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Front Cover:

*This handsome, very hot bobcat was photographed by Diana Atwood Johnson
near Lord's Cove in Old Lyme on one of the hottest evenings of the summer.
You could hear him panting.*

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Selectwoman's Report

Bonnie Reemsnyder

First Selectwoman

The **Annual Town Meeting** was held on January 25, 2016 in the LOL Middle School Auditorium. There were several items on the call of the meeting, but most importantly, the announcement of **Mary Seidner** as our **2015 Citizen of the Year**. The proclamation acknowledged all of Mary's work as Executive Director of Lymes' Youth Services Bureau and included her volunteer work with many other organizations, including Lyme-Old Lyme Schools, Girl Scouts, MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Essex Savings Bank, the Community Foundation, and Friends of the PGN Library. Mary's efforts have been instrumental in the formation of CASFY (Community Action for Substance Free Youth), the Youth/Police Grant Program, and the establishment of the Juvenile Review Board in Old Lyme. She also works closely with our Social Services Department and Senior Center to distribute holiday baskets and gifts to those in need during the holidays. The Board of Selectmen is proud to have Mary Seidner named our 2015 Citizen of the Year. Congratulations, and thank you, Mary!

In addition, those attending the Annual Town Meeting accepted the **Annual Town Report for FY 2015**; accepted Blackwell Lane Extension as a town road; adopted a resolution to endorse an application for Inter-Town Capital Equipment (ICE) Grant for the Valley Shore Communications; approved the use of the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy Program (C-PACE); and accepted a gift of a Wilson Henry Irving oil painting, titled "**Family Gathering for Tea**," which is now displayed in our Mezzanine Conference Room. All items on the agenda were approved.

The fiscal year, which begins in July, got off to a great start with the **Midsummer Festival of 2015**, which enjoyed a second year of near-perfect weather. Thanks to excellent planning by a committee of participants from the OL-PGN Library, Flo Gris, Lyme Academy, and several other organizations, everything from the Caroline's Miracle Foundation 5K run to the fireworks on Saturday evening were perfect. It was a wonderful weekend to be in Old Lyme.

Some special projects that continued into the fiscal year include the **Rte 156 Bike Path and**

Sound View Improvements and the Boathouse/Hains Park Improvements. The final plans for the Sound View Project were developed, though they did not include restrooms, as everyone had hoped. The committee worked closely with BSC Group to develop the final plans, and a public presentation was held on April 25, 2016 to present those plans. The only remaining tasks by the end of the year were the approval of construction costs at a town meeting and the request for bids on the project. While we had hoped to construct before the 2016 summer season, it was apparent that we were not going to make that deadline. The Boathouse/Hains Park Improvements project was also moving along with final plans in the hopes of construction prior to the winter of 2016/17. After many months, the project went out to bid in June of 2016, with bids coming in above what had been hoped for in the planning stages. But it appears that the boathouse and improvements will be done within the next fiscal year.

The **WPCA** continued to work on a final Coastal Wastewater Management Plan after receiving an Administrative Order from the CT DEEP to finalize the plan and submit an Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) Statement. In January of 2016, new officers were elected, with Rich Prendergast as chairman. Based on the recommendation of counsel, a WPCA Task Force was formed, which includes the First Selectman, the chair of the Board of Finance, as well as the chair and treasurer from the WPCA. Each month, the task force meets after the WPCA meeting to discuss the progress and budget implications. The system has worked well to get everything on track and by the end of FY 2016, the communication between the WPCA and Boards of Selectmen and Finance had improved dramatically.

Election 2015: All three incumbent Board of Selectmen members were re-elected on November 3, 2015. In addition, some new people were elected in town, including Tim Griswold as the Town Treasurer and Erik Cushman and Stacey Winchell to serve on the Board of Education. There were some new faces on other boards and commissions as well. A small town such as Old Lyme functions best with the help of

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numerous volunteers who serve on many boards and commissions. Please check out our vacancies on the various boards and consider volunteering your time to serve this wonderful town.

In January of 2016, the Town of Old Lyme became aware of the **NEC Futures** draft plans by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) for improvements to the Northeast Corridor Rail system as well as alternatives for high-speed rail from Washington, DC to Boston. Three alternatives were proposed that include new tracks, and the most troubling alternative for us was **Alternative 1**, which proposed a track coming across the CT River and right through the heart of Old Lyme. The town and many organizations opposed this plan, including the Flo Gris, Lyme Art Association, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts, Historic District Commission, and others. Their concerns were articulated in a letter sent to the NEC Futures planning team and signed by all. Over 30 percent of the comments received regarding the draft plan were from the Town of Old Lyme in opposition to the new rail through Old Lyme. Members of the NEC Futures Plan traveled to Old Lyme in March to address the concerns expressed, which ultimately resulted in a commitment from the team that they would not put an aerial structure if Alternative 1 was the recommended plan. Instead they would plan on a tunnel. While this might seem preferable, there remain concerns about the sensitive Connecticut River environment, which is an amazing ecosystem that supports a host of natural species and phenomenon. I am proud to say that the Old Lyme community, while supportive of rail improvements, continues to oppose the plan, expressing the real concerns about the negative impact on the environment and our small community. While we hoped to have a favorable resolution by the summer of 2016, the FRA postponed the announcement of any preferred alternative. And so the effort continues by many to protect our beloved town.

In August of 2015, the Town of Old Lyme was notified that we were approved for a grant of \$1,614,074 to pay for the **dredging of the Black Hall and Four Mile Rivers**. The Harbor Management Commission, particularly Chairman Steve Ross and Vice Chairman Ned

Farman, worked very hard to complete a study of the rivers to determine the need for dredging and applied for the grant. The grant paid for 100 percent of the work, resulting in huge savings for our residents. The dredging began in earnest in November of 2015 and was completed on both rivers by March of 2016. Congratulations and a big thank you to the Harbor Management Commission for their diligence in getting this done!

As most people know, the Landfill on Four Mile River was officially capped in 2012, at a cost to the taxpayers of over \$1.2 million. Subsequently, an application was submitted for a grant to reimburse the town for a portion of the cost, which is available through a landfill closure program. We were delighted to learn in January of 2016 that the town was awarded a **grant of \$600,000 for the landfill closure** that had already been completed. This is definitely a boost to our bottom line and good news for our residents, as it's always good to receive money that we weren't counting on!

After a thorough study of Rogers Lake for options on **weed treatment**, we had hoped to have the lake treated by June of 2016 for two invasive weeds - variable leaf milfoil and fanwort - which continue to thrive in the lake. Due to a delay in the permitting process, the treatment did not happen in 2015 and the weeds got worse. Finally, in late spring 2016, the permit was issued by CT DEEP, allowing for the treatment as planned. By June of 2016, we were making the final plans for an early July treatment, with subsequent treatments each year until 2018. At that time, an assessment will be done and, if needed, additional permits may be requested. To target the invasive weeds, the lake would be treated with Flumioxazin, or Clipper, which has the lowest toxicity of all the options available. In addition, water-quality monitoring will continue each year to assure the health of the lake in future years.

Braiden Sunshine, a local musician and vocalist, competed on "**The Voice**" in the fall of 2015! It was very exciting to have an entire community follow his progress and support him all the way to the semi-finals. There were public viewings scheduled at Lyme-Old Lyme

Selectwoman's Report *(continued)*

High School, where Braiden is a student; special flags flying to support his progress; and a special welcome home upon his return. The Board of Selectmen proclaimed **December 18, 2015, Braiden Sunshine Day in Old Lyme**. It was an exciting time for so many supporters of our local celebrity and very talented singer. Congratulations, Braiden, on your success on the show!

The **Annual Town Budget Meeting** was held on May 16, 2016 to approve the budget for FY 2017. The final approved budget was \$33,274,070, an increase over FY 2016 budget of \$32,098,411. The mill rate increased from 20.62 mills in FY 2016 to 21.20 mills for FY 2017.

The First Congregational Church and the Town of Old Lyme sponsored three **Forums on Climate Change** in June, which were very informative and well attended. Sid Whelan worked hard with the town to plan these workshops and arranged for excellent speakers. The forums talked about changing forecasts, major impacts

over the past few years, and preparing for these changes in the future. Special thanks go out to Sid Whelan for his organizational skills in putting these forums together. We will keep you posted if this is something that we repeat or continue with more information.

The very **FIRST Osprey Festival**, hosted by the Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce, took place on Hartford Avenue on June 18 from 10 A.M. to 8 P.M. The street festival was quite well attended and boasted many vendors and lots of great entertainment. Included in the day was a presentation on the osprey by Paul Spitzer, a renowned expert on osprey nesting and a native of Old Lyme. In addition, there was a presentation by the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center, a newly formed group highlighting our estuary and the impact of our famous resident, Roger Tory Peterson. And of course, some great music groups, including Braiden Sunshine.

All in all, the year was busy, productive, and enjoyable for many.

Elected Officials

Term Expires

First Selectwoman , Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D).....	Nov. 2017
Selectman , Skip Sibley (R)	Nov. 2017
Selectwoman , Mary Jo Nosal (D)	Nov. 2017
Town Clerk , Eileen Coffee (R)	Jan. 2018
Town Treasurer , John Bysko (R).....	Nov. 2015
Timothy C. Griswold (R)	Nov. 2019
Tax Collector , Judith Tooker (R).....	Nov. 2019

Board of Finance

Andrew L. Russell, Chairman (R)	Nov. 2021
Janet Sturges (R)	Nov. 2019
Christopher W. Kerr (R).....	Nov. 2019
David Woolley (D)	Nov. 2021
H. Perry Garvin III (R).....	Nov. 2017
Bennett J. Bernblum (D)	Nov. 2017

Board of Finance Alternates

J. David Kelsey (R)	Nov. 2017
Robert Jose (R)	Nov. 2017
Gil Soucie (D)	Nov. 2015
Adam Burrows (D)	Nov. 2017

Board of Assessment Appeals

George Finley (D)	Nov. 2017
Roderick M. White (R)	Nov. 2019
Timothy C. Griswold (R)	Nov. 2017

Planning Commission

Harold L. Thompson, Chairman (R).....	Nov. 2020
Robert P. McCarthy, Vice Chairman (D).....	Nov. 2017
Steven Ross (R)	Nov. 2019
Christopher W. Kerr (R).....	Nov. 2021
Edgar Butcher (D).....	Nov. 2018

Regional Board of Education

Jim Witkins (R) Lyme	Dec. 2015
Mary Powell-St. Louis (R) Lyme	Dec. 2019
Sarah Smalley (D).....	Dec. 2015
Erick Cushman (R)	Dec. 2019
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
Stacy Winchell (R).....	Dec. 2019
Michelle Roche (D).....	Dec. 2019

Elected Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Registrars of Voters

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

Zoning Commission

Joan Bozek (D)	<i>(Resigned Sept. 2015)</i> Nov. 2017
Alan Todd (U)	Nov. 2017
John Johnson, Vice-Chairman (R)	Nov. 2018
Gil Soucie (D)	Nov. 2019
Jane Cable, Chairman (D)	Nov. 2020
Jane Marsh (R)	Nov. 2021

Zoning Commission Alternates

Paul Orzel (U)	Jan. 2017
Stacy Winchell (R)	Jan. 2017

Zoning Board of Appeals

Judy McQuade (R)	Nov. 2017
Arthur E. Sibley (R)	Nov. 2019
Kip Kotzan (D)	Nov. 2021
Mary Stone (D)	Nov. 2018
Karen Conniff (D)	Nov. 2020

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Harry Plaut (R)	Nov. 2017
Nancy Hutchinson (D)	Nov. 2017
Jack Mut (U)	Nov. 2015
Marisa Hartman (D)	Nov. 2017

Appointed Officials

Term Expires

Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council

Catherine Frank (R)	Jan. 2017
Tim Devlin (R)	(Resigned June 2016) Jan. 2017
Russ Gomes (R)	Jan. 2017

Commission on Aging

Donald Tapper, Chairman (<i>Municipal Agent for the Elderly</i>)	(standing)
Karen Veselka (OLVNA)	(standing)
Frank Oliveira (R)	(Deceased 2015) Jan. 2016
Phyllis Shepard-Tambini (R)	Jan. 2017
Doris Rand (D)	Jan. 2018
Cliff Johnson (R)	Jan. 2019
Stephanie Lyon-Gould (Sr. Ctr. Dir.)	Ex Officio

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

Peter Cable, Delegate (D)	July 2018
Suzanne Thompson, Alternate (R)	July 2018

Conservation Commission

George James (R)	Jan. 2018
Lauralyn Lewis (D)	Jan. 2018
Tom Sherer, Chairman (D)	Jan. 2017
Maureen Plumleigh (U)	Jan. 2018
Susan Baehr (U)	Jan. 2019
Rachael Gaudio (U)	Jan. 2017

Conservation Commission Alternates

Peter Cable/Suzanne Thompson	Ex Officio
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Eastern Connecticut Regional Tourism District

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

Robert Jose, Chairman (R)	Jan. 2021
Joseph Camean (R)	Jan. 2018
Susan Howard Cihocki (R)	Jan. 2019
Geraldine Foster (D)	Jan. 2019
John Stratton (R)	Jan. 2020
Heather Gagnon (D)	Jan. 2021
William O'Meara (R)	Jan. 2017

Ethics Commission

Michael P. O'Brien, Vice Chairman (U)	Jan. 2017
Gloria Dimon (D)	Jan. 2016
Jennifer Kendall (D)	Jan. 2018
Dwayne Basler (R)	Jan. 2017
Robert Staab, Chairman (R)	Jan. 2018
Patricia M. Trainor, Secretary	Jan. 2017

Ethics Commission Alternates

Jennifer Kendall (D)	Jan. 2016
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Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
Emergency Management Director	
David Roberge	Jan. 2017
Estuary Transit District	
John Forbis (D)	Jan. 2017
Flood and Erosion Control Board	
Steve Ross (R)	Jan. 2018
Gary Smith, Vice Chairman (R)	Jan. 2018
Todd Machnik, Chairman (R)	Jan. 2018
Steve Martino (D)	Jan. 2017
Ellie Czarnowski (U)	Jan. 2017
Flood and Erosion Control Board Alternates	
Donald Willis (R)	Jan. 2017
David Roberge	Ex Officio
Harbor Management Commission	
Steve Ross, Chair (R)	Jan. 2018
Robert Doyen (D)	Jan. 2017
Michael Magee (U)	Jan. 2018
Ned Farman, Vice Chair (D)	Jan. 2018
John MacDonald (R)	Jan. 2020
William Harris (D)	Jan. 2020
Tom Meyer (R)	Jan. 2017
George Finley (D)	<i>(Appointed Aug. 2014)</i> Jan. 2017
Robert Falaguerra (R)	Jan. 2018
Harry S. Plaut, <i>Harbormaster</i> (R)	Ex-Officio
Michael Mackey, <i>Deputy Harbormaster</i> (U)	Ex-Officio
Health Director	
Vijay Sikand, M.D. (R)	Jan. 2018
Historic District Commission	
James Bechtel (U)	Jan. 2017
Joanne DiCamillo (U)	Jan. 2016
Dini Mallory (R)	<i>(Appointed Feb. 2016)</i> Jan. 2021
Barbara S. Traskos (D)	Jan. 2020
John Forbis, Vice Chair (D)	Jan. 2019
John Pfeiffer, Chair (R)	Jan. 2018
Historic District Commission Alternates	
Jeff Cooley (D)	Jan. 2019
Cynthia Taylor (U)	Jan. 2017
Inland Wetlands Commission	
Janet Bechtel (U)	<i>(Resigned Jan. 2016)</i> Jan. 2017
Timothy Rollins (U)	Jan. 2017
David McCulloch (D)	Jan. 2017
Lewis DiCamillo, Chairman (R)	Jan. 2018
Evan Griswold (R)	Jan. 2019
Tom Machnik (R)	<i>(Appointed Apr. 2015)</i> Jan. 2018
Christian Tompkins (U)	Jan. 2019

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Inland Wetlands Commission Alternates

Victoria Fallon (U).....	Jan. 2017
Gary Gregory (U)	Jan. 2019

Inland Wetlands Hearing Panel

Robert DePianta (D).....	Jan. 2017
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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)	Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)
John A. Bysko (R)	Victoria K. Lanier (R)	Ruth Dillon Roach (D)
Jane E. Cable (D)	Leslie J. Massa (R)	Mervin F. Roberts (R)
Nancy L. Campbell (D)	Brendan P. McKeever (R)	Jennie Anne Rubera (R)
Mario R. Campagna (R) - <i>New 5/1/16</i>	Mary Jo Nosal (D) - <i>New 2/10/16</i>	Martha Ann Rumskas (R)
Christopher Carter (R)	Agnes Q. O'Connor (D)	John D. Seckla (U)
Karen B. Conniff (D)	Christopher F. Oliveira (R)	Walter O. Seifert (R)
Barbara McBride Doyen (D)	Gloria J. Pendleton (D) - <i>Died 11/15/15</i>	Michellee K. Speirs (U)
Jason Cameron Gagnon (U)	Earl J. Peters (D)	Mary Stone (D) - <i>New 2/10/16</i>
Verdina P. Ghirardi (D)	Lawrence I. Peterson, Jr. (D)	Judith A. Tooker (R)
Timothy C. Griswold (R)	Daria M. Phelps (D)	Kurt J. Zemba (R)
Luisa B. Grogan (D)	Doris A. Recor (U)	

