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Cover: On April 24, Old Lyme fire and police personnel and first responders held a parade through many streets throughout the town, with approximate arrival times available on line. Residents were asked to post hearts on their lawns, mailboxes, houses, or hand-held posters to show their appreciation; people were hungry for a fun event, even though the day was drizzly, and enthusiastically responded! This medley of hearts shown on the cover is a testimony to the thankfulness residents expressed that day for Old Lyme's first responders.

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Introduction

Michele Dickey
Editor

I haven't written an introduction in several years, since I stopped suggesting "themes" for town reports. Many groups found it hard to relate to the themes I suggested, and themes lost their effectiveness anyway if all contributors didn't choose to adhere to them.

But a PANDEMIC?? No one could say they weren't bothered by it, or it had no effect on them personally. How were the actions of the boards and commissions changed? How did we as a town react? We were forced to come together as a town and unite in our actions more than ever. Groups had to find new, more creative ways to meet. We were forced to address new needs that arose. People had to be willing to accept that change was necessary and be ready to pivot—maybe suddenly-- from old ways of doing things to new.

Here in town and in towns all over the world, the need for sudden change has been felt severely in schools by students, teachers, and faculty alike. Lyme-Old Lyme got high marks from families for their efforts in the classroom and in other areas, such as making meals available and supplying electronic devices for students. Graduating seniors lost many traditional culminating events, such as proms and banquets and class trips, not to mention the usual graduation ceremonies. But many efforts were made that made alternative activities, while different, still special, and the townspeople helped.

The police and fire departments, ambulance, and Lymes' Youth Service Bureau (LYSB) all joined forces to lift sagging spirits in town on April 24, when the situation was still relatively new, by holding a parade of emergency vehicles through many of the roads in town and encouraging residents to display hearts. Following graduation, these same groups organized an incredible parade of cars, inviting all graduates to participate!

LYSB has helped throughout this ordeal. It has helped Ledge Light with mask distribution and made masks available at their Lyme Street headquarters. They have offered advice on how to discuss this situation with children and held masked playgroups for children with their caregivers and provided emotional support through parent coffee hours. They have held food drives alone and with the Old Lyme Police "fill-the-cruiser" events at Big Y. They support not only Old Lyme's youth but the wider community.

In this book you'll see that some old regulars may be missing, but new groups who asked to share their experiences are here. I hope all of you are coping and haven't suffered personal losses in your families. And here's hoping that life will be closer to normal by the time the next town report comes out.

Timothy Griswold
First Selectman

The most significant event for Old Lyme, for Connecticut, for the United States and even for our world during fiscal year 2020 (July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020) has been the COVID 19 pandemic virus. The virus started in Wuhan, China and became known as a health threat in January 2020. It came fairly undetected to the western part of the United States and to other parts of the globe first and began to spread via human transmission quickly. As it spread eastward throughout the US, it became apparent the virus was not just another flu – it was a much more serious disease that would have grave consequences for our world.

In Connecticut, we did not see the rapid spread of the virus as we saw in major US cities, but the health care professionals painted a dark picture for us all. As the virus gripped New York City, it became evident that it was only a question of time before the virus would have profound consequences for us in Old Lyme. Our state took a proactive stance in addressing the spread of the virus by directing businesses, state and local governments and all of us to take drastic steps to protect against the spread. Our governor started issuing a series of executive orders that changes life as we knew it. We all were instructed to wear face masks in public, stay six feet apart from people not in our households, and wash our hands frequently. It was alarming to hear that the hospitals were running out of PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) and that there weren't enough ventilators and hospital beds to handle the case loads. Front-line workers were pushed to the limit as the case-loads and deaths mounted.

Locally, on March 16, the Town of Old Lyme declared a Local Health Emergency and the Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools "closed" and started teaching via distance learning. We closed the town hall to the public on March 18 and several employees began working from home. The town hall was reopened on June 22, after we instituted many new protocols and protective barriers. Ledge Light Health District announced the town's first positive case on March 29 and we braced for what was to come. The governor's executive orders closed restaurants, gyms, hair salons/barber shops, and a host of other

"nonessential" businesses. Short-term rental of properties (under 32 days) was also banned. At least we had access to "essential services" such as food stores, liquor stores, gas stations, and certain other stores. On May 2, the board of selectmen closed the town beaches but reopened them on May 23, at very reduced capacities. Other casualties included the Memorial Day Parade, the usual school graduation, and the Midsummer Festival and fireworks. And who won't forget the hoarding of certain necessary things we buy, such as toilet paper and bottled water? This persisted for an unusually long time. Old Lyme was fortunate to avoid a spike in COVID cases as evidenced by our total reported cases of 23 as of June 30. Regrettably, that number of cases includes two deaths.

This year's Citizen of the Year is not a single person but a team of five—the "Tuesday Morning Work Crew" of the Old Lyme Historical Society. This was not the first time we chose to honor more than one individual; there have been several such multiple recipients of the Citizen of the Year awards in recent years. In 2016, Teachers, Aides, and Students of the LOL Life Skills and Transition Program were selected, and in 1993, Linda Pinn and Mary Looney were Citizens of the Year together. All Old Lyme volunteer firemen were so honored in 1986, in 1984 we recognized all Students Against Drunk Driving, and Old Lyme-South End Volunteer Ambulance Association members were recognized in 1983. Charter Members of the Old Lyme Fire Department received the award in 1972.

In addition to the normal, annual fiscal year 2021 budget process, the town undertook its statistical revaluation of property (real estate, personal property, and vehicles). The town's Grand List actually decreased 2.47%, which means the mill rate would need to increase to maintain the same level of revenue. Not all homeowners saw their valuations decrease, and most owners of commercial real estate saw their valuations increase. The Regional District 18 FY 2021 school budget saw a record low decrease of 0.05%. The school board sharpened its pencil and some bond refinancing and other favorable factors helped. The town budget decreased by

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1.00%, mainly due to a smaller capital budget, but the mill rate increased by 0.8 mills to 23.2 mills due to the decrease in the Grand List. We thank members of the school board, the board of finance, and town hall staff for their diligence in keeping taxes low while maintaining services we depend on.

The ten-year census kicked off in 2020. An accurate count of all CT citizens is important to determine the number of elected congressional officials we will have and how many federal dollars our state will receive. The count in Old Lyme is more difficult because census forms are sent to all property addresses, including seasonal homes, so citizens are encouraged to complete and return their census forms.

The selectman's office received numerous complaints about the rising level of the Black Hall Pond caused by beaver dams. While the town does not own any property along the Black Hall River (aka Bucky Brook), which flows south from Black Hall Pond toward Whippoorwill Road, we launched an investigation to find out where a dam or dams were located that caused or contributed to the water level rise. After engaging helpful folks from the Old Lyme Land Trust (which does own property on the river) who used drone reconnaissance and actual kayak searching through the dense underbrush, only one beaver dam was located and it was on the land trust's property. The land trust took corrective action and the water level went down, but one resident on the pond maintained the level was still higher than it should be. While many people think beaver problems must be corrected by the town, the regulations stipulate it is the responsibility of a land owner that has a beaver dam on his/her property to take steps to correct the problem. If the owner fails to do so, the town can take action, including correcting the problem and billing the owner for any expenses incurred. Beavers have been a presence in CT for centuries and some maintain their dams are part of the natural process. The town will intervene as necessary, and land owners must do their part to protect the land and buildings of their neighbors.

On July 1, 2019, Gary Yuknat, Old Lyme's beloved refuse and recycling hauler for over 30 years, sold his business to CWPM, LLC and the town concurrently hired CWPM as its refuse

and recycling contractor. There was a lot of thoughtful preparation for the change and the change has been seamless. One new feature is that instead of recycling being picked up every other week, it is now picked up weekly. We wish Gary a well-deserved retirement.

The town has several important ongoing projects:

Sound View Sewers and CT Water – The Sound View water and sewer project involves three private beach associations (Old Lyme Shores, Old Colony Beach, and Miami Beach) and the Town of Old Lyme (Sound View Beach). The beach associations and the town will install their own gravity sewer systems and they will share ownership and the cost to acquire and operate certain “shared assets,” consisting of collection pipes, a pump station, a force main, and an odor-control facility. Because each of the three beach associations is a private, state-chartered beach association, each is responsible for installing and funding its own gravity sewer system. Because Sound View is not a state-chartered beach association and its roads are town roads, the town must finance its gravity sewer system with the understanding that the Sound View users of the system will pay for its cost and Sound View's share to operate the shared assets. On August 13, 2019, the town voters approved bonding for the Sound View sewer project in the amount of \$9.5 million. The town, as well as the private beaches, will be eligible for a 25% reimbursement by the Clean Water Fund of certain project costs.

The three private beaches and the town have spent months working on several agreements: an Agreement to Join the Cost-Sharing Agreement, a Town of Old Lyme “Street” Easement, and a “Maratta” Easement. Because the three private beaches are farther along than the town, they have entered into a Cost-Sharing Agreement that details how they will pay for and apportion the cost to construct and pay for the shared assets. The town is catching up – it has hired the engineering firm of Woodward and Curran to design the Sound View gravity sewer system and it has been working on the above-referenced agreements. The Agreement spells out what the town must do before it may join the Cost-Sharing Agreement. The Street Easement will grant the three private beach associations an easement to install shared

assets (sewer piping) over town streets and Alley #1. The Maratta Easement will grant the three beach associations and the Town of Old Lyme an easement over the dirt parking lot behind the Pavilion restaurant/bar at the end of Swan and Hartford Aves. Once these agreements are fully executed, the three beach associations' engineer (Fuss & O'Neill) can complete the design work for the shared assets and put that part of the project out to bid. It is planned that this will happen by the end of December 2020 so work may begin in the spring of 2021.

Connecticut Water has been working within several beach associations and Oakridge to upgrade its water pipes before the end of December 2020. In Sound View (on the north portions of Swan and Portland Aves. and in roads north of Rte. 156), this has involved replacing 2-inch water mains with 8-inch mains and connecting many properties to the existing and new 8-inch mains. The cost of this work is funded by CT Water, except for some property connection for new CT Water customers.

Sound View Sidewalks – In January 2019, the town was awarded a Community Connecticut Grant by the State of CT in the amount of \$400,000 to construct new 5-foot sidewalks in the Sound View area: on the west side of Hartford Ave. between Bocce Lane and Rte. 156 and on the north side of Rte. 156 between Cross Lane and the Old Lyme Police Station. The committee (Chair Mary Jo Nosal, Jim Lampos, Eric Olson, Frank Pappalardo, and Bonnie Reemsnyder) has been meeting since April 2019 to hire a project engineer and to handle the many details to prepare the project to go out to bid. In January 2020, the committee hired BSC Group of Glastonbury, CT for a lump sum to design the sidewalks and put the project out to bid. The design was complicated because several of the properties on Hartford Ave. are lower than the street and this requires extra design work and, in some cases, extra work on the private property. The sidewalks on Rte. 156 are on state property and the engineering work there required numerous design changes along the road. The committee spent considerable time working with property owners to explain what changes will be required. The committee plans to put the project out to bid in November 2020

for construction to start in March 2021 and completion by Memorial Day.

Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Expansion – After months of planning, the Library Board of Directors developed a plan to renovate the library and reconfigure the grounds. While the building would not be expanded, the interior space would be completely redesigned and the building systems upgraded. The board hired an architect to prepare preliminary plans and mailed informational pieces to residents describing the board's vision. It is noteworthy that the last big renovation was completed in 1995. The total cost of the project was estimated to be \$3,050,000. The library was successful at obtaining a state grant for \$1 million, and the board volunteered to raise \$350,000. The board asked the town if it would finance the remaining \$1,750,000, and in July 2018 the town meeting approved the financing. There was a groundbreaking event on November 21; we all look forward to seeing the finished product.

Mile Creek Rd. and Grassy Hill Rd. Bridge Replacement – After months of engineering work and permitting, the \$1,192,300 project is ready for Machnik Bros. Construction to begin work on July 13, 2020 to replace the Mile Creek Road Bridge. The town has already received the state's 50% grant money, and the work should be complete in early September.

