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Back Cover: *Canoeing the Lieutenant River on a crisp November day*

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Couple admires the windows of the Village Shops on Lyme Street, established in 1932.

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Selectwoman's Report

Bonnie Reemsnyder
First Selectwoman

The Annual Town Meeting was held on January 22, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Hall of Memorial Town Hall. Roderick M. White was named Citizen of the Year, and for good reason. A founding member of the Harbor Management Commission, he served as chair from 1988 to 1994, and was elected Registrar of Voters from 1993 to 2004. In addition, he was elected for two terms to the Region #18 Board of Education, serving from 1997 to 2005. Rod was our town's representative to the Southeastern Tourism District for many years, and currently serves on the Board of Assessment Appeals, a position to which he was first elected in 2007. Born and raised in Springfield, Massachusetts, Rod graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1950 and spent the next quarter of a century making his mark in the Coast Guard. A faculty member from 1969 to 1974, he served as Dean of Academics from 1974 to 1983. In 1969, he was named the outstanding Naval Engineer of the year, receiving the prestigious Gold Medal from the American Society of Naval Engineers. His Gold Medal citation refers to "his exceptional analytical skills and technical competence... [and] significant contributions in the advancement of icebreaker design...." It was Rod's "White Bow" design that made it possible for the *SS Manhattan* to make the first successful transit of the Northwest Passage by a commercial vessel. Rod White, with his wife Judy by his side, was full of pride at receiving this prestigious Citizen of the Year Award.

Fiscal Year 2018 began with a busy July, including the annual Midsummer Festival, which took place on July 28 and 29. The weather kept us guessing until the very last day, but the rain held off for both Friday night and all day Saturday. The cloud cover actually made for a comfortable day to walk around and visit all the craft tents, attractions, and numerous food vendors all down Lyme Street. The 2017 festival was the first year that featured the Lions' Antique Car Show, postponed from the Memorial Day Parade; it was a big hit at the Bee & Thistle Inn. With the sun clearing things for the late afternoon, it was a perfect night for the Old Lyme Town Band to be the opening act, followed by an excellent fireworks display at dark. Special thanks to all of

the people who plan for this event throughout the year, making it a big success year after year.

The town geared up in August for the LED Light Conversion to begin in the fall of 2017. All street lights were replaced with energy-efficient LED light bulbs, saving the town over two-thirds of the cost of electricity. The conversion was completed by the end of fall and was received well by our residents. The new lights also reduce the maintenance costs going forward, making the conversion a good investment for the town.

The Halls Road Improvements Committee continued to work on ideas for Halls Road; they invited several stakeholders to discuss ideas about their preferences for the road. There was great enthusiasm to see some needed changes, and the feedback prompted the committee to reach out to Yale Urban Design Workshop (YUDW) for consultant services. By the spring of 2018, the Boards of Selectmen and Finance approved funding to work with YUDW, and the committee continues to develop ideas for this important commercial center. While it is a big task, they feel confident it will be worth it to see some improvements for all the businesses and patrons of Halls Road.

Municipal elections were held on November 7, 2017 at the Cross Lane Firehouse. Candidates were on the ballot for many boards and commissions, including Selectmen, Finance, Education, Zoning, ZBA, and Assessment Appeals. Voting in Old Lyme was brisk, with nearly 50 percent of registered voters coming out to cast their votes. After all results were in, the members of the Board of Selectmen are First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder, Selectwoman Mary Jo Nosal, and newly elected Selectman Christopher Kerr. Other newly elected officials include Anna Reiter, alternate on Board of Finance; Jonathan Curtis, Planning Commission (Nov. 2018); Dan Montano, regular member, and Stephanie Mickle, alternate, both on Zoning Board of Appeals; and Martha Shoemaker on Board of Education. Congratulations to everyone who ran for office during this election season. Your involvement and commitment are essential to making sure that Old Lyme thrives despite the challenges we face at all levels of government.

Selectwoman's Report *(continued)*

Also in November, we said farewell to Selectman Arthur "Skip" Sibley, who had served on the Board of Selectmen for eight terms – a full sixteen years! Throughout his tenure he prioritized the concerns of citizens of our community. In addition to his service as a selectman, he advocated for many special projects, working with the committees to complete them, including the Town Woods Fields and the Hains Park Boathouse. His service and advocacy was highly respected and appreciated by many, and many expressed gratitude at a luncheon in his honor.

Following the elections, the selectmen formed a Police Services Options Committee to consider various options to providing police services within our town. This was prompted by discussions with the Town of East Lyme to consider creating one larger police department to serve the needs of both East Lyme and Old Lyme. East Lyme became an independent police department in July 2017, hiring Michael Finkelstein as their chief of police. The committee met throughout the fiscal year and has had great discussions about the current resident trooper model, as well as other models that are utilized in Connecticut. The committee has been very thoughtful in their deliberations, though no recommendations have been made to the Selectmen. They plan on continuing their work through FY 2019.

The Rte 156 Bike Path and Sound View Improvements project was completed through the fall of 2017, with repaving of areas that were not acceptable to the town. The roadway on the south end of Hartford Avenue looks great with the new parking plan, decorative posts, and bump-outs. The Sound View Commission even commissioned some decorative banners to highlight the historical significance of Sound View Beach, thanks to a design submitted by Eddie Twining of Old Lyme. If you haven't had a chance to go down to Hartford Avenue, it is worth the trip.

On February 11, 2018, Jeff Andersen, the longtime director of the Florence Griswold Museum, was honored as he retired after 41 years! Since he began working with the museum in 1976, the Florence Griswold Museum has

grown from a small seasonal house museum where he was the only staff member to a nationally recognized center for American art and a leading Connecticut cultural attraction with 20 staff members and over 80,000 visitors annually. Jeff has been a visionary leader whose thoughtful devotion to excellence and whose tireless advocacy for the museum and its uniquely Connecticut story has transformed the Florence Griswold Museum into one of the state's most important and beloved cultural destinations. The Board of Selectmen joined others in praise for Jeff Andersen's accomplishments and proclaimed February 11, 2018 Jeff Andersen Day in the Town of Old Lyme. Best wishes to Jeff Andersen on his retirement, and special thanks for all he has done for our community!

The Cross Lane Playground was completed in the spring of 2018, and a ribbon cutting celebration was held on April 26 at the playground. There were LOTS of children celebrating on the ADA accessible playground, with plenty of parents who seemed delighted to let the kids "run off some energy" and plenty of pizza to go around. The Chairman of the Parks & Rec Commission, Bob Dunn, was there to help cut the ribbon and congratulate the committee on a job well done. The playground is fully fenced in, creating a very safe environment for all families to enjoy! Special thanks go to the Junior Women's Club (JWC), whose hard work and perseverance were instrumental in making this happen. The JWC raised over \$50,000 to help pay for the playground, and the members spent months researching playground equipment for the project. In addition, Dave Catalano, an Old Lyme resident who represents the equipment company, donated hours of his own time to oversee the installation of the playground, with the help of a few other volunteers. This was truly a community effort and an indication of the commitment of many of our citizens to help make Old Lyme a wonderful community.

In January, we said goodbye to two veterans of the town hall staff. Eileen Coffee, who served as assistant town clerk from 1997 until her election in November of 2009, decided it was time to retire. Vicki Urbowicz, her assistant town clerk, was elected in November to replace

Selectwoman's Report *(continued)*

Eileen as town clerk. Eileen Coffee always provided service with a smile and was a good friend to many who came into the clerk's office to do business. She admittedly shared that her favorite job was to issue marriage licenses to very happy couples, and she delighted in seeing the occasional marriage ceremony at town hall. Also deciding to retire after eighteen years with the town was Ruth Roach, who began her tenure with the Town of Old Lyme as assistant tax collector and then moved on to information technology specialist. Ruth was instrumental in taking us from typewriters to computers, as well as advocating for our GIS program, amongst many others. Both of these retirees stop in on occasion to visit but are sorely missed.

The Annual Town Budget Meeting was held on Monday, May 21, 2018 at the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School, where the budget for fiscal year 2019 was approved. The final approved budget increased the mill rate from 21.75 to 21.91, or

a .75% increase. As usual, the board of finance worked closely with the selectmen to bring in a fair and conservative budget for the new fiscal year.

In June, Building Official John Flower retired after serving for nineteen years. John began his service as assistant sanitarian and assistant building official and became the building official in 2013. His well-earned reputation for fairness, professionalism, and persistence made him a highly respected official in the Southeastern CT region. The new Building Official, Mark Wayland, had the opportunity to work with John before taking over in June of 2018. Mark has big, steel-toed boots to fill! Some of you may know him through his work with the local Boy Scouts. While we were all sad to see John Flower go, we wished him the best in his retirement. It is likely that we will see him riding his bike in the woods on many an occasion.

Elected Officials

Term Expires

	Term Expires
First Selectwoman, Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)	Nov. 2019
Selectman, Skip Sibley (R)	Nov. 2017
Selectwoman, Mary Jo Nosal, (D)	Nov. 2019
Selectman, Christopher Kerr (R).....	Nov. 2019
Town Clerk, Eileen Coffee (R).....	Jan. 2018
Town Clerk, Vicki Urbowicz (R)	Jan. 2022
Town Treasurer, 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 Kerr (R)	(Resigned Nov. 2017) Nov. 2019
David Woolley (D).....	Nov. 2021
H. Perry Garvin III (R).....	Nov. 2023
Bennett J. Bernblum (D).....	Nov. 2023
J. David Kelsey (R)	Nov. 2019

Board of Finance Alternates

J. David Kelsey (R)	Nov. 2017
Robert Jose (R)	Nov. 2017
Adam Burrows (D).....	Nov. 2019
Judith Read (R)	Nov. 2019
Anna Reiter (D).....	Nov. 2019

Board of Assessment Appeals

George Finley (D).....	Nov. 2021
Roderick M. White (R).....	Nov. 2019
Timothy C. Griswold (R).....	Nov. 2021

Planning Commission

Harold L. Thompson, Chairman (R)	Nov. 2020
Robert McCarthy, Vice Chairman (D).....	Nov. 2022
Steven Ross (R)	Nov. 2019
Christopher W. Kerr (R)	(Resigned eff. 12/14/2017) Nov. 2021
Edgar Butcher (D)	Nov. 2018
Jonathan Curtis (D)	Nov. 2023
Todd Machnik (R)	(To replace C. Kerr) Nov. 2021

Regional Board of Education

Erick Cushman (R).....	Dec. 2019
Diane Linderman (D)	Dec. 2021
Nancy Lucas Edson (D).....	Dec. 2017
Jean Wilczynski (D)	Dec. 2021
Rick Goulding (D)	Dec. 2021
Stacy Winchell (R)	Dec. 2019
Michelle Roche (D).....	Dec. 2019
Martha Shoemaker (D)	Dec. 2021
Erick Cushman (R).....	Dec. 2019
Beth Jones, Lyme.....	Dec. 2017
Mary Powell-St. Louis, Lyme.....	Dec. 2019
Stacy Leonardo, Lyme	Dec. 2021

Elected Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
Registrars of Voters	
Catherine Carter (R).....	Jan. 2021
Marylin Clarke (D)	Jan. 2021
Zoning Commission	
Alan Todd (U).....	Nov. 2022
Gil Soucie (D).....	Nov. 2019
Jane Cable, Chairman (D).....	Nov. 2020
Jane Marsh (R)	Nov. 2021
Paul Orzel (U).....	Nov. 2023
Zoning Board of Appeals	
Judy McQuade (R).....	Nov. 2017
Nancy Hutchinson (U)	Nov. 2019
Kip Kotzan (D)	Nov. 2021
Mary Stone (D).....	(Resigned eff. 3/8/18) Nov. 2018
Marisa Hartman (D).....	Nov. 2020
Dan Montano (R).....	Nov. 2022
Karen Conniff (D)	(Resigned Dec. 2017) Nov. 2020
Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates	
Harry Plaut (R)	Nov. 2017
Marisa Hartman (D).....	Nov. 2017
Stephen Dix (R).....	Nov. 2019
Tom Schellens (R).....	Nov. 2019
Stephanie Mickle (D)	Nov. 2019

Appointed Officials

Term Expires

Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council

Catherine Frank (R).....	Jan. 2019
Russ Gomes (R)	Jan. 2019

Commission on Aging

Karen Veselka (OLVNA)	(standing)
Cynthia Taylor (Municipal Agent).....	(standing)
Phyllis Shepard-Tambini (R)	Jan. 2020
Doris Rand (D)	Jan. 2018
Cliff Johnson (R).....	Jan. 2019
Joan Bonvicin (D).....	Jan. 2021
Dorothy McAndrew (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. 2021
Tom Sherer, Chairman (D)	Jan. 2020
Maureen Plumleigh (U)	Jan. 2021
Susan Bachr (U)	Jan. 2019
Maureen Haseley-Jones (D).....	Jan. 2021

Conservation Commission Alternates

Rebecca Waldo (D).....	Jan. 2018
Peter Cable/Suzanne Thompson.....	Ex Officio

Economic Development Commission

Robert Jose (R)	Jan. 2023
Joseph Camean (R).....	Jan. 2023
Susan Howard Cihocki (R).....	Jan. 2019
John Stratton (R).....	Jan. 2020
Heather Gagnon, Chair (D).....	Jan. 2021
William O'Meara (R).....	Jan. 2022
Justin Fuller (U)	Jan. 2019
Gregory Symon (R)	Jan. 2020
Howard Margules (D)	Jan. 2021

Ethics Commission

Michael P. O'Brien, Vice Chairman (U)	
Jennifer Kendall (D)	Mar. 2018
Dwayne Basler (R).....	Dec. 2019
Robert Staab, Chairman (R).....	Mar. 2018
Patricia M. Trainor, Secretary.....	May 2019

Ethics Commission Alternates

Ron Paine	Apr. 2020
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Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
Emergency Management Director	
David Roberge.....	Jan. 2019
Estuary Transit District	
John Forbis (D)	Jan. 2021
Flood and Erosion Control Board	
Steve Ross (R)	Jan. 2020
Gary Smith (R).....	Jan. 2020
Todd Machnik, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2020
Steve Martino (D).....	Jan. 2019
Ellie Czarnowski (U)	Jan. 2019
Donald Willis (U).....	Jan. 2019
Flood and Erosion Control Board Alternates	
David Roberge.....	Ex Officio
Harbor Management Commission	
Steve Ross, Chair (R)	Jan. 2022
Robert Doyen (D)	Jan. 2021
Michael Magee (U)	Jan. 2022
Ned Farman (D)	Jan. 2018
John MacDonald (R)	Jan. 2020
William Harris (D)	Jan. 2020
Tom Meyer (R)	Jan. 2021
George Finley (D).....	Jan. 2021
Robert Falaguerra (R)	Jan. 2022
Jeffrey Meinke (U)	Jan. 2022
Harry S. Plaut, Harbormaster (R).....	Ex Officio
Michael Mackey, Deputy Harbormaster (U).....	Ex Officio
Historic District Commission	
John Pfeiffer, Chair (D)	Jan. 2023
John Forbis (D)	Jan. 2019
Barbara S. Traskos (D)	Jan. 2020
Dini Mallory (R)	Jan. 2021
Historic District Commission Alternates	
Jeff Cooley (D)	Jan. 2019
Cynthia Taylor (U)	Jan. 2020
Inland Wetlands Commission	
Lewis DiCamillo, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2018
Evan Griswold (R).....	Jan. 2019
Tom Machnik (R).....	Jan. 2021
Christian Tompkins (U).....	Jan. 2019
Rachel Gaudio, Chair (U).....	Jan. 2020
Gary Gregory (U).....	Jan. 2020
Robert DePianta (D)	Jan. 2020
William McNeil (R).....	Jan. 2021

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Justices of the Peace: 1/3/2017-1/4/2021 *(Elected at caucus or through application)*

William U. Archer (D)	Monique Heller (R)	Daria M. Phelps (D)
Peter M. Bauchmann (U)	Doris C. Johnson (R)	Harry Plaut (R)
John A. Bysko (R)	Victoria K. Lanier (R)	Doris A. Recor (U)
Jane E. Cable (D)	Leslie J. Massa (R)	Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)
Nancy L. Campbell (D)	Brendan P. McKeever (R)	Ruth Dillon Roach (D)
Christopher Carter (R)	Maurizio Nichele (R)	Mervin F. Roberts (R)
Karen B. Conniff (D)	Mary Jo Nosal (D)	Jennie Anne Rubera (R)
Barbara McBride Doyen (D)	Agnes Q. O'Connor (D)	John D. Seckla (U)
Jason C. Gagnon (U)	Christopher F. Oliveira (R)	Michellee K. Speirs (U)
Timothy C. Griswold (R)	Frank S. Pappalardo (R)	Judith A. Tooker (R)
Luisa B. Grogan (D)	Lawrence I. Peterson, Jr. (D)	

Term Expires

Lymes' Senior Center—Board of Directors

Ruth Young (Lyme)	
Gary Weed (Lyme)	
Diana Seckla (Lyme)	
Mary Miles (D).....	Jul. 2017
Dorothy McAndrew (R)	Jul. 2019
Doris Johnson (R)	Jul. 2018
Ann Griffith (D).....	Jul. 2018
Susan Campbell (U)	Jul. 2019
Diane Blackwell (R)	Jul. 2017
Joan Bonvicin (D).....	Jul. 2020
Kathy Lockwood (D).....	Jul. 2020
Jeri Baker, Chair (D)	Jul. 2021
John Cody (R)	Jul. 2019
Donald Abraham (D).....	Jul. 2020

Open Space Commission

Diana Atwood Johnson, Chairman (R).....	<i>(Died 1/18)</i> Jan. 2020
Amanda Blair (D)	Jan. 2019
Evan Griswold (R)	Jan. 2020
George James (R)	Jan. 2017
William Dunbar (R)	Jan. 2018
Peter Cable (D)	Jan. 2019
Bruce Baratz (U)	Jan. 2019
Gary Gregory (U).....	Jan. 2020
Mary Stone (D).....	<i>(Resigned March 2018)</i> Jan. 2020

Open Space Commission Alternates

Mary Stone (D).....	Jan. 2020
Gary Gregory (U).....	Jan. 2018

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
Parks and Recreation Commission	
Glynn McAraw (R)	Jan. 2020
Robert Dunn, Chair (R)	Jan. 2020
Nigel Logan (R)	Jan. 2020
John Flower (U)	Jan. 2021
Mary Ellen Garbarino (R)	Jan. 2021
Missy Colburn Garvin(U)	Jan. 2019
Tim Gavin (U)	Jan. 2019
Don Bugbee, Parks and Rec. Director	Ex-Officio
Pension Committee	
Gil Soucie (D)	Jan. 2021
Jeff Hartman (R)	Jan. 2018
Jean Wilczynski (D)	Jan. 2021
Kathleen Hall, Employee Rep	Ex-Officio
Planning Commission Alternates	
Donald Willis (R)	Jan. 2019
Todd Machnik (R)	(Joined commission Dec. 2017) Jan. 2018
Barbara Gaudio (U)	Jan. 2019
Regional Mental Health Board, Region II	
Kathleen Green (D)	(Resigned May 2018) Jan. 2019
Deputy Registrars	
Jackie Miano (R)	
Sylvia Peterson (D)	
Rogers Lake Authority	
Tom Baehr (D)	Jan. 2020
Robert Recor (U)	Jan. 2021
Richard Smith (U)	Jan. 2019
Tom Mondelci, Lyme	
Dennis Overfield, Lyme, Chairman	
Michael Sicord, Lyme	
Shellfish Commission	
Mervin F. Roberts (R)	Jan. 2020
John Seckla (U)	Jan. 2021
Todd Machnik (R)	Jan. 2020
Sound View Commission	
David Kelsey (R)	Jan. 2021
Harry Plaut (R)	Jan. 2019
Joanne Reis Lishing (D)	Jan. 2019
Frank Pappalardo, Chairman (R)	Jan. 2020
Michaelle Pearson (D)	Jan. 2020
Sound View Commission Alternates	
Frank Maratta (R)	Jan. 2019
Jackie Miano (R)	Jan. 2019
Sandra Ziembba (D)	Jan. 2020

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
Town Counsel Suisman Shapiro	Jan. 2020
Town Historian John Pfeiffer (D)	
Tree Commission	
Joanne DiCamillo, Chairman (U).....	Jan. 2020
Anne Bing (D).....	Jan. 2019
Emily Griswold (R)	Jan. 2019
Geraldine Foster (R)	Jan. 2020
Joan Flynn, M.D. (U)	Jan. 2019
Michael Gaffey (D)	Jan. 2020
Tree Warden Thomas Degnan	Ex Officio
Water Pollution Control Authority	
Dmitri Tolchinski (R)	Jan. 2022
Donna Bednar (D)	Jan. 2022
Frank Chan (D)	Jan. 2022
Ernest Lorda (U)	(Resigned Jan. 2017) Jan. 2019
Richard Prendergast, Chair (R).....	Jan. 2021
Andrea Lombard (R).....	Jan. 2021
Douglas Wilkinson (U)	Jan. 2021
Robert McCarthy (D)	Jan. 2021
Sal Cancelliere (D)	Jan. 2019
Joseph Carpentino (D).....	Jan. 2019
Water Pollution Control Authority Alternates Steve Cinami (R)	Jan. 2020
Water Pollution Control Authority Hearing Panel	
Robert DePianta (D)	July 2019
Roger Breunig (R).....	July 2018
Zoning Commission Alternates	
Harvey Gemme (U).....	Jan. 2019
Stacy Winchell (R)	Jan. 2019

Town Staff

Animal Control Officer	.....	Lynn Philomen
Assistant Animal Control Officers	.....	Leah Russell, Caleb Sapia
Assessor	.....	Melinda Kronfeld
Administrative Assessment Technician	.....	Maribeth Fraser
Building Department – Administrative Assistant	.....	Kathleen Hall
Building Official	.....	Mark Wayland
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
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	.....	(Retired Jan. 2018) Eileen Coffee Vicki Urbowicz Courtney Joy
Assistant Town Clerk	.....