Lymes' Senior Center—Board of Directors

Mary Miles (D)	Jul. 2017
Ruth Young (Lyme)	Jun. 2017
Gary Weed (Lyme)	Jun. 2017
Diana Seckla (Lyme).....	Jun. 2017
Dorothy McAndrew (R).....	Jul. 2016
Robert Pierson (R).....	<i>(Relocated Dec. 2016)</i> Jul. 2017
Nancy Campbell (D)	July 2017
Donald Tapper, <i>Municipal Agent for the Elderly</i> (R).....	Dec. 2016
Doris Johnson (R).....	Jul. 2018
Ann Griffith (D)	Jul. 2018
Susan Campbell, Chairman (U)	Jul. 2019
Doris Rand (D).....	Jul. 2016
Diane Blackwell (R).....	Jul. 2017

Open Space Commission

Diana Atwood Johnson, Chairman (R)	Jan. 2017
Amanda Blair (D).....	Jan. 2019
Evan Griswold (R).....	Jan. 2017
George James (R).....	Jan. 2017
William Dunbar (R).....	Jan. 2018
Peter Cable (D)	Jan. 2019
Bruce Baratz (U).....	Jan. 2019

Open Space Commission Alternates

Mary Stone (D)	Jan. 2017
Gary Gregory (U)	Jan. 2018

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Parks and Recreation Commission

Glynn McArar (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. 2019
Tim Gavin (U)	Jan. 2019
Don Bugbee, <i>Parks and Rec. Director</i>	Ex-Officio

Pension Committee

John Bysko (R)	Jan. 2017
Gil Soucie (D)	Jan. 2018
Jeff Hartman (R)	Jan. 2018
Bob Jose, <i>Board of Finance</i>	Ex-Officio
Kathleen Hall, <i>Employee Rep</i>	Ex-Officio

Planning Commission Alternates

Donald Willis (R)	Jan. 2017
Todd Machnik (R)	Jan. 2017
Barbara Gaudio (U)	Jan. 2017

Regional Mental Health Board, Region II

Elizabeth Rubitski (U)	Jan. 2017
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Rogers Lake Authority

Tom Baehr (D)	Jan. 2017
Robert Recor (U)	Jan. 2018
Richard Smith, Chairman (U)	Jan. 2019
Tom Mondelci, Lyme	
Dennis Overfield, Lyme	
Michael Sicord, Lyme	

Shellfish Commission

Mervin F. Roberts (R)	Jan. 2018
David Redfield (R)	Jan. 2017
John Seckla (U)	Jan. 2018

Sound View Commission

David Kelsey (R)	Jan. 2018
Harry Plaut (R)	Jan. 2019
Joanne Reis Lishing (D)	Jan. 2019
Frank Pappalardo, Chairman (R)	Jan. 2017
Michaëlle Pearson (D)	Jan. 2017

Sound View Commission Alternates

Frank Maratta (R)	Jan. 2017
Jackie Miano(R)	Jan. 2017
Paul Orzel (U)	Jan. 2016
Sandra Ziemba (D)	Jan. 2017

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
Town Counsel	
Marylin C. Clarke (D)	Jun. 2016
Town Historian	
John Pfeiffer (D)	
Tree Commission	
Joanne DiCamillo, Chairman (U)	Jan. 2017
Anne Bing (D)	Jan. 2019
Emily Griswold (R)	Jan. 2016
Geraldine Foster (R).....	Jan. 2017
Joan Flynn, M.D., Alternate (U)	Jan. 2017
Tom Degnan, <i>Tree Warden</i> (U).....	Ex-Officio
Tree Warden	
Thomas Degnan (U)	Jan. 2017
Water Pollution Control Authority	
Dmitri Tolchinski (R).....	Jan. 2018
Donna Bednar, Vice-Chair (D).....	Jan. 2018
Frank Chan (D).....	Jan. 2018
Ernest Lorda (U)	Jan. 2019
Kurt Zemba, Chairman (R).....	<i>(Resigned Jan. 2016)</i> Jan. 2019
Richard Prendergast, Chair (R)	Jan. 2017
Andrea Lombard (R).....	Jan. 2017
Douglas Wilkinson, Treasurer (U)	Jan. 2017
Robert McCarthy (D)	Jan. 2017
Sal Cancelliere (D)	Jan. 2019
Water Pollution Control Authority Alternates	
Andrea Lombard (R).....	<i>(Appointed to WPCA Feb. 2016)</i> Jan. 2017
Steve Cinami (R).....	Jan. 2020
Joseph Carpentino (D).....	Jan. 2017
Water Pollution Control Authority Hearing Panel	
Robert DePianta (D)	July 2017
Luisa Grogan (D).....	July 2017
Roger Breunig (R)	July 2017

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
Building Official.....	John Flower
Emergency Management Director.....	David Roberge
Finance Director.....	Nicole Stajduhar
Assistant to Finance Director	Amy Jensen
Fire Marshal	David Roberge
Health Department Administrative Assistant	Patricia Myers
Health Department, Sanitarian.....	Ledge Light Health District
Information Technology Coordinator.....	Ruth Roach
Land Use (Inland Wetlands, Planning, Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals)	
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	Jennifer Datum
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, Sal Milardo, Dominic Solari, Robert Tyson, William Zipadelli

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Superintendent – Edward Adanti
Recycling Coordinator – Donald Rutty

Jeff Benedetto	Richard Gocka
Ben Carroll	Brian Lorentson
Paul Fiore	Robert Perry
Lawrence Galbo	Donald Saunders

Election Results – November 3, 2015

First Selectman

Democrat – Bonnie Reemsnyder, 1,278 *

Republican – Catherine Carter, 1,009

Town Treasurer

Democrat – Joseph Soucie, 982

Republican – Timothy Griswold, 1,267 *

Board of Finance

Democrat – David B. Woolley, 1,246 *

Republican – Andrew Russell, 1,367 *

Board of Finance to Fill a Vacancy

Democrat – Bennett Bernblum, 1,392 *

Board of Finance Alternate

Democrat – Adam S. Burrows, 1,302 *

Republican – J. David Kelsey, 1,387 *

Republican – Robert Jose, 1,399 *

Planning Commission

5 Yr Term Begins 2015

Republican – Harold Thompson, 1,548 *

Zoning Board of Appeals

5 Yr Term Begins 2015

Democrat – Karen Conniff, 1,421 *

Zoning Commission 5 Yr Term Begins 2015

Democratic – Jane Cable, 1,411 *

Board of Assessment Appeals

Republican – Roderick M. White, 1,513 *

Selectmen

Democrat – Mary Jo Nosal, 1,120 *

Republican – Arthur E. Sibley, Jr., 1,150 *

Tax Collector

Democrat – Ruth Dillon Roach, 876

Republican – Judith Tooker, 1,385 *

Regional Board of Education

Democrat – Peter Hunt, 1,059

Democrat – Paul Fuchs, 1,088

Democrat – Michelle Roche, 1,255 *

Republican – Stacy Winchell, 1,184 *

Republican – Erick Cushman, 1,138 *

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Democrat – Marisa Hartmann, 1,328 *

Petitioning Candidate – Harry Plaut, 749 *

Petitioning Candidate – Nancy Irene Hutchinson, 734

Planning Commission

5 Yr Term Begins 2016

Republican – Christopher Kerr, 1,537 *

Zoning Board of Appeals

5 Yr Term Begins 2016

Democrat – Kip Kotzan, 1,428 *

Zoning Commission 5 Yr Term Begins 2016

Republican – Jane Marsh, 1,547 *

**Indicates Elected Candidate*

Primary Election Results - April 26, 2016

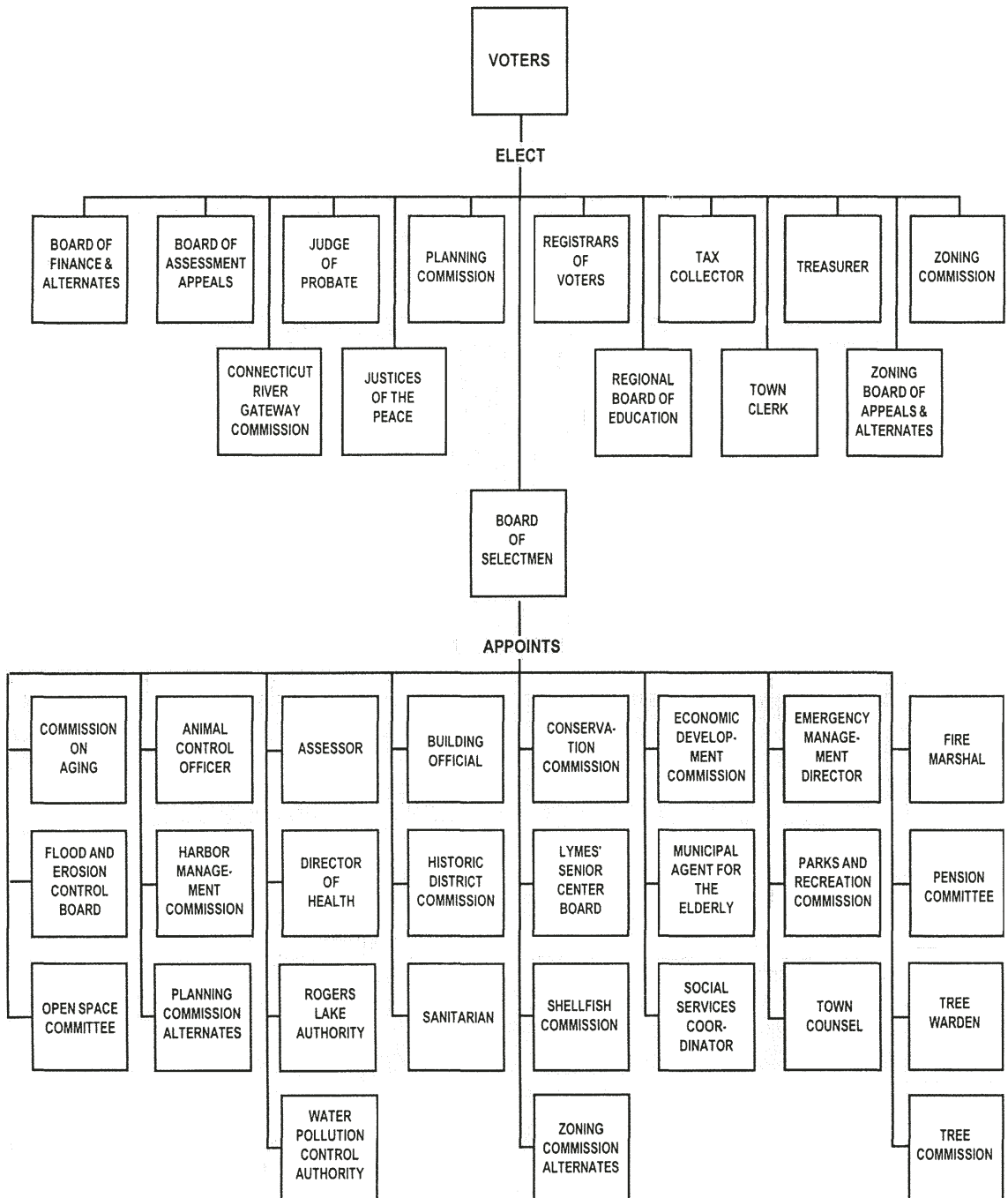
REPUBLICAN

<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Ted Cruz.....	89
Ben Carson	5
Donald J. Trump.....	471
John R. Kasich	326
Uncommitted.....	13
<i>Total Number of Names Checked as Having Voted in Town: 895</i>	

DEMOCRAT

<i>Nomination</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Roque “Rocky” De La Fuente.....	0
Hillary Clinton	477
Bernie Sanders.....	434
Uncommitted.....	14
<i>Total Number of Names Checked as Having Voted in Town: 898</i>	

Organization Chart



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Marriages July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Kevin Drew Clendennin & Elaine Marie Spinney	July 4, 2015
Garrett Thomas Dow & Lauren Elena Heslin	July 4, 2015
Richard Carmine Porcelli & Tanya Gourangi Raisz	July 5, 2015
Todd Thomas Siedsma & Jevan Louise Whitaker	July 9, 2015
Christopher Pace Murphy & Yvonne Sloane Griswold	July 11, 2015
Glen William DeMott & Diana Torok	July 11, 2015
Matthew Michael McCann & Elizabeth Anne Gunn	July 18, 2015
Jon R. Larson & Kelly E. Sullivan (East Lyme)	July 18, 2015
Sean Joseph Cody & Caitlyn Noel Hardy (Deep River)	July 24, 2015
Matthew Reynold Stark & Dana Marie Karpuska	July 25, 2015
Nicholas Joseph Fulton & Ashley Marie DeGregory	July 25, 2015
Jason Andrew Harrelle & Katy Renee Hopkins	August 1, 2015
David Pepin & Joan Rachel Stern	August 1, 2015
Joseph McNab Caron & Margaret Elizabeth Nixon	August 7, 2015
Shane Michael Kelly & Melissa Ann Przybysz	August 7, 2015
Jerimiah Booream-Phelps & Katy Skye Donald	August 8, 2015
Bruce Michael Wilcox & Danielle Marie Sorano (Madison)	August 9, 2015
Michael Anthony Barbaro & Katherine Louise McCully	August 14, 2015
Thomas Matthew Oleary & Tammy Marie Storch	August 15, 2015
Justin Scott Holmes & Maureen Elizabeth Quintin	August 20, 2015
Christopher John Carnevale & Caitlin Rae Slezycki	August 22, 2015
William David Lacourciere & Renee Louise Gallinoto	August 22, 2015
Brett Byrnes Trentham & Meredith Ann Richards	August 22, 2015
Richard Traver Steiner & Christina Marie Hage (Groton)	August 23, 2015
Bjorn Edward Enquist & Victoria Anne Hodge	August 29, 2015
Jeffrey George Beadle & Vera Halina Reed (Essex)	August 29, 2015
Eric Steven Chomka & Jennifer Ann Letourneau (Old Saybrook)	September 5, 2015
John Michael Gaetano & Morgen Alexis Grandjean (New London)	September 5, 2015
Thomas Scott Hacker, Jr. & Sarah Ely Haff	September 12, 2015
Ronald Moran & Stephanny Paola Mora	September 12, 2015
Wayne Arnold Bunker, Jr. & Lisa Kamens Robinson	September 12, 2015
Eric Franz Ossmann & Michelle Anne Lamontagne	September 12, 2015
Garrett Scott Boehm & Amanda Lauren Russ	September 18, 2015
Marc Przygocki & Kendra Lea Herrick	September 19, 2015
Jacob Samuel Himmelrich & Sarah Katherine Munson	September 19, 2015
Ross Usa Icyda & Elizabeth Victoria Haddad	September 26, 2015
Allen Charles Hadelman & Inson Neglio	September 26, 2015
Ronald Lee Iverson & Jolene Bates (Westbrook)	October 2, 2015
Joshua Matthew Hirt & Katherine Merrill Henderson	October 3, 2015
Jonathan Alan Borysiewicz & Maribeth Meghan Chassey	October 3, 2015
Christopher Gregory Stone & Ann Marie Smith	October 4, 2015
Michael Joseph Albinski & Sabrina Marie Moltke	October 10, 2015
Justin T. Krajewski & Merideth L. Tyler	October 10, 2015
Robert James Kliegl & Nicole Sanford Brady	October 11, 2015
Thomas Christopher Fitzgerald & Melissa Paige Sipos	October 17, 2015
Robert Vincent Pantalone & Ashley Nicole French	October 17, 2015
Matthew John Bachinski & Jessica Lynn Williams	October 18, 2015
James Edward Miller & Justine E. O'Reilly	October 18, 2015

Marriages July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 *(continued)*

Thomas John Flanigan & Elizabeth Kate Parsons	October 23, 2015
Richard Michael Redzep & Lauren Linda DiGiorgi	November 7, 2015
Christopher Eldon Yenco & Tonya Rose Mammone	November 14, 2015
Kevin Lucas O'Connor & Brittany Alyssa Mead	November 22, 2015
Christopher James Brown & Jennifer Jean Stillman	November 26, 2015
Kevin Mark Parker & Donna Marie Kevorkian	November 28, 2015
Timothy Charles Gonzales & Lucinda Marie Soares	November 28, 2015
James Francis Wood & Danielle Lyn Defeo	December 5, 2015
Ryan Patrick Johnson & Susan Elizabeth Quish	December 12, 2015
Carmen Phillip Saglimbeni & Heather Kathryn Skiles (Middletown)	December 27, 2015
Gerald Arthur Curtis, Jr. & Keri Ann McGearry	January 2, 2016
Kenneth Frederick Fearnley & Rachel Jenna Edwards	January 2, 2016
Lee Joseph Shay & Meredith Loveny Ritz	January 23, 2016
Mark W. Rohlf's & Julie Anne Wessinger	January 30, 2016
Ilyas Kucukbutros & Selena Uyar	February 3, 2016
Cory Francis Brassard & Elizabeth Wladimroff	February 4, 2016
Hoscar Hernan Lopez-Gutierrez & Silvia Rocio Bravo-Bernal	February 4, 2016
Thomas Moriarty & Carol L. O'Day (Guilford)	February 21, 2016
James Bernard Coward, Jr. & Linda Louise Page	February 29, 2016
Keith Allen Sikora & Caitlyn Marie Byington	March 5, 2016
Charles Francis Martin & Sommer Dawn Brooks	March 11, 2016
David Joseph Vitali & Ellen Kristine Pishvanov (New London)	March 17, 2016
Mark David Johansen & Haley Denise Busch	March 26, 2016
Paul George Kilbride & Jean Evelyn Dailey	March 27, 2016
Mark Andrew Satchwell & Kerry Anne Oneill	April 9, 2016
Brandon Chase Montgomery & Amanda Ruth Bowden	April 16, 2016
Daniel Earl Murphy & Suzanne Paula Conway	April 16, 2016
Craig Robert Abbatello & Marybeth Fafalla	April 22, 2016
David Louis Soto & Kristin Marie Healey	April 29, 2016
Scot Thomas Tripp & Diana Lynn Kahl	May 7, 2016
Philip David Lewis & Mary Jane Sunkel	May 7, 2016
Todd Alan Buroff & Rebecca Lee Gagne	May 16, 2016
James Thomas Cariddi & Kylie Marie Ellis	May 21, 2016
Anthony Shane Bartholomew & Meghan Eileen Gleason	May 29, 2016
Joshua Michael Patterson & Olivia Evelyn Michaud (Manchester)	June 3, 2016
David Jeremy Bauer & Katharine Elizabeth Bechtel	June 4, 2016
Joseph Thomas Callaghan & Veronica Ann Iseppi	June 5, 2016
Mark Bradley Haskins & Victoria Mosher Cathcart (Westbrook)	June 5, 2016
Anthony Joseph Congelos & Kristyn Sarah Boynton	June 11, 2016
Ryan Craig Johnson & Melissa Ryan McCue	June 11, 2016
Stephen John Cunha, Jr. & Keren Alexandra Camean (Stonington)	June 17, 2016
Alexander Hendrik Van Tongeren & Kimberly Laura Erickson	June 18, 2016
Seth Francis Phostole & Jennifer Ann Schlechtweg	June 24, 2016