The Grassy Hill Rd. bridge project is planned for 2021; preliminary engineering work is being done at present. This project is also eligible for 50% state funding. In January 2020, we were informed by the State Historic Preservation Office that, because there might be historical artifacts in the area of construction, the town was required to hire an archaeologic consultant to examine the site. This was done and nothing of significance was found.

Hains Park Restroom Building – The committee has been working on plans to remove the existing substandard restroom building and construct a new building. One of the issues is that the current well has a very meager flow so, after considering the alternatives, the committee decided to install 800 gallons of water storage capacity in the crawl space of the building so that the existing well could pump water slowly to resupply the tanks after use. As the old well

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was drilled over 500 feet deep and still had poor flow, the committee thought drilling a new well would be too risky. The building plans were finalized, and the boards of finance and selectmen approved the financing in the amount of \$224,000. Construction is expected to start in September and finish in December of 2020.

Senior Center Expansion – A joint Lyme – Old Lyme Senior Center Expansion Committee was formed to investigate what type of building expansion is recommended. The Friends of the Lymes' Senior Center contributed \$15,000 to the effort, and the Towns of Lyme and Old Lyme together earmarked \$15,000 as well. The committee has had several meetings and has developed a questionnaire to ask senior-center users what they would like to see. Planning is in the very early stages at this point.

During fiscal year 2020, there were two anniversaries of note: the South End Volunteer Ambulance Association's 70th anniversary and the Point O' Woods Beach Association's 100th anniversary. Congratulations to both organizations.

Last, there have been some changes of personnel in town government. After 22 years of service, Cathy Frank, Executive Assistant to the First Selectman, retired. I likened Cathy to "Radar O'Reilly" in the television show *MASH* because she always anticipated problems based on

her formidable knowledge of town government. Michelle Noehren assumed Cathy's position and came with an impressive background, including working at the State capitol. In April 2020, Dan Bourret was hired as our Land Use Coordinator and has hit the road running. Dan was the former Zoning Enforcement Officer in Portland, CT and, most recently, was the GIS Coordinator for the CT River Council of Governments. George Martin was hired as a Maintainer III with our Public Works Dept., replacing Paul Fiore. George formerly worked for a local tree service company. In February 2020, Matt Weber (a resident of Old Lyme) became our new Resident State Trooper. Matt has been a Trooper for 12 years and his police dog, Tazz, is his loyal companion. Following the resignation of Bill Zipadelli, Sam Barnes moved up from a part-time position to be our sixth police officer. Sam is a former Old Saybrook police officer. The town also hired two part-time officers – Paul DeCrosto of Deep Rive and a retired detective with the East Haven Police Dept. and Matt Ward, a retired State Trooper who resides in Old Lyme. Last, as I assumed the position of First Selectman in November 2020, I want to thank Bonnie Reemsnyder for her eight years (four terms) of service to the town. She is still involved with the Sound View Sidewalk Committee and we wish her well in her future endeavors.

Elected Officials

Term Expires

First Selectwoman , Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)	Nov. 2019
First Selectman , Timothy C. Griswold (R)	Nov. 2021
Selectwoman , Mary Jo Nosal, (D)	Nov. 2021
Selectman , Christopher Kerr (R).....	Nov. 2021
Town Clerk , Vicki Urbowicz (R)	Jan. 2022
Town Treasurer , Timothy C. Griswold (R).....	Nov. 2019
Michael Reiter (D)	Nov. 2023
Tax Collector , Judith Tooker (R)	Nov. 2023

Board of Finance

Andrew L. Russell, Chairman (R)	Nov. 2021
Janet Sturges (R)	Nov. 2025
David Woolley (D).....	Nov. 2021
H. Perry Garvin III (R)	Nov. 2023
Bennett J. Bernblum (D).....	Nov. 2023
J. David Kelsey (R)	Nov. 2025

Board of Finance Alternates

Adam Burrows (D)	Nov. 2021
Judith Read (R)	Nov. 2021
Anna Reiter (D).....	Nov. 2019
Matthew Olson(R).....	Nov.2021

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. 2025
Robert McCarthy, Vice Chairman (D).....	Nov. 2022
Steven Ross (R)	Nov. 2024
Todd Machnik (R)	Nov. 2021
Donald Willis (R)	Nov. 2021
Barbara Gaudio (U).....	Nov. 2023

Regional Board of Education

Erick Cushman (R)	Dec. 2019
Diane Linderman (D)	Dec. 2021
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
Suzanne Thompson (R)	Dec. 2023
Jennifer L. Miller (R).....	Dec. 2023
Steven J. Wilson (R)	Dec. 2023
Mary Powell-St. Louis, Lyme.....	Dec. 2019
Stacy Leonardo, Lyme	Dec. 2021

Elected Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Registrars of Voters

Catherine Carter (R)	Nov. 2021
Marylin Clarke (D)	Nov. 2021

Zoning Commission

Alan Todd (U)	Nov. 2022
Gil Soucie (D)	Nov. 2019
Jane Cable (D)	Nov. 2020
Jane Marsh (R)	Nov. 2021
Paul Orzel (U)	Nov. 2023
Tammy Tinnerello (R)	Nov. 2024

Zoning Commission Alternates

Katherine Klose (D)	Jan. 2021
Maria Martinez (D)	Jan. 2021
Michael Barnes (U)	Jan. 2021

Zoning Board of Appeals

Nancy Hutchinson, Chairman (R)	Nov. 2024
Kip Kotzan (D)	Nov. 2021
Marisa Hartman (D)	Nov. 2020
Dan Montano (R)	Nov. 2022
Stephanie Mickle (D)	Nov. 2023

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Devin Carney (R)	Nov. 2021
Stephen Dix (R)	Nov. 2020
Sherry Johnston (R)	Nov. 2021

Appointed Officials

Term Expires

Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council

Catherine Frank (R)..... (Resigned Oct. 2019) Jan. 2021
Russ Gomes (R) Jan. 2021

Commission on Aging

Karen Veselka (OLVNA) (standing)
Cynthia Taylor (Municipal Agent)..... (standing)
Phyllis Shepard-Tambini (R) Jan. 2021
Joan Bonvicin (D) Jan. 2021
Susan Fogliano, Chair (D) (Appointed Oct. 2019) Jan. 2022
Francesca Biasucci (D) (Appointed Jan. 2020) Jan. 2023
Stephanie Lyon-Gould (Sr. Ctr. Dir.) Ex Officio

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

Peter Cable (D) July 2020
Suzanne Thompson (R) July 2022
Gregory Futoma, Alternate (D)..... July 2022

Conservation Commission

George James (R) Jan. 2021
Tom Sherer, Chairman (D) Jan. 2023
Maureen Plumleigh (U) Jan. 2021
George Ryan (R) (Appointed Jan. 2020) Jan. 2021
Gary Gregory (U)..... (Appointed Jan. 2020) Jan. 2023
Anthony Daniels (D) (Appointed chair Jan. 2020) Jan. 2023
Peter Cable (D) Ex Officio

Economic Development Commission

Joseph Camean (R)..... Jan. 2023
John Stratton (R)..... Jan. 2025
William O'Meara (R) (Resigned) Jan. 2022
Gregory Symon (R) Jan. 2020
Howard Margules, Chair (D)..... Jan. 2021
Edith Twining (D)..... Jan. 2024
David Rubino (D)..... (Appointed May 2020) Jan. 2021
Barbara Gaudio (U)..... (Appointed May 2020) Jan. 2021
Candace Fuchs (D) (Appointed Feb. 2020) Jan. 2022

Ethics Commission

Dr. Robert Staab, Chairman (R)
Michael P. O'Brien, Vice Chairman (U)
Jennifer Kendall (D)
Dwayne Basler (R)
Ron Paine (R)
Marylin Clarke, Ombudsman

Board of Assessment Appeals Alternates

Peter Hunt (D) Jan. 2020

Emergency Management Director

David Roberge..... Jan. 2022

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Estuary Transit District

John Forbis (D) Jan. 2021

Flood and Erosion Control Board

Steve Ross (R) Jan. 2022

Gary Smith (R) Jan. 2022

Todd Machnik, Chairman (R) Jan. 2020

Steve Martino (D) Jan. 2021

Donald Willis (U) Jan. 2021

David Roberge Ex Officio

Halls Road Improvement Committee

Ray Thompson (R)

Bud Canaday (R)

Cheryl Poirier (U)

Michael Reiter (D)

Edie Twining, Chair (D)

Howard Margules (D)

Matt Merritt (D)

Debi Czarnecki (R)

Harbor Management Commission

Steve Ross, Chair (R) Jan. 2022

Michael Magee (U) Jan. 2022

John MacDonald (R) Jan. 2024

William Harris (D) Jan. 2024

Tom Meyer (R) Jan. 2021

George Finley (D) Jan. 2021

Mark Beatty (U) Jan. 2021

Robert Falaguerra (R) Jan. 2022

Jeffrey Meinke (U) Jan. 2022

Richard Shriver (R) Jan. 2021

Chris Staab (R) Jan. 2022

Teri Lewis (R) Jan. 2023

Harry S. Plaut, Harbormaster (R) Ex Officio

Michael Mackey, Deputy Harbormaster (U) Ex Officio

Historic District Commission

John Forbis (D) Jan. 2024

Dini Mallory (R) Jan. 2021

Cynthia Taylor, Chairman (U) Jan. 2022

John Noyes (U) Jan. 2025

Jeff Cooley (D) July 2023

John Pfeiffer, Town Historian Ex Officio

Historic District Commission Alternates

C. Russell Todd (U) Jan. 2023

Carolyn Wakeman (D) Jan. 2022

Deborah Czarnecki (D) Jan. 2022

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission

Evan Griswold (R).....	Jan. 2022
Tom Machnik (R).....	Jan. 2021
Rachel Gaudio, Chair (U).....	Jan. 2023
Gary Gregory (U).....	Jan. 2023
Robert DePianta (D).....	Jan. 2023
William McNeil (R).....	Jan. 2021
Michael Miller (R).....	Jan. 2022

Justices of the Peace: 1/3/2017-1/4/2021

(Elected at caucus or through application)

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

Kindness Committee

Dan Cotton	Jane Folland	Michelle Noehren, Chair
Jennifer Datum	Katie Huffman	Mary V. Seidner
Baylee Drown	Renee Molnar	Noah Ventola
Missy Garvin		David Verzillo

Ledge Light Board

Thomas Gotowka (R).....	Jul. 2023
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Lymes' Senior Center—Board of Directors

Doris Hungerford (Lyme)	
Gary Weed (Lyme)	
Diana Seckla (Lyme)	
Dorothy McAndrew (R).....	Jul. 2019
Doris Johnson, Secretary (R).....	Jul. 2021
Susan Campbell (R).....	Jul. 2022
Joan Bonvicin (D).....	Jul. 2023
Kathy Lockwood, Vice Chair (D).....	Jul. 2023
Jeri Baker, Chair (D).....	Jul. 2021
John Cody (R).....	<i>(Resigned Apr. 2020)</i> Jul. 2022
Donald Abraham, Treasurer (D).....	Jul. 2023
Jacqueline Roberts (D).....	Jul. 2021
David Griswold (R).....	Jul. 2022
Jane Folland (U).....	Jul. 2023

Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Cynthia Taylor (R).....	Jan. 2022
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Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Open Space Commission

Amanda Blair, Co-Chair (D)	Jan. 2022
Evan Griswold (D).....	Jan. 2023
William Dunbar, Co-chair (R).....	Jan. 2021
Peter Cable (D)	Jan. 2022
Bruce Baratz (D).....	Jan. 2021
Gary Gregory (U).....	Jan. 2023
Gregory Futoma (D).....	Jan. 2023
Andrea Fenton (D)	Jan. 2021

Parks and Recreation Commission

Glynn McArw (R).....	Jan. 2023
Robert Dunn, Chair (R)	Jan. 2020
Nigel Logan (R)	<i>(Resigned)</i> Jan. 2020
John Flower (R).....	Jan. 2021
Mary Ellen Garbarino (R).....	Jan. 2021
Missy Colburn Garvin(U).....	Jan. 2022
Tim Gavin (U)	Jan. 2022
Brendan McKeever (R)	Jan. 2023
Don Bugbee, Parks and Rec. Director.....	Ex-Officio