Resident State Trooper: TFC Kazimera Morse

Town Police: Wayne Collins, Sal Milardo, Dominic Solari, Robert Tyson, William Zipadelli,
Jay Rankin, Kevin Roche, Sam Barnes

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Superintendent – Edward Adanti
Recycling Coordinator – Donald Rutty

Ben Carroll	Richard Gocka
Scott D'Amato	Brian Lorentson
Paul Fiore	Robert Perry
Lawrence Galbo	Donald Saunders

Election Results- November 7, 2017

First Selectman

Democrat – Bonnie Reemsnyder, 1,522*
Republican – Judith Read, 1,249

Town Clerk

Democrat – Vicki Urbowicz, 1,424
Republican – Vicki Urbowicz, 1,226 *

Board of Finance

Democrat – Bennett Bernblum, 1,546*
Republican – Harold P. Garvin III, 1,614*

Zoning Board of Appeals 5-Year Term Begins 2017

Democrat – Dan Montano, 1,762*

Board of Finance Alternate

Democrat – Adam S. Burrows, 1,611*
Democrat – Anna S. Reiter, 1,659*
Republican – J. David Kelsey, 1,627 *

Board of Assessment Appeals

Democrat – George Finley, 1,259*
Republican – Timothy C. Griswold, 1,439 *

Planning Commission 5-Year Term Begins 2017

Democrat – Robert McCarthy, 1,870*

Planning Commission 5-Year Term Begins 2018

Democrat – Jonathan Curtis, 1,812*

Selectmen

Democrat – Mary Jo Nosal, 1,481*
Republican – Christopher W. Kerr, 1,266*

Zoning Commission 5-Year Term Begins 2017

Democrat – Alan W. Todd (U), 1,437*
Republican – Alan W. Todd, 1,117

Zoning Commission 5-Year Term Begins 2018

Democrat – Paul Orzel (U), 1,433*
Republican – Paul Orzel, 1,102

Zoning Board of Appeals 5 Year Term Begins 2018

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Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

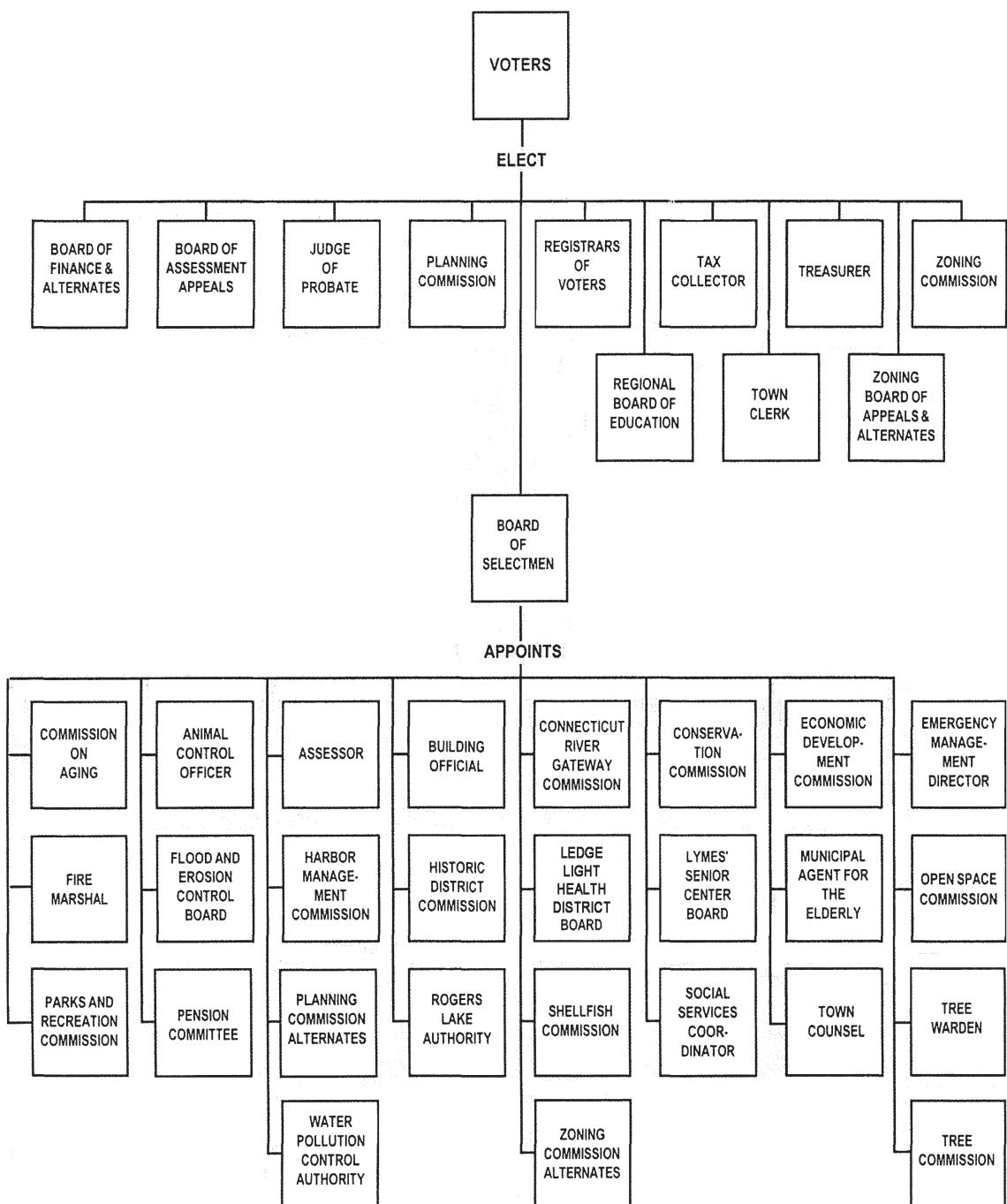
Democrat – Stephanie Mickle, 1,791 *
Democrat – Marisa Hartmann, 1,826*

Regional Board of Education

Democrat – Martha Shoemaker, 1,850*
Democrat – Jean A. Wilczynski, 1,858*
Democrat – Richard Goulding, 1,437*
Democrat – Diane York Linderman, 1,816*
Republican – Richard Goulding, 1,059

**Indicates Elected Candidate*

Organization Chart



Note: Justices of the Peace are elected by the Democratic and Republican Town Committees and appointed by the Town Clerk.

U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal

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Marriages July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Joris Spigt & Olivia Whitney Brown	July 1, 2017
Christopher Sanford Thompson & Danielle Lynn Young	July 6, 2017
Richard Charles Taylor & Shelley Christa Nobile (Old Saybrook)	July 7, 2017
Andrew Lutas & Victoria Lynn Eells	July 8, 2017
Michael Arthur King & Nicole Elizabeth Meo	July 15, 2017
Marc Aaron Pinn & Julie Ann Estrada	July 15, 2017
Mason Britton IV & Megan Elise Slomsky	July 15, 2017
Mark Richard Niezgorski & Stephanie Lee Rubin	July 22, 2017
Jacob Russell Samuels & Sloan Wilson Danenhower	July 23, 2017
Douglas Rea Melvin & Cassidy Paige Olson	July 23, 2017
William James Jackson & Jacqueline O'Neil Boutin (Old Saybrook)	July 26, 2017
Mario Angelo Diraimo & Alexandra Eliisa Winkel	July 28, 2017
Tallon Carl Robb & Leah Ambriel Morrow (New London)	August 1, 2017
Eric Joseph Greenwood & Marianne Elizabeth Byrne	August 5, 2017
Joshua Leo McPherson & Stacia Elizabeth McKenna	August 7, 2017
Matthew John Lichack & Temple Frey Wrinn	August 12, 2017
Arthur Edward Rozzero & Jane Madeline Levasseur	August 13, 2017
Keith Richard Urbowicz & Nastassja Yves Perkins (Old Saybrook)	August 20, 2017
Eric William Moore & Iryna Kavalenka	August 21, 2017
Shane Robert Driscoll & Bree Ann Elliott (New London)	August 25, 2017
Christopher Carlo Tagliavini & Dianna Jayne Soucier	August 25, 2017
Christopher Ryan Bailey & Amanda Adams Rivard	September 3, 2017
Steven J. Ouellet & Sherry Aldea Leniart	September 3, 2017
Vincent Zarrella & Maureen Motta (New London)	September 3, 2017
Garrett Bryce Anton & Briana Rose Lombardi	September 6, 2017
Philip Wynne Gerster & Brittany Sharon Somes (Waterford)	September 8, 2017
Eric James Wiese & Michelle Marie Morin	September 9, 2017
Steven John Lowell & Andrea Frances Young	September 9, 2017
Michael Stephen Muche & Brittany Nicole Shea	September 9, 2017
Henry Fulton Skelsey, Jr. & Susan Claire O'Neill	September 9, 2017
Steve Omar Rodriguez & Christina Marie Zielinski	September 9, 2017
Emmanouil M. Nichlos & Barbara A. Sapere	September 16, 2017
Robert Ireton Welsh IV & Taryn Elizabeth Brett (Westbrook)	September 16, 2017
Bradley Clifford Gehan & Emily Cyr Devoe	September 17, 2017
Martin Mayer Katzer & Carolyn Mikan Smith	September 19, 2017
Michael T. McGovern & Nicole C. Zinn	September 23, 2017
Galen Marshall Holloway & Katie Marie Campochiaro	September 24, 2017
Samuel Burton Johnson & Brianna Alejandra Mager	September 30, 2017
Steven Thomas Rand & Jessica Lynn Cromarty (Killingworth)	September 30, 2017
Frank Albert Maratta & Lisa Ann Calvano	October 7, 2017
Jonathan Joseph Mosey & Christina Louise Holth (Stonington)	October 7, 2017
James Robert Welter II & Alicia Marie Jackson	October 8, 2017
Matthew D. King & Laurie C. Whalen	October 8, 2017
Arthur Steven Linares & Caroline Beatrice Simmons	October 14, 2017
Jeffrey Paul St. Jean & Jennifer Lynn Thomassen	October 14, 2017
Maurice Joseph Gariepy & Gertrude Eileen Barr (Cromwell)	October 15, 2017
Kyle Hogan Stroup Leaver & Kayleigh Lynn Smith (Branford)	October 15, 2017
Christopher Lee Schenck & Courtney Mary Reggo	October 21, 2017
Benjamin Stephen Carroll & Alexandria Ellery Teachworth (Brooklyn)	October 21, 2017
Fredy Alexander Verdugo-Ramirez & Jaimie Frances Rice	October 28, 2017

Marriages July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 *(continued)*

Alex Elliott Swaney & Chealsea Marie Jenkins	November 3, 2017
Ronald Ernest Bottino, Jr. & Stephanie Jean Sylvester	November 3, 2017
Donald Xavier Bobowick & Karen Frances Bobowick	December 1, 2017
Charles William Fritz III & Dianne Drobak	December 3, 2017
Philip Fazzino III & Debra Edgecomb Woodward (Waterford)	December 8, 2017
Mark Malaspina & Aileen B. Slack	December 16, 2017
Joseph Morrison Skelly & Seonhee Cho	December 30, 2017
Thomas Moore DeFaria & Laura Angela Tuohy (New London)	January 12, 2018
John Paul Lucas & Sheyla Dexmayners Dzul	January 20, 2018
Carl Gregory Roth & Molly Waldron McCormick (Waterford)	January 21, 2018
Alfred Paul Darena & Mary Ellen Polin	February 1, 2018
Cemre Ikram Dogan & Emily Evans Knight	February 5, 2018
Richard Crowther Field & Maryellen Westcott	February 14, 2018
Harold Roy Swope, Jr. & Patricia Ann Cushman	March 3, 2018
Kurt Edmund Burkle & Janet Lee Cullen	March 17, 2018
Peter John Kulas & Donna Marie Staab	April 7, 2018
Jonathan Victor Grossman & Lisa Marie Cates	April 14, 2018
Charles Ernest Koch & Jill Elizabeth Spencer	April 20, 2018
Gregory David Overfield & Nunthita Mokthonglang	April 22, 2018
Christopher Russell Goodison & Bonnie Jean Moquet	April 28, 2018
Joaquin Ernesto Ramos & Danielle Nicole Filosi	April 28, 2018
Brian John Kelly & Jennifer Marie Paolini	May 5, 2018
Michael Keith Wilkinson & Joni Marie Harper	May 5, 2018
Mark Brian Beatty & Tracy Lynn Goff	May 10, 2018
Thomas Gaston Gray & Lisa Ann Cantillon	May 12, 2018
Brian Alexander Tijl & Jennifer Rose Sattizahn	May 14, 2018
Dennis Alberto Diaz & Kristin Marie Khan	May 18, 2018
Joshua Nathaniel Ulmer & Samantha Grace Malone	May 26, 2018
Christopher Michael Rudnicki & Madeleine Griswold Haff	May 27, 2018
Jeffrey Donald Wyse & Alison Elizabeth Couture	May 27, 2018
Benjamin Allen Edwin & Robin Beth Smith	June 1, 2018
Brian Keith Stephens & Anna Maria Simpson	June 7, 2018
George Frederick O'Donnell & Kristy Ann Roberts	June 8, 2018
Shane Gerard Demuth & Magdalena Rucz	June 9, 2018
Philip Paul Rothkugel, Sr. & Jacqueline Susan Ayuso	June 14, 2018
Michael Dominic DeMeola & Ashley Lynn Hebert	June 16, 2018
Steven Todd Santos & Carrie Ann Colarusso	June 16, 2018
Drew Gordon Lee Chapman & Jane MacMillan Kelly	June 16, 2018
Jason Edwin Lyon & Sarah Frances Bochet (North Stonington)	June 16, 2018
James Edward Fasano & Blaire Lynn Michael	June 22, 2018
Blake Murphy Wadsworth & Anne Elizabeth Meyer	June 23, 2018
Richard David Burr & Holly Lynn Wills (Lyme)	June 23, 2018
Joseph William Smith & John Douglas Lawson	June 27, 2018
Fulvio J. Magalhaes & Vera M. Gonsalves	June 30, 2018
Christopher Drew Darnell & Anna Remmers Spade	June 30, 2018
Andrew Douglas Buckmaster & Jaymie Diane Nickerson	June 30, 2018
Michael Thomas Gervais & Gina Marie Lapila (Killingworth)	June 30, 2018
Alexander Travis Klose & Katherine Lynn Hedberg	June 30, 2018
Oliver Michael Aurelia & Samantha Cody Steglitz	June 30, 2018

Deaths July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018

Joseph W. Elnisky	July 3, 2017
Florence M. Hanft.....	July 9, 2017
Vincent Romeo (Old Saybrook)	July 15, 2017
George Stephen Cihocki (New London).....	August 11, 2017
Oliver Wentzel Nash, Sr.....	September 5, 2017
George Peter Beardsley (New Haven).....	September 6, 2017
Anthony P. Lorello, Sr. (Middletown)	September 9, 2017
Edmund H. Wolcott.....	September 10, 2017
Gary R. Kelly (New London).....	September 15, 2017
James Stewart McInerney, Jr.....	September 16, 2017
Arlene M. Witmer (Middletown).....	September 24, 2017
Dennison G. Rice.....	September 25, 2017
Stanislaus Bury Coxe (Middletown)	September 26, 2017
Iris Cooper.....	October 18, 2017
Eleanor McCarthy	October 18, 2017
Brian James Harvill (New London).....	October 25, 2017
Robert Louis Smith	October 29, 2017
Robert Ernest Adams	November 6, 2017
Gloria K. Rackliffe (Farmington)	November 7, 2017
Walter Alvin Stock	November 17, 2017
Lena Louise Sandora (New London).....	November 17, 2017
Shirley N. Rollinson (Chester).....	November 19, 2017
Corc Uyar (Old Saybrook).....	December 1, 2017
Norma G. Jones	December 3, 2017
Janet Marilynn Miller Lorenz	December 3, 2017
Cornelius O'Connor (Hartford).....	December 7, 2017
Veronica Sobolewski Lempicki	December 16, 2017
Richard Charles Venture (Chester)	December 19, 2017
Diana Atwood Johnson (New Haven)	January 1, 2018
Michaelina Mugno Passalugo	January 4, 2018
Shelley Elizabeth Diane Kiernan	January 4, 2018
Allyson Marie Cleary (New London)	January 8, 2018
Santy Patana (Westbrook)	January 11, 2018
John Paul Champion	January 16, 2018
Allan Ely Plimpton (Old Saybrook)	January 24, 2018
Marjorie M. Kus (New Haven).....	January 26, 2018
Theresa Sagristano (Old Saybrook).....	February 3, 2018
Juan Roberto Colon	February 5, 2018
Jean McLean (New London)	February 10, 2018
Isabel Katz (Hartford).....	February 15, 2018
John F. Dess, Sr.....	February 19, 2018
Anne E. (Ethyl Ann) Cuthbertson (Essex)	February 23, 2018
William Scott Allison	February 26, 2018
Ann Folmar Montmeat	February 28, 2018
Mary Ann Goldman (New London)	March 2, 2018
Pamela J. McLaughlin (New London)	March 10, 2018
Thomas Sheridan (New London)	March 14, 2018
Claire Pallman Woychowski	March 17, 2018
Arnette McCulloch.....	March 20, 2018

Deaths July 1, 2017 - June 30, 2018 *(continued)*

Florence Wolfe	March 25, 2018
Richard J. Cook (Niantic)	March 26, 2018
Salvatore Joseph Carpenteri	April 9, 2018
Helen J. Orzel (Waterford)	April 10, 2018
Barbara L. Smith (Essex)	April 10, 2018
George Wilford McLaughlin II (New London)	April 13, 2018
Henry D. Sedgwick (Essex)	April 22, 2018
Francis Holloway (East Lyme)	April 24, 2018
Gasper F. Sagristano (Old Saybrook)	April 27, 2018
Jane Rayna Cornelius	May 1, 2018
Helen K. Rozanski	May 13, 2018
Albert Fragione (Westbrook)	May 20, 2018
Roger M. Wright (Niantic)	May 22, 2018
Gloria Woitowitz (New London)	May 25, 2018
Lucius Wilmerding III (Chester)	May 25, 2018
Dino A. DaRos (New London)	May 28, 2018
Samuel Andrew Rand	May 29, 2018
James Francis Berryman (East Lyme)	June 8, 2018
Ralph G. Griffin	June 13, 2018
James Alan Carnell (Branford)	June 20, 2018
Richard Henry Card (New London)	June 25, 2018

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Committee

Jennifer Datum
ADA Coordinator

Meetings: Alternate months

Our notice under the Americans with Disabilities Act is published on the town website, along with our meeting minutes.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Town of Old Lyme should contact ADA Coordinator Jennifer Datum at 860 434-1605 Ext 228 as soon as possible but no later than 48

hours before the scheduled event. The ADA does not require the Town of Old Lyme to take any action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services, or impose an undue financial or administrative burden. Questions, concerns, requests for additional information regarding the ADA, or complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Town of Old Lyme is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Jennifer Datum as well.

Assessor

Melinda R. Kronfeld, CCMA I
Assessor

The 2017 Grand List showed growth from 1,574,693,985 in 2016 to 1,582,068,844. Hopefully 2018 will see our Grand List grow again.

This year will find us getting prepared for a town-wide revaluation for 2019. Watch for updates from our office as we enter spring. In anticipation of these communications, please make sure your mailing information is up to date. You can check our MapGeo GIS for your current information by visiting our town website, www.Oldlyme-CT.gov, and following the GIS Mapping Link. We have also updated our computer station outside our office for your convenience.

Mickie Fraser, AAT
Administrative Assessment Technician

Deadlines for exemptions, filing deadlines, and other points of interest from the Assessor's office can be found on our website. Updates are also printed in Old Lyme Events, which is released four times a year.

Our office is open from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday through Friday. Mickie Fraser, Administrative Assessment Technician, is happy to answer your questions at 860-434-1605 ext. 219 or assessor@oldlyme-ct.gov.

To contact Melinda Kronfeld, Assessor, call 860-434-1605 ext. 218 or mkronfeld@oldlyme-ct.gov.

Board of Finance

Andy Russell
Chairman

Your Old Lyme Board of Finance continues to be very conservative as the availability of funds from Hartford continues to disappear. We understand the majority of our tax income comes from homeowners' property tax; we are mindful of the fact that our residents are stretched financially and the demands on them.

The financial report for the 2018 FY year that ended on June 30, 2018 shows that we collected over \$296,000 more taxes than anticipated thanks to our taxpayers and our tax collector, Judy Tooker. Our total revenues were \$746,000 higher than anticipated. Intergovernmental revenues exceeded budget amount by \$241,996 because we did not budget for LOCIP grants and we received \$100,000 more in Educational Cost Sharing funds from the State of Connecticut than anticipated. Thanks to our Town Treasurer Tim Griswold and Finance Director Nicole Stajduhar's management of our funds, our investment income was \$142,000 higher than budgeted.