Deaths

July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016

Anita Wu Lowery (Essex)	May 18, 2015
Sandra H. DeMazza (Branford)	June 23, 2015
Marion Keene Lopez	July 22, 2015
Conrad John Kronholm, Jr.	July 24, 2015
Godfrey Tomanek	July 25, 2015
Ward Bing (Niantic)	August 2, 2015
Robert J. Vastano	August 13, 2015
Richard Everett Kyle	August 14, 2015
Hilda Thomas	August 15, 2015
Stacy Latricia Wide Lockhart	August 15, 2015
David Singer	August 19, 2015
Rocco A. DeFrino (Branford)	August 24, 2015
Anne E. Vaugh (Niantic)	August 25, 2015
Joseph Lee Barlow, Sr. (New London)	August 28, 2015
Timothy Michael Everin (Westbrook)	September 5, 2015
Elizabeth Lucy Yuknat (Middletown)	September 6, 2015
Elizabeth Chadwick O'Connell (Middletown)	September 8, 2015
Donna L. Truckenbrodt (Middletown)	September 13, 2015
Irving Franz Oertel (Niantic)	September 16, 2015
James Curtis Mol (Middletown)	September 16, 2015
Helene Johnston (Middletown)	September 18, 2015
Pia Faulise	September 25, 2015
Ralph Rodriguez	October 9, 2015
Joseph Frank Lisitano, Sr.	October 10, 2015
Maria Anna Papendick	October 10, 2015
Charles Victor Clark (New London)	October 26, 2015
Leonard Green (Middletown)	November 9, 2015
Owen F. Peagler (Hartford)	November 13, 2015
Nancy Elizabeth Terpenning	November 14, 2015
Gloria J. Pendleton (Madison)	November 15, 2015
June Froggatt (Old Saybrook)	November 18, 2015
Gail Albino Winter (Westbrook)	November 21, 2015
Naomi S. Arnold	December 11, 2015
Angus L. McDonald (New Haven)	December 13, 2015
Muriel Marguerite Rees (East Lyme)	December 16, 2015
John Devereux Byron	December 21, 2015
Cecily C. Corsino (Branford)	December 24, 2015
Shirley W. Talcott (Branford)	December 26, 2015
James Michael Tripp (Branford)	December 28, 2015
Justin Donald Longo	January 8, 2016
Ann Joan Vidou (Niantic)	January 31, 2016
Richard Hopkins Miller (Middletown)	February 2, 2016
Jean Ann Kearns Puddington (Branford)	February 7, 2016
James McHugh III	February 8, 2016
Charles Carr	February 10, 2016
Gertrude Kwasniewski (New London)	February 14, 2016
Jean E. Sisk (Branford)	February 15, 2016
Barbara Carlson Perkins	February 17, 2016
Paul James Peters, Sr.	February 19, 2016

Deaths July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016 *(continued)*

Caroline Evelyn Dean (New London)	February 19, 2016
Gay Bennett Reichart	March 6, 2016
Chester W. Hale III	March 8, 2016
Janice Brentlinger	March 12, 2016
Norman Emerson	March 12, 2016
Gertrude M. Gaudio (Middletown)	March 12, 2016
Renee Thebaud Wilson (Middletown)	March 15, 2016
Albert J. Swanson	March 22, 2016
Arlene K. Huber (Middletown)	April 6, 2016
Roy Vincent Thomas	April 13, 2016
Margaret Rita Thompson (Old Saybrook)	April 19, 2016
Michael J. DeAngelo	April 20, 2016
Mildred Tucker	April 29, 2016
Catherine P. Martin	April 29, 2016
Rolf G. Kasper (Branford)	April 30, 2016
Carol Noyes Winters	May 4, 2016
Donald S. Ruty, Jr. (New London)	May 6, 2016
Ramona Margaret McNamara	May 9, 2016
Cornelia M. Snape (New Haven)	May 11, 2016
Thomas Emerson Hooper (Old Saybrook)	May 17, 2016
Carol J. Jenik	May 20, 2016
Donald Francis Mackey (New London)	May 26, 2016
Donald Bartow Read	May 31, 2016
Joseph Edward O'Connor (New Haven)	June 4, 2016
Irene Hickey-Wheeler (Manchester)	June 6, 2016
Reverend Thomas W. Ahern (Middletown)	June 16, 2016
Herbert Avakian (Niantic)	June 18, 2016

Walter E. Kent, Jr., CCMA II
Assessor

Mickie Fraser
Administrative Assessment Technician

A year after our 2014 revaluation finds the town growing again, as our Grand List increased to 1,575,473,160 from 1,566,306,930. Hopefully this trend will continue.

As expected, this year was a nightmare with motor vehicle assessments. The Motor Vehicle Department went to a totally new computer system and many vehicles were left off the list, and vehicles that belonged to other towns were included. Hopefully 2016 will clear things up and eliminate a lot of confusion for our office as well as for our taxpayers.

As far as deadlines for exemptions, filing dates, and general knowledge of what is going on in this office, please refer to Old Lyme Events, which comes out four times a year. There is always something in each issue from our office.

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

Board of Finance

Andy Russell
Chairman

Meetings: Third Tuesdays, 7:30 P.M., every Tuesday in Feb. and March at 7 P.M.

As the Old Lyme Board of Finance, we continue to be very conservative because we cannot count on the availability of funds from Hartford. 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 2016 FY year that ended on June 30, 2016 shows us that we collected over \$348,000 more taxes than anticipated thanks to our taxpayers and our tax collector, Judy Tooker. Our total revenues were \$311,215 higher than anticipated. Intergovernmental revenues exceeded budget amount by \$551,035 due to a one-time reimbursement from DEEP for \$600,000 of prior year landfill closure costs.

We also spent \$1,029,207 less than budgeted. The savings were realized from many areas of the budget including a savings of over \$100,000 on our insurance line; over \$135,000 in savings from our boards and commissions, our Old Lyme Municipal Police and volunteer fire department; and a 25% savings -- or \$60,000 -- on our fees for trash disposal. We thank our town employees and 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, 2016 we are well above that range.

We invested over \$400,000 in our town roads as well as our upgrades to the equipment our Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments use to keep us safe. Some of the items included replacement of a dump truck and plow and fuel tanks at Public Works. We also provided funding to upgrade the Fire/Police boat within the budget and supplemental funds that were voted on at a town meeting.

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 continue to set aside funds 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 7/1/2015 to 6/30/2016

10	Permits -	Accessory Buildings	\$84,981.00
20	Permits -	Additions	\$1,282,438.00
6	Permits -	Additions/Alterations	\$408,040.00
101	Permits -	Alterations	\$4,661,847.00
11	Permits -	Demolition	\$2,500.00
241	Permits -	Electrical.....	\$413,255.00
16	Permits -	Foundation	\$5,713,250.00
5	Permits -	Garage	\$215,800.00
142	Permits -	Heating, A/C	\$657,558.00
19	Permits -	New Residence.....	\$0.00
190	Permits -	Plumbing.....	\$247,107.00
3	Permits -	Pools.....	\$59,500.00
124	Permits -	Repairs	\$2,749,413.00
11	Permits -	Replace Fuel Tanks	\$30,235.00
2	Permits -	Satellite Antenna	\$35,000.00
22	Permits -	Temporary Structures	\$73,245.00
11	Permits -	Wood Stoves	\$0.00

Total Cost of Permits Issued..... \$16,634,169.00

Total Number of Permits Issued..... 934

Total Fees Received During Fiscal Year \$174,782.00

Total Cost of Permits Issued..... \$16,634,169.00

Commission on Aging

Don Tapper

Chairman

Meetings: Third Tuesdays except July and August, 1 P.M., Lymes' Senior Center.

The Old Lyme Commission on Aging meets at Lymes' Senior Center on the third Tuesday of every month at 1 pm. 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 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 a respite center for both towns.

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

The Board of Selectmen names **Mary V. Seidner** The Town of Old Lyme's Citizen of the Year

Throughout 25 years as a member of the Old Lyme community, Mary Seidner has demonstrated an impassioned commitment to our children and families.

A long-time Lyme-Old Lyme Schools volunteer and Girl Scout leader, Mary was active in the Friends of Music at Lyme-Old Lyme High School and joined the Lymes' Youth Service Bureau Board in 2002. A founding member of the Lyme-Old Lyme Early Childhood Council and the new Community Connections, Mary is also on the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation Board, a Trustee of Essex Savings Bank, and a member of the Child & Family Agency's Lyme-Old Lyme Auxiliary. A former board member of the Community Foundation, Mary also serves on the Midsummer Festival Committee, as well as the Friends of the Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library.

Mary celebrates her 11th year as LYSB Executive Director this year. During her tenure, the LYSB has forged bonds with local businesses and community members. The LYSB's active involvement in the annual Holiday Giving program has provided holiday gifts and cheer to a growing number of families in need.

They formed CASFY: Community Action for Substance Free Youth, which has sent a strong substance-free message since 2005. In addition to providing informational programs and conducting surveys about substance use, CASFY enlisted Old Lyme Sanitation trucks as message boards, stating "I will be a Parent, not a Bartender," and "Don't be a Party to Underage Drinking. It's the Law."

The LYSB also collaborated with Old Lyme's Police Department, receiving a Youth/Police Grant for three consecutive years, hosting meetings and sponsoring events that have benefited young community members.

Programs for all ages and active service groups for middle- and high-school students have expanded under Mary's leadership. It was the LYSB's youth groups that put together 100 backpacks filled with school supplies for

survivors of Hurricane Katrina. Most recently, the LYSB organized and initiated a Juvenile Review Board.

Mary Seidner was honored as the 2013 Board member of the year by the Connecticut Youth Service Association, and it is now the Board of Selectmen's turn to honor Mary Seidner's commitment to our community by naming her our 2015 Citizen of the Year.



Citizen of the Year for 2015, Mary V. Seidner, is flanked by the Board of Selectmen—Bonnie Reemsnyder, Skip Sibley, and Mary Jo Nosal.



Mary Seidner is joined by Citizens of the Year from years past: Robert Pierson, 2012; Lynn Fairfield-Sonn, 2014; Mary Seidner; Janet G. Sturges, 2010; and Peter Cable, 2013.

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

Peter Cable, Suzanne Thompson
Old Lyme Representatives

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860-581-8554

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Meetings: fourth Thursdays, RiverCOG office, Essex

The CT River Gateway Commission was established in 1974 and currently consists of two members representing each of the eight towns of the lower Connecticut River valley: Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme, and Old Saybrook, as well as representatives from the Lower Connecticut River Council of Governments (RiverCOG) and a representative of the Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). The primary goal of the Gateway Commission is to preserve the scenic and ecological resources of the lower Connecticut River. It accomplishes this responsibility through land protection and the creation of zoning standards, adopted and enforced by the participating towns in the Gateway Zone.

In support of these values, in January 2016 the Gateway Commission issued a strong opposition to one of four alternative proposals published by the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) as

part of its initial planning phase (Tier 1 Draft EIS) for upgrading the North East Corridor (NEC) rail system. The objectionable alternative would route a new high-speed rail line through a developed section of Old Saybrook and across the CT River adjacent to the Baldwin Bridge and through the Old Lyme Historic District and Lieutenant River marsh. It can be hoped that a final choice among alternative NEC plans by the FRA will acknowledge the judgment expressed by the commission and, indeed, by all the Connecticut shoreline communities from Old Saybrook to Mystic.

The Gateway Commission meets on the fourth Thursday of the month at the RiverCOG office in Essex. For more information on the commission contact RiverCOG 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.



A proposed new rail line would cross the Connecticut River from Old Saybrook, on the right, to Old Lyme at the location of the Baldwin Bridge, to the north; the existing railroad bridge to the south would remain.

Conservation Commission

Tom Sherer
Chairman

Meetings: First Tuesdays at Memorial Town Hall, 7:30 P.M.

By revising the Conservation Commission website we made it easier for the public to identify pesticides described in the National Institute of Health's directory of common products on the market. The commission publicized the state law concerning phosphorous in fertilizers. Phosphorous, even in very low concentrations, can dramatically increase weed and algae growth in our lakes and streams. The law prohibits using phosphorous fertilizers in the immediate area around the shoreline of rivers and lakes.

The Conservation Commission will purchase a demonstration lake bed blanket, a ten- by forty-foot "blanket" that blocks the sunlight from weeds. In the past these blankets have proved to be very efficient in killing weeds while allowing desirable organisms to survive. The commission opposes the use of herbicides in Rogers Lake as well as on Old Lyme playing fields, even though we recognize the fact that our children are daily exposed to pesticides in a number of other situations. We believe that the town should not contribute to this wide range of exposures to harmful products.

The commission has opposed, for a number of reasons, the recent use of an herbicide for the first time in Rogers Lake. The herbicide program will require more applications in the years ahead. Rogers Lake is a major water resource for the town of Old Lyme at a time when the entire state has undergone a period of serious drought and water shortage. Water percolates through the sand and gravel underlying Rogers Lake, providing drinking water for the shallow wells around the lake as well as the wells in two of the three main aquifers in Old Lyme. Rogers Lake is listed as a trophy trout lake, and an expensive fish ladder has been installed in the newly reconstructed dam to accommodate the alewives that now have a chance to reproduce in the lake and then return to the sea. There is also a fish hatchery at the

lower Mill Pond dam, which has been supplying salmon eggs for the State of Connecticut's salmon program. The Rogers Lake Authority has adopted the Conservation Commission's Long Range Plan for Rogers Lake, and we support a thorough well water testing and septic system pump-out program for homeowners around the lake and throughout the town.

The Conservation Commission has attempted to establish an outreach program to involve our youth through the environment committee at the Congregational Church, where our members have provided programs on conservation issues.

The commission has worked with the Old Lyme Land Trust and the selectmen in a concerted effort to obtain a forty-three acre parcel of forested land currently owned by the National Guard. The hope is to establish a town forest in this area. The commission has focused attention on the 500 acres of undeveloped land to the southeast of Route One that, if developed, would add still more nutrients to the south end of Rogers Lake, which is already choked with weeds.

The members of the commission have written a number of articles for publication on such topics as radon, lawn care, well-water testing, and solar panel programs. Members have kept in close communication with the Old Lyme Land Trust and the Open Space Commission in connection with the Old Lyme Land Trust's recent acquisition of the title to the 185-acre Lay property and the hiring of a manager for the town's open space properties. The Conservation Commission encourages donations to the nonprofit Old Lyme Land Trust in order to assure that they have sufficient funds to maintain their 1,000 acres as well as acquire choice parcels of open space as the parcels come onto the market.

We welcome members of the public at our meetings at Memorial Town Hall the first Tuesday of the month at 7:30 P.M.

Emergency Management

David W. Roberge
Director

Mother Nature gave us a break here on the shoreline this year with less-than-average snowfall. While we had a smaller number of storms, we weathered through them with no major impacts to the community.

Again this year, the Town of Old Lyme was the recipient of grants totaling \$20,000.00 from the Nuclear Safety Emergency Fund. These funding sources continue to provide for additional response equipment and emergency operations center improvements.

Another project that continues to move forward includes our 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 are still expanding our data files for local residents who might have “*Special or Functional Needs*” in the event of a localized emergency incident. Persons who might have potential mobility problems or transportation needs or might be dependent upon electricity for life support are encouraged to register with this office. A Special Needs Registration Form is included again in the back 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.

You can follow Old Lyme Emergency Management on Facebook and Twitter for important information and storm updates.

Estuary Transit District

Joseph Comerford
Executive Director

Meetings: Third Fridays of alternate months, 9:30 A.M., ETD

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, ETD operates public transit via the 9 Town Transit (9TT) service.

The ETD 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 non-voting 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.

The 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. 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 seven years ago. Though ETD has continued to grow in senior ridership, 80 percent of all trips are made by persons below sixty years of age, and over half of all trips are employment related.

The ETD was notified that it was successful in obtaining funding for new fixed-route service between Madison and Middletown. The service will begin in the 2016-2017 fiscal year. Funding was also received for a needs assessment and site selection for a new operating and maintenance facility for the district. The study will be completed in the 2016-2017 fiscal year.