Pension Committee

Gil Soucie (D).....	<i>(Resigned 11/12/2019)</i> Jan. 2021
Jean Wilczynski, Chair (D)	Jan. 2021
Skip Sibley (R).....	Jan. 2022
Richard Stout (U).....	Jan. 2023
Vicki Urbowicz, <i>Staff Rep</i>	
Holly McCalla, <i>Regional School District #18</i>	
David Kelsey, <i>BOF Appointment</i>	

Planning Commission Alternates

Donald Willis (R)	Jan. 2021
Alexander Klose (D)	Jan. 2021

Poet Laureate

Roger Singer

Deputy Registrars

Jackie Miano

Michele Hayes

Rogers Lake Authority

Jenell Janes (R)	Jan. 2023
Robert Recor (U)	Jan. 2021
Richard Smith, Chair (U).....	Jan. 2022
Toni Phillips, Lyme	
Dennis Overfield, Lyme, Chair	
Mark Hastings, Lyme	

Shellfish Commission

Mervin F. Roberts (R)	Jan. 2021
John Seckla (U)	Jan. 2021
Todd Machnik (R)	Jan. 2023

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
Sound View Commission	
David Kelsey (R)	Jan. 2021
Harry Plaut (R)	Jan. 2022
Joanne Reis Lishing (D)	Jan. 2022
Frank Pappalardo, Chairman (R)	Jan. 2023
Michaelle Pearson (D)	Jan. 2023
Sound View Commission Alternates	
Frank Maratta (R).....	Jan. 2021
Jackie Miano(R).....	Jan. 2021
Paul Orzel (U)	Jan. 2021
Judith Read (R)	Jan. 2020
Regional Agricultural Council	
Baylee Drown (U)	Jan. 2025
Town Counsel	
Suisman Shapiro	Jan. 2022
Town Historian	
John Pfeiffer (D)	
Tree Commission	
Joanne DiCamillo, Chairman (U).....	Jan. 2023
Anne Bing (D).....	Jan. 2022
Emily Griswold (R)	Jan. 2022
Joan Flynn, M.D. (D)	Jan. 2022
Michael Gaffey (D)	Jan. 2023
Thomas Degnan (U).....	Ex-Officio
Tree Warden	
Thomas Degnan (U).....	Jan. 2022
Water Pollution Control Authority	
Dmitri Tolchinski (R)	Jan. 2022
Frank Chan (D)	Jan. 2022
Richard Prendergast, Chair (R).....	Jan. 2021
Andrea Lombard (U)	Jan. 2021
Douglas Wilkinson (D).....	Jan. 2021
Robert McCarthy (D)	Jan. 2021
Joseph Carpentino (D).....	Jan. 2023
Steve Cinami (R)	Jan. 2023
James Birge (U)	Jan. 2022
Water Pollution Control Authority Alternates	
Robert Nixon (R)	Jan. 2020
Water Pollution Control Authority Hearing Panel	
Robert DePianta (D)	July 2019
Zoning Commission Alternates	
Harvey Gemme (U).....	Jan. 2020
Maria Martinez (D)	Jan. 2021
Katherine Klose (D)	Jan. 2021
Michael Barnes (U)	Jan. 2021

Town Staff

Animal Control Officer	Lynn Philemon
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 (<i>until 11/17/2019</i>).....	Bonnie Reemsnyder
First Selectman (<i>as of 11/18/2019</i>)	Timothy C. Griswold
Executive Assistant (<i>until 10/11/2019</i>)	Catherine Frank
Senior Manager-Administration (<i>as of 10/21/2019</i>).....	Michelle Noehren
Manager.....	Michele E. Hayes
Senior Center Director	Stephanie Lyon-Gould
Senior Center Assistant.....	Cheryl Parsons
Social Services Coordinator.....	Jennifer Datum
Tax Clerk (<i>until end of June 2020</i>)	Toni O'Connor
Tax Collector	Judy Tooker
Town Clerk	Vicki Urbowicz
Assistant Town Clerk	Courtney Joy

Resident State Trooper: TFC Gregory Hunter

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

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Superintendent – Edward Adanti

Recycling Coordinator – Donald Rutty

Ben Carroll
Scott D'Amato
George Martin

Richard Gocka
Brian Lorentson
Robert Perry
Donald Saunders

Election Results – Municipal Election Nov. 5, 2019

First Selectman

Democrat – Bonnie A. Reemsnyder, 1,403
Republican – Timothy C. Griswold, 1,774*

Selectmen

Democrat – Mary Jo Nosal, 1,495
Republican – Christopher W. Kerr, 1,676*

Town Treasurer

Democrat – Michael Reiter, 1,430
Republican – Timothy C. Griswold, 1,691*

Tax Collector

Democrat – Sarah E. Michaelson, 1,262
Republican – Judith A. Tooker, 1,905*

Board of Finance

Democrat – David A. Rubino, 1,361
Democrat – Anna S. Reiter, 1,367
Republican – Janet G. Sturges, 1,768*
Republican – J. David Kelsey, 1,695*

Board of Finance Alternate

Democrat – Adam S. Burrows, 1,532*
Democrat – Craig Taliento, 1,430
Republican – Judith Read, 1,921*
Republican – Matthew Olson, 1,777 *

Board of Assessment Appeals

Democrat – ---
Republican – David W. Evers, Jr., 2,235*

Planning Commission 5 Year Term Begins 2019

Democrat – Alexander Klose, 1,347
Republican – Steven A. Ross, 1,712*

Planning Commission 5 Year Term Begins 2020

Democrat – Jim Lamos, 1,409
Republican – Harold Thompson, 1,662*

Zoning Commission 5 Year Term Begins 2019

Democratic – Harvey Gemme, 1,267
Republican – Tammy Tinnerello, 1,721*

Zoning Commission 5 Year Term Begins 2020

Democratic – Jane Cable, 1,366
Republican – Michael Miller, 1,609*

Zoning Board of Appeals 5 Year Term Begins 2019

Democrat – Mara Lowry, 1,357
Republican – Nancy Hutchinson, 1,616*

Zoning Board of Appeals 5 Year Term Begins 2020

Democrat – Kathleen Tracy, 1,389
Republican – Stephen P. Dix, 1,558*

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Republican – Devin Carney, 2,174*
Republican – Sherry Johnston, 2,007*

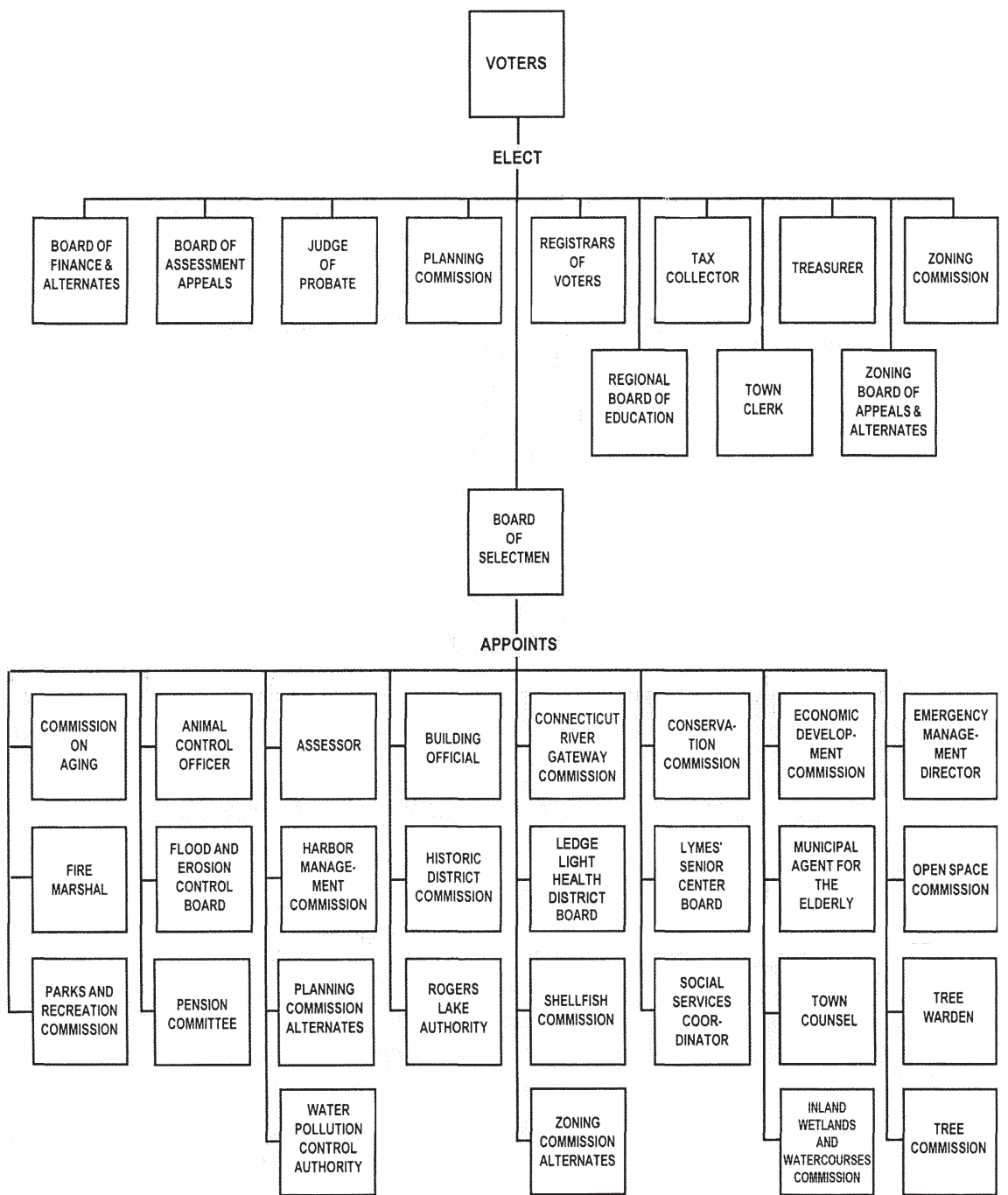
Regional Board of Education

Democrat – Sarah W. Bowman, 1,471
Democrat – Lorianne Panzara-Griswold, 1,400
Democrat – Jason L. Kemp, 1,341
Republican – Suzanne S. Thompson, 1,600*
Republican – Jennifer L. Miller, 1,512*
Republican – Steven J. Wilson, 1,518*

Timothy C. Griswold declined the Town Treasurer position as he won the First Selectman office. Michael Reiter took over the Town Treasurer position.

