, *Vice Chairman*; Ritz Nichele; Leslie O'Connor; Vivian Senft; Mackenzie Swaney, *Youth Member*; Suzanne Thompson; Wendy Visgilio

## LYSB Staff

Mary V. Seidner, *Director*  
Arleen C. Sharp, *Parent Resource Supervisor*  
Missy C. Garvin, *Youth Programs Coordinator*  
Lisa Buckley, *Administrative Assistant*  
Natasha Kennedy, *LCSW, Youth and Family Counselor Consultant*  
Karen Fischer, *Prevention Coordinator*



Members of LYSB's Youth Advisory Council – (left to right) Graham Aird, Danny Marinelli, Judson O'Brien, Matt McCarthy, Mason Swaney, and Matt Kane -- are seen here assisting Officer Martin Lane of the Old Lyme Police Department at the Thanksgiving Food Drive at Big Y.

# MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

Rowland Ballek  
President

[www.maccurdysalisbury.org](http://www.maccurdysalisbury.org)



*The MacCurdy Salisbury award recipients Class of 2015 are (front, left to right) Ian James, Jordan Bourne, Alex Turner, Taylor Hamparian, Taylor Gentile, Mayana Holland, and Abigail Cipparone; and (back, left to right) Matt Urbowicz, Kyle Harvill, Hugh Cipparone, Lori Landry, Eric Pan, Sofia Restrepo, Hannah Paynter, Kristiana Olson, Olivia Angeli, Megan Cole, and Megan Davis.*

The Annual Meeting of the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation was held on September 18, 2014 at the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library in Old Lyme. Two members were elected to the Foundations Board of Directors for a three-year term: Susan Fogliano and David Speirs, both from Old Lyme. They replaced Kenneth Levin and Marcy Withington, whose terms had expired. Regional School District 18 appointed Pam Russell as a member of their representatives on the board, replacing Diane Bates, who retired from teaching. Foundation officers re-elected at the meeting were President Rowland Ballek, Vice President Mary Seidner, and Secretary/Treasurer Edward Perkins.

In the past seven years the foundation has given out over \$1.75 million dollars to students from Lyme and Old Lyme. For the 2014 – 2015 academic year the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation was able to give out \$249,600 in educational grants to 83 students-- 63 from Old Lyme and 20 from Lyme. For the

2015 – 2016 academic year the foundation plans to give out \$256,000 to 81 students, 61 from Old Lyme and 20 from Lyme.

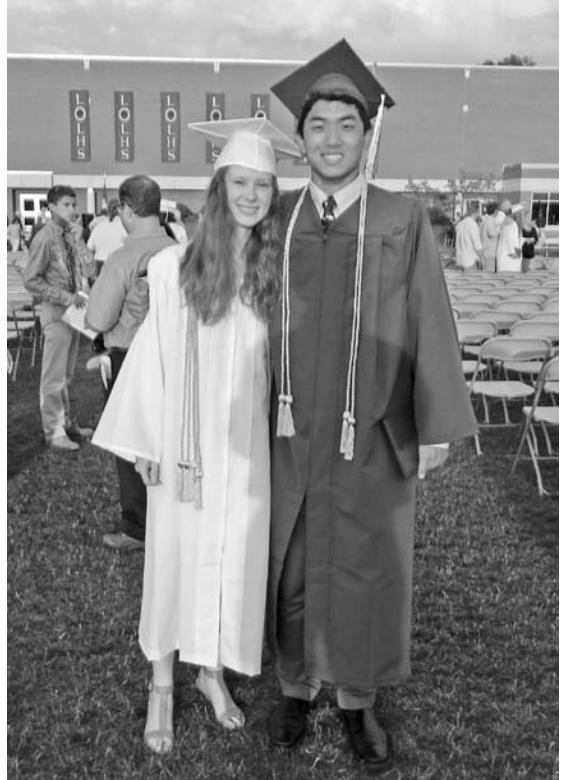
The foundation held its annual reception for this year's high-school graduates who were receiving grants on June 4, 2015 at the Lyme Art Association in Old Lyme, Connecticut attended by students, parents, contributors, and foundation board members. Included in these numbers are the 19 students graduating this year from Lyme and Old Lyme who were awarded grants at the reception totaling \$59,900 for the coming school year.

The foundation also presented two \$500 awards at the reception, the W.E.S. Griswold Valedictorian Award to Eric Pan of Old Lyme, who will attend the University of Connecticut, and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award to Abigail Cipparone of Old Lyme, who will attend Yale University. Bill Griswold was president of the foundation from 1965 to 1992, and Willis Umberger was secretary/treasurer of the foundation from 1966 to 1986.

## MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc. *(continued)*

Foundation awards are limited to students residing in Lyme or Old Lyme and are based on the degree of financial assistance a student requires to meet his or her college expenses. If a student keeps a satisfactory grade point level, they will continue to receive the same award for an additional three years of their undergraduate studies. Applications are available at the Regional District 18 Guidance Office or from our web site: [www.maccurdysalisbury.org](http://www.maccurdysalisbury.org).

*Salutatorian Abby Cipparone, who will attend Yale University, received the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award, and Valedictorian Eric Pan, who will attend UConn, received the W.E.S. Griswold Valedictorian Award.*



## 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 me a message on my home phone, 860-434-5334, and I will respond as soon as possible.

I have no scheduled meetings.

We are fortunate to have an exceptional senior center/ visiting nurse office located at the Lymes' Senior Center on Town Woods Road.

I encourage all seniors to join the center and participate in its many programs and events. Director Stephanie Lyon-Gould and visiting nurse Karen Veselka do an excellent job of 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 on Boston Post Road. Please call them for more information and to find how to get on the waiting list.

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# Old Lyme Animal Control

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**Lynn Philemon**  
*Animal Control Officer*

**Leah Russell**  
*Assistant Animal Control Officer*  
860-434-3047

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

**Caleb Sapia**  
*Assistant Animal Control Officer*

**W**hat a great year for Old Lyme Animal Control! We have had a successful and exciting year serving the Town of Old Lyme because this year we had a high number of animals that found forever homes! We had a grand total of 60 adoptions in 2015, while 35 animals were claimed by their owners. Unfortunately, 6 were dead on arrival and 2 animals had to be euthanized. We did have an increase in complaints this year, going from 88 investigations in 2014 to 144 in 2015. However, we only had 8 bite reports, which decreased from last year. Please be sure your animals are current on their rabies shots; not only is it for their protection, but it is the law. Please remember all dogs over the age of six months must be licensed by June 30 each year. To obtain a license, provide a current rabies vaccination certificate to the town clerk at Memorial Town Hall. Remember, a license can be a lost dog's ticket home! We have a lot of wildlife in the area that can be dangerous to small and even large pets. Please keep your pets indoors, and monitor them closely when going outside, day or night.

Here at Old Lyme Animal Control, we work hard to assist pet owners in keeping their animals in their current homes rather than surrender them to the shelter. No matter the situation, we will help in any way we can to keep your pet in your home! Through the state we can provide vouchers for spay/neuter for low income families. We also work with various organizations that provide low-cost spay/neuter services. Please contact us for more information about these programs!

You can find a list of our adoptable animals on *Petfinder.com* and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/animalcontrolol>.

We are located at 3 Machnik Drive and can be reached at 860-434-3047. Although our office hours vary on a daily basis, we have a 24/7 answering service that will contact us for emergency calls. Otherwise, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible! We welcome you to call or stop by with any questions or concerns!

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## Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council

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**Catherine Frank**  
*Secretary/Treasurer*

**T**he Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council meets quarterly and represents the towns of Old Lyme, Lyme, East Haddam, Haddam Neck, and Salem.

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 were presented in 2015 to Olivia Angeli (Lyme-Old Lyme High School) and Austin Gometz (Hay-Ray High School). Congratulations, Olivia and Austin!

Applications for the 2016 scholarships are available through the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Guidance Office.

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. Phone 860 434 0643 for more Public Access information.