We also spent \$770,595 less than budgeted. The savings were realized from many areas of the budget, including a savings of over \$78,000 on our insurance line and over \$100,000 in savings from our boards and commissions. We thank our town employees, boards and commissions, and our finance director, Nicole Stajduhar. We continue to strive to keep the recommended fund balance for us to maintain our strong bond above the recommended 15 percent of our total town budget, including our share of Region 18's budget. As of June 30, 2018 we are at \$8,681,456 or 24.3 percent of our budget.

We invested over \$400,000 in our town roads as a part of our regular budget and at a town meeting authorized the expenditure of an additional \$200,000 on them. We allocated funds to rebuild the Hains Park bathrooms and the Cross Lane playground. We continue to support through budgeting the maintenance and replacement of our equipment and buildings at Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments.

We schedule purchases of larger capital items and projects with funds from multiple years to soften the impact to taxpayers. The most significant items in this category are our fire trucks, roads, and Open Space. 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 my fellow members of the Board of Finance, our Board of Selectmen, and town employees for their help with the budget process. I would also like to invite you to join us during this budget process: our regular meetings are the third Tuesday of each month, and we meet every Tuesday during February and March.

Building Department

Mark Wayland
Building Official

Building Permits Issued

from 7/1/2017 to 6/30/2018

2	Permits -	Accessory Buildings	\$20,895.00
33	Permits -	Additions	\$2,034,293.00
5	Permits -	Additions/Alterations	\$393,600.00
79	Permits -	Alterations	\$3,239,651.00
2	Permits -	Barn	\$139,364.00
1	Permit -	Commercial Building	\$0.00
7	Permits -	Demolition.....	\$6,000.00
229	Permits -	Electrical.....	\$451,402.00
12	Permits -	Foundation	\$3,816,580.00
7	Permits -	Garage	\$466,900.00
166	Permits -	Heating, A/C	\$1,640,123.00
9	Permits -	New Residence.....	\$175,000.00
204	Permits -	Plumbing	\$228,809.00
5	Permits -	Pools	\$109,971.00
185	Permits -	Repairs.....	\$3,442,430.00
4	Permits -	Replace Fuel Tanks.....	\$5,500.00
1	Permit -	Security.....	\$3,800.00
22	Permits -	Temporary Structures	\$54,168.00
1	Permit -	Tenant Improvements.....	\$10,000.00
4	Permits -	Wood Stoves	\$2,352.00
		Total Cost of Permits Issued.....	\$16,240,838.00

<i>Total Number of Permits Issued.....</i>	978
<i>Total Fees Received During Fiscal Year</i>	\$168,142.00
<i>Total Cost of Permits Issued</i>	\$16,240,838.00



The Board of Selectmen names **Roderick M. White** The Town of Old Lyme's Citizen of the Year

Over the course of his 50+ years in Old Lyme, Rod White has set a high standard for community service. Born and raised in Springfield, Massachusetts, Rod graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in 1950. He spent the next quarter of a century making his mark in the Coast Guard. A faculty member from 1969 to 1974, he served as Dean of Academics from 1974 to 1983. In 1969, he was named the outstanding Naval Engineer of the year, receiving the prestigious Gold Medal from the American Society of Naval Engineers.

His Gold Medal citation refers to "his exceptional analytical skills and technical competence... [and] significant contributions in the advancement of icebreaker design...." It was Rod's "White Bow" design that made it possible for the *SS Manhattan* to make the first successful transit of the Northwest Passage by a commercial vessel.

Rod White has used his exceptional skills in our community in so many ways. A founding member of the Harbor Management Commission, he served as Chair from 1988 to 1994 and was elected Registrar of Voters from 1993 to 2004. An active member of the Republican Town Committee, serving as both secretary and vice-chair, he was elected for two terms to the Regional District 18 Board of Education, serving from 1997 to 2005. Rod was our town's representative to the Southeastern Tourism District for many years and currently serves on the Board of Assessment Appeals, a position to which he was first elected in 2007.

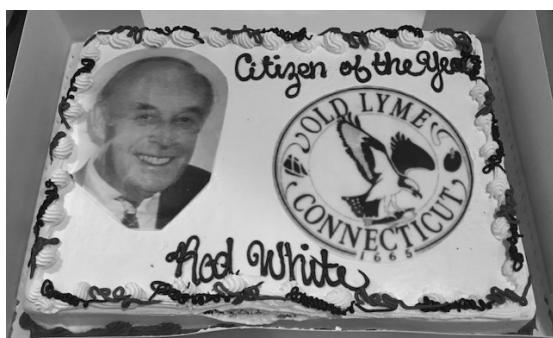
Despite his obviously busy schedule, Rod willingly shared his talents with a larger community as well, serving as Executive Director for the Eastern CT Foundation for Public Giving, Executive Director of the Coast Guard Foundation, chair of the long-range planning committee for Boy Scouts, and as a member of both the Eastern CT Symphony Board and Connecticut's Olympic Committee. He has also

been a loyal and active member of the Rotary, an organization synonymous with service, since 1975.

Tonight, we recognize a resident whose name is synonymous with service in our town as we honor our 2017 Citizen of the Year, Roderick M. White.



Citizen of the Year, Rod White, is joined at his celebration by (left to right) Selectwoman Mary Jo Nosal; Selectman Chris Kerr; Rod's wife, Judy; and First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder.



A personalized cake to honor the new Citizen of the Year was enjoyed by attendees!

Connecticut Audubon Society

Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center

Eleanor Robinson
Director

www.ctaudubon.org

The Connecticut Audubon Society's Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center (RTPEC), located in the shopping center at 90 Halls Road and named for the internationally and locally renowned artist and scientific illustrator, is dedicated to facilitating scientific research, establishing high-quality environmental education, and promoting outreach and advocacy to preserve, protect, and conserve the unique attributes and beauty of Connecticut's southeastern region.

Our award-winning "Schoolyard Science and Nature" program reached 1,600 students in grade K-6 from the Essex, Chester, Lyme-Old Lyme, East Lyme, and New London school districts. Through this program, RTPEC educators have connected children to their local land-trust properties and the natural areas near their schools.

In 2018, we hosted our biannual Connecticut River Lecture Series, which reached a milestone of 3,000 adults in attendance. Each fall and spring, we offer three lectures to the public without fee and introduce renowned experts in environmental science, art, and literature on topics ranging from the geology of beach sand to the return of Atlantic sturgeon to the life of John James Audubon. Through these lectures the RTPEC has regionalized global environmental concerns to focus on the effects of sea level rise, climate change, and endangered species in our watershed communities.

Our "Meet the Scientist Program" brings scientists and authors from our adult lecture series to local schools, giving students the opportunity to visit with, speak to, and ask questions of experts in their field.

This year we continued our popular Estuary Explorations series to introduce participants to the diverse habitats and biodiversity of the estuarine ecosystems. Led each month from May until November by a PhD trained ecologist, these walking or kayaking forays connect people to a deeper understanding of the wide variety of species within our region and how these habitats support our health and the quality of life in our communities.

Facilitating scientific research is another priority of the RTPEC. Currently we are undertaking a multiyear project researching Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) in the estuary. The study, conducted by interns from Mount Holyoke College under the direction of a Connecticut Audubon Society biologist, is updating a 20-year-old survey and identifying native and invasive plant species. Not only are SAVs an indicator of the health of the estuary, but they also perform vital ecosystem functions to improve water quality by trapping and removing pollutants such as nitrogen from the water column.

Additionally, we also run seasonal adult and family programming including our monthly "Birding Basics" walk, guided trail and shoreline hikes, teacher-naturalist led kayak paddles, and more!

Program Statistics:

- 1,600 total students served from 7 Middlesex and New London County schools
- 1,569 members of the public served through family and adult programming
- 2,332 attendees of the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Lecture Series
- 10 expert-guided field trip programs in Lower CT River Valley
- 364 4th-6th graders participated in our "Meet the Scientist" program
- 2 college interns conducted research on aquatic plants in the estuary
- 1 new staffed center opened to serve the public in southeast Connecticut
- 6 research scientists from 5 universities and NOAA on RTPEC Scientific Advisory Board

Connecticut Audubon Society

Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center *(continued)*



CAS biologist Jim Arrigoni with Mount Holyoke interns Leila Kouakou and Haley Rivers working on an aquatic plant survey at Selden Cove



“Science in Nature” program with Lyme Consolidated (Region #18) students

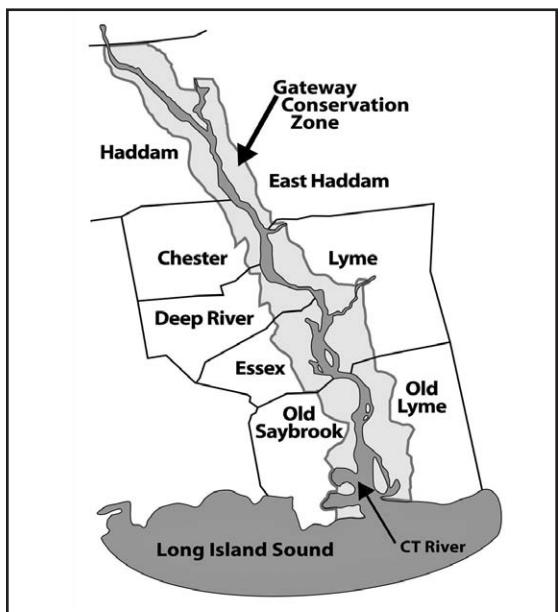
Connecticut River Gateway Commission

Peter Cable and Suzanne Thompson
Old Lyme Representatives

Meetings: 4th Thursdays, RiverCOG Office, Essex

The Connecticut River Gateway Commission was established in 1974 by the Connecticut General Assembly in recognition of the lower river valley's natural, recreational, and scenic importance and became operational with membership from eight towns, two regional agencies, and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

The Gateway Conservation Zone (shown in the map) is thirty miles in length including portions of its eight member towns (Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme, and Old Saybrook, with the Borough of Fenwick) along the river. The Nature Conservancy has designated the lower Connecticut River as one of its “Last Great Places”; the river’s tidalands have been recognized as an “internationally significant” habitat for waterfowl under the terms of the international Ramsar Convention; the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior has recognized the Lower Connecticut River Valley as “one of the most important ecological landscapes” in the United



The Connecticut River Gateway Commission is responsible for regulating development through local zoning regulations within the conservation zone around the Connecticut River.

Connecticut River Gateway Commission *(continued)*

States; and in 1999, the river was designated as one of fourteen American Heritage Rivers by the President of the United States.

For the most part the Gateway Commission focuses on the protection of the valley's scenic qualities. Since its inception, the commission has worked with others to acquire over 1,100 acres of land through purchase or donation of scenic easements, development rights, and fee simple titles. The commission continues to work on preserving land through acquisition with partners and is currently working on such preservation in the Haddam Neck area of the Gateway Conservation Zone.

In addition, effective January 2018, the commission transferred to the Lower CT River Council of Governments (RiverCOG) the Lower CT River Land Trust (LCRLT). The commission's intention was for RiverCOG to use LCRLT for the furtherance of goals of the Lower CT River and Coastal River Land Trust Exchange (LTE), an informal collaboration of fourteen land trusts within RiverCOG jurisdiction, and for future land conservation projects.

The commission's authority also includes drafting common zoning standards within the Gateway Conservation Zone for height, setback, and lot coverage, which member towns adopt and enforce. An updated set of standards was scheduled to be ratified by the commission by September 2018 and to become effective shortly thereafter; Old Lyme will be called upon to approve these standards within this coming year. The commission reviews and acts on zone changes, regulation changes, and variance applications affecting land within the Conservation Zone referred to it by local boards and commissions. No zone change or change in regulations on land within the Conservation Zone can become effective without the commission's approval.

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.

Emergency Management

David W. Roberge

Director

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

Again this year, the Town of Old Lyme was the recipient of grants totaling \$60,000.00 from the Nuclear Safety Emergency Fund. These funding sources continue to provide for additional response equipment and emergency operations center improvements.

Other projects that continue to move forward include 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 as the last page of this year's annual report. If you or someone you know in town might need special assistance, please take a moment to complete the form and return it to this office. All information received is maintained confidential.

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

Estuary Transit District (ETD)

John Forbis
Executive Director

*Meetings: Alternate months, 3rd Fri., 9:30 A.M.,
Estuary Transit District Board of Directors*

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. ETD's mission is to provide local, coordinated public transportation for all residents of the area. To meet this goal, ETD operates public transit under the name 9 Town Transit (9TT).

The Estuary Transit District is governed by a board of directors. Each member town appoints one representative, who serves in a voluntary capacity to adopt policy, set budgets, and conduct long-term planning for the district. Regular board meetings are held on the third Friday of every other month at 9:30 A.M. at the Estuary Transit District. All meetings are open to the public.

ETD's four deviated fixed routes serve the main corridors of the region and connect to public transit providers serving the surrounding regions. In addition, ETD provides door-to-door service throughout all nine towns of the estuary region as well as Durham, East Haddam, and Haddam through its Dial-A-Ride service. All ETD services are open to all persons with no age or disability restrictions.

ETD's services are subsidized by federal, state, and local funding. This allows for inexpensive fares of \$1.75 for deviated fixed routes, \$.85

for people with disabilities, and \$3.50 for Dial-A-Ride. 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. We provided nearly 100,000 passenger trips during the fiscal year; 80 percent of all trips are made by persons below 60 years of age, and over half of all trips are employment related.

After facing a 15-percent cut in state funding, ETD did receive level funding in FY 2017-2018 and will receive a 2.5-percent increase in state funding for FY 2018-2019 thanks to actions by the state legislature.

In addition to an increase in funding for existing services, ETD will begin new deviated fixed-route service between Madison and Middletown, new ADA paratransit door-to-door service, and a taxi voucher program in FY 2018-2019.

After completing a needs assessment and site selection for a new operating and maintenance facility in FY 2017-2018, plans were put on hold. ETD is now working with the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments on a study of countywide transit needs and will determine the best model for providing public transit in the seventeen-town region going forward. This study will occur during FY 2018-2019.

Facilities Management

Phil Parcak

Facilities Manager

This has been a productive year for the facilities operated by this office. Many projects have been completed, and others are underway or nearing completion.

The goal of this office is to ensure that cost-effective construction, repair, and maintenance of necessary operational building systems are selected, installed, and maintained in a manner that will provide an extended life cycle, high level of efficiency and safety, and create a pleasant work environment.

This work was accomplished with assistance and cooperation from all the town employees, especially the First Selectman's Office, building stakeholders, Board of Finance, Finance Office, DPW employees, Zoning, Building, Fire, and Parks and Recreation Offices.

Along with routine maintenance, here are some of the improvement highlights at town-owned facilities:

Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall:

After repairs and a fresh coat of paint on the exterior last year, it was time to move to the inside of Town Hall. All existing lighting will soon be upgraded to LED bulbs, which will result in lower electrical costs. We will be upgrading the insulation in the attic area of the original building as well.

All remaining lighting and computer electrical circuits were added to the emergency generator for more seamless operation during events where power is interrupted.

The outdated, inefficient A/C for the Town Clerk's Office vault failed and was replaced with an updated energy-efficient heat pump.

Old Lyme Police Station:

Exterior repairs have been done, most of the single-glazed windows have been replaced, and the building has received a fresh coat of paint.

Repairs have also been made to the roof.

The well will be replaced by a public water connection shortly.

The furnace has been replaced, and the old A/C system has been replaced with a high-efficiency heat pump A/C unit with an upgraded thermostat to better manage energy costs at this building.

Lyme Street Firehouse:

The heating system at this facility was outdated and well past its serviceable life. Existing furnaces were removed, and new high-efficiency propane units and a high-efficiency heat pump and thermostats were installed.

Also, a lack of insulation at this facility made heating costs excessive, so the attic area was insulated to reduce costs by almost 30 percent each year.

Cross Lane Firehouse:

The overhead doors at this site were damaged and repair parts were no longer available, as well as being inefficient for energy. They have been replaced with more energy-efficient, wind-resistant overhead doors with new operators as necessary.

A preliminary survey for roof replacement has been done.

Boughton Road Firehouse:

Routine maintenance along with the replacement of deteriorated exterior door assembly has been completed.

Lymes' Senior Center:

The interior dining and craft areas were painted and routine maintenance was completed.

Exterior door and hardware will be replaced at various locations throughout this facility.

David W. Roberge
Fire Marshal

During the fiscal year 2017-2018, minimal damage from the effects of fire were experienced. There were no losses of life or major property.

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

Flood and Erosion Control Board

Todd Machnik
Chairman

Meetings: 3rd Mondays, 5 P.M. , Main Conference Room – Old Lyme Town Hall

The goal of our board is to help residents and property owners of Old Lyme. Sometimes it is as simple as removal of a beaver dam. Other times solutions are not so easy. Forces of nature combined with man-made obstacles of finances, permitting, and regulation make solutions to problem areas hard to find. Our

coastlines and beaches are constantly changing, often not following the wishes of everyone.

The members of the Flood and Erosion Control Board are as follows: Todd Machnik, Chair; Gary Smith, Vice Chair; Steve Ross, Steve Martino, Don Willis, and Dave Roberge as an Ex Officio member.

Florence Griswold Museum

Rebekah Beaulieu
Director

The Florence Griswold Museum and the site of the Lyme Art Colony embody the characteristics of transformation and progress. And 2017 marked yet another period of change. In March, the director of forty years, Jeff Andersen, announced his retirement and initiated a period of profound reflection and evolution for the Florence Griswold Museum.

The forty years that Jeff helmed the museum are a case study in institutional growth. From modest beginnings as a historic house interpretation of Miss Florence's boardinghouse, Jeff fostered the progression of the museum itself into a thirteen-acre property that includes the Chadwick Studio, the Rafal Landscape Center, the Hartman Education Center, and the Krieble Gallery, in addition to administrative office spaces and historic gardens. Most recently and in this space last year, Jeff and the Board of Trustees elatedly shared the successful purchase of the last remaining privately owned parcel of land of the historical site, which signified restoration of the original site and almost doubling the frontage on the Lieutenant River. Such physical developments would not have been possible without Jeff's keen leadership or without the ardent support of the Florence Griswold Museum community, who generously contribute time and resources to making this museum a cultural destination.

It was with an eye to the future of the Florence Griswold Museum that a group of eight trustees committed themselves to the task of securing the next director. Over a period of approximately eight months and through a rigorous national search process led by Naree Viner of Korn Ferry executive recruitment firm, the committee reviewed hundreds of proposals from candidates and hosted dozens of interviews. It is with great pride that I was appointed the Director of the Florence Griswold Museum in December, the result of the search committee's hard work. With a background in fine art museums, historic houses,

David Dangremond
President

and cultural site management, and an academic career committed to architectural history, historic preservation, and material culture, I aim to be a worthy collaborator in continuing the upward trajectory of the museum.

By the end of 2017, with a new director announced, the master plan process complete, and the collaboration with Stephen Stimson Associates of Princeton, MA to interpret and revitalize our historic landscape in full swing, the Florence Griswold Museum was equipped to launch its next chapter. It is in the spirit of the energy established at this site by the members of the Lyme Art Colony and Florence Griswold, the steadfast management of its resources by Jeff Andersen and the staff of the museum, and the skilled leadership of the board of trustees that we anticipate a bright future for this institution.



Rebekah Beaulieu, who became the new director of the Florence Griswold Museum at the end of 2017, with Jeff Anderson, retiring from the position after 40 years of service and leadership and "passing the torch" to Rebekah

Harbor Management Commission

Steven A. Ross
Chairman

Ned Farman
Vice-Chairman, June-Dec. 2017

Robert Doyen
Vice-Chairman, Jan. – June 2018

*Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month, except January, February, and August at 7 P.M.
Memorial Town Hall*

A look back along the waters of Old Lyme:

The Harbor Management Commission (HMC) of Old Lyme was one of the first adopters of a harbor management plan under CT Legislative Act 1984 that authorized municipalities to do so. The plan helps protect the environmental aspects of our harbors and coastal waters. Included in the plan are guidelines for the use and enjoyment of our protected harbors and waterways. The plan also contains a review of the potential development of structures along the boundaries of Old Lyme's water-frontage. The higher goals of the plan are as follows: environmental safekeeping; public safety; orderly access to harbors, beaches, and natural resources; and maintenance of riparian rights and regulation of mooring fields.

The plan offers guidelines and encouragement for improvement of existing waterfront facilities and welcomes initiatives for creation of new waterfront facilities.

Annually the major focus for the HMC is the oversight and guidance of the Old Lyme Harbormaster (Harry Plaut). The harbormaster is nominated by the HMC and is appointed by the governor. Harbormaster duties include oversight of the Mooring Plan and mooring inspections. The harbormaster also provides town moorings, intervenes when there are disputed mooring safety circles, controls mooring locations, and sees that mooring safety and equipment are maintained up to standards. The harbormaster also works with law-enforcement agencies including the OLPD and CT DEEP (Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection) regarding any violations of safety precautions, emergency boating situations, and abandoned boats.