*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

<https://www.blumenthal.senate.gov/>

90 State House Square, 10th Floor
Hartford (860) 258-6940
915 Lafayette Blvd., Rm 230
Bridgeport (203) 330-0598
706 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC (202) 224-2823

U.S. Senator Chris Murphy

<http://www.murphy.senate.gov/>

One Constitution Plaza, 7th Fl.
Hartford, Connecticut 06103
(860) 549-8463
136 Hart Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510
(202) 224-4041

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

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2348 Rayburn HOB
Washington, DC 20515
(202) 225-2076
55 Main Street, Suite 250
Norwich, CT 06360
(860) 886-0139

CT State Senator Paul Formica (20th District)

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Legislative Office Building
300 Capitol Avenue
Hartford, CT 06106
1-800-842-1421 (CT only) 860-240-8800 (out of state)

CT State Representative Devin Carney (23rd District)

<http://cthousegop.com/devin-carney/>

Connecticut House Republican Office
L.O.B. Room 4200
Hartford, CT 06106
860-240-8700 800-842-1423 (toll-free in CT)

Marriages July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Jacob Paul Bocian & Brittany Anne Sutera (Haddam)	July 5, 2019
Daniel Joseph Pegnataro & Tanya Lee Wenke	July 6, 2019
Aaron Taylor Zrenda & Naomi Harris	July 6, 2019
William John Harovas & Jodi Lynn Kelly	July 6, 2019
Dylan Alexander Heim & Christina Anne Pelletier	July 6, 2019
Niels Giffey & Erin Marie Dinnan (Deep River)	July 12, 2019
William Atkinson Sadleir Magrath III & Carolyn Regan Pastel	July 13, 2019
Patrick Murray DeBiasi & Avery Ann Toppino	July 13, 2019
Jake Joseph Longolucco & Sarah Ann Melvin Chabal	July 13, 2019
David Scott Bureau & Nilcileia Luisa daSilva	July 16, 2019
Christopher Lawrence Jaccoma & Melissa Gene Gatti	July 20, 2019
Roberto Alvarez Gonzalez IV & Marguerite Frances Hobbs	July 20, 2019
Kevin Malloy Montanaro & Ashley Jeannette Crete	July 27, 2019
Kevin Michael Barnaby & Abigail Brooke Stevenson	August 4, 2019
Luis Antonio Arbelo & Elizabeth Ayala	August 9, 2019
Steven Richard Cowles & Nancy Lou Cusson	August 17, 2019
Alexandra Elizabeth Loutsion & Ann Rebecca Goren Rosen	August 18, 2019
James Michael Harrington & Cristina June Thomas (East Haddam)	August 24, 2019
Michael David Miller & Sarah Pierson Carlson (Griswold)	August 24, 2019
Thomas Warren LeBrun & Kathryn Kross	August 24, 2019
Timothy Joseph Smith & Karla Rosa Lara	August 30, 2019
Donald S. Super & Chevala I. DeLorenze (Old Saybrook)	August 31, 2019
Matthew Brian Vinci & Gail Elizabeth Butler	August 31, 2019
Anthony Cambio & Jennifer Lee Ward	September 1, 2019
Travis Hall Knightly & Karen O'Konis Bessette	September 1, 2019
Whitney Kyle Coleman & Alexandra Barbara Formica	September 7, 2019
Andrew William Meigs & Sarah Elizabeth Catlett	September 7, 2019
Matthew Michael Iovanna & April Elizabeth Darling (Milford)	September 7, 2019
Laurie Joan Herring-Sylvestre & Holly Jo Thomen (Waterford)	September 9, 2019
Thomas Edward Duarte & Caitlyn Elizabeth Driscoll (Waterford)	September 14, 2019
Timothy Scott Crakes & Kenzie June Harrick	September 14, 2019
Michael Joseph Russo & Sarah Lavoie	September 14, 2019
Stephen James Exner & Victoria Stewart Serues	September 14, 2019
Scott Allan Baker & Faith Ruth Johnson	September 21, 2019
John Steven Larrow & Krista Leigh Baroni	September 28, 2019
Nicholas Michael SanGiacomo & Brooke Elizabeth Bailey	September 28, 2019
William Bowe & Loren Marie Malicki	September 28, 2019
Jonathan Wolf & Stephanie Shuska	September 28, 2019
Robert Joseph Doughty & Jessica Lee Avolese	September 28, 2019
Brian Adam Burke & Julie Brady Ramaccia	September 29, 2019
Jason Robert Harlow & Kathleen Fraser	September 29, 2019
Thomas William Offen & Vena Nicole Haynes	October 5, 2019
Bryce Clinton McDougall & Michelle Amanda Modenese (Branford)	October 5, 2019
Stephen James Rogers & Katharine Ann Skaar	October 11, 2019
Cole Bradley Abrahamson & Irina Dmitriyevna Mavrodi	October 12, 2019
Joseph James Malone & Amber Rose Wood	October 13, 2019
Joseph Edward Mikolajczak, Jr. & Laura Tymeson Chiaradio	October 13, 2019
Jonathan Robert Dearborne & Emma Rose Pavano	October 13, 2019
Michael David Stahl & Kimberly Ann Sturken	October 19, 2019

Marriages July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 *(continued)*

Matthew Marc Kunkel & Shelby Elizabeth Chadwick.....	November 3, 2019
William David McNeil & Chantelle Louise Strott (Norwich)	November 16, 2019
Andrew Martin Labrie & Rachael Marie Gaudio.....	November 23, 2019
Michael Joseph Parrack & Heather Elizabeth Roderick (North Stonington)	November 26, 2019
Peter Leon Machnik & Lauren Jo Allyn	November 27, 2019
Robert William LaCombe & Norma Lapasaran Johnson	November 28, 2019
Anthony Christopher Zema & LeeAnne Marcisz Jake	December 8, 2019
Ruonan Roy Wang & Danielle Elizabeth Knobloch	December 21, 2019
Steven Perry Moffitt & Sherry Ann Twohig	December 23, 2019
Hector Babcock Migliacci & Carmen Catherine Oulahan.....	December 25, 2019
Christopher John Palmieri & Kimberly Anne Peace.....	December 28, 2019
Joseph Ryan Niemiroski & Sarah Nicole Williams.....	February 29, 2020
Erik Richard Johnson & Diana Marie Deconti (New Haven)	March 7, 2020
Daniel Joseph Spencer & Samantha Joan Westbrook	March 21, 2020
Matthew Scott Garrison & Leticia Melinda Denoya	April 4, 2020
Glen Thomas Piette & Samantha Marie Ward (East Lyme)	April 4, 2020
Frank Colon, Jr. & Ruth Barreto.....	April 18, 2020
Samuel d'Entremont Bourneuf & Sewell Standish Robinson	April 25, 2020
James Joseph Dominic Pascarella, Jr. & Shana Lee Reay.....	May 16, 2020
David Salvatore DeSimone & Jamie Sara Esposito.....	June 13, 2020
Frederick J. Jonas & Deborah L. Drexler	June 20, 2020
Anthony Alexander Ferullo & Samantha Jo Michon.....	June 20, 2020
Joseph Anthony DeRose & Jamie Marie McDermott	June 26, 2020

Deaths July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

Jack Barry Hotchkiss (New Haven)	July 3, 2019
Mary Ellen Donohue-Polin.....	July 6, 2019
Miles R. Stray (Niantic)	July 14, 2019
John Reuben Leonard	July 20, 2019
William J. Nesto, Jr.	July 22, 2019
Edward Francis Zapert.....	July 25, 2019
Lynn Ellen Roche (New Haven).....	July 30, 2019
Robert John Digby (Middletown)	August 22, 2019
Peter P. Intagliata	August 29, 2019
Arthur Cohen (Niantic)	August 30, 2019
Elizabeth K. Planeta.....	August 31, 2019
Judith Ann Kaan (New Haven)	September 12, 2019
Reginald C. LaCasse (New London)	September 12, 2019
Theodore B. VanItallie.....	September 14, 2019
Gary G. Gnazzo	September 18, 2019
Thomas Bancroft Noyes (New Haven)	September 21, 2019
Bror Roland Haglund (New Haven)	September 24, 2019
Helen Frances Heap (Groton).....	September 25, 2019
Francis Vesci	September 28, 2019
Michelle Friel.....	October 4, 2019
Frederick L. Geary, M.D. (New London)	October 10, 2019
June K. Sopneski (New London).....	October 11, 2019
Robin Ann Wernicke	October 13, 2019
Daphne R. Babock	November 11, 2019
Arthur R. Riccio, Jr. (New Haven)	November 24, 2019
Gayle Fraser Burlingham	November 26, 2019
David Weatherly Redfield (New London)	November 26, 2019
Joseph Ranelli (New Haven)	November 28, 2019
Katherine Ann Catalano (Middletown)	December 15, 2019
Michael J. Houlihan	December 17, 2019
Constance M. Ayars.....	December 22, 2019
Bradford D. Sweet	December 26, 2019
Elsie F. Bump	January 9, 2020
Walter Edward Sanders (Middletown)	January 21, 2020
Louis J. Bonamarte	January 24, 2020
Richard R. Siemiatkoski (East Lyme).....	February 16, 2020
Donald Marshall Joffray (New London)	February 21, 2020
James A. Beattie, Jr. (Branford)	February 26, 2020
Wilbur C. Spencer	February 27, 2020
Ursula Grace Trainor (Niantic).....	March 10, 2020
Roderick MacLeod White (Middletown).....	March 11, 2020
Christ Warren Vasiloff (New Haven).....	March 12, 2020
Janine Marshall	March 18, 2020
Mark Todd (Bridgeport).....	March 23, 2020
Sue Ellen Carlson (New London)	March 25, 2020
Leila G. Silva (Waterford).....	March 26, 2020
John Gregory Gordon	March 27, 2020
Mariano Campagna (New Haven)	March 29, 2020
Douglas Lorenzo Maynard (New London)	March 30, 2020

Deaths July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020 *(continued)*

Marion Thomas Ricker (Mystic)	April 2, 2020
Richard Dunklee Lamourine (New London)	April 4, 2020
Hunter Grubb Hannum (Essex)	April 5, 2020
Lauren Ann Anton	April 5, 2020
Russell DeGrafft	April 7, 2020
Lee G. Hanes (New Haven)	April 10, 2020
Lorise Ann Andersen (Niantic)	April 12, 2020
Joan Silberberg (New London)	April 12, 2020
Adela Sloane Wilmerding	April 13, 2020
James Norman Dean (New London)	April 20, 2020
Quentin D. Plumleigh	May 2, 2020
David L. Allyn (New London)	May 4, 2020
Donald W. Zapatka (Niantic)	May 7, 2020
Gerald Lawrence Nolan (Madison)	May 7, 2020
Jack H. Swaney (New London)	May 9, 2020
Anna Lukacs (Niantic)	May 12, 2020
Peng Patana (New Haven)	May 15, 2020
Helen Tappan Hine (Niantic)	May 21, 2020
John Lawrence Peeler (New Haven)	May 21, 2020
Russell C. Raymond (Westbrook)	May 29, 2020
Robert Leonard Machol (Middletown)	June 10, 2020
James F. Everett (Mystic)	June 11, 2020
Maureen Jane Kelly (Niantic)	June 13, 2020
Stanley E. Bielski (Middletown)	June 14, 2020
Oliver Mason Birch	June 23, 2020

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Committee

Jennifer Datum

ADA Coordinator

Meetings: Alternate months

The Town of Old Lyme ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) committee meets every other month. Our notice is published on the town website under the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or 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.

Affordable Housing Committee

Michael Fogliano

Chairman

<https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/affordable-housing-committee>

The Affordable Housing Committee was convened in February 2020 by the Board of Selectmen and charged with an exploratory mission to gather information and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen on how best to approach affordable housing in Old Lyme. The committee will operate on a six-month to one-year time line to complete its work.

The committee organized an initial phase of information gathering into three parallel streams. The first stream is focused internally on Old Lyme to review the current inventory of affordable housing, to better understand the demand for affordable housing and the capacity for development of additional housing, and to identify opportunities to increase the availability

of affordable housing. The second is compiling an external view of how other municipalities are approaching affordable housing and their experiences. The third stream is examining legal and regulatory considerations around CGS 8-30g and other relevant statutes and regulations.

After holding only two meetings, the Affordable Housing Committee's work was disrupted by the pandemic, but as of June 2020 the committee had re-established regular meetings by remote video conferencing, scheduled for the third Monday of each month at 5:30 P.M., and was moving forward. The committee still expects to complete its work and issue a final report by early 2021.

Assessor

Melinda R Kronfeld, CCMA I
Assessor

Mickie Fraser, AAT
Administrative Assessment Technician

With the completion of the 2019 town-wide revaluation, the Grand List showed a decreased in real estate values, while motor vehicle and personal property values increased slightly. The Grand List shifted from 1,585,659,738 in 2018 to 1,548,200,464, reflecting a 2.36 % decrease in the net grand list. The next planned town wide revaluation will take place in 2024.

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

Through the uncharted waters of COVID-19 we have remained open; however, we are always happy to assist via phone or email with taxpayer assessment questions.

Office hours are from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday through Friday. Mickie Fraser, Administrative Assessment Technician, is happy to assist you at 860-434-1605 ext 219 or assessor@oldlyme-ct.gov

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

Board of Finance

Andy Russell
Chairman

Meetings: 3rd Tuesdays; every Tuesday during February and March

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 that are on them.