Tim Devlin and I were appointed by the Board of Selectmen as Old Lyme's council representatives. A vacancy currently exists for a representative from Regional School District #18. We encourage people to contact us through the town hall at 860-434-1605 with any questions or concerns.

# Old Lyme Fire Department

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C. Ellis Jewett  
*Secretary*

The Old Lyme Fire Department remains an all-volunteer organization and depends on the dedicated personnel who give freely of their time and energy to obtain the training necessary to meet today's firefighting needs. All members receive the same training and are encouraged to earn state-level certification. Our junior members, ranging in age from 15 to 18, play a vital part in maintaining a stream of volunteers. The department is actively involved with recruiting firefighting members as well as non-firefighting members to handle administrative duties. Please consider offering your services - dedicated volunteers are always needed and new members are welcome. Department members meet on Wednesday evenings for scheduled training, work nights, and monthly business meetings.

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 dispatch to the emergency scene. This scenario was repeated 261 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 if the next 911 call will be a structure fire, rescue emergency, brush or forest fire, storm-related emergency, or hazardous-material incident. As in past years, more than 50 percent of this year's fire department responses were for automatic fire alarm activations and automobile accidents with injuries.

Old Lyme Fire Department officers and personnel also participate in providing approvals and suggestions for many development, expansion, and renovation projects in our town. Officers work with the various boards and

commissions to assure adequate fire protection. 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 face the challenges of their duties safely, 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.

The Old Lyme Fire Department volunteers are also taxpayers 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.

## LINE OFFICERS

<i>Chief</i>	Thomas Risom
<i>Deputy Chief</i>	Stephen Super
<i>First Assistant Chief</i>	Michael McCarthy, Jr.
<i>Second Assistant Chief</i>	Dayton Dell
<i>Captains</i>	Larry Merrill III
	James Oldfield
	Thomas Negrelli
	James Caramante
	Thomas Brown
	Sean Cody

## *Lieutenants*

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

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

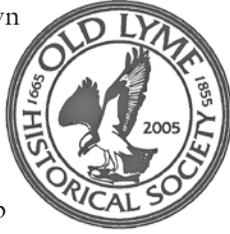
# Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc.

Tim Griswold, Mark Lander  
*Co-Chairs*

Having our own building has stepped up our level of activity. Perhaps the most important event that occurred during the fiscal year was the wrap-up of our Capital Campaign to raise funds to buy and adapt the former Grange Hall at 55 Lyme Street to our needs. Although the campaign actually will end in August 2015, most fund-raising will be completed by June, providing us with more funds than we anticipated, the better to modify the building.

We are fortunate to have four skilled builders, carpenters, and woodworkers on our board, and they have spent many hours converting the entry foyer into an office; replacing the front doors and windows; overseeing the installation of insulation, heat, and new lighting in that part of the building; and preparing plans for the construction of an archives room in the lower level. These four members, with great community support, have accomplished so much this year, and their services have been invaluable.

Outside of work on the building, we offered a number of other activities during the year: a fund-raising dinner at Filomena's; a successful plant sale (thanks to Judges' Farm); the launch of our third "Then and Now" Calendar at the Lyme Art Association; a Holiday Open House along with a book sales campaign (spearheaded by board member Bob DiNapoli); and a commemoration of the "Loving Parting," the 1665 event that created the Town of Lyme (now Lyme, Old Lyme, East Lyme, and part of Salem) by amicably splitting away from the Saybrook Plantation. This event was conducted with our sister organizations from those towns and resulted in a five-town proclamation signed by all the First Selectmen. Our society made a presentation to the third grade of Mile Creek School. As in the past, we held our Vintage! antiques appraisal event; the always well-received dinner lecture featuring a talk by Old Lyme Historian Dr. John Pfeiffer on the role of wood and lumbering in the area; a wine-tasting at the Old Lyme Inn; and a very successful tag sale on Memorial Day, combined with an open house.



*Eager patrons hunt for bargains at the Memorial Day tag sale sponsored by the OLHSI*

We sponsored a talk by local authors Michaelle Pearson and her husband Jim Lampos on their recent book, *Remarkable Women of Old Lyme*, and mounted our first formal exhibit, *Early Schools of Old Lyme*, overseen by board member Alison Mitchell.

At our annual meeting in June, the incumbent officers were re-elected: Tim Griswold and Mark Lander, Co-Chairmen; Martha Hansen, Secretary; Carol Winters, Treasurer.

The Chairmen's Award was presented to our hard-working "Tuesday Morning Work Crew" responsible for all the modifications to the building: Ellis Jewett, Arthur "Skip" Beebe, Kevin Cole, and Ted Freeman. We presented our annual scholarship to LOLHS senior Ian James.

This has been a year of accomplishments and very gratifying for the society. Work on the archives room moves forward, and planning has begun for a handicap-accessible entrance in the rear of the building and the replacement of the heating system.

We cannot adequately thank the townspeople of Old Lyme and other communities, local businesses, civic groups, and the Town of Old Lyme for their financial support, nor can we adequately thank the various businesses that have made in-kind donations to our campaign and building project.

Although we do not yet have regular hours, please visit the society at one of our various events, when the front door is open or when the flags are flying, and see what we have accomplished. Your historical society is on the move!

Our board meets on the second Monday of each month at 4:00 at 55 Lyme Street. The annual membership meeting replaces the June board meeting, same time, same place.

## Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc. *(continued)*

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*The Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc. Board of Trustees are (left to right) Mark Lander, Adela Wilmerding, Jane Cable, Jenn Hillhouse, Kevin Cole, Ned Farman, Leslie Markowicz, Martha Hansen, Sheila Wertheimer, Tim Griswold, Michaelle Pearson, Ted Freeman, Alison Mitchell, Steve Moore, Dolores Green, Ellis Jewett, Arthur (Skip) Beebe, and Bob DiNapoli. (Missing: Dyanne Rafal, Carol Winters, Roger Breunig, Karen Winters, Isaiah Griffith, Julie Griswold)*



*Board member Alison Mitchell talks to Center School fifth graders about the OLHSP's "Early Schools" exhibit in preparation for the students' presentations at "Celebrate Center!"*

## Old Lyme Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC)

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**Lew (Skip) DiCamillo**  
*Chairman*

**Stanley Kolber**  
*Commission Member*

**A**s stated in the Old Lyme Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC) regulations, the inland wetlands and watercourses in the state of Connecticut are indispensable and irreplaceable but 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. In general, the regulations require that any proposed activity within an inland wetland or watercourse, within 100 feet of an inland wetland or watercourse, or within 400 feet of a vernal pool be brought before the IWWC, which was established to implement the purposes and provisions of

the regulations. The commission consists of seven regular members, two alternates, and an enforcement officer.

The IWWC's mission, namely the protection of these resources, is intended to preserve the benefits they provide for current and future generations of town residents, such as recreation, clean water, flood control, and habitat for fish and wildlife. Town residents contemplating any activity within any area subject to regulations or who have wetlands on the property site are required to submit an application to the commission. Residents are encouraged to visit with the commission's staff at the Land Use Office in Memorial Town Hall, where applications are available. The application process will be explained and questions will be answered. In this way, misunderstandings and inadvertent violations of the regulations will be avoided. In addition, the regulations themselves are posted online.

This past fiscal year the IWWC acted on twenty-five applications, issuing twenty-four permits and one denial. Consideration of applications will typically consist of a walk of the site after the application has been accepted during a regular monthly meeting. At the monthly meeting, a presentation by or on behalf of the applicant will be requested. In some cases, only a visit by the commission's enforcement officer may be required. 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 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.

## Old Lyme Land Trust, Inc.

**Christina Clayton**  
President

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Almost fifty years ago, local residents came together to preserve the precious conservation land and beautiful landscapes of Old Lyme. The vehicle that they created to accomplish this was the Old Lyme Land Trust. The vision of these individuals and their strong conservation ethic have contributed significantly to the quality of life that we enjoy in Old Lyme today.