The HMC, in concert with CT DEEP, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), and other regulatory agencies, is a participant in the procedural review and approval of waterfront structures such as walkways, platforms, piers, docks, and floats. This zoning-like function is part of the regulated development along our coastal shorefront. Numerous permits are processed

each year, and this year was no exception. HMC ensures that applications for permits meet the standards as set forth in the Harbor Management Plan and Dock Standards. This year the HMC revised the Harbor Management Plan to include an amendment to the Dock Standards by adding a variance procedure. The change recognizes that Dock Standards are to be maintained but allows minor variances for improved safety and special water conditions.

The HMC, through the Harbormaster Harry Plaut and Deputy Harbormaster Mike Mackey, processes and issues permits for moorings, records mooring inspections, collects fees of 25 dollars per mooring, maintains the wait list for moorings, and coordinates mooring field locations. The HMC also notifies individuals if they are required to obtain mooring permits as well as those who have substandard mooring equipment and withholds permits from those who need the four-year inspection. Finally, the HMC may remove abandoned moorings. This past year 141 mooring permits were issued.

The HMC is responsible for the Town Dinghy Dock, located on Ferry Road between CT DEEP and Old Lyme Dock Company. The HMC ensures it is maintained, installed, and hauled. The committee also has oversight of the two boat racks at Pilgrim Landing to make sure they are used in the prescribed manner and are maintained. The HMC and the town crew clean up the area adjacent to the racks. This year the southernmost of the two racks was determined not to be on town property and was subsequently moved slightly to the north to a correct location. The move was made, at no cost, by a volunteer work party of the HMC.

In the past years the HMC has spearheaded projects to improve the waters and water access in Old Lyme. The most significant achievement recently was obtaining funding in 2016 for the dredging (Steven Ross and Ned Farman, primary contacts) of the Black Hall and Four Mile Rivers. This project, which resulted in improved access to commercial marinas and public access to these waterways, was completed at no cost to the

Harbor Management Commission *(continued)*

town. The HMC sponsors a marker buoy, which has been placed at the confluence of the Black Hall River and Long Island Sound. The HMC is currently pursuing the improvement of the Lieutenant River west bank access point at Halls Road and the old Route 1 Bow Bridge abutment. The project concept includes an ADA-accessible viewing pier on the west bank. The project, led by the HMC and funded by the CT Port Authority, is in the planning stages and is progressing to the design concept and permitting stage.

The entire Harbor Management Plan and Dock Standards can be found on the town website under the heading of the Harbor Management Commission. The HMC agendas and meeting minutes are posted there as well. There are also links to Mooring Permits, Mooring Inspection Forms, Mooring Inspectors, Dock Standards, Variance Procedure, Marine Weather, and Tide Information.

The HMC is in frequent contact with CT DEEP, CT Harbor Management Association, and CT Port Authority. HMC meetings are open to the public. The standing committee comprises nine members and three alternates. Openings for alternate members when available are filled by the Board of Selectmen from candidates who have made application to be on the board.



L to R: John MacDonald, Dick Shriner, Jeff Meinke, Mike Magee was the HMC Work Crew who moved the boat racks at Pilgrim Landing.



Town Dinghy Dock, Ferry Road

Ledge Light Health District

Stephen Mansfield REHS, MPH

Director of Health

Ledge Light Health District (LLHD) serves as the local health department for the Town of Old Lyme. The LLHD team, composed of experts in administration and finance, environmental health, communicable disease prevention, and health education and community outreach, work cooperatively to promote healthy communities and ensure that healthy opportunities are available to everyone.

LLHD inspects food-service establishments to ensure they are compliant with the

Connecticut Public Health Code (PHC) and are following good food-safety practices. The LLHD environmental land-use staff, who have more than eighty-five years of combined land-use experience, conduct soil testing, reviews of plans, groundwater monitoring, and construction inspection activities for building lots served by on-site septic systems and/or wells. LLHD also coordinates many public health programs and services, which are described in detail at www.llhd.org.

Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce



Olwen Logan
President

Joann Reis Lishing
Vice President

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<http://www.VisitOldLyme.com>

Meetings: Third Wednesday evenings, locations vary

The Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce (LOLCC) meets on the third Wednesday of each month for networking among business professionals in our towns at dinners or “Business After Hours” events. Our mission remains unchanged in its focus to be a vibrant organization actively supporting, promoting, and advocating for local businesses and tourism through community outreach.

When she was elected president in June 2017, Olwen Logan set four short-term goals for the chamber. The first was to increase chamber membership, and we are pleased to report that has risen from around 60 in June 2017 to over 110 one year later and is still rising. The second goal of issuing a *2018-19 Chamber Member Directory and Visitor's Guide* was also met with publication of a full-color, 44-page guide in March 2018. Copies of the directory are still available at no charge in Old Lyme Town Hall. The third goal was to secure space for the Chamber of Commerce in Old Lyme Town Hall, and this has now been achieved with the much-appreciated assistance of First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder and her assistant, Cathy Frank. Finally, the fourth goal of renovating the chamber-sponsored sign at the foot of the Exit 70 off-ramp has also been fulfilled with its careful restoration by chamber member Sophie Marsh,

The chamber was a proud partner in the 2017 Midsummer Festival when we hosted a vendor mart on the field across from Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts for chamber members and selected nonmember vendors and presented musical entertainment all day. During the year we held our monthly dinners or “Business After Hours” at a variety of locations including Black Hall Outfitters, Studio 80 + Sculpture Grounds, the Hideaway, Florence Griswold Museum, High Hopes, Lyme Academy, Stella’s, Old Lyme Wellness, the Carousel Shop, and Reynold’s Garage & Marine. We would like to express our appreciation to all the businesses and organizations that generously hosted the chamber during the year.

We sponsored three “Business Breakfasts” and twice joined with *Community Connections* to co-host networking luncheons. We held an extremely successful Holiday Dinner at the Old Lyme Inn in December, and our Annual Dinner at the Old Lyme Country Club in June saw 56 members and guests enjoy a wonderful evening. We also sponsored a Candidate Debate in October 2017 and hosted the kick-off event for “Light Up Old Lyme,” which consisted of a Tree-Lighting and Community Carol Sing on the first Friday of December.

The chamber was proud to continue its long tradition of presenting scholarships to local high-school students. These awards were presented by State Representative Devin Carney (R-23rd) and State Senator Paul Formica (R- 20th) at our Annual Dinner. We were delighted the Co-Chair of the Lyme-Old Lyme High School (LOLHS) Business Department, Joanne Hedwall, and the Chair of the LOLHS Art Department, Will Allik, were also able to attend the dinner.

The recipients of LOLCC 2018 Business Leadership Awards were LOLHS seniors Mason Swaney and Amanda Marsh, while LOLHS Senior Brandon Lee was awarded the LOLCC 2018 Scholarship for Promise and Achievement in the Arts. Also honored at the meeting were the four 2018 Business Students of the Month,



The Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce presented Senior Business Leadership Scholarships to Mason Swaney (left) and Amanda Marsh while Brandon Lee (right) was the recipient of the Chamber's Senior Scholarship for Promise and Achievement in the Arts.

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

namely Patrick Looney, Alex Montville, Ann Cote, and Aoife Hufford. These latter awards represent the next chapter of the “N. Rutherford Sheffield Memorial Award for Entrepreneurial Promise & Achievement,” established for Lyme-Old Lyme High School juniors in 1999 as a way to honor Mr. Sheffield, a member of the chamber for over 50 years, who was highly regarded in our Lyme-Old Lyme community.

The LOLCC 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 Rd., and on Rte. 156 at Shoreline Mowers. Details of our scholarship program are available in the LOLHS Guidance Office and on the chamber’s website.

Olwen Logan had to resign the presidency due to her move to Washington, D.C. but agreed to continue in an *ex officio* role, and Rich Shriner

was elected at the Annual Dinner to finish her term. The remaining officers elected for the year starting July 1, 2018 are Joann Lishing, Secretary, and Tim Griswold, Treasurer. The Board of Directors comprises Dan Henderson, Jean Wilczynski, Gene Chmiel, Doug LoPresti, Heather Gagnon, and Suzanne Thompson. At the dinner, incoming President Shriner thanked outgoing President Logan for her service and accomplishments and also recognized Gail Stevens, who had served on the board of directors.

We always welcome new members to the chamber so if you are thinking about becoming a member, please come to any meeting as a visitor. We would be delighted to demonstrate how much membership at just \$50 per year has to offer and the numerous ways it can benefit your business. For information about meetings, members, and chamber-sponsored events, visit the chamber website at www.VisitOldLyme.com. You can also sign up for our e-newsletters on the website, and please don’t forget to **Buy Local** to support all the businesses in our community!



The Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce honored the Chamber Business Students of the Month from the 2017-18 school year at their Annual Dinner. From left to right, State Representative Devin Carney (R-23rd), Aoife Hufford, Ann Cote, Alex Montville, Scholarship Committee Co-Chair Russ Gomes, State Senator Paul Formica (R- 20th), and Olwen Logan, Chamber President and Scholarship Committee Co-Chair. (Missing from photo: Patrick Looney)

Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation

Sheila McTigue Ward
President

Robert Roach
Vice President

Mary Stone
Secretary

Daniel Hagan
Treasurer

“Supporting Excellence in Our Schools and Community”

The Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation (LOLEF) is an independent, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization established in 2006. Our mission is to promote and enhance public education through financial support for educational projects, enrichment programs, and innovative initiatives not typically funded by Region #18 or other government financial support. LOLEF is governed by a volunteer board of directors from Lyme and Old Lyme.

LOLEF raises and distributes funds to improve and expand enrichment programs, support innovative teaching and learning, and build educational partnerships between our students and community. To date, LOLEF has raised and distributed nearly \$200,000 to fund new curricula throughout our community.

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

Some LOLEF Grants made in 2017-2018:

“Arts in the Middle” – grant to support the middle school arts program offered once every three years so that every LOLMS student is afforded the opportunity to participate once in their tenure at LOLMS. The program encourages students to create and explore the arts through a series of presenters and workshops.

“Screenagers” — the Lyme-Old Lyme Education Foundation was one of several organizations that helped sponsor the Lymes’ Youth Service Bureau showing of “Screenagers.”

Lyme-Old Lyme High School Technology & Art Education Program – supported the purchase of a stereolithography laser cutter and 3D-printer to enhance and advance technology education and art education through the production of models and artwork.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School Stage Tek Risers — to support the new Show Choir called “Amped Up,” a performance group that incorporates dancing and singing. The group is largely student-directed and allows students



to perform in a wider variety of venues and competitions.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School Music Technology Program – purchased a new iMac Pro to serve as the Digital Audio Workstation (DAW) that provides the backbone for the digital music program at the high school and supports the increasing interest and enrollment in the Music Production & Sound Reinforcement & Digital Recording course.

Community Fundraising Events in 2017-2018:

- Bound for the Sound Road Race -- 5k, 10k, and 1 Mile Fun Run held every September
- Warren Miller Ski Film – held in December
- Trivia Bee – held in March

Contributing to LOLEF

Contributions in any amount are gratefully accepted and are fully tax deductible and may be made in the following ways:

- On our website: www.lolef.org
- By mail: P.O. Box 895, Old Lyme, CT 06371
- By event sponsorship and attendance. For more information on our fundraising events, please see our website or our Facebook page at Lyme/Old Lyme Education Foundation.

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



The LOLHS Show Choir performs using stage tek risers funded by the LOLEF.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School

Forty-Fifth Annual Commencement • June 19, 2018

Candidates for Diplomas

Kiley Rose Almy ω	Keelin Elisabeth Hurtt λ ω	Caroline Marie Sirna λ ω*
Emily Rose Archer ω*	Mikela Christine Jacobson	Emma Lyn Sked λ ω*
India Rose Bagwell	Liam David Johnston ω*	Julia Elizabeth Smith λ ω*
Reilly Elcan Bair	Tasha Mariya Joshy λ ω*	Reed David Spitzer λ ω
Jonathan Vincent Balocca	Lauren Dawn King ω*	Collin Michael Stalls
Brittney Lynn Barbato	Maeve Marie Kolb ω	Gabriel Julian Stephens-Zumbaum λ ω*
Una Rose Barrett λ ω	Cora Grace Koproski λ ω	Alexandra Mary Sulmasy ω*
Samantha Ashley Barretta λ ω*	David Kurt Kuhn	Felicia Addie Sutton
Alexandra Olivia Batts	Sarah Grace Kwon λ ω*	Mason Anthony Swaney
Ashleigh Vivian Berry	Caroline Marie LeCour	Alexander David Swanski
Maggy Tate Biega	Brandon Thomas Lee	Tanner Christopher Thompson
Gavin Michael Burdick	Jordan Rose Lewis ω*	Hunter James Thornton
Cristian Alexander Burgio	Ronald Dennison Losacano III	Bianca Rose Tinnerello λ ω*
Cara Fitzgerald Cahill ω	Amanda Lea Marsh λ ω	John Michael Visgilio
Charlotte Marissa Carmody	Alec Raymond Maskell ω	Ryan Walter Wallace
Anna Grace Catlett λ ω*	Heather Alise McGrath λ ω	Marieke Warlitz ω
Garrett Ryan Caulkins	Claudia Leigh Mergy λ ω*	Georgia Eve Welch
Samantha Irene Caulkins	Lauren Ashley Mitchell λ ω*	Caroline Welsh Wholean ω*
Lily Grace Chamberlain *	Alyssa Anne Morelli	Ellie Cameron Wiese λ ω
Rose Louise Cheney λ ω	Christopher Scott Munger	Lauren Alyssa Williams λ ω
Grayson Charles Colvin	Amanda Catherine Murphy λ ω*	Evelyn Catherine Winters
Erin Lindsey Cornelius ω*	Mark Richard Neithamer	Hannah Kealey Wisner λ ω*
Jacob Alan Wentworth Coverdale ω	Shannon Rose Nosal λ ω*	Erik Thomas Zawodniak ω*
Brendan St. Pierre Cowee	Judson Francis O'Brien	Abigail Anne Zelmanow ω*
Matthew Crisp λ ω*	Madeline Rose Ouellette ω	Madeline Grace Zrenda λ ω*
Matthew Erick Cushman ω	Emma Kates Paynter ω	
Anna Grace Donato λ ω*	Emma Jacqueline Pennie λ ω*	
Adam Spencer Drummond λ ω*	Katherine Elizabeth Pettersen ω	
Kayla Lynn Elliott ω	Griffin Thomas Powers	
Emily Anna Erne	Ryan Anthony Ramella	
Curtis James Evers	Joseph Gentore Reddy	
Hope Plander Femia λ ω*	Elizabeth Josephine Richard ω	
Samuel Caffry Frankel λ ω	Julia Elizabeth Ritchie λ ω	
Samuel Corliss Fuchs λ ω	Emily Grace Griffin Rivera λ ω*	
Jace Anthony Funaro λ ω*	Ashley Marie Rouillard	
Robert Charles Fusari III	Tabatha Elise Rubitski	
Audrey Grace Gavin λ ω*	Oliver Michael Saracino	
Michaela Ann Giannotti	Olivia Craven Scott λ ω	
Natalie Elizabeth Golden λ ω		
Morgan Brainard Greenho		
Tyler Matthew Groh		
Cole Harrison Hamparian		
Ethan Francis Harris		
Quinn Finley Hartmann		
Matthew Thomas Henderson		
Luke Robert Hoffman		
Gillian Sandra Holloway		

λ Member National Honor Society, Gold Honor Cord

ω Academic Letter Recipient

* Seal of Biliteracy, Silver Honor Cord

Lyme-Old Lyme High School (continued)

CLASS OFFICERS

Madeline Zrenda	President
Quinn Hartmann.....	Vice President
Emma Paynter.....	Co-Secretary
Ellie Wiese	Co-Secretary
Matthew Crisp	Treasurer
Anna Donato	Class Historian

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EIGHTEEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Emily Macione, Helen McDonald, John McGannon, James Motes, Jessica Nintea,
Leslie O'Connor, Barbara O'Leary, Kristine Pekar, Mark Popeleski,
Adam Raiti, William Rayder, Jill Ressler, Colleen Rodriguez, Marybeth Schreindorfer,
Elizabeth Shoudy, Christina Todd, Leslie Traver, Lucy Trost, Juan Vazquez-Caballero,
Adrienne Viscio, Lucy Walter, John Wang, Joanna Williams, Jacob Wilson,
Megan Winski, Louis Zubek

CLASS MARSHALS

Emily O'Brien, Kellie Sablone

Lyme-Old Lyme Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1467

Ed Shyloski

National Aide-de-Camp to the VFW Commander-in-Chief

www.vfw.org

Meetings: 4th Mondays except Dec.-Feb., 6 P.M., Lymes' Senior Center

Lyme-Old Lyme Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1467 includes men and women combat veterans of WWII, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, and Afghanistan. Our 82 members are from Lyme-Old Lyme as well as surrounding towns and seven states. Chartered 25 years ago next year, the L-OL VFW Post's motto is, "We own no bar, no building; we just do good works!" Monthly meetings take place every fourth Monday except December through February at the Lymes' Senior Center. Combat veterans from anywhere may join us at 6 P.M. for a catered dinner and then a 7 P.M. one-hour meeting.

Our main mission is to provide one-time temporary monetary assistance services to defray the costs for veterans-in-need emergency situations. Our Vets-In-Need Outreach Services Officer, Jack Fiedler, makes a recommendation to the Board of Trustees -- Ron Boremski, Andy Brennan, and Joe Lacasse. Approved payment examples include insurance, utility bills, sanitary or safety improvements, transportation expenses, rent and rental deposit, vehicle repair, school lunches, wheelchairs and batteries, gas and grocery cards, license renewal, and vehicle registration. We have purchased heavily-discounted used cars courtesy of Graybill's All Pro Automotive and shared the total cost with Vet-In-Need charities

such as Work Vessels for Vets and HonorBound. We also support West Haven VA Hospital Giant Steps Art & Music PTSD therapy programs, VA Blind Center, Fisher House, and the VFW National Home for Children. We support High Hopes horseback-riding therapy program for PTSD mental health therapy, New London HS Junior ROTC program, Duck River Memorial Day cemetery flags replacement, Memorial Day Parade cost, Little League Baseball, and Lymes' Boy Scouts of America Eagle Scout projects. Many VFW members serve with the CT Veterans Honor Guard at area funerals. We fund the VFW Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy Essay contests in L-OL schools to encourage leadership by example.

The Lyme-Old Lyme VFW Post 1467 Junior Vice Commander Douglas Wilkinson organizes our annual VFW Buddy Poppy distribution. VFW Senior Vice Commander, Navy CPT (Ret) Larry Olsen chairs our annual "God Bless America" benefit. Send contributions to L-OL Vets-In-Need Outreach, VFW Post #1467, PO Box 192, Old Lyme, CT 06371.

Respectfully submitted for 2018-2020 Post Commander, Dave Griswold, Lyme-Old Lyme Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1467 by Ed Shyloski, National Aide-de-Camp for the VFW Commander-in-Chief, 2017-2018.



VFW 2017 US Flag Tribute (left to right): Jack Sikora, Adjutant John Donnelly, Nat'l AdC Ed Shyloski, Trustee Andy Brennan, Junior Vice Cmdr Doug Wilkinson, Les Johnston, Trustee Joe Lacasse, Tim Griswold, Post Commander Dave Griswold, Navy CPT (Ret) Larry Olsen, and Marine MAJ (Ret) James Scott

Lymes' Senior Center

Stephanie Lyon-Gould
Director

www.seniorcenterct.org/lyme-old-lyme/

Lymes' Senior Center recently changed its population served to 55 and over...or as we like to call it, 55 and better!! We welcomed over 18,000 people throughout the 2017-2018 fiscal year. We offered a variety of educational courses, art classes, health programs, exercise programs, dance classes, entertainment, special programs, 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. – 3:00 P.M. Monday through Friday with some early morning, evening, and weekend programs. Please check the monthly newsletter or our website www.seniorcenterct.org/lyme-old-lyme/ for specific times. Newsletters get sent to all members. Membership is \$5.00 a year for members in the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme. Please feel free to contact Stephanie Lyon-Gould, Director, at (860) 434-1605 ext. 240 or stop by this beautiful facility and grounds if you have any questions.



Listed below are just some of the highlights of the 2017-2018 Year!

New Programs and Services added this year:

- Post-Cancer Exercise Class
- Beginner Country Line Dancing classes
- Gentle Vinyasa Flow Yoga
- Fitness Fusion Class
- Lifelong Learning Classes
- Bocce Ball



Nonagenarian Class of 2017: Front Row, left to right: Donna Speirs, Beatrice Minson, Eleanor Bonafonte, Barbara Gregory, Allan Plimpton, Howard McKee, Margaret Smith; Back Row, left to right: Ruth Young, George Hunt, Colleen Wetsel, Barbara Blackwell, Douglas Gordon Potts, Mary Miles, Ruth Childs

Program Statistics

- 15 exercise and dance classes a week
- 6 games a week (e.g., cards, MahJongg, Wii bowling, Bocce Ball, chess)
- 5 special luncheons throughout the year
- 3 art classes/art workshops a week
- 24 day trips/11 overnight trips and cruises throughout the year
- 11 health programs/lectures throughout the year
- 24 historical/educational lectures throughout the year
- 21 musical programs throughout the year
- 6 computer classes
- 12 lifelong learning classes
- 4 Cons and Scams Prevention Programs
- 4 Outdoor Summer Concerts and Ice Cream Socials

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

2017-2018 Board of Directors

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Vice Chair – Ruth Young/Jeri Baker/Kathy Lockwood

Treasurer – Doris Hungerford

Secretary – Dot McAndrew

Diana Seckla, Johnny Cody, Ann Griffith, Gary Weed, Doris Johnson, Joan Bonvicin, Don Abraham

Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

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

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

LYSB continues to collaborate with the Lyme-Old Lyme Prevention Coalition. This group is composed of community leaders, parents, teachers, and students who advocate and support our youth through education, communication, and participation. The coalition's goal is to reduce substance abuse among the youth of Lyme and Old Lyme and to positively affect the culture of student life. We meet monthly at LYSB and welcome attendance from any members of the community. Results from the recent Youth Survey and more information about our work in prevention is available on the LYSB website, www.lysb.org

LYSB coordinates the Lyme-Old Lyme Mentoring Program, which matches adult mentors from the community with students in grades 3-8. Mentoring can improve attitude and school attendance, promote self respect, and build skills for the future. We are looking for more mentors and encourage interested citizens to contact LYSB to learn more.