We had completed the town budget for FY 2021 prior to COVID-19 even being on the radar screen. With that said, our town is in good shape financially.

The financial report for the 2020 FY year that ended on June 30, 2020 shows us the following:

We collected over \$173,124 more taxes than the 98.25% budgeted thanks to our taxpayers and our tax collector, Judy Tooker.

Intergovernmental revenues received from the state/federal governments were \$631,562 less than budgeted. Driving this was \$104,015 of Emergency Management funds and \$400,000 of Sound View sidewalk funds not requested for reimbursement since no funds were expended for those projects.

Thanks to our Town Treasurers Tim Griswold along with Mike Reiter and Finance Director Nicole Stajduhar's management of our funds, our investment income was \$138,623 higher than budgeted.

In all, our total revenues were \$165,396 lower than anticipated.

We also spent \$709,281 less than budgeted. The savings were realized from many areas of the budget:

We did not spend \$88,139 from our General Government budget. A portion of the savings were due to the town hall being closed during the spring of 2020, reducing our electric, heating, and supplies expenditures.

There were also savings from our boards and commissions of \$94,546. This a result of less demand for outside engineering services as well as using a consultant while we tried to fill a position in the zoning office.

Public works underspent their budget by \$195,529, which was achieved by not filling a position as well as lower fuel, sand, and salt demands in the winter of 2019-2020 due to lack of snow.

Board of Finance *(continued)*

While we continue to maintain our buildings and infrastructure, there were a number of capital projects that we did not complete in the last fiscal year. This was about \$200,000 of capital projects. We are reviewing the Lymes' Senior Center facility and held off on some smaller expenditures there while the programs and the facility are studied by a building committee. There were also some projects for Park and Rec, the fire department, and Police Services that were delayed for a variety of reasons during COVID-19.

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% of our total town budget, including our share of Region 18's budget. As of June 30, 2020, we are at \$8,574,753, or 22% of our budget.

We invested over \$630,000 in our town roads as a part of our regular budget. We continue to support through budgeting the maintenance and replacement of our equipment and buildings at Public Works and the police and fire departments.

We invested \$1,576,000 in the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Improvement Project, \$614,304 in the Open Space acquisition of the McCulloch Property, and \$602,878 for the replacement of two Old Lyme Fire Department tankers.

We have some larger projects we are anticipating in 2020-2021 that include replacing/repairing a bridge on Grassy Hill Road and sidewalks on Ferry Road and in Sound View. We have planned keyless entry at the Old Lyme Fire Department stations and exterior door replacement/HVAC upgrades at Memorial Town

Hall. Funds have also been put aside to repave the Department of Public Works facility as well as for two police SUV vehicles.

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, Public Works vehicles, roads, and Open Space. We have a rolling replacement program for our fire apparatus. Our volunteers do a great job maintaining the vehicles so we get 20 years of service from them. Replacement is necessary at that time because it becomes difficult to get replacement parts for them.

We also made a significant investment in the technology in the town hall to make sure our information is safe and secure and has the proper backups and redundancy for disaster recovery. 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 the 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

The Building Department oversees issuing all permits for residential and commercial construction including but not limited to structural, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, gas, supplemental heaters, and temporary tents.

The department implemented an online permitting system in January of this year as a benefit to our community and contractors. The workflow of the new system will include the Health and Land Use departments automatically as needed, depending on the proposed work selected. The building permit application checklist contains important information; please read through it completely before applying for a permit. The system's online payments are not activated, and all payments need to be made by check/cash mailed or dropped off to the town hall; please include the permit number with payment.

The Building Department continues to update the Town of Old Lyme's website with important information; the building forms and documents page has several guides and checklists useful to homeowners and contractors.

COVID-19 has arrived, as we all know too well. Our department continues to operate at full capacity with the new online system in place and operational. Building officials across the state are faced with the difficulty of how to perform their required inspections; being flexible and taking each one as a case-by-case basis seemed to be the key to make it work. The Memorial Town Hall building closure did not affect the number of permits processed, which at times increased due to construction being deemed an essential occupation by the governor's executive orders.

Building Permits Issued from 7/1/2019-6/30/2020

311	Permits-- Residential & Commercial Building Permits Combined ...	\$14,069,085.00
174	Permits-- Electrical	\$311,979.00
23	Permits-- Gas (New Permit as of 1/1/2020)	\$41,013.00
105	Permits-- Plumbing.....	\$172,952.00
144	Permits-- Mechanical	\$1,038,083.00
1	Permit-- Solid Fuel	\$500.00
13	Permits-- Temporary Structures/Tents	\$25,700.00

<i>Total Valuation Cost of Permits Issued</i>	\$15,659,312.00
<i>Total Number of Permits Issued</i>	771
<i>Total Fees Received During Fiscal Year</i>	\$149,210.00

Christ the King Church

Ellen Cole

Cantor

In mid-March, when Bishop Michael Cote ordered all Catholic churches in the diocese to halt the celebration of public Masses due to the pandemic, members of Christ the King Church sprang into action. Our parish is blessed with broad parishioner involvement in many aspects of parish activity, and we wanted that connection to continue, despite the stay-at-home order.

Father Joe Ashe, pastor of Christ the King, and Father Walter Nagle, parochial vicar, continued to celebrate Mass privately in the church, as directed by the Bishop. But a group of parish leaders wondered how we could best broadcast these Masses to the faithful and involve them as well. There were several options — Facebook live, YouTube live, stream directly from the parish website, among them. But each of those only allowed a “one-way” celebration of Mass, without any participation from parishioners. The question was: how can we live-stream the Mass from Christ the King and still include the parishioners who long for that connection to their church, to God, and to each other? Ultimately, it was decided to try the video conferencing app Zoom.

Using Zoom for our live-streams allowed parishioners not only to view the Mass live but also to sing the hymns, recite the prayers, and even stand and kneel at the appropriate times if they wished — all from their own homes and in real time. Parishioners could see the celebrant, and he could see them! The parish music director

provided music live from his home, and lectors read during the Liturgy of the Word from theirs. Zoom’s “chat” feature afforded parishioners a chance to greet each other and exchange Signs of Peace. And after Mass they could visit with each other online, a virtual coffee hour that helped ease the feelings of isolation so prevalent during this lockdown.

Christ the King Church began live-streaming Sunday Mass through Zoom on March 22. It was the middle of Lent, a season of fasting and preparation for Easter, and it quickly became apparent that this would not be a typical Easter celebration. But with the help of Zoom, we were able to observe the holiest days in the liturgical calendar, including mass on Holy Thursday, a Good Friday service, the solemn Easter Vigil with cantors singing from their own homes, and a joyful Easter Sunday Mass with (recorded) music by the choir—all in an empty church, but with parishioners participating via Zoom.

In June, when Bishop Cote announced that parishioners could return to church for weekday mass, Christ the King Church put in place safety protocols that included requiring masks, hand sanitizer, and social distancing; taping off every other pew; and limiting attendance to 25% capacity. At the end of June, we were looking forward to welcoming congregants to Sunday Mass beginning July 4. The Zoom live-streams continue, however, so that all who wish to can take part, in whatever way is best for them.

The First Congregational Church of Old Lyme

Reverend Carlene R. Gerber

Associate Minister

Sunday, March 8, 2020 was the last of our traditional Sunday morning worship services before COVID became the reality that changed almost everything we do. The second week of March we began a comprehensive phone-call strategy, trying to maintain contact with our members to assure that they were doing well during that strange and unanticipated time and offering assistance with volunteers to help.

From mid-March through early September our worship services were pre-recorded and made available by internet. And in mid-September we celebrated our first outdoor worship service, held on the front lawn with all appropriate COVID precautions in place. Outdoor worship continued into November. We project that throughout the winter worship services will once again need to be offered virtually.

Organizations such as the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Food Pantries have continued to use the facility, with limited numbers of volunteers. They have been able to provide food to between 50 and 75 families each week. Distribution has been held outside on Saturday mornings. The Red Cross Blood Mobile has also used our halls for strategic blood donation drives. And AA has resumed some meetings with limited numbers attending.

At this point our meetinghouse lacks adequate air circulation to allow for safe gatherings.

We are grateful to the town of Old Lyme for all the special services and support that have been offered to the whole community in this difficult time.



Brian and Lauren Dickey Girasoli point out their heart poster to daughter Cecilia following the April 24 parade of first responders throughout Old Lyme.

Saint Ann's Church

The Rev Dr. Anita Louise Schell

Provisional Priest-in-Charge

Kathy Rowe

Parish Administrator & Bookkeeper

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What a year it has been! In July I arrived as the Provisional Priest-in Charge for Saint Ann's, a new title for me and a new position in the life of this Episcopal church where I began my ministry on August 1. The rectory on Shore Road would become home to me and my husband, Steve.

In July of 2019 the church completed its first phase of the Capital Campaign project "Reflect, Restore, Renew." Nearly \$1.5 million was raised. The first phase of the Capital Project expanded the church's narthex; created a large handsome terrace at our front entrance with fully accessible walkways; and completed some elements of deferred maintenance, primarily re-painting the sanctuary interior, replacing windows, and refurbishing the building's entire exterior.

In September the vestry priest, staff, and congregation got busy working on the parish goals, which were finalized in February 2020. We held our annual meeting on January 26, 2020.

Then COVID-19 hit and all the plans, procedures, and goals we had put in place became vital to our thriving during a pandemic. While the coronavirus pandemic has tested our resolve, it has deepened our faith and gratitude and our desire to grow deeper bonds with our neighbors.

On March 8 we moved all our worship services and programs to online applications, from Zoom to recorded services, returning to a hybrid model of prerecorded service and in-person worship for the Fourth of July weekend. Zoom has proved a very good platform for our parish meetings, Bible Study classes, and community-wide programs, but it was not the preferred platform for our online worship; prerecorded worship services are.

Support of and output from our Outreach ministries grew this past year. These ministries include, but are not limited to, the Sewing Ministry, the Community Garden, our support of the Shoreline Soup Kitchen & Pantry, and our Nearly New Thrift Shop. We host community groups such as the Lyme Voices and garden clubs as well as 12-step recovery meetings and a yoga class added to our weekly roster just last January.

In August 2019 we bid a fond farewell to long-standing Nearly Near Shop Manager Madu Maheshwari. In January we bid another fond farewell to Assistant Manager Tammy Kozlowski. The Nearly New Shop opened under new management in March only to close in mid-March due to COVID-19. It is scheduled to reopen in July 2020.

Our stewardship and our mission this past year were focused on grateful hearts and loving service. As we experienced months of not being able to gather in person, the usual focus on weekly worship was spread throughout the week as we found ways to gather virtually, taking more time to pray for each other's needs and serve our communities. While we had returned to some in-person worship, including outdoor worship, Zoom worship and recorded services all continue. We don't want to miss any opportunity to show our grateful hearts and stay connected to one another. The hearts seen around our campus seek to convey our gratitude to first responders and essential workers during this unprecedented time.

We have a wonderful and hardworking staff who support the work of the vestry, congregants, and all our volunteers.

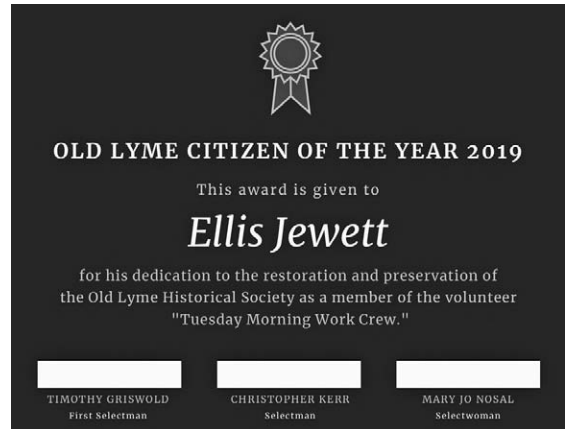
We are open every day and year-round.