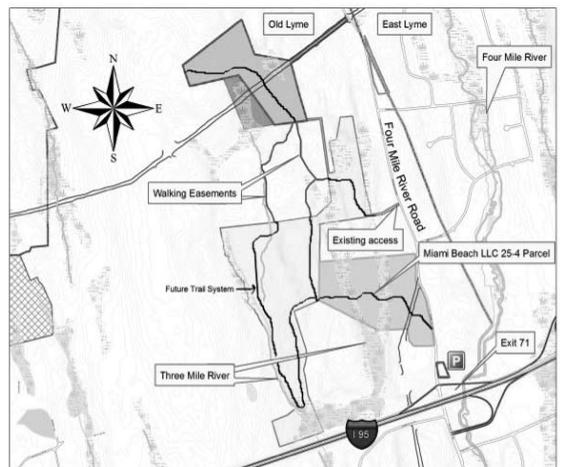
Old Lyme Land Trust, a private, not-for-profit corporation, owns over 900 acres of land in Old Lyme: forested uplands, ridges, open fields, inland wetlands and tidal marshland. We operate twelve preserves located in various parts of town that are open to the public for hiking and the enjoyment of nature. Details about these nature preserves are found at [www.oldlymelandtrust.org](http://www.oldlymelandtrust.org).

We continue to acquire conservation land and are responsible for the ongoing stewardship of all of our holdings. This is our primary mission. Financial support for this mission comes from membership dues, private donations, and state and federal grants. We have a volunteer board and no paid staff and depend on our loyal volunteer stewards and volunteer work parties for the maintenance of public trails in our preserves. In recent years, the Boy Scouts have provided excellent help, as has the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Environmental Club, which received the Volunteer of the Year award at our last annual meeting.

Thanks to a volunteer work party, we opened the Upper Three Mile River Preserve, our thirteenth preserve and our largest, by blazing a trail through the parcel we purchased at 106 Four

Mile River Road. This is the first step in a trail system that we envision: one that will connect more than 150 acres of existing conservation land, as shown in the parcel location map associated with this report. Another step was taken by Boy Scout Norman Main, with support from Lyme-Old Lyme Troop #26, as an Eagle Scout project: the construction of a 94-foot boardwalk over wetlands that will enable entry into the preserve at 132 Four Mile River Road. The Upper Three Mile River Preserve, traversed by two tributaries of the Three Mile River, is our most remote and pristine.

Implementation of our Watch Rock habitat



*This Old Lyme Land Trust Parcel Location Map shows the Upper Three Mile River Preserve and the Miami Beach LLC Parcel.*

# Old Lyme Land Trust, Inc. *(continued)*

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restoration plan continued. The open field was seeded with native meadow grasses, and some native shrubs were planted. This is a multi-year effort that will involve encouraging native shrubs and trees that emerge from the seedbed, planting more native plants, and managing re-growth of the exotic invasive understory.

In cooperation with Old Lyme's Open Space Commission, we completed trail maps of our preserves and posted them on our website. We retained a professional to help us develop

management plans with both short- and long-term goals to ensure proper maintenance of our preserves. And we participated with thirteen other land trusts in an effort sponsored by River COG to create a conservation plan for the entire lower Connecticut River region that will guide land trusts and municipalities in making acquisition and stewardship decisions.

We sponsored a sold-out Swallow Cruise to Goose Island in the fall and held another popular kayak regatta event.

## Old Lyme Parks and Recreation

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The Old Lyme 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 860-434-1605, ext. 235. The E-mail address is *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*). All parks and recreation information is on the website and programs are listed by season.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, made up of seven residents, meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at the town hall. Anyone interested in participating as a commission member should contact the chairperson and the selectman's office. All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

During the summer months we provide a daily staff of lifeguards and parking lot attendants for our facilities at White Sand Beach and Hain's Park at Rogers Lake. We typically employ forty high school and college-age residents as lifeguards, parking attendants, and day-camp counselors. We maintain the Little League baseball and softball fields, tennis courts, and basketball courts at Cross Lane Park. Town Woods Park once again was very busy with soccer, lacrosse, 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 typical programs we currently offer for our youth in the summer include a six-week day camp and baseball, basketball, tennis, and soccer camps. In the fall we have soccer, and in the winter we have basketball. High school soccer and basketball players referee the games and assist with the youth soccer and basketball programs. 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 Old Lyme Parks and Recreation employees, commission members, the public works department, the selectmen, the board of finance, and Regional District 18 for the use of facilities and the town employees for the efforts they contribute to our programs. Also and in particular, thanks go 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; they are appreciated, and the programs would not exist as they are without your help.

If anyone has any suggestions or program requests, please contact me at the parks and recreation Office by phone, e-mail, or -- better yet -- stop in.

# Old Lyme - Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library

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**Our mission is to inspire lifelong learning and discovery  
in a welcoming place with exceptional resources, programs and services.**

The Old Lyme - Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library adopted a new mission statement recently that reflects the transformation of libraries across the country from warehouses of books to gathering places for exploration, collaboration, and the generation of knowledge. The staff actively engages with patrons to teach new technologies and information literacy and assist with research and reading interests through personal service. This helps them to develop collections based on these interactions, which reflect our community's needs in a plethora of subjects.

Our services for young children continue to grow in response to needs of local families and curriculum goals of the school district. Beginning with weekly story time sessions offered at the library for babies to four-year-olds, we also collaborate with Center School preschool program teachers and the staff at Lyme - Old Lyme Learning Center to provide early literacy training. Children learn the basic skills for their education in weekly units designed to stimulate thinking and sensory learning through interactive engagement with books, crafts, music, and dance. Monthly presentations with local talent such as Eleanor Robinson's Sweet Beats music programs for children and other special presenters provide additional opportunities for creative learning experiences.

As our youth mature, so do the programs we offer. Collections and planned activities for grades 5 through 8 encompass teens' reading passions and their need for social interactions. This is achieved through traditional board games and crafts as well as STEM-based programs. Contests and games that challenge their natural curiosity and playfulness are central to managing their energies in a safe, supervised environment. Online educational gaming software and Minecraft virtual world activities are popular

outlets, as are murder-mystery programs, anime club, teen tech club, and movies. Many of our most successful activities come from a teen advisory group that generates program ideas and suggests books for purchase.

Our collections are growing in the digital realm as we invest more financial resources in EBooks from Overdrive, EMagazines from the Zinio service, Consumer Reports Online, Mango Language Learning, and JobNow for those seeking employment. Movies and audio books continue to be popular, and we are now considering options for streaming music and video services. Programs rank high in popularity with over 450 programs presented in 2014-15. We are thrilled with the new attendance record set by the 8,953 people who demonstrated a vote of confidence in our programs.

As we continue to explore new concepts in learning experiences and new vehicles for delivering educational activities, we look forward to outreach and collaborations with community nonprofits and businesses to fulfill our mission and vision as a community hub.



*The main entrance to the Old Lyme - Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library.*

# Old Lyme Police

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**TFC Gary W. Inglis #424**  
*Old Lyme Resident State Trooper*

The Old Lyme Resident Trooper’s Office consists of one resident state trooper and six full-time and two part-time police officers. The town of Old Lyme partners with the Connecticut State Police to provide supervisory and logistical services for the town’s law enforcement needs. The resident trooper and town officers provide police services to the town during the day and evening shifts with the troopers from Troop F Westbrook providing coverage during the midnight shift. Troop F also provides police dispatching duties along with reports and records keeping.

The following is a breakdown of the total calls for service that occurred in the town of Old Lyme during the fiscal year 2014-2015:

Investigations:	120
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	63
Driving Under the Influence:	22
Motor Vehicle Citations:	678
Motor Vehicle Warnings:	877
Miscellaneous Service Calls:	13,098

*(Miscellaneous service calls are defined as calls that do not require a written report, such as alarms, medical assists, property checks, assist to the fire department, and fingerprinting, to name a few.)*

The Old Lyme Resident Trooper’s Office is not manned 24 hours and is located at 294 Shore Road. To report any type of emergency or crime in progress, please call 911. For routine calls, the Resident State Trooper and the town officers can be reached by calling **860-434-1986**. That number will ring at the Resident Trooper’s Office and if the building is not manned, the call will be forwarded to Troop F Dispatch, where a trooper or dispatcher will assist you.