Federal funding sources for the ETD are changing from rural to urban, which will require new administrative responsibilities and brings new federal requirements. This change will also provide new access to federal funding opportunities.

Board of Directors

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

Administrative Staff

<i>Name</i>	<i>Position</i>
Joseph Comerford	Executive Director
Jamie Bohli-Cormier	Operations Manager
Halyna Famiglietti	Finance Manager

Fire Marshal

David W. Roberge
Fire Marshal

During the fiscal year 2015-2016, minimal damage from fire was experienced. There were no losses of life and only a small amount of structural or vehicle damage was reported.

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.

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

As part of state-mandated continuing education, I 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.

Florence Griswold Museum

Jeffrey W. Andersen
Director

Ted Hamilton
President

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In the early years of the twentieth century, Florence Griswold (1850-1937) transformed her family estate into a celebrated colony of American artists who found inspiration in her gardens, orchards, outbuildings, and riverside property. The entirety of her energies and resources was devoted to the singular idea of creating a place where artists could live and work together in a sympathetic, communal setting. Miss Florence found her calling as the “keeper of the artist colony,” a self-described role in which she thrived for nearly forty years. And yet, despite her best efforts and in large measure because of her giving nature, near the end of her life she was forced to sell her cherished property to pay her mounting debts.

Suddenly, where artistic ideas and productivity once flourished, the property was now a private estate, cut off from its past. Between the 1970s and 1990s, the Florence Griswold Museum gradually reassembled these pieces of land, forming a historic site of eleven acres. But these efforts were incomplete until the spring of 2016 when, thanks to a group of trustees and other supporters, the last remaining parcel in private hands was purchased by the museum, restoring Miss Florence’s original

thirteen-acre estate and nearly doubling the river frontage on the Lieutenant River.

With this landmark acquisition complete, the Florence Griswold Museum is at a pivotal moment in its history, with the opportunity to think and plan for the long term. How can we best serve the residents of Old Lyme? How can we provide an even better experience of art, history, and nature to the over 70,000 visitors who come here each year? The trustees and staff feel that the museum must emphasize the land and the riverfront. We have a beautiful campus with restored gardens and a collection of mature trees that provide a park-like setting for residents and visitors right in the heart of the village of Old Lyme. To help us in thinking about the future, the museum is working with Stephen Stimson Associates of Princeton, Massachusetts on a far-reaching landscape master plan.

The Lyme Art Colony painters chose to come to Old Lyme because of its natural beauty. The fields, woods, and estuaries of Lyme reminded them of rural coastal locales in France and Holland, where many of these artists were exposed to the outdoor painting of the Impressionists. Living and working on this property, the Lyme Impressionists reveled in its

Florence Griswold Museum *(continued)*

beauty and painted its environs in the open air. We want the newly reunified property to harken back to what the artists saw here one hundred years ago.

Together, we have the opportunity to envision an even more compelling museum where the landscape perfectly complements the historic

Florence Griswold House and the art works in the Kriebler Gallery. Presenting these elements in unison, the Florence Griswold Museum will continue to be a place of art, history, and nature, and, we sincerely hope, a place to gather with your friends and family.



A current view of the Florence Griswold Museum's newly acquired property



Two artistic renditions by Stephen Stimson Associates of Princeton, MA of possible transformations of the new Florence Griswold Museum property

Harbor Management Commission

Steve Ross
Chairman

Ned Farman
Vice Chairman

Meetings: Second Tuesdays except August, December, & February, 7 P.M., Memorial Town Hall

A Memorable Year Along the Waterfront

The clear highlight of the FY2015-2016 for the Harbor Management Commission (HMC) was the successful funding and completion of the dredge projects on the Black Hall and Four Mile Rivers. A total of 18,607 cubic yards of sediment was dredged from the two rivers and deposited at the Central Long Island site off New Haven by March of this year.

As a result, boaters and other recreational users from all over the state will experience safe, navigable waterways at all tidal levels. The restoration of full tidal flooding will halt the degradation of parched marine vegetation. Additionally, the first-ever dredging of the two waterways will help to ensure the lasting economic viability of the three marinas and related small businesses in our area.

Careful readers will recall that a \$200,000 grant-in-aid in 2011 from the State Department of Transportation seriously launched our dredge project. There ensued three phases of extensive testing, officially called the Navigable Waterways Study, which was essentially a feasibility study for dredging, involving benthic studies (studies of living things) and sediment testing. Following public comment periods, the applications were approved by DEEP and the Army Corps of Engineers in April-May 2015.

HMC immediately called upon Coastline Consulting LLC of Branford, who had conducted the Navigable Waterways Study, to prepare bid specifications. On July 28, 2015 the State Department of Transportation awarded a grant of \$1,614,074 to the Town of Old Lyme to cover the full costs of dredging both rivers. The customary 20 percent municipal portion was waived in our case.

A special Town Meeting was held on September 8 to decide whether to accept the latest state grant-in-aid and embark on the dredge projects, for which Patriot Marine of Boston submitted the low bid. At the meeting HMC officers Steven Ross and Ned Farman explained that DEEP's approval guaranteed no environmental harm and that the dredge projects were a very rare opportunity that would cost the

town nothing. A vote of 117 to 11 approved the project.

On October 9, 2015, dredging began on the Four Mile River. That process was complicated by having to transfer dredged material from small scows to a large barge due to having to pass under the Amtrak bridge near Long Island Sound. In late January, dredging shifted to the Black Hall River and was completed in March 2016. On both rivers dredge activity extended from the rivers into the sound.

The Harbor Management Commission was, per usual, active in other areas. Commission Secretary Mike Magee led efforts to manage Pilgrim Landing, its dinghy rack, and the accumulation of debris that wash in and clutter the Landing.

Assistant Harbormaster Mike Mackey and Harbormaster Harry Plaut have successfully been confronting the never-ending challenge of accounting for all moorings in Old Lyme waters and ensuring that they are properly placed and periodically inspected.

Working with First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder, the HMC was able to complete the lengthy process of transferring ownership of a .62-acre parcel of land from DEEP to the town. The land abuts the town-owned property off Hall's Road on the west side of the Lieutenant River, across from the Morning Glory. HMC is in the early stages of seeking funding and plans for an ADA-compliant site for crabbing, fishing, and hand-launched watercraft sometime in the future. HMC member John McDonald is liaising with the Hall's Road Improvement Committee in connection with this developing project.

The Harbor Management Commission, an active member of the Connecticut Harbor Management Association, meets the second Tuesday of each month except August, December, and February at 7 P.M. at Memorial Town Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Harbor Management Commission *(continued)*



*Left & Right:
The dredge
and the dump
scow*



*Below: Here are three photos of the shuttle scows that
transport the material between the in-river dredge
and the larger scow out on the mooring.*



Below: Three pictures of the in-river dredge rig



Health Department

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Director of Health

John T. Sieviec, M.S.R.S
Sanitarian (through 4/19/16)

Paricia Z. Myers
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Sanitarian (beginning 4/25/2016)

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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 investigations
- Pool inspections
- Soil testing and plan reviews for new/repair septic systems
- Reviewing 19-13-B100a Applications (Building Conversions/Changes in Use, Building Additions, Garages/Accessory Structures, Swimming Pools, and Sewage Disposal Area Preservation).

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

Office hours for the sanitarian are Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 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	110
Inspection of Food Vending Trucks	6
Inspection of Temporary Food Vendors	16
Inspection of Lodging Houses	2
Inspections of Salons/Barber Shops.....	7
Inspections of Schools, Churches and Day Care Centers	8
Nuisance Orders Issued	0
Complaints Investigated	21
Septic Systems Inspected	34
Septic System Permits Issued – Repair	28
Septic System Permits Issued – New	11
Well Permits Issued	30
Test Holes & Perc Tests (Sites).....	32
19-13-B100a Plan Reviews.....	28
Engineered Plan Reviews.....	6

Historic District Commission

Dr. John E. Pfeiffer
Chairman

Meetings: First Mondays, 9:00 A.M., Memorial Town Hall

The Town of Old Lyme Historic District Commission (HDC) meets at 9:00 A.M. on the first Monday of each month in the 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 the 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, or 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 ranges from minor additions, such as air conditioners, signs, banners, sculpture, and screening fences, to more complex reconstruction of driveways 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 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 twelve Certificate of Appropriateness applications from July 1, 2015 - June 30, 2016:

1. **75 Lyme Street**, Dr. Awwa, driveway pavers
2. **59 Lyme Street**, LYSB, remove abandoned well house
3. **31 Lyme Street**, Charles and Tammy Hinckley, new stone walkway
4. **10 Lyme Street**, Village Shops, Lee and Michele Mergy, bird sculpture
5. **55 Lyme Street**, Old Lyme Historical Society, AC unit installation & screening
6. **10 Lyme Street**, Village Shops, Lee and Michele Mergy, multiple renovations (windows, trim, light fixtures, post lanterns, mailboxes, walkways)
7. **90 Lyme Street**, Lyme Art Association, new lighted sign
8. **59 Lyme Street**, LYSB, replace basketball court with play area, remove rear parking area, install landscaping
9. **31 Lyme Street**, Charles and Tammy Hinckley, AC unit screening
10. **32 Lyme Street**, Cynthia Taylor, propane tank screening
11. **100 Lyme Street**, Bee & Thistle Inn, David Rufo, patio and lighting installation
12. **55 Lyme Street**, Old Lyme Historical Society, remove basement hatchway and front basement windows, patch foundation to match existing.

Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce

Mark Griswold
President

Olwen Logan
Vice President

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www.VisitOldLyme.com

Meetings: Third Wednesday evenings, locations vary

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 2015, we hosted a Welcome Table at Old Lyme's Midsummer Festival and a Business After Hours event at the Bee and Thistle Inn.

The chamber's season opened in September at the Old Lyme Inn with presentations by iCRV Radio and Ken Kitchings. In October, our regular meeting had a political tone in light of the upcoming election with presentations by Senator Paul Formica and Representative Devin Carney. October also saw Chamber of Commerce members celebrate the Wee Faerie Village "Whimsical Kingdoms," hosted by the Florence Griswold Museum, by creating similarly themed incentives to visit local restaurants and inns.

In late October 2015, the chamber hosted two "Meet the Candidates" events for those seeking office as members respectively of the Region #18 Board of Education and the Town of Old Lyme's Board of Selectmen. The former event was co-sponsored by Lymes' Youth Service Bureau and moderated by Chamber Vice President/LymeLine.com publisher Olwen Logan. The latter event was co-sponsored by The Day and moderated jointly by Olwen Logan and The Day's Editorial Page Editor, Paul Choiniere.

Florence Griswold Museum Director Jeff Andersen was the speaker at our November meeting, and in early December our Annual Tree Lighting took place at the Town Hall. 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.

Speakers this year have included John Forbis of the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center, Muzalliq Syed on the use of social media in business, David Williams of iCRV Radio, SECoast Executive Director Greg Stroud on

the Amtrak high-speed railroad proposal, and Gail Stevens on the chamber's new initiative welcoming new residents to our towns titled, "Wake Up to Lyme-Old Lyme."

A well-attended Business Breakfast was hosted in February at which B.J. Bernblum discussed the Halls Road Improvement program.

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 seniors Gabriel Barclay, Brett Hartmann, Austin Pilgrim, Sophia Romeo, and Sloane Sweitzer, all of Old Lyme, were announced as the 2016 recipients of the Chamber's Business Leadership Senior Scholarships. Meredith Kegley of Lyme and Allison Marsh of Old Lyme were named the 2016 recipients of the inaugural Senior Scholarship for Promise and Achievement in the Arts, also awarded by the chamber.

All the students were acknowledged with Proclamations from the State Legislature presented by State Senators Paul Formica and Art Linares and State Representative Devin Carney, all of whom attended the Annual Meeting.

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.

The Chamber of Commerce hosted the inaugural Osprey Festival on Hartford Avenue in Sound View on June 18 in partnership with the Connecticut Audubon Society, Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts of the University of New Haven, and the MusicNow Foundation. Forty-six vendors joined the event, which also featured a sandcastle-building contest along with performances by the US Coast Guard Band, "The Voice" finalist Braiden Sunshine, Ramblin' Dan Stevens, and numerous youth musicians. The weather was glorious, the food delicious, and everyone agreed that it was an extremely successful event – on top of which thirty-three

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

new Chamber of Commerce members were generated!

The chamber 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. 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 by no means least, remember to **Buy Local!**



Gathered to honor the 2016 Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce's scholarship winners are, from left to right, (back row), State Rep. Devin Carney, Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber President Mark Griswold, Lyme-Old Lyme High School Class of 2016 seniors Brett Hartmann, Gabriel Barclay, and Austin Pilgrim, State Senators Paul Formica and Art Linares, and Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber Scholarship Committee Chairman Russ Gomes; (front row) Lyme-Old Lyme High School Class of 2016 seniors Meredith Kegley, Allison Marsh, and Sloane Sweitzer. Missing from photo: Sophia Romeo.

Lyme–Old Lyme Education Foundation

Mary Stone
President

“Supporting Excellence in Our Schools and Community”
www.LOLEF.org

The Lyme–Old Lyme Education Foundation (LOLEF) is an independent, non-profit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, established in 2006 to support and enhance public education in our community. The foundation is governed by a volunteer board of directors from Lyme and Old Lyme.

Our mission is to create and enhance 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.

The foundation raises and distributes funds to enhance or expand enrichment programs, support innovative teaching and learning, and build educational partnerships between our students and our community. To date, LOLEF has raised and distributed over \$160,000 to fund new curricula throughout our community.

A few of the LOLEF Grants made in 2016:

- **Lymes Senior Center Internet Education Program:** LOLEF funded the purchase of five computers and instructional time for our seniors to learn about computer and internet usage, including writing documents, sending e-mail, and researching on the internet.
- **STEM Curriculum at Lyme–Old Lyme Middle School:** Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) instruction for students in grades 6, 7, and 8. Topics include introductions to chemical engineering, environmental landscaping, bioengineering, and green engineering.
- **3-D Printer and coordinated curriculum** in architectural engineering, wood production, and technical writing for middle- school students.

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

Community Fundraising Events in 2017

- **Kayak Race**
at Rogers Lake – debut in late June
- **Bound for the Sound Road Race**
*5k, 10k and 1 Mile Fun Run
Held each September at Sound View Beach.*
- **Warren Miller Ski Film**
Held in December
- **Community Appeal**
We gratefully accept donations in any amount through our website: www.LOLEF.org or by mail: P.O. Box 895, Old Lyme, CT 06371 or by event sponsorship and attendance. Contributions are fully tax-deductible.

For more information on events, please go to 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

Forty-Third Annual Commencement • June 10, 2016

Candidates for Diplomas

Nathan Richard Abraham λ ω
Victoria Oxanna Azoulay λ ω
Zachary Michael Barbato
Gabriel Paul Barclay λ ω
Alexander David Bellas λ ω
Nathan Edward Bersing
Molly Shea Biega
Ashton James Bohan
Jacqueline Anne Boulay
Amber Elizabeth Bowker
Maria Beatrice Boyle λ ω
Emily Hyde Brault λ ω
David Morris Brown, Jr.
Connor James Carberry
Tenzin Dickyi Choedon
Gabriella Nicole Cohen
Caroline Wells Cox λ ω
Melissa Estefania Cruz
August Nash Cummins
Megan Rose Cushman λ ω
Micheline Carder Czlapinski
Charles Adams Dahlke
Jon Michael Davis
Cameron Francis Dean-Frazier
William Gabriel DeMott
Evan Tian Deng ω
Haley Marie DiMaggio
George Richard Doll
Joel Matthew Driscoll
Kathryn Keelan Fanelli λ ω
Matthew Rooke Fanelli
Jason Feng λ ω
Ethan Marsh Fenton λ ω
William Charles Ferguson
Daniel Connor Fink
Silja Fia Forstein λ ω
Peter Allen Fuchs ω
Timothy Drake Gavin
Justin Henry Gellar
Jack Anthony Giaconia
Charles Mortimer Hackett
Theresa Ann Hall ω
Brett Robert Hartmann λ ω
Ryan James Harty λ ω
Andrew William Hawthorne
Henry Lightfoot Hunt ω
Natalie Jayne Inglis
Meredith Talbot Kegley λ ω
Ford Conklin Klier λ ω
Alexis Julia Kolar λ ω
James Bartholomew Kolb λ ω
Luke Konishesky λ ω

Christina Marie Kosecki ω
Samantha Jane Lee λ ω
Bilal Mohammad Malik
Campbell Reynolds Mann
Allison Sophie Marsh λ ω
Garrett Christopher McCarthy
Zachary Tyler McGrath
Leah Mary Migliaccio
Matthew Marcellus Miller
Caroline Virginia Montanaro λ ω
Michael Chabot Moran, Jr.
Anastasia Leanne Muckle
Colleen Margaret Mueller λ ω
Hannah Mae Patten
Nathan Everett Peduzzi
Austin Lorry Pilgrim λ ω
Ryan Edward Powers
Wyatt James Powers
Michael Thomas Reddy ω
Matthew James Robertson
Jared Leonard Roche ω
Sophia Patrice Romeo λ ω
Taylor Caroline Rumm λ ω
Jack Francis Sandora
Callum Joseph MacDonald Sawden ω
Madeleine Meyer Schumacher λ ω
Alexis Kelley Sims
Victoria Lily Sims ω
David Anthony Sirna
Cooper Ryan St. Germain ω
Christian James Sweeney
Sloane Page Sweitzer λ ω
Colby Selden Swope ω
Alexis Mariah Taylor
Kyra Ann Teixeira ω
Ian Brett Thompson
Morey Orion Tripp
Joshua Jordan Turkowski λ
William James Visgilio
Matthew Ryan Watts-St. Germain ω
Zachary Cole Welch
Imogene Clara Welles λ ω
Brendan Hill White ω
Hattie Wilczewski λ ω
Andrew Richard Willard
Kaspar Michael Wolfe ω
Haley Jean Woodford ω

*λ Member National Honor Society, Gold Honor Cord
ω Academic Letter Recipient*

Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*

CLASS OFFICERS

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Gabriel Barclay	Vice President
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Brett Hartmann	Treasurer
Sophia Romeo	Class Historian

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Jacob Wilson, Megan Winski, Louis Zubeck

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Lyme-Old Lyme Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1467

Tim Griswold

Post Commander Starting June 2016

Ed Shyloski

Post Commander through May 2016

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www.vfw.org

Meetings: Fourth Mondays March through November

6:00 P.M. dinner, 7:00 P.M. meeting, Lymes' Senior Center

Lyme-Old Lyme Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1467 membership includes men and women who served the United States in combat zones. At the beginning of 2016, we had eighty-four members, not just from the towns of Old Lyme and Lyme but most from surrounding towns and seven other states. Our membership includes veterans from WWII, Korea, Vietnam, the Gulf War, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Our post was chartered some twenty-five years ago as a VFW Post whose mantra is, "We own no bar, no building; we just do good works!"