Citizens of the Year

Timothy C. Griswold
First Selectman

At the Annual Town Meeting in January, the Board of Selectmen announced the Old Lyme Citizens of the Year – the “Tuesday Morning Work Crew” of the Old Lyme Historical Society. This group of five amazing volunteers donated countless hours of their time to several work projects that vastly improved the society’s building at 55 Lyme Street. The projects included removing the hung ceiling in the auditorium to reveal the lovely, original herring bone wood beadboard ceiling; renovating the lower level of the building, including the construction of a large archive storage room within the lower level, complete with its own HVAC system; and creating a new handicapped entrance at the rear of the building, along with a new pneumatic chair lift, providing access to three different levels. The recipients were Arthur

“Skip” Beebe, Kevin Cole, Ted Freeman, Ellis Jewett, and Steve Joncus. These individuals are an inspiration to us all for their work and dedication to the society over several years.



The FIVE Citizens of the Year for 2019 are “the Tuesday morning work crew,” *from left to right*: Ellis Jewett, Ted Freeman, Steve Joncus, Kevin Cole, and Skip Beebe.

Commission on Aging

Susan Fogliano
Chairman

The current mission of the Old Lyme Commission on Aging is to encourage, promote, support, and review community programs and services intended for or impacting the well-being of our senior citizens.

The year 2020 has presented challenges to the Commission on Aging, not the least of which is the impact of COVID-19. While our commission is still served admirably by our Municipal Agent for the Aging, Cindi Taylor, we have lost the services of Kris Magnussen, RN, who has joined the Ledge Light Health District. Additionally, the retirement of our Town Nurse Karen Veselka will be a great loss to the senior

community as well. We wish Kris and Karen nothing but smooth sailing ahead!

In addition to changes in personnel, our mission has certainly been complicated by the temporary closure of the Lymes' Senior Center.

Looking ahead, we would encourage any citizen of Old Lyme with the desire and interest to join our commission to contact the Selectman's Office at Memorial Town Hall. It is a volunteer appointment. The current membership of the Commission on Aging looks forward to interacting with the senior community in the future, to help determine how to do our best for all of you.

Connecticut Audubon Society Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center

Alisha Milardo
Director

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The Connecticut Audubon Society's Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center (RTPEC), located at 90 Halls Road, works to conserve the coastal and estuarine environment of southeastern Connecticut, specifically the Connecticut River Estuary.

This mission is carried out through science-based education, research, and advocacy programs that educate and inform the public and encourage conservation of the diverse ecosystems of the region, its habitats, and its wildlife. RTPEC's goal is to maximize public engagement by providing programs and expertise that advance a broader understanding and awareness of environmental issues that can serve as a catalyst for conservation action and advocacy.

The RTPEC provides curriculum-based nature programming to schools throughout Southeastern Connecticut. Programs consist of hands-on, inquiry-based activities in earth and life sciences, ecology, conservation, and responsible citizenship.

Additionally, we run adult and family programming including bird walks, guided trail and shoreline hikes, teacher-naturalist led kayak

paddles, and more! The RTPEC builds science skills and fosters environmental stewardship through engagement with nature for all ages.

Facilitating scientific research is another priority of the RTPEC. Currently we are undertaking a five-year project researching Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) in the estuary. The study, conducted by interns from Mount Holyoke College and Connecticut College under the direction of a Connecticut Audubon Society biologist, is collecting data within the Connecticut River Estuary to update a 20-year-old survey and identify native and invasive plant species.

Understanding the environment and its challenges is imperative for the future flourishing of our community. We are in partnership with the Pew Charitable Trusts to advocate for and support the designation of a National Estuarine Research Reserve, NERR, in Southeastern Connecticut.

In March, the RTPEC quickly responded to the immediate need for distance learning due to COVID-19 in order to continue to provide programming for our community. This took

Connecticut Audubon Society

Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center *(continued)*

place as distance learning lessons for schools, community webinars on topics from bird migration to tree identification, online birding courses, and a “Not So Bummer Summer” virtual summer camp program.

Currently, our virtual interactive programming is reaching people throughout the state and has been successful in continuing to

educate and connect the community during this isolating time.

Program Statistics:

- 1,082 total students served from Middlesex and New London County schools
- 2,305 members of the public served through family and adult programming
- 38 webinars



A teacher-naturalist leads a kayak paddle on the Lieutenant River.



Students enjoy a “Not So Bummer Summer” virtual summer-camp program; think of it as summer camp with less potential for skinned knees!

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

Suzanne Thompson
Chairman

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Meetings: 4th Thursday of Month (see exception below) 7 P.M., RiverCOG, Essex

The Lower Connecticut River Valley was recognized by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1973 as one of the state's most important natural, recreational and scenic areas. In 1974, the Gateway Commission was established by state statute as a state-local compact to protect the Gateway Conservation Zone. This zone is 30 miles long and includes the portions of Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme, and Old Saybrook, including the Borough of Fenwick, that are within view of the river.

Many have recognized the uniqueness and significance of the Lower Connecticut River region. The Nature Conservancy has designated the lower Connecticut River as one of its "Last Great Places," and the river's tidelands were recognized as an "internationally significant" habitat for waterfowl under the terms of the international Ramsar Convention. The Secretary of the U.S. Department of the Interior has recognized the Lower Connecticut River Valley as "one of the most important ecological landscapes" in the United States, and in 1999, the river was designated as one of 14 American Heritage Rivers by the President of the United States. It is the last unspoiled, important river estuary on the eastern seaboard of the United States.

The mission of the CT River Gateway Commission is to preserve the aesthetic and ecological natural beauty of the lower Connecticut River valley for present and future generations. Each of the eight member towns has determined the Conservation Zone within its borders and appoints two representatives to serve two-year terms. Old Lyme representatives appointed to the commission are Suzanne Thompson, who serves as Commission Chair, and Greg Futoma, who also is on the Old Lyme Open Space Commission. Appointees from the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection and the Lower Connecticut River Council of Governments (COG) also serve on

the commission.

Since its inception, the commission has worked with others to acquire over 1,000 acres of land in the Conservation Zone through purchase or donation of scenic easements, development rights, and fee simple titles. During the last year, the commission also has concentrated on more ecological aspects of the health of the river, including support of Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station's mapping of invasive hydrilla, water chestnut, and other invasive plant species in the Lower Connecticut River.

The Connecticut River Gateway Commission is empowered to adopt common zoning standards for height, setback, and lot coverage, which member towns adopt and enforce within the Gateway Conservation Zone. The commission reviews and acts on zone changes, regulations changes, and variance applications affecting land within the Conservation Zone referred to it by boards and commissions of the eight member towns. No zone change or change in regulations affecting land within the Conservation Zone can become effective without the commission's approval.

The commission holds 11 monthly meetings and one annual meeting during the year. January through October meetings are held the third Thursday of the month, at 7 P.M.; in lieu of a November meeting, the commission meets the first Thursday of December. These meetings are open to the public, held at the RiverCOG conference room, 145 Old Dennison Road, Centerbrook section of Essex. During COVID precautions, the meetings were virtual, using Zoom. Meeting agendas, minutes, commission membership, and other information are at www.ctrivergateway.org. In 2020, the commission established a Facebook page to help share information about the region, <https://www.facebook.com/GatewayCommission>.

For more information, contact RiverCOG Deputy Director and Gateway staff J.H. Torrance Downes at (860) 581-8554 or at tdownes@rivercog.org.

Economic Development Commission

Howard Margules
Chair

Meetings: First Wednesdays, 5 P.M., Memorial Town Hall
<https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/economic-development-commission>
EDC@oldlyme-ct.gov

This has been a very productive year for the Economic Development Commission (EDC); we would like to update you on our progress.

As part of a wider economic development strategic planning process, we engaged Advance CT to undertake data collection and analyses that would provide a sound foundation for our economic development efforts in both the Halls Road area and for the community generally. These activities included an Economic Development Study, as well as a focus group and SWOT analysis [a strategic planning technique that helps identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats], and a resident and business survey. Collectively, these initiatives point to potential opportunities for Old Lyme to consider as part of its economic development strategy. The EDC will now concentrate on developing specific recommendations to present to the Board of Selectmen and other town boards and commissions.

We do not have space to review the results in detail, but here is a brief description of the findings. We encourage you to go the town website, where you can read the reports in their entirety and draw your own conclusions. Please feel free to contact us if you have any comments or questions. The email address is edc@oldlyme-ct.gov.

- The majority of survey respondents support development that increases opportunities for recreation and entertainment, includes pedestrian and bike infrastructure, encourages local businesses, highlights the town's natural and cultural assets, and improves the visual appeal of a number of areas.
- The town's natural beauty, location, and beaches are cited frequently as some of the town's most important attributes. Making these amenities accessible through bike and pedestrian infrastructure, wayfinding, and support services can provide residents and visitors with attractive amenities that create an appealing destination.
- Very little population growth is anticipated; our population is aging, and there are limited opportunities for young people. Our current demographics do not support additional retail or dining option.
- There is an opportunity to build on the arts and culture traditions and local attractions in Old Lyme to create a unique destination.
- We need to encourage support of local businesses and clarify the regulatory process.
- There is interest in creating experience-centered dining, entertainment, and retail spaces, particularly in the Halls Road area. Over 80 percent of survey respondents supported additional improvement in the Halls Road area, including additional dining and entertainment options, more attractive signage, and bike and pedestrian accessibility.
- While support for additional housing development was mixed, there was some acknowledgement of the need for more diverse housing options, including smaller homes, which would improve opportunities for young people, town employees, and seniors looking to downsize.

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.

This year, the Town of Old Lyme was the recipient of close to \$70,000.00 in grants from the Nuclear Safety Emergency Fund. These funding sources continue to provide for additional response equipment and emergency operations center improvements across all public safety organizations.

Some of our radio improvement projects were delayed this year due to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Supply chains and contractor scheduling delays accounted for most of this project to be placed on hold.

This spring the COVID-19 outbreak changed the way the town and just about every other business and industry had to conduct their operations. Social distancing, reduced capacities, and mask wearing all took its toll on the economy of the community.

We hope that everyone in the community remains safe and continues to use best practices to protect themselves and their families against the threat of this virus.

While we continue to support the community through these events, we still recommend that local residents who might have “*Special or Functional Needs*” such as potential mobility problems or transportation needs or might be dependent upon electricity for life support be encouraged to register with this office. For this purpose: A “Special Needs Registration Form” is included again on the last page of this year’s annual report. If you or someone you know in town might be in need of special assistance, please take a moment and complete the form and return it to this office. All information received is maintained confidential.

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

And you can now “opt-in” to our voluntary texting service to receive important information on COVID-19 or storm information. Simply text “OLSTORM” or “OLCOVID19” to 888-777 to receive important specific information on either COVID-19 or storm warnings.

Estuary Transit District (ETD)

Joseph Comerford
Executive Director

*Meetings: 3rd Fridays of alternate months, 9:30 A.M.,
Estuary Transit District*

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

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.

The ETD's five routes serve the main corridors of the region and provide connections to public transit providers serving the surrounding regions. Door-to-door service is provided throughout all nine towns of the estuary region as well as the towns of Durham, East Haddam, and Haddam through its Dial-A-Ride service. The ETD also provides a taxi voucher program to provide half-price taxi trips to seniors and people with disabilities and is the operator of the Clinton Trolley.

The 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. Students of participating state colleges and universities may ride any route for free with a UPass. The ETD also receives a Title III grant through the area agency on aging that allows area senior citizens to ride any ETD service on a donation basis in lieu of the fare. We provided early 100,000 passenger trips during the fiscal year.

The ETD began new an innovative pilot service in Old Saybrook, Westbrook, and Essex during this fiscal year under the XtraMile brand. XtraMile provides on-demand service within the service area to passengers who schedule the bus through a smartphone app or by phone, with no advance scheduling required. The service area was designed to connect the Westbrook and Old Saybrook train stations to residential areas and employers in the region and has been an incredible success.

The ETD worked with the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments on a study of the countywide transit needs to determine the best model for providing public transit in the 17-town region going forward. The study provided many service and governance improvement suggestions that will be implemented over the next two to three years.