# Old Lyme Social Services

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**O**ld Lyme Social Services offers a variety of social service assistance for Old Lyme residents of all ages. The focus of the department is to coordinate existing federal, state, regional, and local services and to increase community awareness of these services.

Many applications for programs offered through the State of Connecticut Department of Social Service are available in the social service office, which is located in the town hall. Old Lyme Social Services assists with information, paperwork, and documentation processing for many of the state and federal programs available. Old Lyme Social Services will act as an advocate for any Old Lyme resident and will make appropriate referrals to agencies and programs to help meet their needs. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact Valerie Goncalves, Social Service Coordinator, at 860-434-1605, ext. 228, or by email to [vgoncalves@oldlyme-ct.gov](mailto:vgoncalves@oldlyme-ct.gov). Office hours are available in the town hall Tuesday and Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m. and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Please review our programs listed below to see if you or someone you know is eligible for assistance.

## ***Connecticut Energy Assistance Program***

This program provides assistance to income-eligible households in paying for their heating costs during the winter months. Old Lyme Social Services is an intake site for residents of Old Lyme. Applications are taken in office and processed through the Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA). Households are determined eligible based on state income and asset guidelines. Applications are taken for this program every year beginning in August through March 1.

## ***Renters Rebate for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities***

This program offers a state subsidy to renters over the age of 65 or who are receiving Social Security Disability and meet guidelines based on their income. Checks are sent by the Connecticut Office of Policy and Management to these households to offset any increase in rent

due to changes in property taxes that landlords pass on to the renters. Applications must be done in office. This program begins in April and is open until October 1. Rebate checks go out the middle of October.

## ***Nu Start***

The Nu Start program can eliminate unpaid bills and give a household a clean slate on their account. Assistance can help low-income customers greatly reduce, or even completely eliminate their past-due balance on all energy bills. The program is offered for customers who pay an agreed-upon budgeted amount on their bills every month.

## ***Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)***

The SFMNP is a supplemental food program for low-income seniors. Individuals 60 years of age or older with incomes that do not exceed 185 percent of poverty income guidelines are eligible. Clients must be participating in another program with proper means testing verifying their eligibility. Examples of other programs include but are not limited to renter rebate programs or congregate meal programs. Each eligible recipient receives six (6) three-dollar (\$3) checks (\$18 per recipient, per market season), which can be redeemed at FMNP authorized markets throughout Connecticut for fruits, vegetables, fresh cut herbs, and honey.

## ***State of Connecticut/DDS Program Applications Available***

- SNAP (formerly known as food stamps)
- Cash Assistance
- Husky
- WIC
- Medicare Savings Programs (QMB, SLMB, ALMB)

# Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc.

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The Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc. (otherwise known as Old Lyme Emergency Medical Service -- OLEMS) was formed in 1949 with the purpose of providing emergency medical care to the citizens of Old Lyme. While a lot has changed since that time, the care of patients and a commitment to them still drives us to “be there when a person is at their worst.” Our mission has not changed.

At OLEMS, we have the charge of ensuring that our service is the best it can be. Our training is of the highest caliber; we believe in preparing for every situation. Our fleet of emergency medical vehicles are top notch. This last year, the Apparatus Committee designed a new ambulance, which is due to arrive any minute now. We also have two additional ambulances and a Responder vehicle. Maintenance is also a high priority. Our engineer makes sure all equipment and apparatus is in tip-top condition. At OLEMS, we take pride in our department.

OLEMS is a department made up of a combination of paid and volunteer EMTs (Emergency Medical Technicians) and EMRs (Emergency Medical Responders). In the 2014-2015 fiscal year, we responded to 679 calls, including cardiac, stroke, overdose, respiratory, trauma, and diabetic emergencies, to name a few. We also spent countless hours in training to prepare ourselves for such emergencies. While it sounds like a big commitment, it is very rewarding to know that you are helping the community. Volunteers are always welcome; come on down to Cross Lane any second or fourth Thursday of the month at 7 p.m. or call 860-434-0089 and see what it is all about.

Lastly, we want to let you know that we take serving the people of Old Lyme seriously. We are dedicated to the highest quality of care possible and believe we achieve this goal. Thank you for your generous support and donations to our organization. We couldn't do it without you!



*That was then, circa 1946...*



*...this is now, 2015!*



*Old Lyme Ambulance personnel practice a water rescue at White Sand Beach*

# Old Lyme Tree Commission

Joanne C. DiCamillo  
*Chair*

*“The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now” ~ Chinese proverb.*

The Old Lyme Tree Commission comprises seven members who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen. We assist the tree warden with the enforcement of the Old Lyme Tree Ordinance and advise the town on new and replacement plantings. We are responsible for the maintenance of all trees and shrubs growing on town property. Closely monitoring the growth and health of fifty young trees that are planted on the grounds of the town hall, along Lyme Street, and in other areas of the town is an ongoing activity. New trees are scheduled for planting next spring. There are currently two vacancies on the commission. Interested citizens should contact the town hall for more information. No prior knowledge or experience is required, simply an interest in learning about trees.

A reminder to all property owners: A permit is required from the tree warden to trim, remove, or plant trees and shrubs on the town right-of-way as stated in the tree ordinance. Permit applications are available in the selectmen’s office and can be found online, along with the Tree Ordinance, on the town’s website. Please report any concerns about trees to the selectmen’s office.

The Old Lyme Tree Commission meets at 4:00 p.m. on the third Thursday of the month in the town hall second-floor conference room. The community is invited to attend our meetings.



*This Syringa paniculata, Japanese tree lilac, was flowering in June at the entrance driveway to the Memorial Town Hall.*

# Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

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*Executive Director*

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The Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. (OLVNA) has been serving the needs of the Old Lyme community since 1922. In recent years, in response to changes in the healthcare and health insurance environment in Connecticut and the nation, we have focused on the emerging needs of the town's residents by extending our new programs and reevaluating existing ones.

The OLVNA's Board of Directors meets on the second Monday of each month in the town hall at 1 p.m. The meeting year is September to June; there are no meetings during July or August. The executive director can be reached at the OLVNA's office number (860-434-1222) or by email at [oldlymevna@gmail.com](mailto:oldlymevna@gmail.com).

The town nurse—Karen Veselka, RN, who succeeded Linda Camarra in 2014—holds office hours at the Lymes' Senior Center on weekdays from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Free nursing services are provided there; if a resident is unable to travel, the town nurse can make a home visit. During the 2014-15 fiscal year, she made 158 calls to homebound residents in addition to seeing 577 patients at her office. After being discharged from the hospital—or at other times when they need in-home skilled nursing care—Old Lyme residents may request home visits by calling 860-434-7808 or 860-434-9003. In 2015 we agreed to work with the Town of Lyme to assist its residents with homecare evaluations. That procedure is now in place.

The OLVNA continues to operate a discretionary fund that assists the two local emergency nourishment programs—one run by Old Lyme's Social Services office and the other by the Lymes' Senior Center. The fund, known as

the "FINE" (Fred & Irene Nutrition Extension) program, was established in 2014 in honor of two faithful OLVNA board members. Seed money for the program came from two sources: a bequest from the estate of Fred Cliffe, who for more than fifteen years was a director and treasurer, and numerous donations in memory of Irene Carnell, who served for nearly four decades as a director and on several occasions as president. The FINE program, which helps people who have immediate food needs, has become an annual project: each fall the OLVNA supplements the Social Services' and Senior Center's food banks.

Our 2014 flu clinic and immunization programs provided 273 vaccinations for residents, town employees, and emergency and law-enforcement personnel. Vaccines are purchased by the OLVNA and are given for free, with donations welcome.

In 2015, in conjunction with Lyme-Old Lyme High School, the association organized a blood pressure screening at the school, offering readings and relevant information for forty-eight students and five faculty members.