Our main mission is to provide temporary assistance to Veterans-In-Need and their immediate families. The Lyme-Old Lyme VFW Post 1467 Veterans Services Officer Douglas Wilkinson organized our annual VFW Buddy Poppy Program for four days in November. Our VFW Judge Advocate, Bob Roser, championed our annual fall benefit BBQ banquet to fund our Vets-In-Need program. We have also been the direct beneficiary of two local churches whose parishioners have witnessed our Vets-In-Need work and who contributed funding to aid fully-vetted military veterans in distress.

For example, our VFW has provided significant temporary monetary assistance to defray costs back and forward on rental payments, utilities or home heating fuel, purchase of wheelchairs and installation of wheelchair ramps, food and gas cards, and children's clothing needs. Our VFW has paid for the costs of vehicle expenses, and in-home access repairs, and veteran travel relocation to relocate to helpful family members. We aid veterans geographically all over Southeastern Connecticut. When they call, a team of two VFW members visit to identify their needs. The personal privacy of veterans involved in seeking and being granted our temporary assistance is protected. VFW disbursements for our services are first reviewed and determined by our Board of Trustees. Our L-OL VFW Post Outreach is indebted to the *Lyme Times* and *The Day* newspaper articles asking to identify any Veterans-In-Need because they learned that most of our Vets-In-Need cases come from veterans

who self-identify.

In the past year, we have aided a number of Veterans-In-Need from our Relief Fund as well as contributed to others from our General Fund. Some 2016 examples are as follows:

We defrayed the burial expense of a female WWII veteran. We prevented three different veterans and one child from being homeless by paying back and ahead on rent and utilities in Waterford, New London, and Torrington. Additionally, we provided gas and grocery cards; we installed two ramps in Groton and Old Saybrook and bought a wheelchair replacement to help a Westbrook veteran's wife; we provided a mobile trolley for another vet; we supplied the New London Veterans Rehab Home with incoming and outgoing personal kits; we provided the cost of a Stonington in-home walk-in shower for a retired submariner and his wife. We also coordinate other needs with CT State Veterans service providers.

In addition, we have continually contributed significant funds each year to the West Haven VA Hospital, separately to the Giant Steps art therapy program for veterans suffering PTSD, the VA Blind Center there and the VFW National Home in Wisconsin for indigent veterans' families. We have contributed to the Fisher House to be built soon at the West Haven VA.

We contribute to our community by offering leadership by example to our youth as well as to providing support to leaders in our community. We contribute to the Old Lyme High Hopes horse riding therapy program that supports veterans' mental therapy needs. We support and contribute to the New London HS Junior ROTC program, Old Lyme Memorial Day cemetery flags replacement with the help of the Boy Scouts, the Memorial Day Parade cost, the OL Little League Baseball, and camperships for the OL Boy Scouts of America. A number of our Post members serve with the CT Veterans Honor Guard, which conducts a military honors ceremony for deceased veterans serving the counties of Middlesex, New London, and part of New Haven.

Lyme-Old Lyme Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1467 *(continued)*

The L-OL VFW Post supports the Lyme-Old Lyme High school and Middle School, contributing \$3,000 to the LOLHS Band and Chorus for their Pearl Harbor trip planned for December 2016 and supporting each school's Veterans Day programs with our Voice of Democracy and Patriots Pen essay contests. We are continually impressed with the students' attention and the support of school administrators during this annual tribute.

Combat veterans should really consider joining our Post to serve less fortunate area military service members but also to enjoy the comradeship of fellow veterans in our dedication to giving back to our communities. Go to vfw.org and join VFW Post #1467 Lyme-Old Lyme. We meet the 4th Monday of every month from March through November at the Lymes' Senior Center at 6 P.M. for dinner and then a one-hour meeting at 7 P.M. Ed Shyloski is the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1467 Commander, 05ecsjet@gmail.com, 860-917-7152

Lymes' Senior Center

Stephanie Lyon-Gould
Director

www.seniorcenterct.org

Lymes' Senior Center serves our senior community ages sixty and over and offers a variety of educational, health, exercise, and other special programs; entertainment; art classes; games; "baby boomer" activities; hiking; lunches; day trips; cruises and overnight trips; and much, much more. Lymes' Senior Center is open from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday, with some evening and weekend programs. Please check the monthly newsletter or our NEW website, www.seniorcenterct.org, 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 this beautiful facility and grounds if you have any questions.

Listed below are just some of the highlights of the 2015-2016 year:

- 18,500 people came to the senior center.
- 19 weekly classes were offered, including art, dance, and health and fitness, and many special events, workshops, day and overnight trips, history seminars, games, and socials took place.
- Nearly 1500 people of all ages attended the Summer Community Concert Series
- Our membership has grown 58% over the past two years.

2015-2016 Board of Directors

- Sue Campbell - *President*
- Doris Rand - *Vice President*
- Bob Pierson/Nancy Campbell - *Treasurer*
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- Diana Seckla
- Mary Miles
- Don Tapper
- Ann Griffith
- Gary Weed
- Doris Johnson
- Ruth Young
- Geri Baker

Lymes' Senior Center *(continued)*

Thank You Jim Noyes — We Owe You a Debt of Gratitude! *The Lymes' Senior Center*

Jim Noyes, you played an integral part in the development of the Lymes' Senior Center. You were instrumental in finding a site for the center and choosing an architect. You served on the building committee, helped build the center, and served on our first Board of Directors. According to accounts from those who worked alongside you, you were a master scavenger. The counter tops in the center came from a stash of materials you had saved from some of your other jobs. You were frugal and the carpentry hours you and the other "hammer-swingers" donated made the project possible. Along with Walt Soquist, Francis Ross, and Ralph Eno, you hung doors, installed window and door trim, made the backsplash for the kitchen sinks, and framed the opening for the range hood. You worked with Walt to trim the pilasters for the side porch and front door overhang.

Your knowledge of the town and your connection with the people were invaluable. Any time a problem arose or something needed repairing, you were there, even if it was as minor as replacing a light bulb. You continued to be a great supporter of the Senior Center throughout the years and visited at least once a week until a few months before your passing. Thanks to your hard work, the longstanding dream of having a senior center in Lyme and Old Lyme was made into a reality. Thank you Jim, you are missed!



Mr. Jim Noyes

Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

Mary V. Seidner
Director

59 Lyme Street ~ P.O. Box 589
Old Lyme, CT 06371

(860) 434-7208
www.lysb.org

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

LYSB proudly serves as the primary youth-serving organization for our community, promoting positive youth development through programs and services to children and families in Old Lyme and Lyme. Founded in 1978 by a group of concerned citizens, LYSB is one of 100 Youth Service Bureaus in Connecticut. Most YSBs are municipal agencies; however, LYSB is one of only a handful of private 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 who advocate and support our youth through education, communication, and participation. CASFY's goal is to reduce substance abuse among the youth of Lyme and Old Lyme and to positively affect the culture of student life. We meet on the first 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.

A new initiative this year is the Lyme-Old Lyme Mentoring Program. Adult mentors from the community are paired with middle-school students. Mentoring can improve attitude and school attendance, promote self respect, and build skills for the future. We are looking for more mentors and encourage interested citizens to contact LYSB to learn more.



At LYSB students can relax in a safe and supervised environment after school. We offer games, snacks, homework help, and friendship. Please visit our website www.lysb.org or stop by our offices at 59 Lyme Street to learn about the youth programs we offer in the following areas:

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

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MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

Rowland Ballek
President

www.maccurdysalisbury.org

The Annual Meeting of the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation was held on September 10, 2015 at the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library in Old Lyme. Two members were elected to the foundation: Matthew Griswold XI from Old Lyme and Priscilla Hammond from Lyme. Two new members were elected to the foundation's Board of Directors for a three-year term: Jim Fairfield-Sonn and Judith Read. They replaced Leslie Gourlay and Leslie Massa, whose terms had expired. Foundation officers re-elected at the meeting were President Rowland Ballek, Vice President Mary Seidner, and Secretary/Treasurer Edward Perkins.

This foundation was started in 1893 by Evelyn MacCurdy Salisbury to help support the school system in Old Lyme. After Evelyn's death in 1919 the foundation began offering grants to Old Lyme students going on to college. Following the regionalization of Lyme and Old Lyme systems in 1973, Berenice "Bunny" Brevillier started the Lyme portion of the fund, which at the time was much smaller than the Old Lyme portion.

Through recent substantial contributions, mostly by Lyme residents, the Lyme fund became proportionately equal to the Old Lyme portion of the fund and students from both towns were receiving comparable benefits. Recognizing this and attempting to meet the requirements outlined in our revised Certificate of Association filed when we became a public foundation supporting Regional District 18 in 1998, on January 1, 2016 we merged the two funds into one fund serving all the residents of the Regional District. This will save both time and money managing two funds, money that can increase grants for the students we serve. The fund will still be called the MacCurdy Salisbury Fund as originally requested by Evelyn in her will, written over 100 years ago.

In the past eight years the foundation has given out over \$2,000,000 to students from Lyme and Old Lyme. For the 2015-2016 academic year the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation was able to give out \$255,960 in educational grants to 81 students from Old Lyme and Lyme. For the 2016-2017 academic year the foundation plans to give out \$258,300 to 75 students from Lyme and Old Lyme who are attending colleges throughout the United States,

The foundation held its annual reception on June 2, 2016 at the Lyme Art Association in Old Lyme for this year's high school graduates who were receiving grants. Attending the reception were students, parents, school administrators, and foundation board members. Included in the numbers above are the sixteen students graduating this year from Lyme and Old Lyme and two students already enrolled in college who were awarded grants at the reception totaling \$70,900 for the coming school year.

The foundation also presented two \$500 awards at the reception: the W.E.S. Griswold Valedictorian Award to Maria Boyle, who will attend Harvard University, and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award to Ryan Harty, who will attend Carnegie Mellon 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.

Foundation awards are limited to students residing in Regional District 18 and are based on the degree of financial assistance students require to meet their college expenses. Students who keep a satisfactory grade point level will continue to receive the same award for an additional three years of their undergraduate studies. Applications are available at the Region #18 Guidance Office or from our web site: *www.maccurdysalisbury.org*.

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



Bottom row l-r: Maria Boyle, Megan Cushman, Cameron Dean-Frazier, Cooper St. Germain

Second row l-r: Kyra Texeira, Morey Tripp, Kaspar Wolfe, Micheline Czapinski, Meredith Kegley, Christian Cotter-Garfield

Third row l-r: Rowland Ballek (MacCurdy Salisbury President) Brendan White, Zach Welch, Mike Reddy, Ryan Harty, Trevor Kegley, Aidan Cotter-Garfield, Ned Perkins (MacCurdy Salisbury Secretary/Treasurer)

Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Don Tapper

Municipal Agent

As 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 how to get on the waiting list.

Old Lyme Animal Control

Lynn Philemon
Animal Control Officer
860-434-3047

Leah Russell
Assistant Animal Control Officer

We had a very productive year here at Old Lyme Animal Control. The total number of animals impounded was 130. The number of pets reunited with their owners was 42 and total infractions/summons was 3. I am pleased to say our adoptions rose this fiscal year from 60 last year to 86 this year going to forever homes! Only 1 was dead on arrival and 1 had to be euthanized, which both decreased from last year. Unfortunately, our bite reports went up from last year, from 8 bites to 17 and our number of complaints went up from 144 in 2015 to 271 this fiscal year.

Please be sure your animals are current on their rabies vaccinations; not only is it for their protection, but it is the law. We have a lot of wildlife in the area that can be a danger to small and even large pets. We are sad to report that we have more missing cats than ever this year! Please keep your pets indoors, and monitor them closely when going outside, day or night.

Please remember that all dogs over the age of six months must be licensed by June 30 of 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!

On October 24, 2015, Presents for Paws donated a beautiful sign for our building. In turn, we had a fundraiser to benefit the East Haven Animal Control for their dog pavilion project. It was a great day and a good feeling

to pay it forward! We had vendors, food, music, and even a doggy kissing booth! It was a great success and we hope to hold another event soon. We would like to thank Big Y of Old Lyme for having a food drive in May for our animals. They collected donations from their customers and were able to give the shelter more than we could have ever hoped for! From bags of food to toys, treats, and other supplies, we truly appreciate it and so do the animals!

Here at Old Lyme Animal Control, we work hard to assist pet owners in keeping their animals in their current homes rather than surrendering 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 services and low-income assistance. Please contact us for more information about these programs!

You can find a list of our adoptable animals on *Petfinder.com* at oldlymeanimalshelter.petfinder.com and follow us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/animalcontrol>.

We are located at 3 Machnik Drive and can be reached at 860-434-1605 ext. 244. 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 encourage you to call or stop by with any questions or concerns!



Staff and friends of Old Lyme Animal Control pose proudly by their new sign, a gift from "Presents for Paws," at a fundraiser on October 24, 2015 to pay it forward and support improvements at East Haven Animal Control. Seated in front of the right signpost is Lynn Philemon, Animal Control Officer; her two assistants are to the right of her, Leah Russell (holding dog) and Caleb Sapia.

Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council

Catherine Frank
Council Secretary

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

Since 2010, the council has awarded thirteen scholarships to graduating seniors from member towns planning to enter a communications program or a communications-related field after high-school graduation. A scholarship award was presented in 2016 to Allison Marsh from Lyme-Old Lyme High School. Her winning essay is included with this report. Congratulations, Allison!

Scholarship applications for 2017 are available through the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Guidance Office.

In 2015-16, the Cable Advisory Council initiated a pilot grant, awarding \$1,000 to the Lymes' Senior Center for the purchase of video

equipment. The intent is for the Senior Center to record their programs for Public Access television. Watch for Senior Center programs to air on Comcast Channel 14!

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 information from Lynn.

Russ Gomes 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 Memorial Town Hall (860-434-1605) with any questions or concerns.

Old Lyme Area Tourism: A Creative Essay *By Allison Marsh*

Interstate 95. 67 miles per hour. The Raymond E. Baldwin Bridge safely cradles your automobile as you cross the placid Connecticut River. You recognize the "Exit 70" sign. Your eyes reflect the rising sun as you make a slight right, bidding farewell to the highway you have been traveling on for miles. You exhale. You're here. You blink and inhale the comforting words "Old Lyme, Connecticut" delicately etched in gold leaf, proudly displayed on the navy blue welcome sign—defining the hidden treasure that doubles as the epitome of quintessential New England.

You veer left, then through the intersections of Shore Road, to find yourself on Halls Road, passing the Big Y, where you will inevitably stock up on the sunscreen you forgot and hot dogs you want to grill; passing the Bowerbird, where you will eventually snag some last-minute unique souvenirs to bring back to your parents who "just adore this place"; and passing the Morning Glory Café, on the bank of the Lieutenant River, where you stop for a savory breakfast with a view.

After, you start down historic Lyme Street, which blooms with the artistic creativity from

the brush strokes of Lyme Academy of Fine Art's most-recent graduates. You glance into the past through the houses that haven't ever changed since their various constructions. The Old Lyme Ice Cream Shoppe's homemade frozen delights beckon your name. The First Congregational Church might as well have popped out of a postcard. You pass the Old Lyme Country Club and ponder playing a few holes of golf on its lush turf.

As the sun continues to trek across the sky, you head straight for the beach. Shore Road brings you to its namesake. The sea gulls call as the waves gently lap along the soft sand beneath your feet. The gentle salty breeze caresses your face as the warm sunrays dance across it. You inhale deeply and with your exhale, you feel the weight of the world fall off of your shoulders as it drowns in the Long Island Sound. There is no place where you would rather be.

Old Lyme is a home—or a home away from home—for all. It leaves an impression on every person who passes through. Its unforgettable charm steals hearts and calls them back year after year. It is an unchanging, timeless paradise, nestled where the river meets the ocean—where the soul meets serenity.

Old Lyme Emergency Medical Service

Jennifer Rozanski
President

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Meetings: Second and fourth Thursdays, 7 P.M., Cross Lane firehouse.

Old Lyme Emergency Medical Service (OLEMS), also known as the Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc., is proud to have provided emergency medical care for the town of Old Lyme for the past fifty-seven years. New technologies and a deeper understanding of field medicine have brought about great change in how we do things. One thing, however, has not changed and that is our primary purpose: to provide the best quality care to the people we serve.