The ETD was also severely impacted by COVID-19 during the year. Ridership on all of ETD's services declined significantly throughout the spring and early summer, though all services remained in operation. While the district did incur substantial expenses and revenue loss, the federal CARES Act provided federal funds that will fill this gap for the foreseeable future.

Board of Directors

Noel Bishop	Westbrook
Joan Gay, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Killingworth
Susan Tyle, <i>Secretary</i>	Lyme
<i>Vacant, Treasurer</i>	Old Lyme
Charlie Norz	Old Saybrook
Peter Bierrie	Essex
Angus McDonald	Deep River
Leslie Strauss, <i>Chairman</i>	Chester
Virginia Zawoy	Clinton

Administrative Staff

Joseph Comerford	Executive Director
Margaret Gomez	Operations Manager
Halyna Famiglietti	Finance Manager

Facilities Management

No Report Submitted

Fire Marshal

David W. Roberge

Fire Marshal

Minimal damage from the effects of fire were experienced during this fiscal year. 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 continues along with plan reviews of new commercial construction projects in town. We anticipate continued cooperation from the property owners and contractors to ensure full compliance with provisions of the code.

This year the fire marshal's office participated with the Old Lyme Fire Department in an evaluation of the town's fire suppression capabilities by the Insurance Services

Organization (ISO). The purpose of this evaluation was to redevelop a Public Protection Classification for property insurance ratings. This classification rating is a driver for what insurance companies charge for fire protection insurance. We anticipate a supportive response for the ISO after their final review.

Many thanks again go out to the Old Lyme Fire Department for all of their efforts during this evaluation, 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.

Florence Griswold Museum

Rebekah Beaulieu

Director

The year began with a celebration! The highly-anticipated *Robert F. Schumann Artists' Trail* opened on July 22 with over 300 friends in attendance – all eager to enjoy the new paths and plantings, stroll the boardwalk, stop at the overlook deck on the Lieutenant River, and stand at the footprint of Impressionist artist Childe Hassam's studio. The Artists' Trail did not disappoint. Named after Robert Schumann, an avid birder, conservationist, philanthropist, and devoted trustee and patron of the museum for nearly two decades, it immediately became a key feature among the museum's offerings.

Visitors walk the half-mile environmentally-sensitive paths around the museum's property and immerse themselves in the natural beauty of the grounds while learning about the site's history and ecology at various interpretive stations.

We celebrated nature indoors as well – as the subject of the summer exhibition *Fragile Earth: The Naturalist Impulse in Contemporary Art*. The museum commissioned four leading artists to create new work that incorporated and responded to the natural world. In the galleries, artists Mark Dion, Courtney Mattison, and James Prosek created thought-provoking installations that



Bonnie Reemsnyder, Old Lyme First Selectwoman; Jeff Andersen, Museum Director Emeritus; David and Ford Schumann, sons of Robert F. Schumann; Becky Beaulieu, Museum Director; and David W. Dangremond, Museum President open the Artists' Trail.

reflected the vulnerability of various habitats. Artist Jennifer Angus's intricate installation of preserved insects on the first floor of the historic Florence Griswold House brought attention to these creatures' role in our environment. For our fall exhibition, *"Nothing More American: Immigration, Sanctuary, and Community – An Exhibition by Matthew Leifheit"*, the museum showed depictions of Old Lyme's renowned First Congregational Church by 19th- and early 20th-century painters such as Childe Hassam alongside photographs by contemporary artist Matthew Leifheit to contemplate the meetinghouse's evolving symbolism.

And then it was March and the museum, along with the rest of our community – and the world – learned about "pivoting." As the COVID-19 crisis began in mid-March, the museum closed our buildings to visitors and instructed staff to work from home. Immediately we began encouraging parents and teachers to use our online materials in their "classrooms." The show *"Nothing More American"* was quickly converted into a virtual exhibition and *Sanctuary*, what was to be a companion photography contest, was developed and viewed completely online.

We kept in touch with our community through e-newsletters and social media, encouraging those who could to (responsibly) find solace outdoors along the Artists' Trail. Our team learned how to communicate and function remotely. Programs and fundraising events became virtual.

Along with learning to pivot, our staff learned about our strengths. First and foremost, we are a team and a family. We are also resourceful, capable, compassionate, and grateful. We are grateful to have received COVID-19 relief funding from Art Bridges and Connecticut Humanities through the National Endowment for the Humanities and the federal CARES Act and grateful for the support of our community. Members and friends donated to our Preparedness Fund, which continues to help us bridge the gap from lost revenue.

On behalf of the museum's staff and trustees, thank you for the positive response we have received from our community. This crisis has given us the opportunity to become better partners and serve an even wider audience through our virtual offerings. We will continue to work to exceed your expectations in the coming year.

Florence Griswold Museum *(continued)*



Artwork Courtesy of Courtney Mattison

Visitors of all ages enjoyed learning about art and the natural world through the summer 2019 exhibition, *Fragile Earth: The Naturalist Impulse in Contemporary Art*.



While staff missed seeing visitors and our friends onsite, we were happy to present many of our much-loved programs virtually – including camp!

Halls Road Improvement Committee

Eddie Twining
Chairperson

The Board of Selectmen's Halls Road Improvement Committee (HRIC) experienced a pivotal year in moving forward with its mission to evaluate and plan for improvements along Halls Road, creating a vibrant, inviting atmosphere in keeping with the small New England village characteristic of the Town of Old Lyme.

HRIC completed its Community Input/Information Gathering phase during the fiscal year with presentations and open dialogue, including two summertime Open Houses at Memorial Town Hall during which residents could see Halls Road vision boards, talk to committee members, and vote on their favorite aspects of the vision. HRIC also benefitted with analysis provided through the town's work with CERC/Advance CT and its EDC resident/business survey, forum, and final report of economic opportunities for the town.

At the close of the fiscal year, HRIC was in the selection phase of choosing a firm to create a master plan for Halls Road. The overall plan would guide sidewalk placement, traffic considerations, and future investments with the following considerations:

Creating an Experiential Environment: A Halls Road that is pedestrian/bicycle friendly and encompasses the natural landscape (namely the view of the Lieutenant River and its marshes), while supporting foot traffic among shopping, dining, and service providers on Halls Road.

Creating a Village Setting: An overlay Village District that allowed for mix-use, including apartments over first floor businesses or townhouses, would ensure a steady occupancy of Halls Road during economic cycles of the future. Property owners are more likely to prosper if they are allowed to incorporate residential use along with retail, dining, entertainment, and shopping options desired by town residents. Older residents downsizing to smaller homes would also have a greater possibility of staying in Old Lyme. This opportunity is dependent on the Zoning Commission changing the zoning designation for Halls Road.

We wish to thank the many residents and business owners of Old Lyme who have provided their insights and wishes for a future Halls Road. The HRIC looks forward in the new fiscal year to working with the Zoning Commission, DOT, and property owners to create a vibrant environment that serves the needs of our residents while serving as a gateway to the arts and cultural offerings of the town.

Harbor Management Commission

Steven A. Ross
Chairman

John MacDonald
Vice-Chairman

Harry Plaut
Harbormaster

*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 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 environmental safekeeping; public safety; orderly access to harbors, beaches, and natural resources; and maintenance of riparian rights and regulation of mooring fields.

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, and Variance Procedure. The HMC is grateful for the continuing efforts of member T. Meyer, who updated and improved the HMC mooring forms, permit correspondence, and recordkeeping.

A major focus for the HMC is the oversight and guidance of the Old Lyme Harbormaster (Harry Plaut). The harbormaster's duties include executing a mooring plan that maintains mooring safety circles and identifies mooring balls with the name of owner and weight of anchor, and compliance with mooring equipment inspections. The harbormaster can issue citations for noncompliance of HMC mooring rules, such as placement of mooring without a current permit. The harbormaster also maintains, for the HMC, two town-owned "Guest" moorings in the Calves Island Mooring field that can be used free of charge for up to two nights (pictured above). The harbormaster oversees safety issues such as abandoned moorings, boats, and docks.



The HMC processes and issues annual permits for moorings, records mooring equipment inspections that are required on a four-year basis (e.g., 2020, 2024, 2028), and maintains a list of mooring inspectors that is made available on the HMC town website (oldlyme-ct.gov). The HMC collects annual fees of twenty-five dollars per mooring. This past year 107 mooring permits were issued. The HMC issued private party permit holders a "green 2020" mooring ball sticker to be placed on the mooring ball to signify that the private mooring has been permitted. The permit sticker is not applicable to commercial moorings, which are permitted as a group.

The HMC is responsible for the Town Dinghy Dock located on Ferry Road between CT DEEP and Old Lyme Dock Company and ensures it is maintained, with thanks to committee members G. Finley and S. Ross. 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 this year funded and installed a kayak rack at Pilgrim Landing (pictured next page). Thanks to HMC member M. Magee, who designed, made, and installed the rack. HMC members who assisted installing the rack were J. MacDonald, J. Meinke, and R. Shriver.

In 2016 the HMC led a project to improve the water's depth in the navigation channels of the Black Hall and Four Mile Rivers. The dredging project resulted in improved access to commercial

Harbor Management Commission *(continued)*



marinas and public access to these waterways. The dredging project was fully funded by a grant from the State of Connecticut. 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. This project is on hold, waiting for funding opportunities by the CT Port Authority SHIPP Grant program.

The HMC had a standing subcommittee led by HMC member M. Magee to investigate and recommend improved kayak accessibility to the waters of Old Lyme. Currently under review are access points for kayaks, kayak rack storage, and, where feasible, handicapped access features.

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 bridges, water access walkways, shore 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. The HMC ensures that applications for permits are consistent with the standards set forth in the Harbor Management Plan and Dock Standards. In 2018 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 may grant minor variances for improved safety and special water conditions.

The HMC is in frequent contact with CT DEEP, CT Harbor Management Association, and CT Port Authority. Comprising nine members and three alternates, the commission's meetings are open to the public. Openings for alternate members are filled by the Board of Selectmen from candidates who have applied to be on the committee.

Ledge Light Health District (LLHD)

Stephen Mansfield REHS, MPH

Director of Health

Schools

LLHD continues to help assure that all our school systems are prepared to respond to cases of COVID among their students and faculty. Mary Day, Kris Magnussen, and Steve Mansfield have met with numerous school officials to discuss scenarios and procedures associated with safely keeping students in school. Mary and Kris developed and distributed a decision tree and numerous guidance documents to help respond

to cases or clusters of COVID. We have also shared this information with the Connecticut Department of Public Health, who have asked us to present our work to other health departments and emergency preparedness directors. Although we cannot predict what impact COVID will have on our schools as the pandemic progresses, we are confident that we have provided our school systems with the most up-to-date, comprehensive guidance available. *(continued)*

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Sector Guidance

Steve Mansfield has been participating in a DPH/DECD (Department of Economic & Community Development) subcommittee whose purpose is to provide a public health perspective on the proposed and amended Sector Rules developed by the DECD. This group of six health directors meets multiple times each week, usually after hours, to consider the implications of certain re-opening strategies and how these decisions may affect the health of our communities. Getting a seat at this table was a hard-fought battle, as the initial re-opening committee did not contain any representatives from local public health departments. The Connecticut Department of Public Health has been working closely with our group to help align the economic, public health, and social implications of the Sector Rules. Our environmental and administrative teams have played a huge role in the interpretation and enforcement of the Sector Rules; under Katie Baldwin's guidance, we have developed comprehensive policies and procedures to follow up on complaints of violations in restaurants, cosmetology establishments, etc.

Contact Tracing

Mary Day continues to lead our contact tracing activities. We have utilized the Connecticut Department of Public Health's contact tracing system and have been working in close partnership with DPH representatives to assure that our contact tracing efforts are the best they can be. Although the transition to the state system was difficult in the beginning, it is now working well, and we are confident that we will continue to be successful in our contact tracing efforts as we move into the winter. As we move closer to a mass dispensing scenario, it is likely that our contact tracing policies and procedure will be modified to allow for adequate mass dispensing vaccine preparation and delivery.