Also in 2015 the OLVNA offered scholarships to three LOLHS graduating students who have expressed a desire to pursue studies in the field of healthcare. We awarded \$1,000 scholarships to prospective physician's assistants Ashley Detuzzi and Ross Golebiewski, and on behalf of the Mary Noyes Scholarship Fund, we provided a \$1,000 nursing scholarship to Julia Strycharz. Graduating seniors are encouraged to contact the school's guidance department in early January if they are interested in applying for scholarships for the following academic year.

# Open Space Commission

Diana Atwood Johnson  
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The Open Space Commission has spent a good part of the year working on making our town's approximate 700 acres of open space more accessible both in the field and on line. We have also focused on better stewardship of our properties and proposed to the Old Lyme Board of Finance the engagement of a part-time land steward to assist us. In January, Lisa Niccolai of Lyme began her work. She has a Master of Forestry degree from Yale University's School of Forestry and has worked both as a forester in Connecticut and as a consultant to various environmental organizations and the Lyme Land Trust.

Our land steward will be assisting us with digital trail mapping using GPS and GIS (Geographic Information System). Trails will be color coded and re-marked, and new signage will be added. When completed, town trails will be available online at our website and on the town's MapGeo site. Then we will be developing guides to each of the properties with details of the property's history, flora and fauna, and points of interest. Our steward will also begin to develop habitat management plans for each property.

In light of new concerns regarding climate change, much work is being done by the state and various environmental organizations on hazard mitigation, salt marsh advancement, and the long-term impacts of coastal inundation that are specific to Old Lyme. We are reviewing our

priority properties in light of the new data and research, as well as thinking about changes to our Open Space Plan that will funnel into the new Plan of Conservation and Development for Old Lyme.

Other highlights of the year include the final payment on the 120-acre Ames Open Space acquisition of 2011; the first year of a three-year project to mechanically remove phragmites from Eklund Pond; completion of the addition of an Open Space layer to the town's MapGeo site; and the sponsorship of a presentation of the state's new forestry plan for Nehantic State Forest.

Negotiations for additional acquisitions have been stalled, as they have across the state. The economy, generational change, and new thinking on land preservation influence each potential purchase. Prior to the flurry of development in the early-2000s (about 2005 to 2008), acquisition opportunities from conservation-minded sellers were at their peak.

When the economy fell apart, both the finances and the opportunities became much more challenging. We may never see that situation again, but we remain committed to seeking out gifts of land or opportunities to purchase undeveloped land for protection. Email me if you want to talk: *dianaajohnson@me.com*. The Open Space Commission meets the Second Tuesday of each month, with no meeting in August.

# Planning Commission

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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. Every ten years, the commission is responsible by state statute 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 zoning referrals; 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.



*A blue heron in the Black Hall River*

# Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools

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*Superintendent of Schools*

During the 2014-2015 school year, the Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools excelled in a variety of different areas. It is with great pride that we share this annual report with the citizens of Lyme and Old Lyme.

Again this year, the Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Schools were recognized on both the state and national level for their success. A few of the notable accomplishments included *Newsweek* naming Lyme-Old Lyme High School as one of "America's Top High Schools," placing the school as number 185 nationally and fifth in the entire state of Connecticut. The high school was also recognized as having the sixth highest average SAT scores in the state. This accomplishment places our students in the company of many Fairfield County school districts and significantly above our neighbors on the shoreline and our fellow schools in the state's District Reference Group C.

In the spring of 2015, Lyme-Old Lyme High School hosted a visiting committee from the New England Association of Schools and Colleges (NEASC). The purpose of this visit was to evaluate the district's programming and determine if our accreditation from this organization should be renewed. After their four-day visit, the committee gave the school and the school system rave reviews in all aspects of our programming.

Mile Creek and Lyme Consolidated Elementary Schools, along with Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School, saw the results of many years of commitment to the new Connecticut Standards pay off with strong results on the first annual Smarter Balanced Assessment.

The coming academic year will be the final year of our redistricting plan and, over the summer, we will transition to a new structure of schools. The schools will still operate in five buildings, but the grade configurations will change. For the 2015-2016 school year, Lyme-Old Lyme High School will house students in grades nine through twelve while the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades will attend Lyme-Old Lyme

Middle School. Both Mile Creek School and Lyme Consolidated School will serve students in kindergarten through grade five. Center School will comprise the district's pre-kindergarten program, the Central Administrative Offices, and the district's alternative program for special needs students. Another portion of the building will be rented by LEARN, our Regional Education Service Center.

In a continual effort to maintain our facilities, the district replaced the roof at Lyme Consolidated School; successfully moved the fifth-grade classrooms from Center School to Mile Creek School; resurfaced the track field at the high school; renovated and updated the elementary school libraries; converted former office space in the middle school to a band room, a computer lab, and a dedicated room for our highly successful Science Olympiad program; moved the Central Administrative offices to Center School and painted the exterior of the building; and reopened the greenhouse at the middle school. These changes will allow for more opportunities for our students to participate in the variety of different programs that we offer.

In the area of finance, the towns approved a \$32,547,409 school budget, which represents a 1.83% increase for the 2015-16 year. This budget supports existing programs; class size guidelines; and ongoing technology, facility, and program improvements. Areas showing an increase include debt service, employee contractual obligations, special education, and transportation. These factors are offset by decreases in the operations budget as a result of our declining enrollment, reductions in program expenses, reductions in support and administrative services, and savings in facilities and technology operations.

The upcoming year will again be filled with many successes and challenges as we transition to a new state-mandated assessment of our high school students, continue to refine the implementation of the Connecticut Standards at all levels, and improve upon our programs and facilities.

# Registrars of Voters

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Sylvia Peterson (D), Donald Tapper (R)  
*Registrars*

Barbara Pierson (D), Kathy Kensel (R)  
*Deputy Registrars*

The Registrars of Voters' office is located on the mezzanine level of Memorial Town Hall. Regular posted hours are Monday, 1 to 4 p.m. Special sessions are advertised in *The Day* newspaper and posted on the town's website.

Elections, Primaries, Referenda held in the 2014 – 2015 fiscal year:

- August 12, 2014 – Primaries (Republican and Democrat) - Voter turnout 57%
- November 4, 2014 - General Election (Governor) - Voter turnout 69%
- May 5, 2015 - Referendum, School Budget - Voter turnout 7%

A voter registration session was held at the high school for students who had attained the age of 18 or would attain age 18 prior to the election date. Seventeen year olds who will turn 18 on or before election day may participate in general primary.

To register to vote in Connecticut you must:

- be a United State citizen;
- be a resident of a Connecticut town;
- be at least 17 years old (see above explanation);
- have completed confinement and parole if previously convicted of a disfranchising felony

Pursuant to Public Act No. 11-173, electors with permanent disabilities are eligible for permanent absentee ballot status. Once this status is attained, the town clerk will send out absentee ballot applications for each election/primary held. Call the town clerk's office for details on how to apply for Permanent Absentee Ballot Status.

A canvass of electors conducted in January 2015 included a mailing to those electors who had moved within town, moved out of town, or changed mailing address to P.O. boxes, as well as those who had not voted in the past four elections. The purpose of the canvass is to maintain an accurate listing of active electors for use at the polls.

Voter Registration Applications are available at the registrars' office, the town clerk's office, and at the secretary of the state website (SOTS.ct.gov). The application is used for new voter registration, address change, name change, or party enrollment change.

Registered Voters as of June 30, 2015:	4,931
Party Enrollment:	
Democrat:	1,448
Republican:	1,544
Unaffiliated:	1,889
Other:	50

**R**iverCOG, one of Connecticut's nine Regional Planning Organizations, is governed by the chief elected officials of its seventeen member towns: Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook. The RiverCOG is responsible for planning of regional land use, transportation, emergency preparedness, environmental conservation, economic development, and homeland security. RiverCOG also provides regional services such as household hazardous waste collection.