At LYSB students can relax in a safe and supervised environment after school. We offer games, snacks, homework help, and friendship. Please visit our website 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- Community service
- Mentoring
- Prevention
- Summer programming
- Holiday Giving
- After-school programming
- Counseling & Mental Wellness
- Juvenile Justice
- Social service referrals
- Community service

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Lymes' Youth Service Bureau *(continued)*



LYSB's summer camp kids enjoying a field trip to the Old Lyme Ice Cream Shoppe



LYSB's Middle School After-School Program participants, (left to right): Ian Diaz, Alain Pecher-Kohout, Luke Celic, Ethan Hale, Matt O'Leary, Malcolm Speirs, Liam Celic, and Karleigh Landers



Members of LYSB's youth prevention coalition REACH (Responsible Educated Adolescents Can Help) gave a presentation at the Connecticut Youth Services Association Conference.

Front, left to right: Kelly Walsh, Emma Sked
Back, left to right: Sophie Kyle, Bella Hinc, Eveliz Fuentes, Kate Hickie

Below: Students from LYSB's Youth Advisory Council at White Sands Beach are about to jump into Long Island Sound for their annual event, "Polar Club Plunge," to raise funds for their scholarship fund.

Front, left to right: Emma Boardman, Emma Griffith, Emily O'Brien, Olivia Papanier, Fiona Fredericks, Schuyler Greenho, Ann Cote, Brynn McGlinchey, Kate Hickie, Elle McAraw, Emma Paynter
Back, left to right: Margot Paynter, Mason Swaney, Olin Frederiks, Jace Funaro



MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

Rowland Ballek
President

www.maccurdysalisbury.org

Three new members were elected as members of the MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation at the Annual Meeting on September 14, 2017. They are Kevin McGlinchey from Old Lyme, Scott Mahon from Lyme, and David Kelsey from Old Lyme.

Kevin McGlinchey grew up in North Haven, CT, graduated from Yale University, and received his law degree from Catholic University of America. He practiced law at Shipman & Goodwin and now works for Accenture, a national business consulting firm in Hartford. David Kelsey graduated from Dartmouth College and received his M.B.A. in Finance and Accounting from Cornell University. He is co-founder and Managing Principal of Hamilton Point Investments, LLC in Old Lyme and serves on the Old Lyme Board of Finance and the Sound View Commission. Scott Mahon grew up in East Lyme and has lived in Lyme for seventeen years. He has taught English in East Lyme High School

for 24 years and has coached their girls and boys rowing teams for many years. He presently serves as Chair of Deacons at the First Congregational Church of Old Lyme.

Also at the meeting, Fred Behringer and Leslie Massa were elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term, replacing John Pfeiffer and David Speirs, whose terms had expired. Officers elected at the meeting were President, Rowland Ballek; Vice President, Mary Seidner; and Secretary/Treasurer, Ned Perkins.

James Watkins, chairman of our Investment Committee, gave a very positive report on the status of our endowment and announced that he was stepping down from the Foundation because he and his wife, Janis, will be moving to Washington State before the end of this year. The Foundation gave Jim an enthusiastic round of applause for all he has accomplished in overseeing the management of funds since he joined the Foundation in 2008.



MacCurdy Salisbury Scholarship Class of 2018 Scholarship Recipients:

Seated, left to right: Taylor Rumm, Emma Paynter, Caroline Wholean, Anna Donato, Caroline LeCour, Olivia Scott, Julia Smith, Georgia Welch

Second row, left to right: Luke Hoffman, Matt Cushman, Ryan Wallace, Caroline Cox, Lauren King, Samantha Caulkins, Samantha Barretta, Amanda Murphy, Lily Chamberlain, Kylie Almy, Jordan Lewis

Back row, left to right: Mason Swaney, Jonathan Balocca, Collin Stalls, Hunter Thornton, Braiden Sunshine, Cole Hamparian, Gabriel Stephens-Zumbau, Erik Zwodniak, Reed Spitzer, Ryan Ramella, Christopher Munger, Joe Reddy

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

The Foundation announced a new high for grants to Lyme and Old Lyme students at its Annual Reception for this year's high school seniors receiving awards on Wednesday afternoon, June 6, 2018 at the Lyme Art Association in Old Lyme. For the 2018 – 2019 school year the Foundation plans to award \$324,400 to 92 students from Lyme and Old Lyme who will attend colleges throughout the United States, a record high for the Foundation. This includes the \$119,400 in grants distributed at the event to 28 graduating seniors from Lyme-Old Lyme High School, and three new requests from students already in college.

Awards are limited to students residing in Region #18 and are based on the degree of financial assistance a student requires to meet his or her college expenses. Students who keep

satisfactory grade-point level will continue to receive the same award for another three years of their undergraduate studies.

The Foundation also presented two \$500 awards at the reception, the W.E.S. Griswold Valedictorian Award to Gabriel Stephens-Zumbaum, who will attend Yale University, and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award to Reed Spitzer, who will attend Tufts University. These two awards honor Bill Griswold, who was president of the Foundation from 1965 to 1992, and Willis Umberger, who was secretary/treasurer from 1966 to 1986.

Over the past ten years the Foundation has distributed close to \$2,500,000 to students from Lyme and Old Lyme going on to further their educations.



MacCurdy Salisbury: Foundation President Rowland Ballek, Valedictorian Gabriel Stephens-Zumbaum (attending Yale University), Salutatorian Reed Spitzer (attending Tufts University), Foundation Secretary/Treasurer Ned Perkins

Old Lyme Animal Control

Lynn Philemon
Animal Control Officer

This has been another great year here at Old Lyme Animal Control. We have had an exciting year full of animals; we investigated 417 complaints, with a total of only eight dog bites. These numbers are low but are higher than last year. We are happy to say that we had 59 adoptions and 40 pets were reunited with their owners. Unfortunately, seven were dead on arrival.

Just a reminder that all pets must be rabies vaccinated and licensed with the town by June 1 of each year. Remember that the rabies vaccination is not only a good idea that may save your pet's life; it is the state law! Please spay and neuter your pets, especially if they go outdoors.

For the third year in a row, Big Y had a food drive for the animals here at the Animal Control shelter. We are very thankful to them and everyone who donated; these donations provided food, supplies, toys, and treats for the homeless animals.

Old Lyme Animal Control would like to make the community aware of the town ordinance 183-1, which states that no dog may be allowed to go at large or on any beach area at any time. We have received numerous complaints from the White Sands Beach community that this rule is being

broken almost daily. We will be increasing our patrol of the beaches and writing tickets for dogs on the beach. Once again, although Old Lyme does not have a leash ordinance, the state statute mandates that all dog owners maintain control of their dogs. Please be aware of signs at parks and beaches that do not allow dogs, including White Sands, Sound View, and Town Woods Park.

Here is a friendly reminder that it is not safe to leave your pets outside unattended due to the dangerous local wildlife. Fisher cats, bobcats, coyotes, fox, and hawks are just a few of the predators that have been known to go after and take animals day or night. Always call us first if your pet is missing. If you have any questions regarding the wildlife in your area, please call us or the D.E.P. Wildlife hotline at 860-424-3011.

You can find a list of our adoptable animals on Petfinder.com and on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/olact>. 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 phone number for emergency calls, 860-510-1255. Otherwise, please leave a message and we will return your call as soon as possible! We welcome you to call or stop by with any questions or concerns!

Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council

Catherine Frank
Council Secretary

www.oldlyme-ct.gov

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 20 scholarships to graduating seniors from member towns planning to enter a communications program or a communications-related field after high school graduation. Prior recipients are eligible to reapply. A scholarship award was presented in June 2018 to Hannah Belleville from Salem, a student at the University of Maine. Applications for the 2019 scholarships are available through the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Guidance Office.

Cable Advisory Council Grants were awarded to the Lymes' Senior Center and the OLPGN Library for the purchase of video recording equipment. The grants require the organizations to produce and air programs on Public Access Channel 14. Senior Center programs are televised weekly on Comcast Public Access Channel 14 at noon on Wednesday and Thursday. We look forward to seeing programs from the OLPGN Library on the Public Access channel soon. The Advisory Council encourages nonprofit organizations in our towns to take advantage of Public Access to communicate with members of our communities.

Do you have an idea for a local program? Perhaps your organization would like to tape a weekly, monthly, or quarterly program. The Comcast Public Access Studio on Halls Road in Old Lyme is available for use by individuals and nonprofit organizations from any of the towns represented by the local council. Free training on studio equipment is provided by Public Access Coordinator Lynn Perry. Phone the Public Access Studio at 860-434-0643 for more information from Lynn.

In the past year, our council has discussed ways to assist residents in emergency situations and/or on limited incomes. We will continue exploring possibilities. Comcast has a program called Internet Essentials for families with school-aged children, and we have suggested they initiate a similar program for others in our towns.

Russ Gomes and I were appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve as Old Lyme's Council representatives. A vacancy exists for a Regional School District #18 representative. Please contact the Superintendent's Office if you'd like to get involved.

We encourage people to contact us through the Town Hall (860-434-1605) with any questions or concerns about our cable provider.

Old Lyme Conservation Commission

Tom Sherer
Chairman

Meetings: 1st Tuesdays, 7:30 P.M., Memorial Town Hall

The Old Lyme Conservation Commission coordinates conservation efforts, supervises natural-resource monitoring, and aids in the coordination of land development in an effort to preserve our natural resources and our remaining open land and to sustain recreational property. The commission meets at the town hall at 7:30 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month and welcomes the public to attend. Please visit the commission's newly revised web site at http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/pages/oldlymect_bcomm/conservation.

Increasing Awareness Regarding Environmental Issues

The Conservation Commission has continued its efforts to encourage Old Lyme residents to get their shallow wells tested each year, have their septic systems pumped as required, and avoid using pesticides and fertilizers containing phosphorous. The commission has also encouraged all homeowners to check for high levels of radon, the colorless, odorless gas that kills a large number of people each year. The radon test kits and water testing bottles are available at the town hall. The commission has promoted solar energy efforts within the town and applauds the school district's efforts to incorporate photovoltaics into Region 18's energy portfolio.

In an effort to increase awareness of these issues, the commission creates and distributes instructional materials (brochure/flyers, etc.) that provide information to assist residents in making safe and effective choices regarding household chemicals and lawn-care products. A complete list of pesticides is available on the commission website. Each spring the commission provides an educational public library display on issues such as the benefits of buffer gardens.

Coordination with Other Environmental and Conservation Groups

The commission coordinates with other environmental groups in town and in southeastern Connecticut to strengthen our ability to preserve our town's natural resources, open land, and recreational property. The Conservation Commission has been making monthly reports to the Open Space Commission concerning the maintenance of Old Lyme open space property. The Open Space Commission is undergoing reorganization after the death of the longtime Chairwoman Diana Atwood Johnson. They have made great progress and now have hired a manager for the four main town-owned open space parcels they are charged to maintain for all ages of hikers, bikers, bird watchers, and dog walkers. The Open Space Commission members are also making efforts to work more closely with the Old Lyme Land Trust with its thousand acres of open space. The Conservation Commission wishes to commend the Old Lyme Land Trust for its recent successes in acquiring additional parcels of open space and for its diligent efforts to maintain the valuable natural resources and hiking trails that so many Old Lyme residents enjoy each year.

Rogers Lake

The commission continued to make a concerted effort to focus town attention on Rogers Lake as one of the town's most valuable resources. The commission has worked with both the Rogers Lake Authority and the town selectmen to continue to explore non-pesticide solutions to the invasive weed issues that have increasingly concerned town residents. The commission has encouraged the Rogers Lake Authority to utilize lake bed blankets that effectively suppress weed growth in shoreline areas. In addition, the commission maintains a demonstration buffer garden at Haines Park that serves as an educational template for both town and lake residents.

Old Lyme Conservation Commission *(continued)*



Three Mile River at Point O' Woods

Old Lyme Fire Department

C. Ellis Jewett
Secretary

Meetings: Wednesdays, 7:30 P.M., Lyme Street Fire House

Ninety-five years ago, the citizens of our town felt a need for protection against the ravages of fire, and the Old Lyme Fire Department was organized. The department currently operates three fire stations located on Lyme Street, Cross Lane, and Boughton Road. Fire apparatus consists of three engine-tanks, one rescue unit, two tankers, forestry units, a supply pumper/hose tender, two inflatable rescue boats, and a marine unit operated in cooperation with the police and EMS departments. Approximately 40 active volunteers staff the department. Department training officers conduct an ongoing in-house training program. Outside instructors are employed when necessary, and members are encouraged to attend federal, state, and regional training sessions.

The Old Lyme Fire Department answered 263 calls for assistance during the past year. Nearly three thousand firefighter hours were logged in emergency duty. In addition, Old Lyme firefighters spent over two thousand hours in training. Our department makes a great effort to be prepared to meet the ever-changing challenges we face, whether it be a structural fire, rescue emergency, brush or forest fire, storm-related emergency, or a hazardous material incident. As in past years, more than 50 percent of the fire department responses are for automatic fire-alarm activations and automobile accidents with injuries.

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. As the tools of our trade become more sophisticated, the upgrading, modernization, and maintenance of fire-department equipment is never ending. Equipping firefighters to safely face the challenges of their duties, adhering to the mandates for equipment standards, and complying with maintenance and testing schedules are costly expenditures of our department. It should be noted that continued town support for the apparatus replacement plan is essential to the adequate performance of our services.

Our department continues to be all volunteer. Our members are taxpayers and strive for the most efficient operation of the fire department. In this effort town funding is supplemented with funds raised through donations and the Firefighter's Fund campaign. Citizens can also help facilitate our response by maintaining a driveway clear of low-hanging trees to allow for fire apparatus access and clearly numbered residences.

The need for new dedicated volunteers is becoming a great concern. We need and welcome new members. Please consider offering your services. The fire department has both firefighting and administrative duties to fit all abilities. Visit any of the three fire stations and find out how you can assist. Department members meet on Wednesday evenings for scheduled training sessions, work nights, and monthly business meetings.

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

LINE OFFICERS

<i>Chief</i>	Thomas Risom
<i>Deputy Chief</i>	Stephen Super
<i>First Assistant Chief</i>	Michael McCarthy, Jr.
<i>Second Assistant Chief</i>	James Oldfield
<i>Captains</i>	James Caramante Larry Merrill III Thomas Negrelli Thomas Brown
<i>Lieutenants</i>	Andrew Champion Mathew Kakos

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Robert McCarthy
<i>Secretary</i>	C. Ellis Jewett
<i>Treasurer</i>	John Duddy
<i>Chaplain</i>	Mervin Roberts
<i>Steward</i>	John McCarthy/Edward Pierpont

Old Lyme Historic District Commission

Dr. John Pfeiffer
Chairman

Meetings: 1st Mondays except August, 9 A.M., Town Hall

The charge of the Old Lyme Historic District Commission is to maintain the historic integrity and character that is the result of almost 350 years of our ancestors' visions, passions, and achievements.

Our town was founded in 1667, and the Historic District has been the center of both commercial and residential activity since the town's beginning. The homes, barns, sheds, and other outbuildings as well as pathways and roads are a 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 adopted by the state of Connecticut and placed on the National Register of Historic places.

As a steward agency, the Historic District Commission tries to preserve what lies within the bounds of the district. We strive to be partners with those who reside as well as work and have businesses here. The district is not a museum attempting to preserve a past moment or a static reflection of the "way it used to be." It is alive and changing. Our job is to help guide change so that it is in keeping with past styles.

To be most effective, projects should be reviewed at the planning phase. Residents must notify the commission of proposed changes to structure or grounds. We have a handbook and maintain a web page to make this process easier. Anyone with a project within the district is advised of this when applying for permits from the town building, planning, and zoning departments. Applicants must obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness (CofA) from the Historic District Commission. Our email address is HistoricDistrictCommission@oldlyme-ct.gov.

The HDC opposed the Federal Railroad Administration's (FRA's) plan to put a high-speed rail "bypass" through Old Lyme's business center and Historic District. The FRA decided to eliminate the bypass. A survey of historic properties will be performed to identify the most sensitive and potentially endangered areas threatened by any possible future development. The survey will be funded by a Cultural Resource Assessment Grant.

HDC received a grant from the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism to pay for

updating and printing a new Historic District Handbook.

Signs were an issue in the Historic District this past year. Any organization, business, or individual who intends to put up a sign in the Historic District must get a sign permit from the building department and must also have a Certificate of Appropriateness approved by the Historic District Commission. Temporary signs and banners (displayed for 30 days or less) are exempt from this requirement. We ask that the impact on the neighborhood be carefully considered when using temporary signs. The new electronic sign installed on the High School entrance road is beyond the 300-foot boundary of the Historic District and has been put on a timer to lessen the impact to the district.

The commission approved the following projects in the Historic District from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018:

1. 90 Lyme Street, Lyme Art Association, parking lot lights, new shingles, trim, etc.
2. 59 Lyme Street, Lymes' Youth Service Bureau, new sign
3. 55 Lyme Street, Old Lyme Historical Society, new sign
4. 32 Lyme Street, Cynthia Taylor, driveway improvements
5. 49 Lyme Street, Regional School District 18, new signs at entrances to high school and Center School
6. 38 Lyme Street, David Vitali and Kevin Counter, extensive renovations
7. 23 Lyme Street, Artemesia Inc. Rosemary Padovano, new sign

The HDC has a historic plaque program to identify the original builder and date of construction for any structure in town built before 1939. So far, forty-six properties in Old Lyme have historic plaques, and several more are in process. More information is available on the HDC's web page on the Town of Old Lyme's website.

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.

Old Lyme Historical Society

Michaelle Pearson & John Pote
Co Chairs

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Meets monthly, on the second Monday of the month at 7 P.M., 55 Lyme Street, Old Lyme.

The Old Lyme Historical Society had a busy and exciting year. A main focus of its efforts were directed toward installing a handicap platform lift, which will make our 55 Lyme Street headquarters fully accessible to all. The society's award-winning "Tuesday Morning Work Crew" (Ellis Jewett, Kevin Cole, Skip Beebe, Ted Freeman, and Steve Joncus) donated hundreds of hours to this project, which also required a significant fundraising commitment. OLHSI thanks the Town of Old Lyme and all of the individual donors who contributed to the lift fund. There is still a sum that needs to be raised, and further donations will be gratefully accepted.

Over the winter and spring of 2017-18, the OLHSI met with a consultant to devise a strategic plan and set goals for the future. One of the main points that emerged from this process was a consensus that the society's building at 55 Lyme Street should be more of a welcoming neighborhood presence, hosting events and allowing the organization to become more

engaged with our Lyme Street neighbors and the community at large.

In June, the OLHSI co-sponsored a concert by the Old Lyme Town Band followed by an ice cream social. Our annual meeting was held on June 11. At the meeting, the winners of the Carol Noyes Winters Scholarship were announced. The scholarship is awarded to a college-bound Lyme-Old Lyme High School senior planning to major in history. This year, there were two highly-qualified candidates who received awards: Jonathan Balocca and Sarah Kwon. The society also welcomed four new board members -- Jill Pilgrim, Katie Balocca, Sidney Williams, and Todd Machnik -- and welcomed back former trustee Tim Griswold for a new term. The winner of the James B. Noyes award for "Volunteer of the Year" was Edie Twining. Ms. Twining was recognized for her work as a graphic artist and designer. She has also curated a series of wonderful mini-exhibits in display cases at the Old Lyme Post Office, library, and



The Old Lyme Historical Society at 55 Lyme Street, Old Lyme

Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc. (continued)

town hall. These exhibits change seasonally and feature topics of historic and local interest. Some of the exhibits were "Winter Finds," "History of the First Congregational Church," "Spring Treasures," "Sound View—America's Oldest

Public Beach," and "The Hurricane of '38."

The Old Lyme Historical Society is always looking for new members and volunteers from all walks of life. If you are interested in our work, please join us!