Our job is not an easy one. Our organization has a team of EMTs and EMRs who need to be prepared for any situation. Our volunteers and paid staff are provided many hours of training to meet this need. One highlight of the year is our participation in the Connecticut EMS Expo, which is a four-day event designed to give EMS workers a chance to learn about a variety of topics and enhance our communication with neighboring towns.

Equipment acquisition and maintenance is also critical to our ability to treat patients. We strive to maintain our vehicles and the equipment within so that they are in tip-top shape. This year we took delivery of a new ambulance (a PL Custom), which will serve the community for years to come. In addition to our new ambulance, we have two other ambulances and a responder vehicle.

In the last fiscal year, OLEMS responded to 663 calls. We treated patients with medical emergencies like difficulty breathing, heart

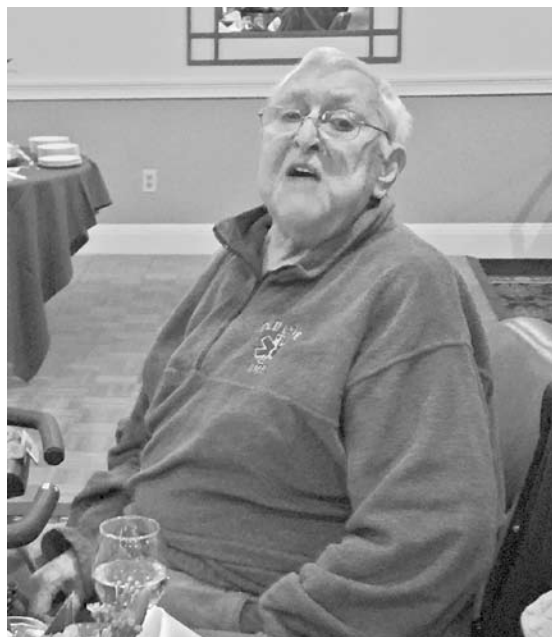
attack and stroke patients, and those with diabetic problems. In addition, we also treated trauma patients involved in falls and motor vehicle accidents, patients with broken bones, and the like. We also assist the fire department at structure fires and hazmat incidents and provide mutual aid ambulance service to other towns.

We simply could not do our job without the dedicated individuals who make up this organization. If you are a person who is interested in learning new things and helping the community, we would love to have you. We meet at the Cross Lane station on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 P.M. or call anytime -- 860-434-0089.

Lastly, we want the townspeople of Old Lyme to know how proud we are of our organization. Doing this job is important to us because we care about our community and know how much you trust us to do it well. Thank you all for your generous support throughout the year.



This year Old Lyme Emergency Medical Service took delivery of a new ambulance -- a PL Custom.



Norman Emerson, who passed away in 2016. "Rest in Peace, Norm; thank you for your many years of service and dedication."

Old Lyme Fire Department

C. Ellis Jewett
Secretary

The simple act of calling the 911 emergency number to report a fire or emergency sets in motion the many evolutions of the Old Lyme Fire Department. The professional dispatchers at the Valley Shore Communications Center notify volunteer firefighters by radio and by sounding the alerting receivers. Available volunteers respond accordingly - some to staff apparatus and some directly to the emergency scene. This scenario was repeated 295 times during the past year. Over 3,000 firefighter hours were logged in emergency duty. In addition, Old Lyme firefighters spent over 1,000 hours in training. Members are encouraged to take advantage of federal- and state-certified training as well as training conducted by in-house training officers and drills with neighboring fire departments.

Our department must be prepared to meet the challenges of structural fires and rescue emergencies as well as brush and forest fires in the town's woodlands. There was a time when the majority of responses were to extinguish grass, brush, and forest-type fires. The passage of time and accompanying land development now dictate that automatic fire alarm activations and automobile accidents account for more than one-half of the department responses.

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. The upgrading, modernization, and maintenance of the tools of our trade is a continuous effort. Equipping our personnel to safely face the challenges of emergency service, adhering to the mandates for equipment standards, complying with maintenance and testing, and having a concern for the taxpayer's

dollar are inherent to the operation of the Old Lyme Fire Department. In this effort town funding is supplemented with funds raised through donations and the Firefighter's Fund campaign. Citizens can also help to facilitate our response by maintaining a driveway clear of low-hanging trees to allow for fire apparatus and a well-numbered access to your residence.

Our department continues to be one-hundred percent volunteer. The need for new dedicated volunteers is always present and we welcome new members. The fire department has duties to fit all abilities. Please consider offering your services. Visit any of the three fire stations when you see someone there and find out how you can help. Department members meet on Wednesday evenings for scheduled training sessions, work nights, and monthly business meetings.

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

LINE OFFICERS

<i>Chief</i>	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
	Thomas Negrelli
	James Oldfield
	Tom Brown
	James Caramante
	Ethan Temple

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>	Edward Pierpont

Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc.

Tim Griswold, Mark Lander
Co-Chairs

www.oldlymehistoricalsociey.org

The past year was one of recognition, acquisition, and accomplishment. We are most proud of the award given to our “Tuesday Morning Work Crew” by the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation in recognition of the crew’s work on our building, the former Grange Hall at 55 Lyme Street. The crew, composed of Ellis Jewett, Skip Beebe, Kevin Cole, and Ted Freeman as well as pro bono architect Steve Joncus, received their recognition on April 6, 2016 at a ceremony at Real Art Ways in Hartford.



Also recognized, at the society’s annual meeting in June 2016, was board member Bob DiNapoli, who received the Chairmen’s Award for his work on holiday book sales, on the book storage room, on the shelves for the archives room, and on countless other projects. The board also awarded its annual scholarship to LOLHS student Michael Miller.

We were very fortunate to have received the gracious donation of two exquisite dollhouses, a gift of Mary Janvrin. They are now on display in our hall in cases built by board member Ted Freeman, who also refurbished the display case at the Old Lyme Post Office. The latter is regularly updated under the guidance of board member Edie Twining. In addition to the acquisition of the two doll houses, the society is thankful for the numerous donations of archive materials received from our members and other thoughtful people.



Post office display case with diorama showing Lyme Street “Then and Now.” The display will change regularly. It presently contains a display of the OLHSI merchandise.

Among our accomplishments were the completion of the climate-controlled archives room, installation of an all-inclusive alarm system, and replacement of the fluorescent lights in the main hall with period-correct lighting, courtesy of the John Mitchell Lighting Fund. These projects were all done by or under the watchful eye of the Work Crew. Our thanks to the many outside contractors who have striven to meet our needs at the most economical cost.



The “Tuesday Morning Work Crew” received an award from the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation on April 6, 2016 for their work on 55 Lyme Street; crew members at Awards Ceremony are (left to right) Kevin Cole, Ted Freeman, Arthur “Skip” Beebe, pro-bono architect Steve Joncus, and Ellis Jewett.

The society had a number of successful activities. In July we participated in the Midsummer Festival with an exhibit on the “Early Schools of Lyme”; we co-sponsored a concert on the South Green by the Old Lyme Town Band; and we sponsored a book talk by board member Michaelle Pearson and her husband, Jim Lampos, on their recently published book, *Remarkable Women of Old Lyme*. In October, we held our third annual plant sale, and in November we released the fourth “edition” of our popular “Then and Now” calendar at a gala reception hosted by the Cooley Gallery. Following a quiet winter, we held our second tag sale in April at the Old Lyme Marketplace. In May, Town Historian John Pfeiffer spoke about transportation over the years in Old Lyme at our annual dinner lecture at the Lymes’ Senior Center, and the society

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

hosted a reception for the launch of our new Platt Hubbard product line that was spearheaded by board member Edie Twining.

At the annual membership meeting in June, we bade farewell to departing board members Jane Cable, Dyanne Rafal, and Karen Winters and welcomed new members Judith Read, Sandra Joncus, and Ann Marie Jewett. Re-elected officers were Co-Chairs Tim Griswold and Mark Lander and Secretary Martha Hansen. Joining the officers was our new Treasurer, Ann Marie Jewett.

The success of the year was marred by one sad event. In May, we lost long-time board member

and Treasurer, Carol Winters. A member of the Noyes family, Carol will be greatly missed for her hard work and enthusiasm. In her honor, the board renamed our scholarship "The Carol Noyes Winters Scholarship" in recognition of her work on the scholarship committee. Thank you and farewell, Carol.

We invite the public to stop in whenever there are signs of activity at 55 Lyme Street and see what we have accomplished. Please visit our website, oldlymehistoricalsociety.org, or our Facebook page to see what's new. As always, we thank you for your support.

Old Lyme Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC)

Lew (Skip) DiCamillo
Chairman

*Meetings: Fourth Tuesdays except August and December
7:00 P.M., Memorial Town Hall*

As 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 or water course. 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 any activity within 100 feet of an inland wetland or watercourse, or within 400 feet of a vernal pool, be brought before the IWWC for a permit of approval. 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 (e.g., recreation, clean water, flood control, and habitat for fish and wildlife) they provide for current and future generations of Old

Lyme residents. 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 IWWC. 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 answered. In this way, misunderstandings and inadvertent violation of the regulations will be avoided. In addition, the regulations themselves are posted online.

Town residents have the responsibility to insure the professionals and contractors retained by them are aware of the regulations and their requirements.

This past fiscal year the IWWC acted on 19 general applications and 2 applications from the Town of Old Lyme. One administrative and 20 regular permits were approved. These permits were approved after extensive review and site-plan changes requested by the IWWC. Each permit is accepted at the monthly meeting; at this meeting a presentation by or on behalf of the applicant is requested. Consideration of applications will typically consist of a walk of the site after the application has been accepted. 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 Memorial Town Hall. The agenda and minutes of each meeting are posted on the town website.

Old Lyme Land Trust, Inc.

Pamela G. Hine
President

860-464-6294
info@oldlymelandtrust.org
Meetings: Second Thursday evenings



A view of the Duck River across wetlands toward Long Island Sound from the Elizabeth B. Karter Watch Rock Preserve, a 25-acre preserve purchased by the Old Lyme Land Trust in 1988. Accessible from Joel Drive off McCurdy Road and also by water, its trails are popular year-round. It is currently the site of a habitat restoration project; invasive shrubs and saplings have been removed and brush piles formed as cover, dens for small mammals, and “nesting sites for thicket bird species.” Such clearing will help native plant species re-emerge. Learn more about this and how you can help at [oldlymelandtrust.org/Restore Watch Rock](http://oldlymelandtrust.org/Restore_Watch_Rock).



Below: Old Lyme Land Trust rules and regulations



Left: Unusually neat brush piles made from cleared invasive plants and trees to serve as habitat for small mammals and nesting sights

Old Lyme Parks and Recreation

Don Bugbee
Director

parkrec@oldlyme-ct.gov
Meetings: First Thursdays, 7 P.M., Memorial Town Hall

The Parks and Recreation Department provides a variety of programs and services for the residents and the summer visitors in Old Lyme. The office is located at 52 Lyme Street, in the lower level of the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall and can be reached by calling 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 Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall. Anyone interested in participating as a commission member should contact the chairperson and the Selectman's Office. All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

During the late spring and 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 about forty high school- and college-age residents in the summer as lifeguards, parking attendants, and day-camp counselors. Our facilities also include Town Woods Park and Cross Lane Park, hosting activities including soccer, lacrosse, tennis, basketball, baseball, and softball. We also utilize Region #18 facilities throughout the year for indoor activities

including our summer day camp, adult and youth basketball, and yoga and fitness classes. Hains Park is the home for all rowing activities in the spring, summer, and fall.

The plans for the rebuilding of the Fred Emerson Boathouse at Hains Park and for making general improvements to Hains Park are continuing at this time. These improvements are to include a new boathouse, a new bathroom facility, a gazebo, relocating the basketball court, and making all amenities ADA compliant. The basketball courts at Cross Lane have been recently resurfaced and relined. The tennis courts have been repaired, new posts and nets added, and a pickle-ball court has been lined out on one of the tennis courts. Playground upgrades are in the planning stages for Town Woods Park, Cross Lane Park, and Hains Park.

As always, I would like to thank all of the Parks and Recreation employees, commission members, the Public Works Department, the Selectmen, the Board of Finance, and Regional District #18 for the use of facilities and the town employees for the efforts they contribute to our programs. Also and in particular, thanks goes to the dedicated volunteers who continue to give up their time for the benefit of others in our community. Your efforts are essential to many of our Parks and Recreation programs; 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 the Parks and Recreation Office by phone, e-mail. or better yet... stop in.

Old Lyme - Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library

Mary Fiorelli
Director

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www.oldlyme.lioninc.org

The Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library continues to fulfill its mission to inspire lifelong learning and discovery in a welcoming place with exceptional resources, programs, and services.

From developing fun, interactive storytimes for babies and toddlers to hand-delivering novels to homebound patrons, the library continues to provide opportunities for residents of all ages to learn and grow. Our core services include the following: access to a variety of print and digital books, media, and research tools; assistance with technology and the development of information literacy; support for the public school curriculum; early literacy training and the development of interest in learning and reading; and access to programming designed to inform and engage the community.

Statistical Snapshot:

- Total Circulation: 77,825
- Programs: 458 programs serving 8,953 attendees
- Computers: 17 public internet computers were used 10,163 times
- Registered Borrowers: 4,076
- Reference Transactions: 3,905
- Collections: 46,499 physical titles and 15,452 digital items

We were pleased to expand our services with the following new initiatives:

- The Number Nook: This program, made possible by support from the Lyme-Old Lyme Education Foundation, helps students keep their math skills sharp during the summer break. In conjunction with the traditional summer reading program, this program works to ensure that all students return to school with high levels of proficiency in both reading and math.
- Online Payments: Library patrons may now pay their overdue fines via the library's catalog. This service was made possible by the library's participation in Libraries Online, Incorporated.
- Ancestry Library Edition: Library patrons now have access to billions of genealogy

records including U.S. census, birth, marriage, death, and immigration records.

- Digital Display: Library programs and services are now visible via a new digital display in the main lobby.
- Renovation Committee: The Library Board of Trustees established a committee dedicated to investigating the possibilities for updating the library facility.

As a nonprofit library, approximately 60 percent of the library's budget comes from fundraising, grants, and the library's endowment, with the Town of Old Lyme supporting the remaining 40 percent. This partnership between the town and the library is an inspiring example of a public-private collaboration that enriches our community in so many ways. In addition to partnering with the town, we were pleased to collaborate with a variety of organizations and businesses including, but not limited to, Center School Preschool, Community Connections Network, Old Lyme Children's Learning Center, Early Childhood Education Council, Florence Griswold Museum, Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce, Lymes' Senior Center, and Lymes' Youth Service Bureau.

The 2015-2016 Library Board of Trustees consisted of seventeen members. The executive board officers were Alan Poirier, President; Lynn G. Fairfield-Sonn, 1st Vice President; Adam L. Seidner, M.D., 2nd Vice President; Candace B. LaConti, Secretary; and David Stanland, Treasurer.



The new digital display located in the main lobby of the Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library.

Old Lyme Police

TFC Gary W. Inglis #424

Old Lyme Resident State Trooper

The Old Lyme Resident Trooper's Office consists of one resident state trooper and four full-time and one 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 2015-2016:

Investigations:	81
Motor Vehicle Accidents:	86
Driving Under the Influence:	19
Motor Vehicle Citations:	172
Motor Vehicle Warnings:	250
Miscellaneous Service Calls:	7,436

(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 Shellfish Commission

Mervin F. Roberts
Chairman

John D. Seckla
Treasurer

David W. Redfield
Secretary

As mentioned in last year's town report, the combined age of the Shellfish Commissioners has become alarmingly high. At that time we made an outreach for new blood to help balance out our wealth of experience with some more active and able personnel, and we received no response. Perhaps if we elaborate our reason, we can stimulate some interest.

We are presently frustrated from fulfilling our mission to facilitate the exploitation of our shellfish resources by several forces: (1) Bureaucratic interference by the state (2) Diseases that may be present in the shellfish located in Old Lyme waters (3) Rules formulated in distant places that don't fit our situation.

Shellfish have been a resource available to Old Lyme for over 300 years. We are one of the oldest commissions in town, with a logbook filed in Town Hall that suggests hundreds of years of service. Now, new regulations from the DEEP make our mission impossible to accomplish. The last time we functioned was several decades ago. We legally advertised an oyster season, and licensed harvesters sold what they took from our waters. We engaged an established dealer who replanted (relayed, relaid) the animals in waters elsewhere where they rid themselves of

any pathogens that may have been present. We sold licenses and earned thousands of dollars in royalties. We gave bags of purified oysters to townspeople at the Senior Center. No one was sickened. The oyster grounds flourished, and the bureaucrats in Hartford discovered that a town could do all this with no help from them.

Soon we discovered that the DEEP was harassing the legal buyer of our oysters with parking regulations, and that we needed to hire a "clam cop" from a distant place to supervise what your commissioners were doing as a free service. Then we were confronted by DEEP police who wanted to be told precisely when and where we were harvesting and where we were sampling our resource. Bear in mind we had been doing our work according to our mandate for years with no DEEP help. We had submitted our animals to the Connecticut Department of Health and Agriculture in Milford constantly with no problems. Now all we've got are problems.

As a final comment, the Shellfish Commission remains cash positive and costs the town nothing. We, the Commissioners, remain available to the public. Please contact us through the town hall.