Current officers for RiverCOG are Cathy Iino (Killingworth), serving as chairperson; Dick Smith (Deep River) as vice chairperson; Susan Bransfield (Portland) as secretary; and Ed Meehan (Chester) as treasurer. In December, RiverCOG welcomed Sam Gold to fill the role of executive director. Sam comes to us from the Council of Governments of the Central Naugatuck Valley Council of Governments in Waterbury, where he served as executive director. Sam is a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners and has thirteen years of regional planning experience.

Under state statute, RiverCOG through its Regional Planning Committee (RPC) reviews proposed zoning text and map changes that affect property within 500 feet of municipal boundaries and subdivisions that touch or cross town lines. The RPC is also working with staff on the first Regional Plan of Conservation of Development for the Lower Connecticut River Valley Region. The RPC includes a representative and alternate from each municipal planning commission in the region.

RiverCOG also conducts regional transportation planning as a federally designated Metropolitan Planning Organization (RiverMPO). As an MPO, RiverCOG is responsible for programming federal and state transportation funds provided to the region by the U.S. and Connecticut Departments of Transportation. In fiscal year 2015 RiverCOG completed its first Long-Range Transportation Plan for the new region, conducted a series of rail corridor studies focused on the Valley Railroad State Park, and compiled a regional digital parcel database (GIS).

RiverCOG hosts and staffs various regional initiatives and commissions including the Connecticut River Gateway Commission, the Shoreline Basic Needs Task Force, the Land Trust Exchange, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Regional Agricultural Commission, the RiverCOG Strategic Economic Growth Committee, and other groups as space and time permit.

The RiverCOG board approved the same annual dues rate for fiscal year 2015 as in fiscal year 2016. Total annual dues collected for fiscal year 2015 totaled \$146,953.42. The RiverCOG leveraged every dollar of local dues with over \$13 in other grants. The total budget of RiverCOG budget was \$2,082,323 in fiscal year 2015.

A copy of our full annual report is available on our website: *www.rivercog.org*.

# Rogers Lake Authority

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Richard J. Smith, Sr.  
*Chairman*

The Rogers Lake Weed Committee and New England Engineering worked together to develop a scope of work that would lead to a decision for the possible solution of the invasive weed problem at Rogers Lake. This scope of work is to be completed in several segments:

1. Assessment/review of documented Rogers Lake information
2. Meetings[Rogers Lake Authority, Inland Wetlands Committee]
3. Plant Survey
4. Development of water quality monitoring protocol
5. Domestic well impact evaluation
6. Herbicide permitting
7. Herbicide impact assessment on human health
8. Wildlife impact evaluation
9. Non chemical/chemical vegetative control assessment/options

As these segments of work progress, there are a number of meetings between the Rogers Lake Weed Committee and New England Engineering to discuss all information and how it relates to the invasive weed problem of the lake. In early March, the study was completed and several possible solutions were presented. An early spring meeting was held for residents of Lyme and Old Lyme at Old Lyme Middle School to hear the results of the proposed solutions.

New England Engineering presented these results by a slide presentation show with many scientific experts (limnologists, hydrologist, botanists, and engineers) in attendance to answer or explain any questions from the residents in the audience.

Upon elimination of all the weed control methods that were tried over the past decade that did not control or eradicate the weed problem (hydroraking, benthic mats, diver-assisted suction harvesting), a herbicide was recommended. The herbicide that was chosen is Flumioxazin (called "Clipper") due to its short half-life and low impact on human and environmental health effects.

The herbicide recommended by New England Engineering was approved for use on the invasive weeds, and the permits for application were filed with DEEP, state of Connecticut.

Upon receipt of the application by DEEP, it prompted a study to be done first on possible endangered species. This study will be conducted by NDDB, a division of DEEP, during October 2015. NDDB is the Natural Diversity Data Base, and the possible endangered species are Eastern Pond Mussel, Banded Sunfish, and Bridle Shiner; these are to be studied while the permit application is on hold.

An application of Flumioxazin was planned for late summer, but due to the study to be done by NDDB, it has pushed this off till next year. Let's all hope this will take place because the invasive weed problem has grown threefold since being spotted just a few years ago.

If you would like more information on this subject, go to the Town of Old Lyme website at [OLD.LYME.CT.GOV](http://OLD.LYME.CT.GOV) and look up Rogers Lake Weed Committee. Please continue to take care of your lake and support all those who work hard at doing just that for our future.

# Old Lyme Shellfish Commission

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Mervin Roberts, *Chairman*

David W. Redfield, *Secretary*

John D. Seckla, *Treasurer*

The Old Lyme Shellfish Commission continues to be a commission without a mission. Since the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection persists in declaring the shellfish resources of the town of Old Lyme lie in polluted waters coming down the Connecticut River, they are not available for local harvesting. The recurrent diseases of Dermo and MSX have decimated our Connecticut River oyster beds to a level that renders them unsuitable for location and depuration. Thus we are presently caretakers of an unusable asset.

We hope this is not a permanent condition. The above-mentioned diseases are cyclical in nature and will, in time, abate, and the DEEP

may reevaluate our waters; in this eventuality, harvesting may be resumed.

The commissioners are an aging group. The combined age of the three of us is over 240 years, and we feel a younger, more vital commission is warranted.

On a more cheerful note, the OLSC has a positive cash balance, generated by revenues produced previously by permits and sales from our shellfish beds. We cost the town nothing.

We encourage anyone with an interest in restoring and maintaining a resource that was an asset and a source of pleasure for the town for over 300 years to contact the Shellfish Commission via the town hall.

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## Tax Collector

Judith A. Tooker

*Tax Collector*

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

# Town Meetings

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## TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Approximately 15 electors and citizens attended the Town Business Meeting on Tuesday, July 29, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Hall of the Old Lyme Town Hall.

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

The call of the meeting was read by Vicki Urbowicz, Assistant Town Clerk.

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the acceptance from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) at no cost to the Town of a vacant parcel of land containing 0.62 acre situated on the northerly side of Halls Road and abutting the Lieutenant River at no cost contingent upon the Town's use of the parcel solely for recreational and related parking purposes (including public fishing and crabbing and the launching of non-commercial boats to the Lieutenant River by the general public), as recommended by the Old Lyme Harbor Management Commission. The Board of Selectmen has notified the Old Lyme Planning Commission of the DEEP's offer of this parcel, pursuant to the CGS Section 8-24.

*Motion carried*

2. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 for the Rogers Lake Weed Study to be conducted by New England Environmental, Inc. (NEE), as recommended by the Rogers Lake Authority and the Board of Finance.

*Motion carried*

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Vicki Urbowicz  
Assistant Town Clerk  
Recorded by Vicki Urbowicz  
July 30, 2014*

## TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Approximately 200 electors and citizens eligible to vote in Town Meeting attended the Special Town Meeting held on Monday, October 6, 2014, at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School auditorium of the Regional District #18, Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

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

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

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the expenditure of an additional amount not to exceed \$405,000 towards the Boathouse/Hains Park Improvement Project, which project also includes a STEAP (Small Towns Economic Assistance Program) grant in the amount of \$478,000 approved at Town Meeting on March 24, 2014. There was discussion and a paper ballot vote (100 Yes/73 No).

*Motion carried*

Meeting adjourned at 9:36 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen K. Coffee  
Town Clerk  
Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee  
October 7, 2014*

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## TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL TOWN BUSINESS MEETING

Approximately 75 electors and citizens attended the Annual Town Business Meeting on Monday, February 23, 2015, at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Hall of the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall, 52 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.

# Town Meetings *(continued)*

1. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2014, as submitted by the Board of Finance.

*Motion carried*

2. Lynn Fairfield-Sonn was selected as the Board of Selectmen's Citizen of the Year for 2014.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Eileen K. Coffee  
Old Lyme Town Clerk  
Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee, TC  
February 24, 2015*

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## OLD LYME REFERENDUM HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2015

The following is the official report of the May 5, 2015 Referendum ballot results on the question of whether the sum of \$32,547,409 should be appropriated for Regional School District 18 for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 to June 30, 2016.