Old Lyme Historical Society's Archives committee working in the recently constructed "Mitchell Archives"



Handicap platform lift installation at the Old Lyme Historical Society



"Tuesday Morning Work Crew" (counterclockwise, from standing left): Skip Beebe, Kevin Cole, Ted Freeman, Ellis Jewett, and Stephen Joncus

Old Lyme Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC)

Rachael M. Gaudio
Chairwoman

*Meetings: 4th Tuesdays except August and December;
6:30 P.M. at Town Hall*

The Old Lyme Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC) was established by an ordinance adopted October 21, 1963 and tasked with the responsibility of protecting the indispensable, irreplaceable, and fragile natural resources contained in and around Old Lyme's wetlands. This commission oversees and grants permits for activity within wetlands, watercourses, and their Upland Review Areas. An Upland Review Area is defined as the lateral 100-foot area around a wetland or watercourse, the lateral 400-foot area around a vernal pond, or any activity altering the hydrology of a site and impacting a wetland or watercourse.

The IWWC's mission is to protect natural resources within and around wetlands and watercourses for current and future Old Lyme residents. Any resident contemplating activity within areas subject to IWWC regulations or who has property containing wetlands must submit an application to the IWWC. The commission's staff within the Land Use Office in Memorial Town Hall can provide application materials, explain the application process, and answer any related questions. This will help applicants avoid unintentional violation of both state and local regulations. Applicants are also required to retain professionals and contractors

who are aware of state and local regulations and their requirements. For additional guidance, the Old Lyme IWWC Regulations can be found on the town's website.

This past fiscal year, the IWWC acted on ten general applications. There were two applications where the commission determined it did not have jurisdiction. One administrative and seven regular permits were approved. These permits were approved after extensive review and site-plan changes requested by the commission. Each permit is heard at a monthly meeting where a presentation of the proposed work is made to the commission by either the applicant or a professional hired by the applicant. Most applications require a commission site visit after the application has been accepted by the commission at a monthly meeting. In other cases, only the commission's enforcement officer is required to visit the site.

In all cases, each application is required to be completed in detail by describing the proposed activities on site and providing a well-defined site map identifying wetlands and distances from the wetland to activities to be conducted.

The IWWC meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except August and December) at 6:30 P.M. at Memorial Town Hall. The agenda and minutes are posted on the town website.

Old Lyme Land Trust, Inc.

Michael J. Kiernan
President

www.oldlymelandtrust.org

The Old Lyme Land Trust was established in 1966 as a nonprofit corporation separate from the Town of Old Lyme with the purpose of acquiring and maintaining conservation land for open space and recreational uses. Land is acquired through purchase, donations, and easements from property owners. In 2018, the trust acquired an eleven-acre parcel known as the Denison parcel with the aid of an open space grant from DEEP.

The trust currently maintains fourteen preserves totaling over 1,100 acres. Maintenance includes clearing fallen trees from trails, removing dead and dying trees, mowing fields, building bridges, and maintaining trail markings. Trust members also remove invasive species and replant native species. In 2018 a group of Pfizer volunteers planted 25 native shrubs in the Watch Rock Preserve. This project was coordinated by Lea Harty, a former trustee and secretary. Lea also edits the trust's annual newsletter, "Tributaries." Lea was honored as Old Lyme Land Trust's "Volunteer of the Year" for her efforts on behalf of the trust, which provided benefits to all of Old Lyme through her work.

The Old Lyme Land Trust is administered by a board of trustees, currently consisting of nine members. There are open positions on the board for additional interested people. Each of the trust's preserves is overseen by a steward or stewards, and the majority of the work is carried out by volunteer work parties.

The trust held three major events in 2018. The annual meeting, which is open to the public, was held on March 18. The featured speaker was Paul Colburn, Master Conservationist specializing in the bobcat population in Connecticut. The fifth annual kayak regatta, also free and open to all, was led by Fred Fenton, an experienced kayaker and former longtime trustee.

At the Midsummer Festival, the trust hosted Horizon Wings with a demonstration and display of rescued owls, falcons, and other raptors, and the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center exhibited a variety of live snakes, turtles, and other reptiles.

Trail cameras in the Lohmann Preserve captured bobcats and deer on film. More cameras will be added in 2019.

Other projects for 2019 currently in the planning stage are the repairing of the parking area at Watch Rock, the construction of a viewing bench at the Lohmann preserve, the Eagle Scout project of Alec Russell of Old Lyme, and a memorial bench program.

The trust also owns and maintains a house on Whippoorwill Road as part of the Jericho Preserve.

The current officers are Michael J. Kiernan, president; Anne Galliher, Secretary; and Sabine O'Donnell, treasurer.

The Old Lyme Land Trust welcomes the interest of anyone desiring to join the Board of Trustees. Contact the trust at www.oldlymelandtrust.org.



Osprey Nest at Lohmann-Buck-Twining Preserve



Bobcat caught on trail cam at Lohmann

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



Deer seen on trail cam



Annual Kayak Regatta



Raptor demonstration at Midsummer Festival



Preserve map display at Midsummer Festival

Old Lyme Parks and Recreation

Don Bugbee

Director

parkrec@oldlyme-ct.gov

Meetings: 1st Thursdays at 7 P.M. at the Old Lyme 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. Information is listed on our Facebook page as well.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, made up of seven residents, usually 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 Hains Park at Rogers Lake. We typically employ about 40 high school- and college-age residents in the summer as lifeguards,

Old Lyme Parks and Recreation *(continued)*

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 District #18 facilities throughout the year for indoor and outdoor activities including our summer day camp, adult and youth basketball, yoga, fitness classes, basketball camps, soccer camps, and tennis camps. Hains Park is the home for all rowing activities in the spring, summer, and fall.

The plans for making general improvements to Hains Park are continuing at this time. These improvements are to include a new bathroom facility, a gazebo, and making all things ADA compliant. Playground upgrades are in the planning stages as well. Town Woods Park Playground had some upgrades and a new, large playground has been installed at Cross Lane

Park. Special thanks goes to the Lyme/Old Lyme Junior Women's Group for their extensive efforts with this project.

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 Region #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, email, or better yet... stop in.

Tpr. Kazimera Morse #426
Resident Trooper – Old Lyme

Connecticut State Police -- Troop F
(860) 434-1605, ext 110

Old Lyme Statistics from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018

Investigations requiring a written report.....	342
Medicals	114
Narcotics Violations .....	.9
DWI's	19
Traffic Stops	1,414
Traffic Stops Resulting in an Infraction	907
Traffic Accidents.....	216
Fatal Traffic Accidents .....	.1
Disturbances	86
Burglaries	14
Larcenies	25
Criminal Mischief	7
Untimely Deaths	7
Misc. Service Calls.....	9,538
<i>(Patrol Checks, Visibility, Assist Citizens, Alarms, Traffic Services, etc.)</i>	
Total Calls for Service	12,699

Statistical Data was obtained through the CSP data base



Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc.

Claire Haskins
President

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7 P.M., Cross Lane station

The Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc. (OLSEVAA) is proud to have provided emergency medical care for the town of Old Lyme for the past 69 years. New technologies and a deeper understanding of field medicine have brought about great change in how we do things. One thing 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 Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Emergency Medical Responders (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 CT 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 so that they are in tip-top shape. This year we made plans to re-chassis our oldest ambulance to a new Ford F450, 4-wheel drive ambulance, built by PL Custom.



In the last fiscal year, OLSEVAA responded to 744 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, motor vehicle accidents, broken bones, and the like. We also assisted the fire department at structure fires and hazmat incidents and provided 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 at 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.

Old Lyme Tree Commission

Joanne DiCamillo
Chair

Meetings: 3rd Thursdays, 4 P.M., Memorial Town Hall



Gypsy Moth Caterpillar / Aaron Flaum / Associated Press / courtesy Norwich Bulletin

For some residents of Old Lyme, the sights and sounds of the past two years from gypsy moth caterpillars as they crawled on tree limbs, munched on leaves, and littered on the ground below was a new experience. But many residents were reminded of the all-too-familiar caterpillars and the severe gypsy moth infestation back in 1981, when nearly 1.5 million acres were defoliated in Connecticut's towns and forests.

Gypsy moths are cyclical, appearing every seven to ten years. The white oak and the red oak are the caterpillars' preferred food, so these trees are defoliated at higher rates. But the caterpillars will move to less desirable trees and shrubs, including needled evergreens, when the oaks are defoliated. This fact was confirmed when a member of the commission discovered the caterpillars on the four new trees that were planted in 2016 at Town Woods Park. The young oak tree was covered with caterpillars, working their way from bottom to top, shredding and tearing the leaves as they moved. Caterpillars were also spotted on the leaves of the copper beech and the maple trees but there were fewer of them and less destruction. Although the oak leafed out later than usual the following spring, it was healthy. This was not the case with the older trees in town. Many were left in a debilitated state from the insects' damage.

Dr. Kirby Stafford, Department of Entomology from the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, released some statistics on the gypsy moth caterpillar damage. In 2015 approximately 180,000 acres in the state were impacted. In 2016 204,167 acres were severely defoliated, mainly in Middlesex, New London, and Windham counties. But in 2017,

1,175,000 acres were devoured, making this by far the most extensive outbreak and damage, largely in eastern Connecticut.

The destruction was clearly evident while driving along Route 395 and I-95. In fact, the Department of Transportation closed the southbound lane of I-95 in Old Lyme for two weeks to remove approximately 170 trees that suffered heavy damage and were beyond recovery. The majority of them were oaks.

The Emerald Ash borer, another pest, has moved into Old Lyme from other counties in the state. We are seeing signs of it in the ash trees that residents have reported to the town hall. This insect poses a major threat to the species; the US Department of Agriculture reports that it has attacked and destroyed tens of millions of trees in 35 states.



Emerald Ash borer / Getty Images / courtesy UCONN

We can help our trees to be more resilient to pests and diseases by making certain they have plenty of water during periods of drought and especially in early spring when they are beginning to show signs of new growth. Give the roots plenty of space and be cautious, do not damage them with weed whackers and heavy equipment. Most important: Do not pile up mulch around the tree and too close to the trunk.

A Reminder to All Property Owners of the Old Lyme Tree Ordinance Requirements

You must apply for a permit from the Tree Warden to trim, remove, or plant trees or shrubs on the town right-of-way. Permit applications can be found online at www.oldlyme-ct.gov

The Tree Commission generally meets on the third Thursday of the month at 4:00 P. M. in Memorial Town Hall. Our meetings are open to the community. Residents may reach the commission or the tree warden by contacting the selectman's office.

Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

Cynthia C. Taylor
Executive Director

oldlymerna@gmail.com
860-434-1222

The Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut (VNASC) began as the contracted home and community health organization for OLNVA in October 2017. VNASC is an affiliate of YNHH and L+M Hospital System. Karen Veselka, Old Lyme Town Nurse, is employed by VNASC and provides the town nursing services. Mrs. Veselka also works collaboratively with staff of VNASC to provide a full range of home healthcare services to town residents.

Statistical Report

- Lymes' Senior Center:

286.25 hours with 971 visits from town residents

Twice monthly foot care clinics were also held.

- Health Promotion visits:

237 home visits to town residents

A town-wide health fair and flu clinic was held in October with two "pop-up" flu clinics following at the Old Lyme Town Hall. Additional blood pressure clinics were held at Lymewood and Lyme-Old Lyme High School.

Mrs. Veselka provided health talks at the Senior Center and Lymewood throughout the year.

Home Healthcare Visits

Certified Home Healthcare Visits were provided to Old Lyme residents paid for through Medicare, Medicaid, private insurance, United Way, and VNASC indigent care funds.

Nursing	952
Physical therapy	472
Occupational therapy	127
Speech therapy	87
Social Work	18
Home Health Aide	212
Total	1,868

Residents may telephone Karen Veselka, RN at 860-434-7808 or VNASC at 860-444-1111 to request services. Be sure to request home healthcare from the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse through VNASC when you are hospitalized.

For questions about the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association contact Cindi Taylor at 860-434-1222.

Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library

Katie Huffman
Director

www.oldlyme.lioninc.org
khuffman@oldlyme.lioninc.org
(860) 434-1684

From developing fun, interactive story times for infants and toddlers to hand-delivering books to homebound patrons, the library continues to provide opportunities for residents of all ages to learn and grow. Our core services include the following: providing access to a variety of print and digital books, audio-visual media, and research tools; assisting with technology and encouraging the development of information literacy; supporting the public-school curriculum; conducting early-literacy training and fostering an enduring interest in learning and reading among our youngest patrons; and offering programming that informs and engages the community.

Statistical Snapshot

- Total Circulation: 68,185 items
- Programs: 338, with a total of 7,521 attendees
- Computers: 17 public internet computers were used 10,021 times
- Registered Borrowers: 3,984
- Reference Transactions: 4,344
- Collections: 47,361 physical and 19,048 digital items

2017-2018 Special Projects

Renewal Project: The Renewal Project is a multi-year project to re-evaluate and re-imagine library services and plan for the future. This year,

Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library *(continued)*

the library focused on Phase II of the project— updating our building and redesigning our space to better align with our new vision and better serve the community. Specific achievements include:

- **Library Awarded \$1M State Grant:** In November 2017, the library was awarded a \$1M grant from the Connecticut State Library for updating the building and grounds.
- **Plans Made Public:** In April 2018, the conceptual building and grounds plans prepared by LLB Architects were made public, and open information sessions were held. The plans were received with great enthusiasm by the community.
- **Local Funding:** To secure the state grant money, the library requested \$1.75M in matching funds from the Town of Old Lyme. The Old Lyme Board of Selectmen and the Old Lyme Board of Finance approved the funding request to be brought before a Special Town Meeting to be held on July 23, 2018.
- **Private Funding:** The library board of trustees committed to raising the remaining funds for the Renewal Project through private solicitation. To this end, a capital campaign committee was formed in spring 2018 to begin planning the corresponding capital campaign.

Branding Project: In late 2017, the Public Relations Committee embarked on a months-long project to develop a new logo and brand package for the library. The library engaged the local marketing firm OverAbove to provide strategy and design assistance. This project was part of the long-range goal of enhancing the visibility and image of the library in the community. The new logo and look will begin to appear in library communications in the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

New Collection: In late 2017, the library unveiled a new collection of books designed for people with age-related dementia. This new collection was supported by grant funding from Better World Books and was provided in partnership with Reading2Connect, a professional organization that has pioneered tools to help adults with memory challenges experience reading again.

Catalog Update: This spring, the LION Consortium unveiled Pika, a discovery layer designed to update and improve the online catalog. Known for its clean, responsive design, Pika features record grouping, where multiple editions and formats of an item display together in a single entry, and integrates all digital content, including OverDrive eBooks, into one discovery platform.

Online Giving Website: In November 2017, the library unveiled a new online giving platform on the library's website that allows donors to sign up for monthly giving, make specified in-honor/in-memory donations, and send e-cards to loved ones at the time of the donation.

Business Sponsorships: In late 2017, the library's Development Committee unveiled a new Business Sponsorship program. These new partnerships have served to strengthen our library in a variety of ways; some sponsors provide a matching incentive for donations while others directly support the library services patrons depend upon.

Board of Trustees

The 2017-2018 Library Board of Trustees consisted of fifteen members. The executive board officers were as follows: Lynn G. Fairfield-Sonn, President; Kirsten Sicuranza, Vice President; Joseph Cipparone, Secretary; and David Stanland, Treasurer. The Board of Trustees meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, excepting December and July.

Open Space Commission

Amanda Blair & William Dunbar
Cochairs

Meetings: 2nd Fridays (except August),
9 A.M., Memorial Town Hall.
OpenSpaceCommission@oldlyme-ct.gov
http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/Pages/OldLymeCT_Bcomm/open_space



DIANA ATWOOD JOHNSON

November 3, 1946 – January 1, 2018

Recognizing that most of the town's roughly 600 acres of open space may be described as having "her signature on it," the Open Space Commission early in 2018 asked the Board of Selectmen to rename the main trail on its 65-acre Champlain Farm North property in her honor. The location was deemed fitting, as Ms. Johnson once owned the Old Lyme Inn adjacent to the property.

In a public ceremony held on June 2, 2018, Connecticut Trails Day, the Champlain North "red trail" was formally dedicated as the "Diana Atwood Johnson Trail."

DIANA ATWOOD JOHNSON MEMORIAL TRAIL

Friend, Mentor and Champion of Open Space

Sign on the main trail of Champlain Farm North property, renamed on Connecticut Trails Day, June 2, 2018, in honor of the late Diana Atwood Johnson.

Diana Atwood Johnson was a naturalist and a dynamic advocate for open space in her beloved Old Lyme, across Connecticut, and nationally. She was appointed to the Connecticut State Natural Heritage, Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Review Board in 1997 and spent nineteen years as its chair.

In town, the Open Space Committee, within the Conservation Committee, became the Open Space Commission through ordinance on December 13, 2010. From its inception as a new town commission through to her passing on January 1, 2018, Diana Atwood Johnson was its sole chair.

Serious illness disabled Ms. Johnson in the fall and winter of 2017, forcing the cancellation of several commission meetings and temporarily interrupting its work. In early 2018, Amanda Blair and William Dunbar were chosen as the new cochairs of the Open Space Commission.

Resuming its agenda with vigor, the newly led Open Space Commission in 2018 addressed maintenance and safety issues on open space property. Steps to employ a new land steward were taken, and a tree service was hired to remove potentially dangerous trees, limbs, and fallen debris on and near trails. Commission members personally walked (and lightly cleared) trails to identify work tasks.

A new parking area was created on the Champlain North property to address visitor parking on nearby private property. Signage to the property entrance from the Boston Post Road was planned to improve visibility and access. The commission also partnered with the Old Lyme Inn's owners, Ken and Chris Kitchings, to clear the Champlain North yellow trail.

The Open Space Commission actively worked to build partnerships with local organizations. In particular, it was pleased to join with the Old Lyme Land Trust on several projects, including plans for a cross-town hiking trail.

Open Space Commission *(continued)*

The commission was engaged in active negotiations for the acquisition of new open space property in Old Lyme as the fiscal year ended.

Old Lyme is blessed with natural beauty and within this special environment, green spaces preserve forests, wetlands, and wildlife habitat for future generations. But they also offer a wonderful “escape” NOW! The commission undertook an energetic effort to encourage residents to “Take a Hike” [http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/Pages/OldLymeCT_Bcomm/Take-a-Hike.pdf] and enjoy open space. People were invited to join members in hiking several open space properties.

A public information campaign was also undertaken. Timely messages, e.g., for “Earth Day” and the summer solstice, were communicated via the town’s News and Announcements email to encourage folks to walk the town’s miles of trails. A “Take a Hike” flyer was written by members. The Open Space Commission also began a thorough review of its section within

the town website to ensure content was refreshed and to add new features for readers. In June, the commission joined with the University of New Haven’s Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts to coordinate placement and publicity for an artistic “Vision Box” on open space property designed by Ana Flores, a Schumann Foundation Visiting Artist. As the fiscal year ended, the commission was completing plans to take part for the first time in the town’s Midsummer Festival.

The Open Space Commission welcomes those who may wish to join on trail walks with members or the land steward, to do light trail maintenance, or even consider joining the commission as a member. People should always feel free to contact the commission with questions, concerns, suggestions, etc., and its monthly meetings are open to the public. Contacts/a schedule are shown at the top of this page.

Planning Commission

Harold Thompson
Chairman

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. The commission is responsible, every ten years 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 in Open Space, the impact of development on wetlands, and the installation of private roads for new developments. The commission is also looking forward with respect to land-use issues associated with the postulated rise in sea level. The Planning Commission has engaged other land-use commissions, and discussions are in progress.

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

Ian Neviaser

Superintendent of Schools

During the 2017-2018 school year, the Lyme-Old Lyme Schools excelled in a variety of different areas. It is with great pride that we share this annual report with the citizens of Lyme and Old Lyme.

Again this year, the Lyme-Old Lyme Schools were recognized on both the state and national level, further solidifying the notion that we provide exceptional academic programs commensurate and oftentimes superior to both public and private schools throughout Connecticut. Specific recognitions included, but were not limited to, the following:

- LOLHS was named to the 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll
- LOLHS Girls Soccer won their third state championship in the last three years
- Three of our schools were recognized as “Schools of Distinction” by the State of Connecticut based on SAT and SBAC scores.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School’s results on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), which was given in the spring to all juniors free of charge



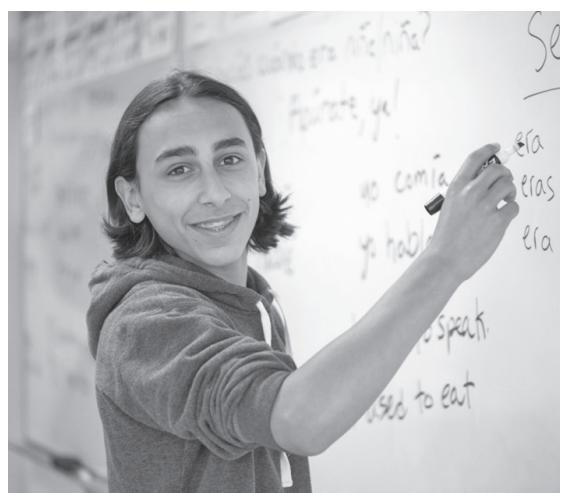
Eager, achieving students at Lyme-Old Lyme High School and Middle School.

as the state-mandated assessment, placed us as one of the top districts in the state and certainly the top district in our immediate area. These results were supported by programming that provided all eleventh-grade students with free SAT preparation.

Mile Creek and Lyme Consolidated Elementary schools, along with Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School, saw the results of many years of commitment to the new Connecticut Standards pay off with strong results on the annual Smarter Balanced Assessment. As with the SAT, all of our schools, Pre K-8th grade, placed themselves at the top in all areas both locally and across the state as a whole.