Old Lyme Social Services

Jennifer Datum

Social Services Coordinator

socialservices@oldlyme-ct.gov

860-434-1605, ext. 228

It is the mission of the Town of Old Lyme Department of Social Services to enhance the quality of life and self-sufficiency of people in need of EMERGENCY NON-CURRENT financial services. We provide advocacy, planning, and resources and deliver these services in partnership with public and private organizations. Services will be provided confidentially, courteously, and promptly. No one will be discriminated against due to race, color, natural origin, religion, sex, age, disability, or marital status.

Old Lyme Social Services offers help with information, paperwork, and documentation processing for many of the state and federal programs available to residents. 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.

The department works cooperatively with the Senior Center and LYSB and is involved with the Shoreline Basic Needs Task Force.

I began working as the Social Services Coordinator in October of 2016, taking over from Valerie (Goncalves) Rienks. Please contact the office at 860-434-1605 ext. 228 to schedule an appointment. Office hours at the Town Hall are Monday 12 – 4, Wednesday 9 – 1, and Friday 9 – 1, or by appointment. Please review the programs listed below to see if you or someone you know might be eligible for assistance.

Connecticut Energy Assistance Program

This program is designed to help offset the winter heating costs of Connecticut's lower-income households, specifically those households whose incomes fall at or below 60 percent of the state median income. Winter heating assistance

pays for a household's primary heating source such as oil, natural gas, electricity, propane, kerosene, coal, wood, and wood pellets on behalf of eligible households. Old Lyme Social Services is an intake site for residents of Old Lyme. Applications are taken in office, and then processed through Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA). Homeowners and renters may apply. The program runs from August to May.

Renter's Rebate for Seniors and Persons with Disabilities

State law provides a reimbursement program for Connecticut renters who are elderly or totally disabled and whose incomes do not exceed certain limits. Persons renting an apartment or room or living in cooperative housing or a mobile home may be eligible for this program. Renters' rebates can be up to \$900 for married couples and \$700 for single persons. Applications for Old Lyme residents are taken in our office. The program is open from April 1 to October 1.

Senior Farmers Market Nutrition Program (SFMNP)

The SFMNP is a supplemental food program for low-income seniors. 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.

In addition, State of Connecticut DSS program applications are available in our office. We also have a small food pantry for immediate food needs.

Old Lyme Tree Commission

Joanne C. DiCamillo
Chair

*Meetings: Third Thursdays, 4:00 P.M.,
Memorial Town Hall second-floor conference room*

The Old Lyme Tree Commission organized a tree-planting project to celebrate Arbor Day 2016. We partnered with two local community groups, Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women's Club and Duck River Garden Club, to install five new trees at two different sites in town.

Four trees were planted at Town Woods Park: two red maples and one copper beech were planted in the meadow near the playground, where their maturing canopies will eventually provide shade for the play area, and a white oak tree set in behind the field house will be a food source for wildlife and ultimately develop into a large, stately specimen. Last, a red maple was planted in the front of Memorial Town Hall. It replaces an elm tree that succumbed to Dutch elm disease. All trees were staked and mulched, and members of each group volunteered to water the trees, beginning with planting day and continuing through the summer and into autumn.

Our trees and shrubs enhance our community with their aesthetic characteristics and environmental qualities. The Old Lyme Tree Commission, in conjunction with the Tree Warden, is responsible for managing the maintenance, monitoring the health, and providing protection of all trees and shrubs growing on town-owned land. When a beautiful, healthy old maple was designated for removal in the new boathouse site plan, commission members urged town officials, boards, and commissions to reexamine the decision and save the tree. We suggested alternative ideas. They listened carefully to our reasons, discussed the

options, and ultimately supported our efforts. We appreciate their help with preserving our town trees.

Several locations were scheduled for tree work during the year. In Hains Park, the majority of trees were trimmed and several decayed and hazardous trees were taken down. Nineteen trees on the grounds of Memorial Town Hall were pruned to improve structure and health, and thirty young trees were trimmed at the police station, Cross Lane Fire House, and along Lyme Street, McCurdy Road, and a number of other roads. Their canopies were lifted to improve clearance and pruned for structure. The planting beds were edged and cleared of weeds, and fresh mulch was applied around each tree.

Currently, there are two vacancies on the Old Lyme Tree Commission. Applications are posted on the town website. We invite anyone with an interest in learning about trees to fill out an application.

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 Old Lyme Tree Ordinance. Permit applications can be found online.

The Tree Commission meets at 4:00 P.M. on the third Thursday of the month in the Memorial Town Hall second-floor conference room. Our meetings are open to the community.



Two of five trees planted at Town Woods Park in celebration of Arbor Day 2016 in conjunction with the Lyme-Old Lyme Junior Women's Club and the Duck River Garden Club.

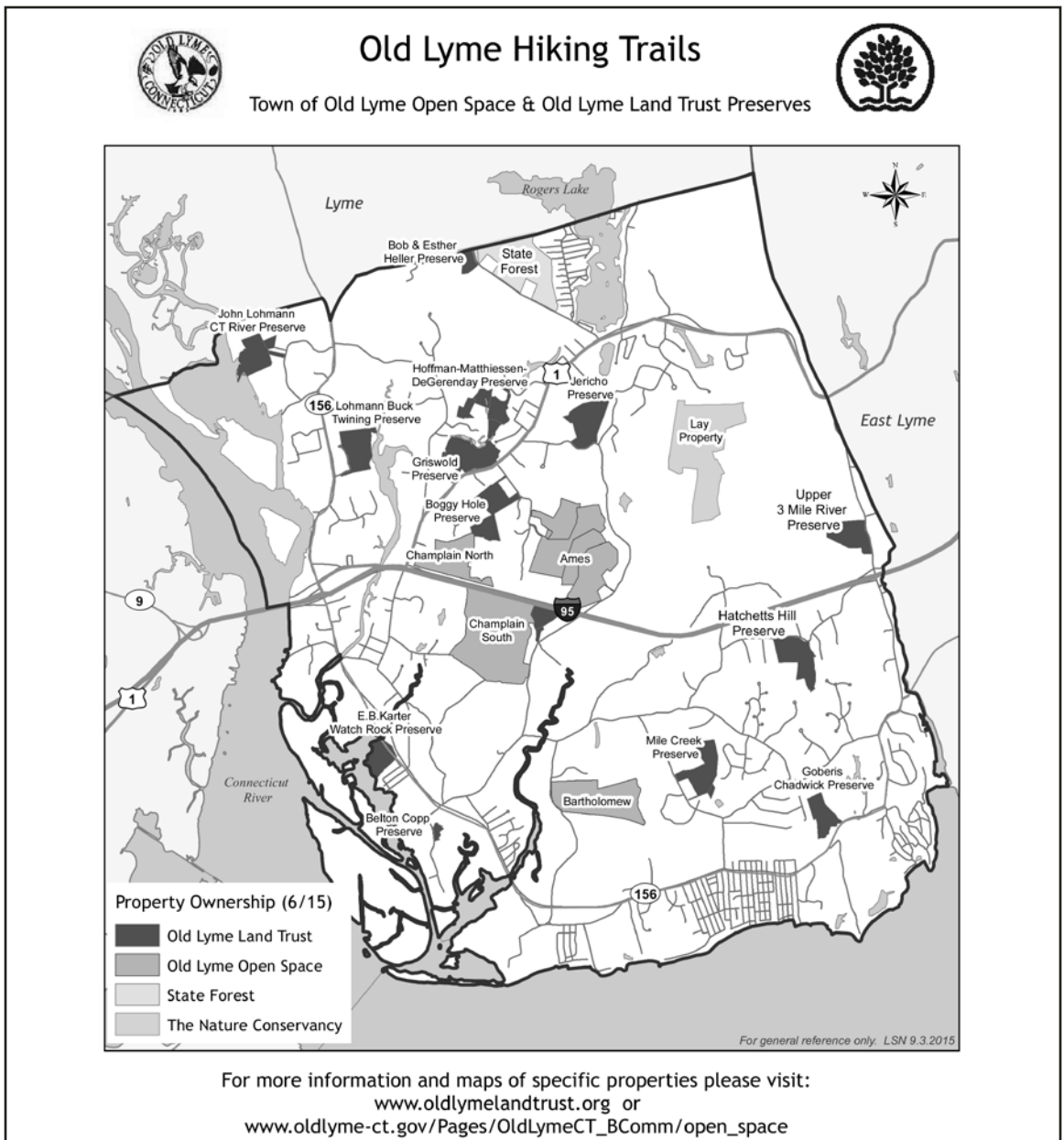
Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

Cynthia C. Taylor
Executive Director

oldlymevna@gmail.com
860-434-1222

The Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. (OLVNA) held its annual Flu Clinic on October 16 and 17, 2015, with over 350 vaccines given. We held a Blood Pressure Clinic at Lyme-Old Lyme High School as well as the Hearing and Vision Screenings for incoming kindergarteners. The OLVNA also held screenings for melanoma at the Old Lyme - Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library and at Sound View's Community Center. Karen

Veselka, the Town Nurse, has held seminars in town, as well as started the foot clinic back up at Lymes' Senior Center. With Karen now working full time in town, the number of patients seen has increased over 46 percent, in many cases allowing the elderly to stay home longer. Anybody with questions or interested in joining us, please contact Cindi Taylor at 434-1222.



Open Space Commission

Diana Atwood Johnson
Chair

dianaajohnson@me.com

http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/Pages/OldLymeCT_Bcomm/open_space

Meetings: Second Tuesdays of month except August, 9 A.M., Memorial Town Hall.

Thanks to the services of our new part-time Land Steward, the Open Space Commission has completed its multi-year project to remark and digitally map our major trails and Open Space parcels. These properties include the Ames, Bartholomew, and Champlain North and South parcels. At the same time, our Land Steward worked with the Old Lyme Land Trust to create maps of their properties that contain trails open to the public. We now have a map available that indicates all of the land in town with trails on it, as well as the location of state and Nature Conservancy-owned protected parcels with trails. We continue to work to upgrade our kiosks and water crossings and try to keep up with the downed trees that fall across trails. Much has changed in what volunteers are allowed to do on town-owned open space. Because of increased scrutiny by regulators and liability concerns, volunteers are not allowed to work in our forests with chain saws. Thus, there are often delays in clearing the trails of these temporary impediments. However, we are fortunate, because of our new maps and the digital age, to be promptly informed of these obstructions. Please continue to contact us with your reports or concerns.

During the course of the year, we cleared up several boundary issues on the properties noted above, another project that had long been

on our to-do list. Thanks to Tony Hendriks for his work to clear this up. The town wants to be good neighbors with abutting property owners. The Barbizon Oak, a Connecticut Notable Tree located on Champlain North, was professionally pruned in hopes of giving it another 300 years of life.

The Open Space Commission has been active in the effort to prevent Amtrak from running train tracks through the heart of Old Lyme. This would destroy the cultural features of the town, many historic buildings, homes, and the natural resources on the town's protected open spaces that would either border or be the route. The commission held a Coastal Resilience Workshop with Dr. Adam Whelchel of The Nature Conservancy that was very well attended. With the expected release of the State's Green Plan and the updates to the State's Forestry Plan for Nehantic, the Wildlife Plan and others, the Open Space Commission will be looking to revising the town's Open Space Plan of 2007 and updating the town's Open Space Commission website.

We are pleased to hear from people about wildlife sightings, unusual plants, invasive plant incursions, downed trees, and other interests or suggestions you may have. Please contact the chairman at dianaajohnson@me.com.



*Open Space Commission
looking at a property for
possible acquisition*

Planning Commission

Harold Thompson

Chairman

Meetings: Second Thursdays except August, 5:00 P.M., Memorial Town Hall

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). 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.

Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools

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Superintendent of Schools

During the 2015-2016 school year, the Lyme-Old Lyme Schools excelled in a variety of different areas. It is with great pride that we share this annual report with the citizens of Old Lyme. Again this year, the Lyme-Old Lyme Schools were recognized on both the state and national levels, further solidifying the notion that we provide exceptional academic programs commensurate and oftentimes superior to both public and private schools throughout Connecticut. Our efforts to maintain such programs in an era of declining enrollment led us on a new mission of marketing our top-ranked product.

For the 2015-2016 school year and moving forward, this marketing initiative focused on the retention of our current students and the recruitment of students who currently attend private or magnet schools, students who live in other towns and wish to attend our schools on a tuition basis, and students whose families may be considering moving to the Connecticut shoreline. It is our hope that the efforts and monies put toward this initiative will pay dividends over time, allowing us to continue to offer a private-school experience in a public-school setting.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School administered the first Connecticut Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT) to all juniors free of charge. This was a result of the Connecticut State Department of Education moving to the SAT as the official state assessment for high-school juniors. This shift was a tremendous benefit for all of our students.

Mile Creek and Lyme Consolidated Elementary schools, along with Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School, saw the results of many years of commitment to the new Connecticut Standards

pay off with strong results on the annual Smarter Balanced Assessment.

In preparing our students for the future, Lyme-Old Lyme High School began the transition to a digital environment with the addition of school-issued laptops for all students for the 2016-17 school year. Combined with our new learning-management system, Canvas, our students and staff are prepared to meet the challenges of twenty-first century learning.

In the area of finance, the towns approved a \$33,470,376 school budget, which represents a 2.84 percent increase for the 2016-17 year. This budget represents a strong commitment to the development of our young people in the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme balanced with a fiscal responsibility to the local taxpayer. 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 continue to focus on student success at all levels, transition to a digitally focused environment with the new 1:1 laptop model at the high school, and improve upon our programs and facilities.

Please visit our website for more information, www.region18.org.

Registrars of Voters

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 2015 – 2016 fiscal year:

- November 3, 2015
General Election, Municipal –
Voter turnout 47%
- May 3, 2016
Referendum, School Budget –
Voter turnout 7.6%
- April 26, 2015
Primaries (Republican & Democrat) –
Voter turnout 36%

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 a general primary.

To register to vote in Connecticut you must meet the following criteria:

- Be a United States 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 Permanent Absentee Ballot Status.

A canvass of electors conducted in January 2016 included a mailing to those electors who had moved within town, moved out of town, or changed mailing address to PO 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 on-line at voterregistration.ct.gov. In order to use on-line voter registration you must have a valid Connecticut Driver’s License. This site may be used for new voter registration, address change, name change, or party-enrollment change.

Registered Voters as of June 30, 2016:	5,222
Republican	1671
Democrat	1622
Unaffiliated	1881
Other	48

Richard J. Smith, Sr.
Chairman

The results from the National Diversity Data Base have finally been published late in the fall. The Eastern Pond Mussel was spotted in some of the areas that are infected with the invasive weeds (fanwort, variable milfoil) but not in large numbers. These mussels could be moved if the Connecticut DEEP deemed that necessary due to any problems that might arise. No mention of the banded sunfish or the bridal shiner being a problem at all. With these results the Connecticut DEEP was able to go forward on the approval of the permit to apply herbicides to control the aquatic invasive weed species in Rogers Lake.

These results couldn't have come at a better time for the Rogers Lake Authority to apply for a grant that had become available from the Connecticut DEEP for the control of aquatic invasive species. The National Diversity Data Base results had to be completed before this grant could be applied for and the grant had a deadline of a few weeks. The Rogers Lake Authority decided to apply even with only a slim possibility of obtaining any of the \$150,000 available with all of the entrants of other lake authorities around the state. With the deadline looming, the Rogers Lake Authority board members worked together along with some lake residents in order to complete the information needed for the forms.

Thanks to Dennis Overfield for his work on filling out the forms and putting the finishing touches and obtaining all the proper signatures

and delivering the completed forms. I am happy to announce that we received the amount of \$19,500 that we had applied for. This amount is determined by taking 50 percent of the cost of the herbicide application according to the quote that was received.

With the results of the National Diversity Data Base and the Connecticut DEEP in hand, we next waited for Connecticut DEEP approval of the permit to apply herbicides in Rogers Lake. At long last we received the approval of the permit required to do the work on Rogers Lake. The next step was to obtain quotes from qualified contractors in this field of work; Solitude was the winning bid and was hired. The herbicide application is scheduled for July 5, 2016.

The Rogers Lake patrol has taken a new approach to educating and advising the people who continue to abuse the rules of the lake. Due to the increasing disregard of these rules, we have started a policy in conjunction with the Connecticut DEEP that these offenders will be advised of their violations by the DEEP, which could be verbal or lead to fines. I am sorry to say that these offenders are mostly lake residents who know that there was no chance for any form of punishment until now.

I would like to thank all the people and board members for their efforts to keep Rogers Lake at its best. Please continue to take care of your lake for all to enjoy in the future.

Sound View Commission

Frank Pappalardo
Chairman

*Meetings: Fourth Mondays, 7:30 P.M., October - April
in Memorial Town Hall, May - September in Shoreline Community Center*

Sound View – Established in 1892 America's First Public Beach

While the summer of 2015 was marked by many established, popular events, the beginning of summer 2016 provided some familiar and some new for Sound View. The Sound View Commission serves as the designated advisor to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Sound View area and as coordinator for the area's management and development. The Sound View Commission and community organizations bring a wide variety of events to the area.

The Sound View Beach Association offered a number of community events in the summer of 2015, including the 22nd Annual Independence Day Parade, a favorite for kids and families. Bingo was held on a regular basis, and there was a pancake breakfast and pasta dinner to give families more time for beach and socialization and less time cooking!

In June of 2016, the first annual Osprey Festival was held here. Sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and assisted by the Sound View Commission, Hartford Avenue was transformed with artisans, vendors' booths, and a large entertainment tent that featured, among others, Braiden Sunshine, popular local high-school student and semifinalist on "The Voice." It was estimated that over 1,700 people attended the all-day festival.