1. Number of In-Person Votes Cast:	377
2. Number of Absentee Votes:	6
3. Number of Property Owner Votes: (included in #1 above)	6
4. Total Number of Votes Cast: (Sum of #1 and #2)	383
5. Number of YES Votes:	296
6. Number of NO Votes:	87
7. Number of Registered Voters:	5,099
8. Percent of Registered Voters:	7.3%

*Respectfully submitted,  
Lawrence I. Peterson, Jr.  
Moderator*

## TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Approximately 180 electors and citizens eligible to vote in Town Meeting attended the Annual Budget Meeting on Monday, May 18, 2015, 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. Remsnyder.

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 establish a Road Improvement Fund as part of the annual budget, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

*Motion carried*

2. A motion was made and seconded to establish a Town Building Improvement Fund as part of the annual budget, and to initially fund the same with the \$178,700 remaining in the Town Hall Improvement Fund, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

*Motion carried*

3. A motion was made and seconded to adopt the Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016, as recommended by the Board of Finance. A motion was made and seconded. The result was: Yes – 100/No - 60.

*Motion carried*

4. 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, 2015 and the second payment on January 1, 2016. Any tax in these categories under \$100.00 will be due in full in one payment in July, 2015, as are vehicles on the Supplemental List due in January, 2016 in one payment.

*Motion carried*

5. A motion was made and seconded to appropriate the additional sum of \$37,500 for the Town's Emergency Management Account in connection with the Blizzard of 2015, as recommended by the Board of Finance. Such

# Town Meetings *(continued)*

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appropriation may be funded in part by Federal monies under FEMA.

### *Motion carried*

6. A motion was made and seconded to approve an amount not to exceed \$148,000 for completion of WPCA Coastal Wastewater Facilities Plan, with anticipated reimbursement of \$114,400 through the Clean Water Funds. Discussion followed. A motion was made and

seconded to table the motion. The motion to table was defeated by: No 109/Yes 61. A motion was then made and seconded on Item 6 to move the question. The final vote on Item 6 was Yes 56/No 115.

### *Motion defeated*

Meeting adjourned at 9:16 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Town Clerk Eileen K. Coffee  
Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee  
May, 19, 2015*

## Treasurer

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**John A. Bysko**  
*Treasurer*

As has been the case during my past seven years as treasurer for the Town of Old Lyme, I am pleased to report that the Town of Old Lyme's financial condition continues to be among the best in the State of Connecticut.

Although some of the Reserve Account has been used during the last twelve months for one-time projects in town, the Reserve Account continues to exceed the upper range of what is considered excellent. This reserve can be viewed as the town's savings account to meet future and unforeseen obligations.

As I have stated in previous years, the finances of Old Lyme continue to be managed very conservatively and very well. This continues to be a collective effort of the board of finance, the selectmen, the finance director, the tax collector, and all other individuals and departments involved in carefully managing their budgets.

This collective teamwork makes this possible. I want to especially thank Finance Director Nicole Stajduhar for her excellence and professionalism in her work.

As I complete my second four-year term, I want to again thank all of the volunteers in both the fire department and the volunteer ambulance department of Old Lyme and also all volunteers both elected and appointed for all of the hard work you do.

The annual audit by our outside CPA firm confirms the strength and accuracy of our financial statements. It is anticipated that the audit for next year ending June 30, 2015 will continue to show the financial strength of our finances.

All residents of Old Lyme can be assured that the town's financial balance sheet is in excellent shape.

# Water Pollution Control Authority

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**Kurt J. Zemba**  
*Chairman*

*www.oldlyme-ct.gov*

The Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) continues to administer its policy of sewer avoidance for the majority of the Town of Old Lyme. Both the WPCA and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) recognize that our sewer avoidance policies are effective for the vast majority of the town.

The WPCA completed and submitted a plan to the State of Connecticut through the DEEP to address the pollution problems in Hawks Nest Beach and Sound View Beach by connecting those properties to the New London Regional Sewer System to which three chartered beach associations are also connecting. The Clean Water Funds Study undertaken last year by the Town of Old Lyme in concert with the DEEP indicated that those areas along our shoreline south of 156 are collectively contributing to pollution and must connect to a centralized wastewater management system.

A town-managed pumping station and centralized system is included in the plan that will connect the affected areas and direct the

wastewater to New London through East Lyme. This project will give flexibility to the owners of property along the shoreline to improve their homes. It will clean up our beaches and result in a very clean and usable Long Island Sound. The town is awaiting feedback on the submission from the DEEP and expects a formal response by midyear 2016.

The WPCA successfully addressed misinformation regarding septic system pumping requirements for homeowners, in part as a result of aggressive solicitations this past year from companies that pump septic systems. Per our local ordinance, property owners are required to pump their septic systems every seven years with few exceptions. All questions regarding proper pumping and maintenance of septic systems should be directed to the town's Health Department, and residents are advised to respond to formal communications from the WPCA or town's Health Department only.

I would like to thank the members of the WPCA for their exceptional efforts over the past two years to address all of the above issues.

## Zoning Board of Appeals

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**Judy McQuade**  
*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 from the zoning regulations and appeals from decisions of the zoning enforcement official. Unusual hardship or exceptional difficulty due to the unique characteristics of the property must be shown for a variance to be granted and only if it is in harmony with the general intent and comprehensive plan of zoning put forth by the town.

This year, we held ten regular meetings. Thirty-three cases were heard with twenty-six variances granted, some with conditions or modifications, and six were denied. One appeal of the zoning enforcement official was heard but was withdrawn by the applicant before a decision was made. In one previous appeal of the zoning

enforcement official's decision, which was upheld by the board but was then appealed to the Superior Court by the applicant, the Superior Court in October found all issues in our favor and dismissed the appeal.

Our regular meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Memorial Town Hall on the third Tuesday of each month with the exception of August and December.

I'd like to thank the full members of the board: Arthur Sibley, Vice Chairman; Mary Stone, secretary; Kip Kotzan, and Karen Conniff. I'd like to thank the alternate members of the board as well: Harry Plaut and Nancy Hutchinson. Thanks also to our clerk, Kim Barrows, and our Zoning Enforcement Official, Keith Rosenfeld, for their time, commitment, and dedication to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the town.

# Zoning Commission

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Jane Cable  
*Chairman*

Old Lyme's Zoning Commission is authorized by section 8-2 of the state statutes to draft and put in effect 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 full Zoning Commission consists of five elected members and three alternates. The Board of Selectmen appoints the alternates 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. For fiscal 2014-2015, the members of the commission were Joan Bozek, Jane Cable, John Johnson, Jane Marsh, and Tom Risom. Gil Soucie was the alternate member and replaced Tom Risom in November 2014 as a full member. Ted Kiritsis moved out of town and resigned as an alternate, and Stacy Winchell was appointed as an alternate in January 2015.

The Zoning Commission meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 in the meeting room at Old Lyme Town Hall. Members

of the public are welcome to attend all public hearings and regular meetings. The commission will not meet in August of each year unless applicants and citizens are inconvenienced by the lack of an August meeting.

Of major concern to the Zoning Commission are the effects of climate change on our town, particularly shoreline structures subject to increased flooding risks, 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 who wish to winterize their houses or repair those damaged by 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 a fair, balanced 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.

## OLD LYME ALERTS, AN EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

The Town of Old Lyme has launched **Old Lyme Alerts**, an Emergency Notification System.

Residents and business owners can register with their preferred contact information in order to receive messages automatically from the town about emergency or urgent situations. We can let you know if a health crisis poses a threat; if a fire or accident will restrict access to neighborhoods; and, of course, if our community needs to prepare for another impending hurricane or winter storm.

The contact information you provide is protected. It will not be used for any other purpose.

Even if you have already registered for notifications through the state system (ctalert.gov), you will want to register for local **Old Lyme Alerts**.

Register online (visit [www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov) and follow the link) or complete the form below. **Mail it or drop it off at the town hall, the Lymes' Senior Center, or the OLPGN Library.**

*Please print clearly*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Old Lyme Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

How would you prefer to be contacted by the town? Please indicate your preference below, entering 1 for the best way to contact you, 2 for the second best way, etc.