In preparing our students for the future, Lyme-Old Lyme High School added a seal of bi-literacy to our World Language department; the elementary schools moved forward with a new math program titled “Bridges”; and Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School developed methods to adjust the schedule to allow for more social-emotional opportunities for our students.

In the area of finance, the towns approved a \$34,298,528 budget for the 2018-19 school year representing a 1.97-percent increase over the adopted budget for the current year. The majority of this increase was driven by the cost of employee health insurance. The approved budget supports our commitment to continued adherence to class-size guidelines, a reduction of staff to account



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

for an enrollment decline at the elementary level, continuance of all existing academic and extracurricular activities, adjustments for anticipated changes in the special education population, adequate funding for maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds, scheduled replacement of technology and equipment, and program improvements that are consistent with high academic and operational standards.

The upcoming year will again be filled with many successes and challenges as we continue to focus on student success at all levels, maintaining and improving upon the high standard we have set for ourselves and our students.

Please visit our website for more information. (www.region18.org).



Kindergarten teacher Alyssa Hoynak Karpuska works with her class at Mile Creek School.

Registrars of Voters

Catherine Carter (R), Marylin Clarke (D) Registrars

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

This past year's general municipal election was held on November 7, 2017 and the Regional School District 18 budget referendum was held on May 8, 2018, both at the Cross Lane Firehouse.

A voter registration session was held at Lyme-Old Lyme High School on May 4, 2018 for students who had attained the age of 18 or would attain the age of 18 on or before the next election date.

In order to register to vote in an election or primary in Connecticut, one must meet the following criteria:

- Be a United States citizen
- Be a resident of a Connecticut municipality
- Be at least 17 years of age and turning 18 by the next election date
- Have completed confinement and parole if previously convicted of a disenfranchising felony

Pursuant to Public Act No. 11-173, electors with permanent disabilities are eligible for permanent absentee ballot status so that absentee

ballot applications for each election or primary held in Old Lyme can be mailed directly by the Town Clerk. Phone either the Town Clerk's office or Registrars' office for details on how to apply.

Voter registration applications are available at both the Town Clerk's office and the Registrars' office and are also available on-line at voterregistration.ct.gov. On-line registration requires a valid Connecticut driver's license and may be used for new voter registration, address change, name change, or party-enrollment change.

A state-mandated canvas of electors is conducted each January through March in order to maintain an accurate list of active electors. A mailing requesting a response is sent to those electors who have changed mailing addresses either within town or out-of-town/state as well as to those who have not voted in Old Lyme elections during the four prior years.

Registered Voters as of June 30, 2018.....5639

Republicans	1718
Democrats	1668
Unaffiliated.....	2168
Other.....	85

RiverCOG

Bonnie Reemsnyder
Chair

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

Current officers for RiverCOG are Bonnie Reemsnyder (Old Lyme), serving as chairperson; Michael Maniscalco (East Hampton) as Vice-Chairperson; Noel Bishop (Westbrook) as Secretary; and Carl Fortuna (Old Saybrook) as Treasurer. First Selectwoman Cathy Iino (Killingworth) and Town Manager Anthony Salvatore (Cromwell) join the RiverCOG officers on the Executive Committee.

Fiscal year 2018 was an eventful year for RiverCOG. Our activities included the following:

- Congratulated Richard Grant and Judy Snyder on their retirements, welcomed new office/financial assistant Eliza LoPresti to the staff, and hosted five interns
- Executive Director Sam Gold named to the Board of Directors for Sustainable CT
- Negotiated a new office lease, allowing RiverCOG to stay in our current office in Essex
- Initiated corridor studies along Routes 81 and 66
- Continued work as the fiduciary for the Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security, Region 2

• Worked with the Essex Zoning Commission to adopt Gateway standards

• Acquired the Lower CT River Land Trust nonprofit organization

• Worked with communities along the Connecticut River to monitor and remove invasive species such as Trapa

• Provided interim land-use staffing within the region

• Fought cuts to train and bus transit in the region and helped connect 9 Town Transit and MAT via new bus routes

• Collected 118,172 lbs. of household hazardous waste, up 13 percent from 2016; continued paper shredding events; and partnered with the state on new recycling efforts on plastic wraps and bags

• Aided Haddam and East Haddam with a federal grant application for a walkway on the Swing Bridge

• Helped initiate the Lower CT Valley Bus Operations Study

• Updated the knowyourfarmers.org website

• Completed improvements to North Main St. in Old Saybrook under the LOTCIP program; other projects in the region are currently in progress

• Reviewed 55 inter-municipal zoning regulation referrals through the Regional Planning Committee

• Convened a committee to look at furthering opportunities for shared municipal services

• Ended the fiscal year within budget



Rogers Lake Authority

Dennis O. Overfield & Richard J. Smith, Sr.
Co-chairmen

Meetings: Second Wednesdays, 7:30 P.M.,
Rogers Lake West Shores Assn. Clubhouse,
75 Rogers Lake Trail
DEEP. 860-424-3333

Rogers Lake Authority Patrol Boat: 860-227-4285

Rogers Lake comprises 265 acres and is 66 feet deep. The water draining into the lake comes from 4,819 acres, 4,472 acres of which (93 percent) are natural wooded or wetlands. Properties around the lake are mostly developed, and future development should be minimal because of the large acreage of state-owned land and the Stone's Ranch Military Reservation.

The third herbicide treatment to address the invasive weeds Fanwort and Variable Leaf Milfoil was completed on June 11, 2018. Before the treatment the lake management firm SWCA did a survey of the eight treatment sites and recommended that only 22 acres within these eight sites be treated instead of the 44 acres that were treated the previous two years. A post-treatment survey showed the invasive weeds were well under control and the native weeds were thriving. The Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) participated in the pre- and post-treatment surveys and observed the herbicide treatment. Water testing was performed in one deep and one shallow well for pre- and post-treatments and detected no traces of the herbicide flumioxazin. The quality of the water remains very good as can be seen with the absence of algae blooms, which most other area lakes in Connecticut are experiencing, and very good water clarity.

One of the RLA's primary concerns is boating safety on the lake. The police and DEEP have been called multiple times to deal with town and state violations. The major offenders have been the Jet Ski operators. If you observe any unsafe activities on the lake, immediately call DEEP at 860-424-3333 or 911. At the recommendation of the Old Lyme resident trooper, an action camera was purchased for the patrol boat to record all interactions with the public.

To further enhance safety on the lake and communications with the patrol boat, a dedicated phone is now on the patrol boat. The phone is active May through October. The cell phone number to talk with the patrol boat operator is 860-227-4285. The patrol boat was relettered to more clearly identify the patrol boat and include the phone number.

New safety green shirts and hats were purchased for patrol and launch personnel along with RLA members when on the lake.

The RLA is a member of the Connecticut Federation of Lakes. This organization held a conference in October of 2017, which two members of the RLA attended. Another conference was held in April 2018 and was attended by four Rogers Lake representatives. The take-home from attending these conferences is that Rogers Lake is healthy and has fewer issues to deal with compared to other lakes in Connecticut and is proactive in dealing with those issues we have. Both conferences provided a wealth of information that was applicable to Rogers Lake.

There was an RLA-sponsored lake cleanup day in September. Members of the RLA and lake residents collected debris at the dam, boat launch area, and other areas around the lake.

The lake drawdown that typically occurs every leap year (2016), enabling lake residents to perform maintenance on their waterfronts, was postponed from the fall of 2016 because of the drought. The drawdown was conducted in the fall of 2017.

Permits for groups (fishing, regattas, and kayaking) with more than six boats that want to utilize the lake are permitted through the DEEP. DEEP stocked fish in the lake multiple times in the spring. Rogers Lake is considered one of the state's top trout trophy lakes.

The Rogers Lake Authority is composed of three representatives from Lyme and three representatives from Old Lyme. The RLA can be contacted at rogerslakeauthority@oldlyme-ct.gov. The Rogers Lake Authority patrol boat can be reached by cell phone when out on the lake at 860-227-4285. A website is maintained at:

http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/Pages/OldLymeCT_Bcomm/rogers_lake/index.

There has been one change to the representation on the RLA. The RLA would like to thank Thomas Mondelci for his many years of service on the RLA, and welcome Mark Hastings.

A big thank you to the board members past and present and to concerned lake residents for their efforts in actively supporting the Rogers Lake Authority.

Shellfish Commission

Todd Machnik
Chair

Meetings: Not regularly scheduled, are held in the town hall.

We are one of the oldest arms of your municipal government and are unusual in that our finances are not part of the general funds of the town. By statute law, all our income is derived from the resource, clams and oysters, and all our expenditures come from revenues derived from the source.

We cost taxpayers of Old Lyme nothing, and we exist to protect, enhance, and educate the public about shellfish, nothing more, nothing less.

We presently have about \$1,000 in a local bank, which we earned from harvesting licenses and are faced with a bountiful shellfish habitat that is polluted by sewage treatment plants whose discharges are controlled by the Connecticut

State DEEP. For one example, look no further than Old Saybrook, where the state planned still another sewage treatment plant some years ago. Their representative told us that we need not worry, the discharge would be fitted with a diffuser so that it “would not all come out in the same place.” Old Lyme Shellfish Commission got that one defeated in a referendum at our expense. The state then tried to punish us for interfering with their plans, and we got off from jail or a fine on a technicality. One could hope for less help from Hartford.

John Seckla is our treasurer, and Mervin Roberts is our secretary.

We meet infrequently. We invite guests and inquiry.

Social Services

Jennifer Datum
Social Services Coordinator

Hours: Mon. & Fri. 9 A.M.-1 P.M., Wed. 12-4 P.M., and by appointment.

The Social Services department continues to help town residents in need. This past year, I began using a new software program to keep accurate statistics. I assisted 95 households in total.

In late June/early July of 2017, I began distributing the Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program booklets, a state program that provides checks in the amount of \$18 for eligible seniors to buy fresh produce at local farmers’ markets. However, due to the state budget crisis, the program was abruptly cancelled and the checks invalidated.

Energy Assistance for the winter season of 2017-18 continued to be a helpful program to residents struggling to pay for oil, propane, or electricity to heat their homes. This federal program is administered locally through TVCCA. Town residents who meet financial guidelines can apply for the program through my office at the town hall if they prefer instead of going to Norwich or New London. I processed 51 cases, including both individuals and families. Other residents applied directly with TVCCA.

The Renters’ Rebate program is a state reimbursement program for elderly or disabled low-income residents who rent in town. In 2017, I assisted 40 residents in applying for this benefit for the 2016 year.

In addition to these programs, I was able to use the social services emergency fund to help residents with various other needs. Money donated to the town from local agencies such as the Community Foundation, the LIONS Club, and the Fire Department Auxiliary, as well as individuals, is used to help low-income residents, often on fixed incomes, who are struggling to pay their bills and need assistance. Examples of such assistance include emergency fuel delivery (to 14 households), gas vouchers, bus tickets for 9 Town Transit, grocery store gift cards, temporary housing, and other bills. Contributions to the emergency fund are always welcome, and can be dropped off or mailed to the town hall, attention Social Services.

For those who need help with food, I gave out gift cards to local grocery stores for a total amount of approximately \$1,700. I refer residents

Social Services *(continued)*

to the food pantries and meal sites through the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries. I also maintain a very small food pantry in the closet in my office.

Another role of social services is to provide information and referrals to other agencies, including such areas as legal aid, help with SNAP (food stamps) applications, medical and other transportation options, housing, health insurance, 211 (United Way of CT), Salvation

Army, and various departments of the state.

I work cooperatively with other town agencies, including the Lymes' Senior Center, Lymes' Youth Services Bureau, and the Town Nurse to help serve all local residents.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call my office at 860-434-1605 ext. 228. My office hours are Monday, 9 – 1; Wednesday, 12 – 4; Friday, 9 – 1; or by appointment.

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

ANNUAL TOWN BUSINESS MEETING

Approximately 50 electors and citizens attended the Annual Town Business Meeting held on Monday, January 22, 2018, at 7:30 P.M. in the Meeting Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

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

Atty. Thomas McGarry was elected to serve as moderator.

Town Clerk Vicki Urbowicz read the call of the meeting.

1. To accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, as submitted by the Board of Finance.

Motion Carried

2. Roderick M. White was selected as the Board of Selectmen's Citizen of the Year for 2017.

3. A request by the Board of Selectmen to appropriate \$200,000.00 for the Road Overlay project as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:56 P.M.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz*

Old Lyme Town Clerk

*Recorded by Vicki Urbowicz, TC
January 24, 2018*

TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Approximately 17 electors and citizens attended the Special Town Meeting held on Wednesday, July 26, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. in the Meeting Hall of the Old Lyme Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

1. To approve the expenditure of \$30,000.00 for Mosquito Management Plan for Fiscal Year 2018, as recommended by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance.

Motion Carried

2. To approve additional expenditure of \$25,000.00 from the Town Buildings Improvement Fund for the exterior work on the Town Hall, as recommended by the Boards of Selectmen and Finance.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Urbowicz

Assistant Town Clerk

Recorded by Vicki Urbowicz

July 27, 2017

OLD LYME REFERENDUM HELD ON TUESDAY, MAY 8, 2018

The following is the official report of the May 8, 2018 Referendum ballot results on the question of whether the sum of \$34,298,528 should be appropriated for Regional School District 18:

Number of Ballots Cast:	357
Voted YES:.....	267
Voted NO:.....	90
Abstaining (Blank Ballot):	0
Number Voting IN PERSON:	357
Number Voting as ABSENTEE:	0
Number of Property Owners voting:	3
Number of Registered Voters voting:.....	354

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

Town Meetings *(continued)*

TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING

Approximately 60 electors and citizens attended the Annual Budget Meeting held on Monday, May 21, 2018, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lyme Old Lyme Middle School auditorium of Regional District #18, Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

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

Atty. Thomas McGarry was elected to serve as moderator.

Town Clerk Vicki Urbowicz read the call of the meeting.

1. The adoption of the Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Motion Carried

2. A proposal that taxes in the Town of Old Lyme on Real Property and Personal Property shall be paid in two (2) equal semi-annual installments, the first payment being due on July 1, 2018 and the second payment being due on January 1, 2019, provided that any such tax of less than \$100.00 for the year shall be due in full in one payment on July 1, 2018, and provided that taxes in any amount owed for vehicles on the Supplemental List shall be made in one payment due on January 1, 2019.

Motion Carried

3. A proposal that the First Selectwoman shall be authorized to execute the "Old Lyme Fire Department, Inc. And Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc. Retirement Plan," amended and restated effective January 1, 2018 ("Plan"), and the "Amended And Restated Trust Agreement For The Old Lyme Fire Department Inc. And Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc. Retirement Plan" ("Trust"), and that the First Selectwoman, the Board of Selectmen and the Town of Old Lyme and/or their respective designees, without need for additional approval by the Town Meeting, shall be authorized to exercise all rights and perform all duties given

them by the Plan and the Trust, including the appointment of a Pension Committee and of a Trustee(s), the making of agreements with the trustee(s), and the making of amendments to the Plan and/or to the Trust and any agreements made in relation thereto.

Motion Carried

4. A proposal that the sum of \$80,000.00 shall be appropriated for use by the Board of Selectmen to pay expenses incurred by the Town as a result of the need to amend and restate the Plan and create the Trust (as those terms are defined in Item #3 above).

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz*

Old Lyme Town Clerk

Recorded by Vicki Urbowicz, Town Clerk

On May 24, 2018

Treasurer

Timothy C. Griswold
Treasurer

The financial results for the Town of Old Lyme year ending on 30 June 2018 were again strong. The budget for total revenues was \$36,355,031 but the actual revenues were \$36,366,767, so there was a favorable variance of \$11,736. The budget for expenditures was \$36,355,031 but the actual expenditures were \$35,910,936, so there was a favorable variance of \$444,095. The town's undesignated surplus (our "rainy day" fund) increased from \$8,606,042 at the beginning of the fiscal year to \$8,681,456 at the end of the fiscal year. The undesignated surplus stands at 24.2% of the actual fiscal year 2018 budget and this is a very healthy surplus.

Another indication of financial health is the town's tax-collection rate. At the end of fiscal year 2018, the town's tax-collection rate increased to an excellent 98.9%.

It is important to note that the town now receives about only 1.9% (about \$690,000) of its total revenue (about \$36 million) from recurring grants from the State of Connecticut. Of the \$690,000, \$205,400 is the education cost sharing grant, and we have heard repeatedly that the state would like to reduce Old Lyme's grant to zero. In addition, the governor proposed forcing Connecticut municipalities to pay 33% of the teachers' state pension expense which, in the case of Old Lyme, could amount to about \$1 million. This pension was created by the State of Connecticut, it has been managed (poorly) by the state, and, not surprisingly, it is woefully underfunded. The legislature did not approve this measure but we must fight hard against having the municipalities become responsible for this pension expense, should it be proposed again.

Lyme and Old Lyme together constitute Region #18. The division of the operating expenses of the school district is apportioned between the two towns based exclusively on the ratio of students from each town to the total of all students. As of April 2017, there was an average student count of 1,333 students in the district: 275 (20.6%) from Lyme and 1,058 (79.4%) from Old Lyme. Accordingly, based on this student count ratio, Lyme's share of the school's \$33,634,271 budget (after accounting for estimated receipts of \$113,620) was \$6,917,958 and Old Lyme's share was \$26,602,693. Further, Old Lyme's net school

budget (after accounting for Old Lyme's \$67,491 share of the district's FY 2016 fund balance) was \$26,535,202 and this represented 73.0% of the total town budget. A major concern to Old Lyme and to all other Connecticut municipalities is the statewide declining enrollment trend. In Region #18, the FY 2017 average enrollment of 1,333 is forecast to decrease to 1,061 in FY 2021 – a drop of 272 students over 4 years. We know that the district's costs will not decrease proportionately with declining enrollment, so this will undoubtedly have an impact on future town budgets.

The Town of Old Lyme has only one long-term debt obligation – the \$2,135,000 remaining balance on the original \$4,200,000 bond used to finance the renovation and expansion of the Town Hall in October 2010. The bond was refinanced in June 2016 at a rate of 1.44%, and it will be paid off in 2025. While Regional School District 18 is a self-standing organization, the Towns of Lyme and Old Lyme are contingently responsible for its debt, which presently totals \$27.6 million. Old Lyme's share of this debt is \$22.0 million. While these amounts sound very large, they are well within the debt levels specified by our auditors. The town continues to enjoy a strong financial position, as evidenced by our last Standard and Poors bond rating of AAA, which is the highest rating available.

There are some new capital projects that the town will be dealing with in the near future:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Est. Total Cost</u>
1. Sound View Sewer/Pump House (Clean Water Fund Grant)	To be determined
2. Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Renovation	\$1,750,000
3. Mile Creek Rd./Black Hall River Bridge Replacement (50% Grant).....	800,000
4. Grassy Hill Rd. Bridge Replacement (50% Grant).....	700,000
5. Lower Mill Pond Dam Renovation	200,000
6. Haines Park Restroom.....	150,000

I thank the members of the town's board of finance; Nicole Stajduhar, director of finance, and Amy Jensen, her assistant, for the consistently excellent work they perform.

Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)

Rich Prendergast
Chairman

Donna Bednar
Vice Chair

WPCA Coastal Wastewater Management Plan Update

The Environmental Impact Evaluation (EIE) summary document was approved on June 5, 2018 by CT DEEP and it was published to the CT DEEP Monitor website. The EIE was posted for a period of 45 days so that members of the public could make comments about the wastewater management plan. A draft of "The Record of Decision" will then circulate at CT DEEP to address questions posed during the EIE public comment period and will indicate what the next steps are for the wastewater management plan moving forward. The WPCA expects to receive "The Record of Decision" soon after that.

The intermunicipal waste transfer agreement (IMA), a necessary component of the Coastal Wastewater Management Plan, is moving forward. Representatives from Old Colony Beach Club Association (OCBCA), Miami Beach Association (MBA), and Old Lyme Shores Beach Association (OLSBA), in consultation with Selectwoman Reemsnyder and WPCA Chairman Prendergast, have been negotiating agreements with representatives of East Lyme and New

London for conveyance of wastewater to the New London treatment facility. The current IMA is being reviewed by a representative of the WPCA.

In June a meeting was held to clarify details of the pump house land lease agreement. Selectwoman Reemsnyder, WPCA Chairman Prendergast, and individuals representing OCBCA, MBA, and OLSBA were able to develop an illustrated exhibit with references and update the land-lease agreement. The pump house land lease will have to be approved by the community at a town meeting before it can go to the board of selectman for approval.

The Hawk's Nest Beach groundwater quality testing plan has been reviewed by CT DEEP and approved. Additional test wells stipulated by CT DEEP were installed and flushed in the spring of 2018. The updated map added seven new wells to the existing five wells for a total of twelve testing sites. All ground water testing results will be posted on the town web site. There will be a total of sixteen well samplings over a two-year period. CT DEEP will interpret all testing data and issue final conclusions on the quality of ground water in the HNB area.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Judy McQuade
Chair through Nov. 2017

Mary Stone
Chair Nov. 2017 through March 2018

Nancy Hutchinson
Chair March 2018 to present

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

http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/Pages/OldLymeCT_Zoning/zb

The standards that guide and limit the Zoning Board of Appeals are based on 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. For a variance to be granted, unusual hardship or exceptional difficulty due to the unique characteristics of the property must be shown and only if it is in harmony with the general intent and purpose of the comprehensive plan of zoning put forth by the town. In some instances, a substantial

reduction in legal pre-existing nonconformity may be considered by the board in lieu of a demonstration of unusual hardship.