Our waterfront swim area was enhanced with new heavy-duty swim lines and buoys, a welcome addition. New signs and scoreboards for the Sound View bocce courts also made their debut.

Five summer concerts were presented by the Sound View Commission, each with a different musical flavor, from concert band to disco to 50s Doo-Wop. This is the third year we presented the concert series; with attendance as high as 450, they have been a great success.



The 22nd Annual Independence Day Parade down Hartford Avenue in Sound View

Sound View Commission *(continued)*

The much-anticipated Hartford Avenue street improvements project is scheduled to break ground in October, with a completion date of May 2017. These improvements will include a bikeway, new ADA-compliant sidewalks, drainage improvements, and “streetscaping.” Sound View was also nominated to be included on the National Register of Historic Places. Although the national nomination is still pending, Connecticut has placed Sound View on the State Register of Historic Places.

Working with the town and community groups, the Sound View Commission looks forward to a vibrant future. The commission produced a summer season calendar of all the Sound View events and will have the new 2017 calendar available in May. The Sound View Commission meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M., from October to April in the Memorial Town Hall and from May through September in the Shoreline Community Center at 39 Hartford Avenue, Sound View. Agendas and minutes can be found on the town website.



The annual concert series averages five concerts of different musical flavors per season; with attendance as high as 450, they're a reSOUNDing success!



The first Annual Osprey Festival was held on June 18, 2016; Hartford Avenue was lined with informational booths, vendors, and food, and an entertainment tent included a concert by local student and “The Voice” semifinalist, Braiden Sunshine! Approximately 1,700 attended the day-long event.

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

TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Approximately 150 electors and citizens attended the Special Town Meeting held on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:30 P.M. in the Meeting Hall of the Old Lyme Town Hall at 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT.

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

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

1. After much discussion on the Black Hall River and Four Mile River Navigation Channel Dredging Projects, a motion was made and seconded to end the discussion and move to vote.

Motion Carried

A motion was made and seconded to authorize the expenditure of \$1,614,074.00 for the Black Hall River and Four Mile River Navigation Channel Dredging Projects, as recommended by the Harbor Management Commission, the Board of Finance, and the Board of Selectmen, which projects will be funded by a grant in said amount from the State Department of Transportation (CT DOT).

Motion Carried

2. A motion was made and seconded to authorize the expenditure of an amount not to exceed \$63,000.00 from the Town Building Improvements Fund for the Emme heating system, as recommended by the Board of Finance and the Board of Selectmen.

Vote: 177 Yes, 11 No.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,
Eileen K. Coffee
Old Lyme Town Clerk
Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee
September 9, 2015*

TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL TOWN BUSINESS MEETING

Approximately 75 electors and citizens attended the Annual Town Business Meeting on Monday, January 25, 2016, at 7:30 P.M. in the Middle School Auditorium of Regional District #18, Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

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

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

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

1. A motion was made and seconded to accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015, as submitted by the Board of Finance.

Motion Carried

2. A motion was made and seconded to accept Blackwell Lane Extension as a Town road, as recommended by the Old Lyme Planning Commission and the Board of Selectmen.

Motion Carried

3. A motion was made and seconded to adopt a Resolution endorsing the Inter-Town Capital Equipment (ICE) Purchase Incentive Program referenced in Section 4-66m of the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended by Public Act 15-170, as recommended by the Board of Selectmen, for the creation of a multi-site UHF simulcast system for the Towns of Chester, Deep River, Essex, Durham, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Old Lyme, and Westbrook in order to provide enhanced communications for rural volunteer firefighters and medical technicians in the above-named town, and to authorize the First Selectwoman to sign all necessary documents with the State Office of Policy and Management under ICE grant program.

Motion Carried

4. A motion was made and seconded to approve the use of the Commercial Property Assessed Clean Energy program (C-PACE) established by the State Legislature (Section 16a-40g of the Connecticut General Statutes), as recommended

Town Meetings *(continued)*

TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

by the Board of Selectmen, in order to facilitate financing for clean energy improvements to commercial properties within the Town, and to authorize the First Selectwoman to execute and deliver the C-PACE Agreement together with such other documents necessary and appropriate to evidence, secure and otherwise complete the C-PACE Agreement.

Motion Carried

5. A motion was made and seconded to accept the gift from George M. Yeager, of New York, NY of a 36" x 40" oil painting on canvas entitled "Family Gathering For Tea," by Wilson Henry Irvine (1869-1936).

Motion Carried

6. Mary Seidner was selected as the Board of Selectmen's Citizen of the Year for 2015.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen K. Coffee

Old Lyme Town Clerk

Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee, Town Clerk

January 26, 2016

Approximately 50 electors and citizens attended the Special Town Meeting held on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. in the Meeting Hall of the Old Lyme Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

1. A motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure of \$210,000.00 for a Marine Patrol Boat to be used by the Old Lyme Police and Old Lyme Fire Departments, which expenditure has been recommended by the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen. \$85,000 of said amount is already part of the current fiscal year's budget.

Motion Carried

2. A motion was made and seconded to approve the expenditure of \$35,000 from the Town Buildings Improvement Fund for exterior work in the old section of Town Hall, as recommended by the Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Urbowicz

Assistant Town Clerk

Town Meetings *(continued)*

TOWN OF OLD LYME REFERENDUM MEETING

The following is the official report of the May 3, 2016 Referendum ballot results on the question of whether the sum of \$33,470,376 should be appropriated for Regional School District 18 for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017.

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| 1. Number In-Person Votes Cast: | 416 |
| 2. Number of Absentee Votes: | 1 |
| 3. Number of Property Owner Votes: | 4 |
| (Included in #1 above) | |
| 4. Total Number of Votes Cast: | 417 |
| (#1 + #2) | |
| 5. Number of YES Votes: | 267 |
| 6. Number of NO Votes: | 150 |
| 7. Number of Registered Voters: | 5,220 |
| 8. Percent of Registered Voters Voting: | 8% |

Respectfully submitted,
Lawrence I. Peterson, Jr.
Moderator

TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Approximately 30 electors and citizens eligible to vote in Town Meeting attended the Annual Budget Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. in the Middle School auditorium of Regional District #18, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

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

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 adopt the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Motion carried

2. A motion was made and seconded to adopt a proposal that taxes in the Town of Old Lyme on Real Estate and Personal Property shall be paid in two (2) semi-annual installments, the first payment being due on July 1, 2016 and the second payment on January 1, 2017. Any tax in these categories under \$100.00 will be due in full in one payment in July 2016, as are vehicles on the Supplemental List due in January, 2017 in one payment.

Motion carried

3. A motion was made and seconded to approve the acceptance by the Town of private monetary donations designated by the donors for the Boathouse Project and to approve the expenditure of such donations for said project in addition to the project funds approved by prior Town Meetings.

Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Town Clerk Eileen K. Coffee
Recorded by Eileen K. Coffee
May 17, 2016

Timothy C. Griswold
Treasurer

First, I thank John Bysko for his expert stewardship of the town's finances over the last eight years. Given the extremely low interest rate environment, John has invested the town's cash reserves as well as could be expected while using care to safeguard them.

The financial results for the Town of Old Lyme year ending on 30 June 2016 were again outstanding. The budget for total revenues was \$34,132,641 but the actual revenues were \$35,132,803, so there was a favorable variance of \$1,000,162. The budget for expenditures was \$34,756,641 but the actual expenditures were \$33,876,934, so there was a favorable variance of \$1,029,207. The town's undesignated surplus (our "rainy-day" fund) increased from \$6,827,652 at the beginning of the fiscal year to \$7,857,179 at the end of the fiscal year. The undesignated surplus stands at 23.32 percent of the actual fiscal year 2016 budget; this is an extremely healthy surplus.

Another indication of financial health is the town's tax-collection rate. At the end of fiscal year 2016, the town's tax collection rate stood at an excellent 96.64%.

It is important to note that the town receives about only 3 percent (about \$1 million) of its total revenue (about \$35 million) from recurring grants from the State of Connecticut. Of the \$1 million, \$595,000 is the education grant, and the town has been told this grant will likely be reduced to zero in the next year or two.

Lyme and Old Lyme together constitute Regional School District #18. The division of the operating expenses of the school district are apportioned between the two towns based exclusively on the ratio of students from each town to the total of all students. Presently, there are 1,362 students in the district: 284 from Lyme and 1,078 from Old Lyme. Accordingly, Lyme's share of the school's \$33,470,376 budget

is \$6,942,304 (20.8 percent) and Old Lyme's share is \$26,385,655 (79.2 percent). Old Lyme's net school budget represents 72.6 percent of the total town budget. A major concern to the town and to all Connecticut towns is the declining enrollment trend. In Regional School District #18, enrollment in FY 2016 of 1,362 is forecast to decrease to 1,128 in FY 20 – a drop of 233 students in four years. We know that the district's costs will not decrease in tandem with declining enrollment; this will have an impact on future town budgets.

While the low interest rate environment presented a challenge for investing money, it was very helpful when we refinanced the balance owed on the bonds for the town hall renovation/expansion. The town originally bonded \$4,200,000 in October 2010 at a blended interest rate of about 3 percent. In June 2016, we refinanced \$2,765,000 at an interest rate of 1.44 percent! The maturity date of 30 June 2025 remains the same but the lower interest rate will save the town \$127,956 in interest cost. Part of the reason the town received such a good interest rate is that our rating agency, Standard & Poors, increased our bond rating from AA+ to AAA, which is the highest rating available and two notches above the State of Connecticut. S&P justified the increase in part on the very strong household income levels in town and the town's consistent operating performance - with strong reserves and low level of debt.

Last, but not least, I thank the Town's Director of Finance, Nicole Stajduhar, and her assistant, Amy Jensen, for the consistently excellent work they perform. Nicole is a Certified Public Accountant and was the town's auditor, so she is well prepared to handle her multifaceted job.

Water Pollution Control Authority

Rich Prendergast
Chairman

www.oldlyme-ct.gov

The town's 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 State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) recognize that our sewer avoidance policies are effective for the vast majority of the town.

Our local ordinance requires that property owners pump their septic systems every seven years. All questions regarding proper pumping and maintenance of septic systems should be directed to the Health Department section of the town's website, which will lead to the Health District website, which, in turn, has a section on septic system and wells.

Results from the town's Clean Water Funds Study and feedback from the DEEP have indicated that select areas along our shoreline, commonly south of Route 156, have on-site waste treatment systems that are not adequate to address ground water pollution. In addition, the town's Health Department has declared a public health nuisance for these areas and mandated that the town develop a plan to abate the public health hazard. The town's WPCA and private beach associations' WPCAs, along with the CT DEEP, are currently developing a centralized wastewater management system for select shoreline areas including Sound View, Miami Beach, Old Colony Beach, Old Lyme Shores, and some miscellaneous areas. Another area known as Hawks Nest is being further studied to determine its waste-water treatment needs and if this area will be part of the planned waste water collection system.

The town of Old Lyme will manage development of a centralized waste-water system for the areas of Sound View, some miscellaneous areas, and possibly the Hawks Nest area pending further study. The other shoreline areas will be managed by their appropriate private beach associations' WPCAs. The town and private beach associations are working together to develop a centralized waste-water plan that efficiently shares common resources.

The current waste water plan status:

The private beach associations have submitted their respective plans and are waiting for a DEEP implementation order to proceed to the design phase. The town has recently submitted its plan to the CT DEEP for feedback. Following acceptance of our plan by the DEEP, an Environmental Impact Evaluation will be developed and both documents will be presented to the public for review and comment. The WPCA anticipates an eventual order from the DEEP directing the town to implement the waste-water plan recommendations outlined in the plan. The WPCA will start to hold public outreach sessions to answer any questions in the summer of 2017.

The waste-water plans will address identified areas of environmental concern. They will improve and maintain clean ground water, promote clean beaches, and protect Long Island Sound.

I would like to thank the members of the WPCA, the Board of Selectmen, and members of the public for their tireless contributions toward these projects.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Judy McQuade

Chairman

Meetings: Third Tuesdays except August & December, 7:00 P.M., Memorial Town Hall

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 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, 7 regular meetings and 2 special meetings were held. There were 26 cases heard with 19 applications for variances granted, 2 applications denied without prejudice, and 2 applications withdrawn. Reflected in the total number of variance applications granted are 3 cases that were continued and eventually granted. There were no appeals of decisions of the zoning

officer. The board is challenged with many applications from parties in flood zones whose properties were severely damaged in storms, the rebuilding of which requires adherence to established FEMA regulations and the resultant raising of structures.

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, as well as alternate members Harry Plaut, Nancy Hutchinson, and Marisa Hartman. Thanks also to our clerk, Kim Barrows and our zoning official, Keith Rosenfeld, for their time, commitment, and dedication to the Zoning Board of Appeals and the town.

Zoning Commission

Jane Cable

Chairman

Meetings: Second Mondays except August, 7:30 P.M., town hall meeting room

As authorized by the Connecticut General Statutes, the Zoning Commission first drafted zoning regulations in 1941 in order to promote the health of Old Lyme residents and provide for orderly and appropriate land development. During the past year, the commission held public hearings on site plans and special permits and revised the regulations to amend the definition of schools. The zoning office issued 398 certificates of zoning compliance, and the commission heard 7 applications for special permits, including the boathouse at Hains Park. In the coming year, the commission will likely consider changes to building height regulations and the protection of our aquifers and wells.

Five regular members and three alternate members compose the full commission, which meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:30 in the town hall meeting room. Our meetings are open to the public. No meeting is scheduled for August. Jane Cable, John Johnson, Jane Marsh, Gil Soucie, and Alan Todd were the regular members; Paul Orzel and Stacy Winchell were the alternates. Joan Bozek, an experienced and valuable member, left the commission during the fiscal year, and Tom Risom left shortly before. Tom and Joan had each served as chair of the commission, and both will be missed for their knowledge, enthusiasm, and comradeship.



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 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 Agent860-434-1605
Ombudsman for the Elderly of Old Lyme
ConnPACE-ConnMAP-Information and referral for all services for the elderly.

Estuary Council of Seniors860-388-1611
Nutrition, Meals on Wheels, Transportation, Food Shopping, Reservations for Old Lyme Meal Site at 26 Town Woods Road.

Lymes' Senior Center860-434-1605 x240
Senior Clubs, Support Groups, Medicare and Income Tax Assistance, Safe Driver Education.

Transportation
EMOTS (Estuary Medical OutPatient Transportation) Handicapped equipped, give 24-hour notice, please860-388-1611
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; call for appointment

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 hours860-434-9003

Valley Shore Community Health Center
Dental Services, Health Services, Medical Exams, Healthy Start, Counseling,
Fees on Sliding Scale860-388-4433

Hospitals and Clinics
Charter Oak Walk-Ins (Flanders)860-739-6953
Lawrence & Memorial860-442-0711
Middlesex Memorial Hospital860-358-6000
Middlesex Shoreline Clinic860-358-3700
New address: 250 Flat Rock Place, Westbrook
Hospice S.E. Conn.860-848-5699

Interim Healthcare860-434-9003

Elderly Housing
Lymewood
(Elderly Housing, Handicapped units) ..860-434-2120
Ryefield Manor (J&F Co.)860-739-9251
Home Share860-887-3561
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 Relief860-434-1605, 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 Society860-227-2345
American Red Cross860-447-3248
Eastern CT Area Agency on Aging ..860-887-3561
Estuary Council of Seniors
(includes AARP Tax Aide)860-388-1611
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital860-442-0711
Literacy Volunteers860-399-0280
Lymes' Youth Service Bureau860-434-7208
Middlesex Memorial Hospital860-358-6735
OL/PGN Library860-434-1684
Salvation Army860-443-6409
Schools
Center School.....860-434-7838
Mile Creek School860-434-2209
Middle School860-434-2568
High School 860-434-1651 or 1652
SCORE (Senior Corps
of Retired Executives)860-388-9508
Women's Exchange860-434-7290

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 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

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, 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 at the Lymes' Senior Center 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: www.oldlyme-ct.gov.

TOWN OF OLD LYME PHONE DIRECTORY

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

Assessor

Walter Kent 218
Mickie Fraser 219

Building

John Flower 213
Kathy Hall 230

Emergency Management

David Roberge 231

Finance

Nicole Stajduhar 232
Amy Jensen 215

Fire Marshal

David Roberge 231

First Selectwoman

Bonnie Reemsnyder 211

First Selectwoman's Office

Michele E. Hayes 212
Catherine Frank 210

Health (*Ledge Light Health District*)

Patricia Myers 214

Information Technology

Ruth Roach 237

Land Use (*Conservation, Inland Wetlands, Planning, Zoning, ZBA*)

Keith Rosenfield 225
Kim Groves 234
Kim Barrows 236

Parks & Recreation

Don Bugbee 235

Planning

Kim Groves 234

Registrars of Voters

Catherine Carter or
Marylin Clarke 226

Social Services

Jennifer Datum 228

Tax Collector

Judy Tooker 216
Toni O'Connor 217

Town Clerk

Eileen Coffee 221
Vicki Urbowicz 220

Zoning

Keith Rosenfield (*ZEO/ IWE*) 225

Kim Barrows 236

Zoning Board of Appeals

Kim Barrows 236

Animal Control	ext 244
Transfer Station	ext 242
Lymes' Senior Center	ext 240
Public Works	ext 243
Police Department	860-434-7080
Fire Department	Boughton 860-434-6086 Lyme Street 860-434-2424 Cross Road 860-434-4130
Ledge Light Health District	860-448-4882
Parks & Recreation	Hains Park 860-434-0629 White Sand 860-434-1570 Cross Lane 860-434-7137
Municipal Agent for Elderly	860-434-1605
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