*Enter 1, 2, etc.*

*Please print clearly below*

_____ cell phone texts	_____
_____ cell phone calls	_____
_____ home phone	_____
_____ work phone	_____
_____ other phone	_____
_____ personal e-mail	_____
_____ work e-mail	_____
_____ other e-mail	_____
_____ TTY device	_____

Are you interested in receiving e-mail messages about community and town-sponsored events? Please circle: Yes No (We will send you information about subscribing to the town website.)

**We Can't Contact You if We Can't Reach You**

**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  In-home 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: \_\_\_\_\_

# Service Information

A Directory of Local and State Services

**EMERGENCY** (Ambulance, Fire, Police) .....911  
Poison Control Center ..... 1-800-222-1222  
Elderly Abuse Hotline ..... 1-888-385-4225

**Old Lyme Municipal Agent** .....860-434-5334  
Ombudsman for the Elderly of Old Lyme  
ConnPACE-ConnMAP-Information and referral for all services for the elderly.

**Estuary Council of Seniors** .....860-388-1611  
Nutrition, Meals on Wheels, Transportation, Food Shopping, Reservations for Old Lyme Meal Site at 26 Town Woods Road.

**Lymes' Senior Center** ..860-434-1605 x240, 241  
Senior Clubs, Support Groups, Medicare and Income Tax Assistance, Safe Driver Education.

## Transportation

EMOTS (Estuary Medical OutPatient Transportation) Handicapped equipped, give 24-hour notice, please .....860-388-1611  
American Cancer Society ..... 1-800-227-2345

**Old Lyme Social Services** ...860-434-1605, x228  
Clothing closet, fuel assistance, food stamps, emergency financial assistance, welfare info., renters' rebate

**Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Assoc.** ...860-434-7808  
Blood pressure, flu and pneumonia clinics, home visits, hearing tests, blood screening.  
Office Hours: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday – Thursday,  
Noon – 1 p.m. Friday  
24 hours .....860-434-9003

**Valley Shore Community Health Center**  
Dental Services, Health Services, Medical Exams, Healthy Start, Counseling,  
Fees on Sliding Scale .....860-388-4433

## Hospitals and Clinics

Charter Oak Walk-Ins (Flanders) ....860-739-6953  
Lawrence & Memorial .....860-442-0711  
Middlesex Memorial Hospital .....860-358-6000  
Middlesex Shoreline Clinic .....860-358-3700  
*New address: 250 Flat Rock Place, Westbrook*  
Hospice S.E. Conn. ....860-848-5699

**Interim Healthcare** .....860-434-9003

## Elderly Housing

Lymewood  
(Elderly Housing, Handicapped units) ..860-434-2120  
Ryefield Manor (J&F Co.) .....860-739-9251  
Home Share .....860-887-3561  
CT partnership for Long-Term Care 1-800-547-3443

**INFOLINE** ..... 211  
Information and Referral, Crisis Counseling, Advocacy

**Medicare**, Center for Medicare  
Advocacy ..... 1-800-262-4414

**Social Security**  
All aspects ..... 1-800-772-1213

**Tax Relief** .....860-434-1605, x219  
Social Services Info. & Referral ... 1-800-443-9946

## State of Connecticut

Governor's Information ..... 1-800-406-1527  
State Assistance for the Blind ..... 1-800-842-4510  
Department of Rehabilitation Services  
(TTY/Voice) ..... 1-800-708-6796  
(TTY/Voice) ..... 1-860-231-8756  
Handicapped Rights ..... 1-800-842-7303  
Veterans' Services ..... 1-800-827-1000

## Volunteer Opportunities

American Cancer Society .....860-227-2345  
American Red Cross .....860-447-3248  
Eastern CT Area Agency on Aging ..860-887-3561  
Estuary Council of Seniors  
(includes AARP Tax Aide) .....860-388-1611  
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital .....860-442-0711  
Literacy Volunteers .....860-399-0280  
Lymes' Youth Service Bureau .....860-434-7208  
Middlesex Memorial Hospital .....860-358-6735  
OL/PNG Library .....860-434-1684  
Salvation Army .....860-443-6409  
Schools  
Center School.....860-434-7838  
Mile Creek School .....860-434-2209  
Middle School .....860-434-2568  
High School ..... 860-434-1651 or 1652  
SCORE (Senior Corps  
of Retired Executives) .....860-388-9508  
Women's Exchange .....860-434-7290

# Resident Beach Passes

From Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day, use of town parking facilities at Hains Park/ Rogers Lake, White Sand Beach, and Sound View requires a parking sticker. A nominal fee is charged for the seasonal sticker, available through the Selectman's Office during regular town hall hours. **NEW – Save time and renew by mail or online.**

# Single Stream Recycling

Old Lyme has single stream recycling. Residents can combine all recyclable materials (bottles, cans, **plastic containers #1-#7**, newsprint, magazines, household paper, cardboard—more items than in the past) together in one container. Please refer to the list sent to each household or the town website for more specifics.

You must use the **green single stream container!** Recycling is picked up every other week by Old Lyme Sanitation. Please consult the schedule on the town website: [www.oldlyme-ct.gov](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov)

# Town Transfer Station

Use of the transfer station on Four Mile River Road requires a sticker, which may be obtained free of charge from the Selectmen's office during regular office hours. Special fees are charged for truckloads of stumps, boulders, and brush. Fees are also charged for appliances containing freon, carpets, upholstered furniture, box springs and mattresses, and tires. Hours are: Tuesday–Friday, 7:30 a.m.–3:45 p.m.; Saturdays, 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

# Library / Passports

The Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, 2 Library Lane, is open Monday and Wednesday 10-7, Tuesday and Thursday 10-6, Friday 10-5, and Saturday 10-4 (October to May). From June to September the library is open Saturdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. only. The library is closed on Sundays until further notice and on legal holidays. The phone number is 860-434-1684.

# Visiting Nurse

Lymes' Senior Center, Town Woods Road  
Telephone 860-434-7808

Around-the-clock assistance is available seven days a week from the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association. Karen Veselka, R.N., is available there from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and noon – 1 p.m. Fridays.

**Emergency Call Center**  
(When Activated)  
**860-598-0120**

## Town Information

### Emergency Telephone Numbers

Emergency Medical Fire Police 911

Emergency Call Center (when activated) 860-598-0120

Ambulance 860-434-0089

Fire (nonemergency) 860-399-7921

State Police Troop F Westbrook 860-399-2100

### Town Government

The Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Please call ahead to verify lunch hour coverage. Town offices are closed during state and Federal holidays. The same schedule applies to the office of the Town Clerk. Scheduled meetings of town agencies are posted in advance at the Town Hall and posted on the website. Public hearings are advertised in advance. Agendas and meeting minutes are filed with the Town Clerk and posted on the website.

### TOWN OF OLD LYME PHONE DIRECTORY

All Town Hall Offices 860-434-1605, Fax 860-434-1400, Email [selectmansoffice@oldlyme-ct.gov](mailto:selectmansoffice@oldlyme-ct.gov). Please dial the 3-digit extension number of the department or person you'd like to reach.

<b>Assessor</b> Walter Kent 218 Mickie Fraser 219	<b>Health</b> Patricia Myers, <i>Sanitarian</i> 214	<b>Social Services</b> Valerie Goncalves 228
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Fire Department .....	Boughton 860-434-6086 Lyme Street 860-434-2424 Cross Road 860-434-4130
Parks & Recreation .....	Hains Park 860-434-0629 White Sand 860-434-1570 Cross Lane 860-434-7137
Municipal Agent for Elderly .....	860-434-5334
O.L. Ambulance Association .....	860-434-0089
O.L. Visiting Nurse Association .....	860-434-7808
Estuary Council Meal Site .....	860-434-4322

Superintendent of Schools 860-434-7238      Center School 860-434-7838  
Middle School 860-434-2568      Mile Creek School 860-434-2209  
Lyme-Old Lyme High School 860-434-1651