July 2017 to June 2018 was a year of transition for the board, with three board members retiring: Judy McQuade, acting chair/chair for four years, who also served in the roles of vice chair, member, and alternate for over ten years; Mary Stone, who served in the roles of vice chair, secretary, member, and alternate for over five years and took on the role of acting chair from Nov. 2017 to March 2018; and Karen Conniff, a board member

Zoning Board of Appeals *(continued)*

for four years. We thank Judy, Mary, and Karen for their many years of dedicated commitment to the board and the community!

The board also welcomed four new members and alternates. Dan Montano and Stephanie Mickle were elected to the board in Nov. 2017, as member and alternate, respectively. Tom Schellens, a former board member, and Steve Dix were appointed as alternates in March 2018. They joined existing members Nancy Hutchinson, Kip Kotzan, and Marisa Hartman, who were elected by the board as chair, vice chair, and secretary, respectively, in March 2018.

With so many new members joining the board, the new chair, Nancy Hutchinson, arranged for a University of Connecticut Land Use Academy Basic Training Course for Land Use Commissioners to be held at Old Lyme Town Hall on June 5, 2018. The course was open to all Old Lyme Land Use Board Members, Commissioners, and Staff, and a total of 22 people signed up. The interactive course entitled,

“Legal Requirements and Procedures, Roles & Responsibilities” was presented by Bruce Hyde, Director, Center for Land Use Education and Research (CLEAR), free of charge, and was very well received.

During 2017-2018, the board held seven regular meetings and heard seven variance cases. Two variances were withdrawn and five were granted, with or without conditions. Two appeals to prior board decisions were successfully defended in court, and two extensions to previously granted variances were approved. A special thanks to our clerk, Kim Barrows, and our zoning official, Keith Rosenfeld, for their time, commitment, and dedication in support of the board and the town.

Looking forward, the board has begun work revamping our ZBA processes and forms, as well as preparing a Guide for Residential Variance Applications, which we hope to roll-out in 2018-2019. We also have one vacancy on the board should anyone be interested in joining!

Zoning Commission

Jane Cable
Chairman

Meetings: Second Mondays except August, 7:30 P.M., Memorial Town Hall.

The Zoning Commission, as directed by the Connecticut General Statutes, regulates land use and structures in Old Lyme to promote health and appropriate uses of land and to lessen congestion. The Plan of Conservation and Development, revised every ten years by the Planning Commission, guides the decisions of the Zoning Commission, which also writes the town’s zoning regulations. The regulations are available on the town’s website.

Regular meetings of the Zoning Commission occur on the second Monday of each month, except August, at 7:30 P.M. in the main meeting room of Memorial Town Hall. Special meetings are posted on the town website. The public is always welcome to attend. Members of the commission in the 2017-2018 fiscal year were Jane Cable, Jane Marsh, Paul Orzel, Gil Soucie, and Alan Todd; alternates were Harvey Gemme and Stacy Winchell.

During the past year, the commission considered the recent state statute allowing

temporary healthcare structures and unanimously recommended to the Board of Selectmen that the town opt out of the statutory provision. The members reasoned that our current accessory apartment regulations are better thought out and, with some amendment, can accommodate the needs of residents who require help to remain in their homes.

The commission denied several applications to increase the commercial activity – and the traffic – on Halls Road: an expansion of the convenience store at 85 Halls Road and the installation of a public charging station at the Old Lyme Marketplace parking lot.

A final version of our aquifer and groundwater protection regulations was passed. Maps of the aquifers are on file in the Town Clerk’s office and are available in the Land Use Office.

This coming year, the commission will need interested residents to apply for alternate positions, which are filled by the selectmen.

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 or the Lymes' Senior Center.

Please print clearly

Name _____

Old Lyme Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____

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

Enter 1, 2, etc.

Please print clearly below

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

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

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

OLD LYME EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION FORM

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

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

This information is voluntary and will remain confidential.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT # _____

TOWN: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION OF A RELATIVE OR FRIEND

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

SPECIAL DIRECTIONS TO YOUR HOME:

PLEASE CHECK ANY OF ITEMS WHICH MAY ADDRESS YOUR NEEDS

I am hearing impaired I use a TDD/TT device

I am oxygen dependent I have impaired vision

I depend upon electrically powered life sustaining medical equipment

Respirator equipment In-home dialysis Other _____

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

Wheelchair Walker Cane Other _____

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

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

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

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

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Service Information

A Directory of Local and State Services

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

Old Lyme Municipal Agent 860-434-1605
Ombudsman for the Elderly of Old Lyme
ConnPACE-ConnMAP-Information and referral for
all services for the elderly.

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

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

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

Old Lyme Social Services 860-434-1605, x228
Food bank, 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 hours 860-434-9003

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

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

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

INFOLINE 211
Information and Referral, Crisis Counseling,
Advocacy

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

Social Security
All aspects 1-800-772-1213

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

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

Volunteer Opportunities
American Cancer Society 800-227-2345
American Red Cross 860-447-3248
Eastern CT Area Agency on Aging .. 860-887-3561
Estuary Council of Seniors
(includes AARP Tax Aide) 860-388-1611
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital 860-442-0711
Literacy Volunteers 860-399-0280
Lymes' Youth Service Bureau 860-434-7208
Middlesex Memorial Hospital 860-358-6000
OL/PGN Library 860-434-1684
Salvation Army 860-443-6409
Schools

Center School 860-434-7838
Mile Creek School 860-434-2209
Lyme Consolidated 860-434-1233
Middle School 860-434-2568
High School 860-434-1651 or 1652
SCORE (Senior Corps
of Retired Executives) 860-388-9508
Woman's Exchange 860-434-7290

Resident Beach Passes

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

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

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
Melinda R. Kronfeld 218
Mickie Fraser 219

Building
Mark Wayland 213
Kathy Hall 230

Emergency Management
David Roberge 231

Facilities
Phil Parcak 245

Finance
Nicole Stajduhar 232
Amy Jensen 215

Fire Marshal
David Roberge 231

Animal Control ext 244
Transfer Station ext 242
Lymes' Senior Center ext 240
Public Works ext 243
Police Department ext 110
O.L. Ambulance Association ext 410
Fire Department Boughton Road ext 318
 Lyme Street ext 310
 Cross Lane ext 314

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 860-876-0456
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
Mile Creek School 860-434-2209

Lyme Consolidated 860-434-1233
Middle School 860-434-2568
LOL High School 860-434-1651





Marsh Family Farm on Buttonball Road - Photo by Kathleen DeMeo

FINANCIALS

2017-2018

Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2018

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash	\$ 305,306	\$ 1,307,478	\$ 1,612,784
Investments	10,551,829	505,190	11,057,019
Receivables:			
Property taxes	650,949	-	650,949
Intergovernmental	77,497	12,292	89,789
Other	19,190	5,282	24,472
Due from other funds	31,285	386,834	418,119
Prepaid amounts	1,021,741	-	1,021,741
Total assets	\$ 12,657,797	\$ 2,217,076	\$ 14,874,873
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts payable	\$ 335,598	\$ 38,327	\$ 373,925
Accrued liabilities	26,258	-	26,258
Due to other funds	386,834	11,973	398,807
Unearned revenue	23,660	105,174	128,834
Total liabilities	772,350	155,474	927,824
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	650,949	-	650,949
Advanced property tax collections	663,716	-	663,716
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,314,665	-	1,314,665
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Nonspendable	1,021,741	-	1,021,741
Committed	-	1,761,493	1,761,493
Assigned	867,585	300,285	1,167,870
Unassigned	8,681,456	(176)	8,681,280
Total fund balances	10,570,782	2,061,602	12,632,384
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 12,657,797	\$ 2,217,076	\$ 14,874,873

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

**Reconciliation of Fund Balance
to Net Position of Governmental Activities
June 30, 2018**

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

Total fund balance (Exhibit C, Page 1) \$ 12,632,384

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Beginning net capital assets	21,612,888
Current year capital asset additions	667,509
Depreciation expense	(535,352)
Disposal of capital assets	(2,668)

Other long-term assets are not available resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Interest receivable on property taxes	140,887
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(119,000)

Other long-term assets and deferred outflows are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds:

Property tax receivable - accrual basis change	650,949
Deferred charge on refunding	29,357

Some liabilities, including bonds payable, are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Bonds payable	(2,135,000)
Landfill postclosure costs	(400,000)
Compensated absences	<u>(188,186)</u>

Net position of governmental activities \$ 32,344,852

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

General Fund
Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources
Budget and Actual
Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Property taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 33,954,107	\$ 33,954,107	\$ 34,232,636	\$ 278,529
Interest and lien fees	190,000	190,000	216,084	26,084
Telephone access line grant	35,000	35,000	26,442	(8,558)
Total property taxes	34,179,107	34,179,107	34,475,162	296,055
Charges for services:				
Ambulance fuel reimbursement	5,000	5,000	6,893	1,893
Assessor	2,000	2,000	933	(1,067)
Beach stickers and permits	30,000	30,000	32,985	2,985
Building department	160,000	160,000	156,593	(3,407)
Cell phone tower lease	27,600	27,600	31,056	3,456
Engineering/legal reimbursements	12,000	12,000	2,412	(9,588)
Fire marshal	400	400	440	40
Historic District commission	200	200	345	145
Inland/wetlands	3,000	3,000	1,495	(1,505)
Landfill	90,000	90,000	132,146	42,146
Legal fees reimbursement	-		1,974	1,974
Miscellaneous	10,010	10,010	45,183	35,173
OLVNA reimbursement	3,000	3,000	-	(3,000)
Other reimbursements			2,454	2,454
Parking fines	16,000	16,000	13,515	(2,485)
Parking lot	95,000	95,000	89,598	(5,402)
Parks and recreation department	45,000	45,000	39,612	(5,388)
Pension forfeiture funds				
Pension reimbursement	1,000	1,000	-	(1,000)
Planning commission	1,000	1,000	980	(20)
Recycling	1,500	1,500	961	(539)
Registrar reimbursement	2,000	2,000	2,203	203
School crossing guard	7,800	7,800	7,286	(514)
Selectmen's office	12,000	12,000	15,053	3,053
Senior center reimbursement	30,000	30,000	28,439	(1,561)
Town clerk's office	240,000	240,000	258,896	18,896
Town Woods Park reimbursement	31,000	31,000	26,581	(4,419)
Insurance reimbursement	-		1,175	1,175
Zoning board of appeals	8,000	8,000	2,600	(5,400)
Zoning commission	5,000	5,000	2,297	(2,703)
Total charges for services	838,510	838,510	904,105	65,595
Intergovernmental:				
DOT-SV Bike Path & Improvement (study phase)	-	-	2,070	2,070
Education equalization grant	104,700	104,700	205,434	100,734
Emergency management/FEMA	40,000	40,000	80,936	40,936
Grants for Municipal Projects	-	-	1,888	1,888
LOCIP	-	-	90,124	90,124
Mashantucket Pequot grant	-	-	14,386	14,386
Miscellaneous state grants	7,000	7,000	55,101	48,101
PILOT - colleges	-	-	1,176	1,176
PILOT - federal property	-	-	999	999
PILOT - state property	-	-	134	134
State police DWI	35,550	35,550	6,430	(29,120)
Tax relief elderly	30,000	30,000	183	(29,817)
Town aid road	229,764	229,764	229,495	(269)
Veterans' tax exempt	3,000	3,000	3,654	654
Total intergovernmental	450,014	450,014	692,010	241,996
Investment income:				
Interest on investments	28,000	28,000	170,845	142,845
Total revenues	35,495,631	35,495,631	36,242,122	746,491
Other financing sources:				
Appropriation of fund balance	800,000	1,126,500	-	(1,126,500)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	1,000	1,000	198	(802)
Cancellation of prior year encumbrances	20,000	20,000	86,047	66,047
Transfers in:				
Bus barn fund	38,400	38,400	38,400	-
Total other financing sources	859,400	1,185,900	124,645	(1,061,255)
Total revenues and other financing sources	\$ 36,355,031	\$ 36,681,531	\$ 36,366,767	\$ (314,764)

Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses .
Budget and Actual
Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
General government:				
Selectmen's office	\$ 271,485	\$ 271,485	\$ 270,105	\$ 1,380
Town clerk	121,293	121,293	117,574	3,719
Tax collector	109,326	109,326	95,390	13,936
Treasurer	173,258	173,258	169,524	3,734
Registrar	49,390	49,390	44,102	5,288
Information technology	89,456	89,456	55,695	33,761
Probate court	5,700	5,725	5,723	2
Assessor	132,292	132,292	123,071	9,221
Building department	123,062	123,062	119,326	3,736
Health department	123,328	153,328	145,133	8,195
Town hall	168,000	168,000	142,478	25,522
Insurance	739,400	727,475	648,518	78,957
Special deductions	407,000	407,000	343,446	63,554
Total general government	<u>2,512,990</u>	<u>2,531,090</u>	<u>2,280,085</u>	<u>251,005</u>
Boards and commissions:				
Harbor management commission	1,150	1,150	800	350
Economic development commission	20	20	-	20
Ethics commission	25	25	-	25
Water management authority	114,412	114,412	57,815	56,597
Board of finance	11,044	11,044	8,723	2,321
Flood and erosion control board	540	540	504	36
Historic district commission	4,700	4,700	4,577	123
Tree commission	16,050	16,050	9,110	6,940
Parks and Recreation commission	1,522	1,522	1,168	354
Board of assessment appeals	545	705	701	4
Rogers Lake authority	16,375	16,375	14,850	1,525
Land use	253,122	269,622	244,281	25,341
Sound View	13,675	13,675	10,887	2,788
Conservation commission	3,253	3,253	434	2,819
Open space	14,716	14,716	13,146	1,570
Total boards and commissions	<u>451,149</u>	<u>467,809</u>	<u>366,996</u>	<u>100,813</u>
Public works:				
Public works expenditures	<u>914,185</u>	<u>914,185</u>	<u>843,356</u>	<u>70,829</u>
Parks and recreation:				
Parks and recreation	243,071	243,071	209,723	33,348
Town Woods Park	158,000	158,000	125,982	32,018
Fireworks/Memorial day	23,500	23,500	23,388	112
Total parks and recreation	<u>424,571</u>	<u>424,571</u>	<u>359,093</u>	<u>65,478</u>
Other public safety:				
Animal control	64,329	64,329	53,670	10,659
Emergency management	17,150	17,150	14,795	2,355
Valley shore communications	142,300	142,300	142,276	24
Ambulance	166,704	166,704	147,644	19,060
Total other public safety	<u>390,483</u>	<u>390,483</u>	<u>358,385</u>	<u>32,098</u>

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses -
Budget and Actual
Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Social services:				
Social service	\$ 18,397	\$ 18,397	\$ 16,930	\$ 1,467
Lyme's youth services	87,000	87,000	87,000	-
Total social services	105,397	105,397	103,930	1,467
Fire services:				
Old Lyme fire department	212,205	212,205	195,941	16,264
Fire protection	31,000	31,000	30,897	103
Fire marshal	66,763	66,763	64,689	2,074
Firemen's incentive plan	86,000	166,000	165,957	43
Total fire services	395,968	475,968	457,484	18,484
Police services:				
Resident state police	214,500	214,500	151,609	62,891
Municipal police	654,092	654,092	611,852	42,240
Total police services	868,592	868,592	763,461	105,131
Health services:				
Social services agencies	5,542	5,542	5,542	-
VNA	74,225	74,225	73,875	350
Total health services	79,767	79,767	79,417	350
Senior citizens' activities:				
Estuary transit district	15,045	15,045	15,045	-
Estuary services	38,347	38,347	38,347	-
Senior center	94,139	94,139	89,600	4,539
Total senior citizens' activities	147,531	147,531	142,992	4,539
Other associations	357,000	357,000	357,000	-
Sanitation:				
Municipal refuse collection	362,000	362,000	362,000	-
Single stream recycling	183,000	183,000	183,000	-
CT Resources Recovery Authority	230,000	230,000	202,934	27,066
Recycling	36,800	42,800	42,735	65
Household hazardous waste	24,000	24,000	17,701	6,299
Transfer station	234,946	235,686	235,676	10
Total sanitation	1,070,746	1,077,486	1,044,046	33,440

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses -
Budget and Actual
Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Chartered associations	\$ 71,700	\$ 71,700	\$ 71,700	\$ -
Total chartered associations				
Regional School District No. 18	26,535,202	26,535,202	26,535,202	-
Debt service:				
Redemption of debt	320,000	320,000	320,000	-
Interest on debt	33,050	33,050	33,048	2
	<u>353,050</u>	<u>353,050</u>	<u>353,048</u>	<u>2</u>
Capital outlay:				
General government	467,000	472,000	451,666	20,334
Public works	160,000	160,000	129,519	30,481
Public safety	189,700	189,700	180,659	9,041
Public works roads and projects	229,000	429,000	401,897	27,103
Total capital outlay	<u>1,045,700</u>	<u>1,250,700</u>	<u>1,163,741</u>	<u>86,959</u>
Total expenditures	<u>35,724,031</u>	<u>36,050,531</u>	<u>35,279,936</u>	<u>770,595</u>
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out:				
Firefighters' equipment	130,000	130,000	130,000	-
Capital nonrecurring - revaluation	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
Town building improvement	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Road improvement fund	400,000	400,000	400,000	-
Sanitation & Recycling	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Land acquisition	75,000	75,000	75,000	-
Total other financing uses	<u>631,000</u>	<u>631,000</u>	<u>631,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures and other financing uses	<u><u>\$ 36,355,031</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 36,681,531</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 35,910,936</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 770,595</u></u>

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Schedule 3

Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut
Report of Property Tax Collector
Year Ended June 30, 2018

Grand List Year	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2016	Lawful Corrections				Collections				Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2018	
		Current Year Levy		Additions Deductions		Transfers to Suspense		Adjusted Taxes Collectible			
		\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-		
Suspense	\$ 131	-	\$ 2,831	\$ -	\$ 2,831	\$ -	\$ 131	\$ 2,831	\$ 2,796	\$ 5,627	
2002	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2003	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2005	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2006	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2007	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2008	648	-	648	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2009	1,160	-	950	-	210	-	210	-	47	281	
2010	4,789	-	961	-	3,828	-	3,828	-	4,421	24	
2011	7,427	-	984	-	6,443	-	6,443	-	4,038	96	
2012	28,294	-	986	-	27,308	-	25,554	-	18,882	120	
2013	81,554	-	448	1,345	15,928	-	64,699	-	54,440	28,980	
2014	196,078	-	1,377	2,862	-	-	194,593	-	101,198	360	
2015	352,010	-	3,270	8,551	-	-	346,729	-	183,343	31,876	
Total Prior Years	672,061	-	7,926	17,287	15,928	-	646,772	-	377,847	129,138	
2016	<u>\$ 34,417,945</u>	<u>\$ 41,574</u>	<u>\$ 214,756</u>	<u>\$ 232,043</u>	<u>\$ 49,500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 34,244,763</u>	<u>\$ 15,928</u>	<u>\$ 33,862,739</u>	<u>\$ 82,544</u>	
Total	<u><u>\$ 672,061</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,417,945</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 49,500</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 232,043</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 49,500</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,240,586</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,891,535</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 34,116,682</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 64</u></u>	
										<u><u>\$ 4,402</u></u>	
										<u><u>\$ 33,945,347</u></u>	
										<u><u>\$ 34,456,670</u></u>	
										<u><u>\$ 650,949</u></u>	

Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2018

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2018

Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended June 30, 2018

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended June 30, 2018

	Capital Projects Funds						Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	
	Capital Nonrecurring	Town Building Improvement	Land Acquisition	Firefighters' Equipment	Hains Park Boathouse	Sound View Bike Path-Improvement	Road Improvement	Total
Revenues:								
Charges for services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	110,607
Investment income	227	834	6,628	5,318	-	22,515	-	49,539
Contributions	-	-	1,000	-	-	-	-	15,783
Other revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,246
Total revenues	227	834	7,628	5,318	-	22,515	-	19,428
								206,603
Expenditures:								
Current:								
General government	-	56,334	-	-	-	-	-	56,334
Public works	-	-	-	-	19,235	44,667	238,575	283,242
Parks and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,235
Other public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Police services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,604
Health services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,117
Senior citizens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23,024
Total expenditures	-	56,334	-	-	19,235	44,667	238,575	358,811
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	227	(55,500)	7,628	5,318	(19,235)	(22,152)	(238,575)	(322,299)
								(269,260)
Other financing sources (uses):								
Transfers in	41,600	5,000	75,000	130,000	-	-	400,000	651,600
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	652,600 (60,000)
Net other financing sources (uses)	41,600	5,000	75,000	130,000	-	-	400,000	592,600
Net change in fund balances	41,827	(50,500)	82,628	135,318	(19,235)	(22,152)	161,425	323,340
Fund balances - July 1, 2017	106,948	123,201	577,147	535,318	50,910	32,367	6,291	1,432,182
Fund balances - June 30, 2018	\$ 148,775	\$ 72,701	\$ 659,775	\$ 670,636	\$ 31,675	\$ 10,215	\$ 167,716	\$ 1,761,493
								\$ 2,061,602

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