Mass Dispensing

LLHD continues to prepare for the likelihood of a COVID vaccine in the coming months. Although our exact role is unclear at this time, it is likely that we will utilize our mass dispensing plans for a portion of the planned vaccine distribution and will likely be responsible

for vaccinating frontline workers including fire, police, EMS, etc. Private care providers, pharmacies, and hospitals will play a role as well.

COVID Funding

In cooperation with the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health and with the support of our municipal and legislative partners, LLHD has been advocating for increased funding for local health departments, both in response to the COVID pandemic and due to the lack of adequate funding for core public health activities and responsibilities. Over the next 30 months, LLHD will receive approximately \$860,000 to support our response efforts. We are currently in the process of assessing our needs to best respond to the pandemic in the future. We have utilized this funding to hire a vaccine logistics coordinator, and two contact tracers. Additional hires are in the works.

COVID and the Social Determinants of Health

COVID has certainly emphasized the need for our work to include action and advocacy to address barriers to health in systems such as employment and income, education, transportation, and food access. In conjunction with our partners on the Health Improvement Collaborative, we have participated in numerous activities focused on the "social determinants of health" including leading both the planning and implementation of food distributions; working with SEAT to design and implement COVID safety protocols to help assure the continuation of crucial public transportation systems; exploring options for public Internet access to assure everyone can access telehealth, distance learning, and electronic benefit enrollments; identifying and addressing individual needs of people reached through contact tracing; and advocating for rent relief to prevent widespread evictions resulting from thousands losing access to regular sources of income. This work is enriched by the ongoing efforts of the Health Improvement Collaborative to broaden and deepen capacity in our region to address Racism as a Public Health Issue. The collaborative is offering regular education to its members and recently 25 member organizations completed an Equity Pre-Test, which was an opportunity for them to look at internal policies

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and practices and identify areas where action could be taken to address systemic racism. Jen Muggeo, LLHD Deputy Director, and other collaborative leadership will present a sample Resolution Affirming Racism as a Public Health Issue to the New London City Council in July, and on September 8 Jen is presenting this topic at the North Stonington Board of Selectman meeting.

Environmental Health

The environmental team has been working

diligently to conduct routine inspections and respond to COVID-related complaints within our regulated facilities. Staff conducted site visits to assure compliance with the Sector Rules for any restaurants that remained open for take-out and delivery. In addition, we have kept a running log of all phone calls received related to COVID. Many of these complaints pertained to violations of the Sector Rules created by the CT Department of Economic and Community Development (staff not wearing masks or gloves, lack of social distancing, capacity violations, etc.).

Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce

No Report Submitted

Lyme-Old Lyme Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1467

David H.W. Griswold
Post Commander

www.vfw.org

Lyme-Old Lyme Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1467 includes all veterans who have served in any war. In the past, we have met every fourth Monday at the Old Lyme Senior Center. This year we suspended meetings from March through August. In September we met at High Hopes and will meet in October at the Town Hall. We look forward to resuming our normal meeting place when the Senior Center reopens.

Despite the challenges of the pandemic, we did conduct a smaller Memorial Day ceremony where we honored veteran Mervin Roberts for his lifetime of service to our town (photos are on the following page). We are continuing to work closely with the schools on several projects.

Most important, we have continued to meet our obligations to help veterans. Thanks to the generous donations from our town, we have assisted veterans in areas of obtaining wheelchairs, offering gas and grocery cards, paying utility bills, assistance with insurance, temporary rent support, and transportation needs. We are

especially grateful to All-Pro automotive for their helping veterans with their car repairs.

Also, we support the West Haven PTSD programs, Rocky Hill Veterans Program, VA Blind House, Fisher House, VFW National Home for Children, and numerous local charities that include High Hopes, Boy Scouts, youth organizations, the senior center, Memorial Day flags and celebration, ROTC programs, and presiding over local funerals.

Our motto of “we own no bar, no buildings; just good works” continues to receive recognition from state officials, and we have been recognized as one of the top Posts in the State of Connecticut. We encourage any veterans to consider joining our Post. Along with our good works, there exists a fellowship that is most helpful to those who have experienced the trauma and emotional impacts of serving in a war zone.

For more information, please contact our Membership Director, Ed Shyloski, at 860-434-3242.

Lyme-Old Lyme

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1467 *(continued)*



Ceremony's opening by Commander David Griswold, which included a prayer and "the observation that what makes America best is its people."



Chaplain Mervin F. Roberts delivers the homily he prepared for the VFW's Memorial Day ceremonies, where he is a frequent and revered speaker. He has been the Old Lyme Fire Department Chaplain for over 50 years. At the ceremony he received an award for service to the VFW, for "care and compassion for all those in need."



Master of Ceremonies Retired Navy Captain Larry Olson of the *USS Maine*, a 37-year veteran



VFW member Bob Roser, center, leads the group in the Pledge of Allegiance, with member Joe Lacasse to his left



VFW members salute after flag is raised and wreath is laid.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School

Forty-Seventh Annual Commencement • June 12, 2020

Candidates for Diplomas

Alexandra Mary Alpha $\pi\omega^* \text{ } \dagger$	Samuel Wyatt Guenther	Jenna Tracy Porter ω^*
Charles Burr Ames	Jonathan Sage Hamilton	Nathan Kelly Ramella
Britney Andrade *	Darin Hani Hamou *	Chase Wood Reneson
Anabella Nicola Arias $\pi\omega^*$	Kamber Hani Hamou ω^*	Aidan Scott Riley
Callum Glyn Astley	Grace Delphine Hanrahan ω	Jared Scott Ritchie $\lambda\omega$
Emily Eileen Balocca $\lambda\omega^*$	Quinn Michael Hickie *	Samuel Patrick Roth
William Cooper Ekeblad Bartlett	Connor David Hogan *	Alec Peyton Russell
Emma Elizabeth Bass $\lambda\pi\omega^*$	Parker Phillip Hubbard	Andre Jeffrey Salkin π^*
Audrey Campbell Berry $\lambda\kappa\omega^* \text{ } \dagger$	Lauren Elizabeth Huck ω	Jane Stacey Scheiber $\lambda\pi\omega^*$
Jean-Luc Bolduc	Nathaniel Rhys Jackson	Brady Alan Sheffield ω
Faith Victoria Brackley	Kaitlyn Marie Jacobson	Colby Patrick Sides $\lambda\omega$
Chloe Constance Cahill ω	Jeffy Mathew Joshy $\lambda\omega^*$	Summer Abigail Siefken ω^*
Madison Jane Cann ω	Benjamin Connor Kelly	Garrett Michael Smith $\lambda\omega$
Lisbet Yosery Carcamo Martinez	Daniel Abraham Kendall ω^*	Zachary Thomas Snyder
Jack William Carney	Caroline Eve King ω	Emily Marie Speckhals $\lambda\pi\omega^*$
Ethan Gonzalo Carrion ω^*	Renate Jane Kuhn $\lambda\omega$	Alec Drennan Speirs
Corbin John Caulkins	Rachael Anne Larson $\lambda\pi\omega^* \text{ } \dagger$	Evan Thomas St. Louis $\lambda\omega^*$
Faith Laurel Caulkins ω	Brenna Paige Lewis $\lambda\pi\omega^*$	Olivia Mae Stack ω
Rory Nelligan Cavicke $\lambda\omega^*$	Connor Patrick Maguire	Haley Ryan Stevens $\lambda\omega^*$
Emilia Annmarie Cheesman $\pi\omega^*$	Jacqueline Rose Malizia $\lambda\omega^*$	Finn Grady Sullivan
Philip Alan Cone	Biuma Kazadi Mariame *	Philip Aaron Sweeney ω
Sarah Belle Conley ω^*	Angelina Grace Marinelli	Ryan Jules Tetreault
Andrew Jordan Craven	Melissa Nicole Mauro $\pi\omega$	Olivia Lucy Tetreault ω^*
Elizabeth Anne Cravinho $\lambda\pi\omega^*$	Thomas Peter McCarthy $\lambda\omega^* \text{ } \dagger$	Taylor Ann Thompson ω
Salvatore Biaggio D'Arena	Ryan Patrick McTigue $\lambda\pi\omega^* \text{ } \dagger$	Lydia Grace Tinnerello $\lambda\omega^*$
Kevin William Davidson	Gabriel Ethan Metcalf	Sydney Kathleen Trowbridge ω
Ty Kenton Dean	Natalie Grace Meyers $\lambda\omega$	Kiera McKeon Ulmer $\lambda\omega$
Isabel Priscilla Dean-Frazier ω	Ryan Christopher Mitchell	Aedan Sean Using
Arianna Teresa DelMastro $\lambda\pi\omega^*$	Jeremy Norwood Montazella	Megan Lynn VanSteenbergen $\lambda\omega \text{ } \dagger$
Maria Ashley Denya ω	Mason Derek Morrissey	Jackson Calvert Warren ω^*
Raymond Michael Doll ω	Maxwell Derek Morrissey	Theodore Wilson Wayland $\lambda\pi\omega^* \text{ } \dagger$
Samuel Arthur Dushin ω^*	Dylan Thomas Mulligan	Katelyn Julia Wells
Theodore Edward Enoch ω	Chandler Mary Munson $\lambda\omega$	Trevor Dennis Wells $\lambda\pi\omega^* \text{ } \dagger$
Emily Grace Evers $\kappa\omega^*$	Kyle Colman Myers ωs	Nicholas James White
Araselys Rose Farrell $\pi\omega^*$	Samantha Heather Olson $\lambda\pi\omega^* \text{ } \dagger$	Clair Margaret Wholean $\lambda\pi\omega^*$
Nicholas Bernardo Fava $\lambda\pi\omega^*$	Samantha Elizabeth Owen $\pi\omega^*$	Anna Elliott Williams $\pi\kappa\omega$
Liam Kenneth Flanagan	Bryce Edward Paul	Maggie Vaughan Wisner $\lambda\pi\omega^*$
Leah Nicole Fouquette ω	Sofia Kamila Pecher-Kohout $\pi\omega^*$	Conner David Wyman $\lambda\pi\omega^* \text{ } \dagger$
Jada Anaelsa Fuentes $\lambda\omega^*$	Jenny Gabriela Pelaez Cajamarca *	Katherine Ruby Zelmanow $\lambda\omega^*$
Katherine Mary Funaro	Carter Ellis Popkin $\omega \text{ } \dagger$	
Brian Christopher Funk		
Cameron Diana Gagnon		
Lucy Marie Gilbert		
Aidan Thomas Greene		
Avery Beach Grethel		
Tanner James Griffin ω^*		
Sophia Rose Griswold $\lambda\omega^*$		

λ Member National Honor Society, Silver Honor Cord
 π Member Spanish Honor Society, Silver Honor Cord
 κ Member French Honor Society, Silver Honor Cord
 ω Academic Letter Recipient, Gold Academic Distinction Cord
 $*$ Seal of Biliteracy, Gold Academic Distinction Cord
 \dagger AP Scholar, Gold Academic Distinction Cord

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On Friday, June 12, at 6 PM, a celebratory car parade was held for the graduates whom had lost so many of the “normal” graduation events due to the pandemic, such as banquets, trips, and proms. In perfect weather, much of the town turned out with posters to cheer on “their grads,” even if they weren’t related to any of them! The long line of vehicles snaked slowly down Lyme Street under a banner held by the fire department’s extension ladder. This celebration was for THEM, and the town acted as one!



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Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*



Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*



Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*



Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*



Lymes' Senior Center

Stephanie Gould
Director

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

Lymes' Senior Center serves the residents of Lyme and Old Lyme who are age 55 and over...or as we like to call it, 55 and better!! We offer a variety of educational courses, art classes, health programs, exercise programs, hiking, dance classes, financial fraud and scam alert programs, entertainment, special programs, games, recently released movies, baby boomer activities, computer and Streaming Classes, lunches, day trips, cruises, and overnight trips and much, much more throughout the year. Since the beginning of the pandemic, however, the Lymes' Senior Center has moved online, offering 10-13 exercise classes a week and 60 virtual lectures, entertainment, and lifelong learning programs a month. In addition, we



continue to offer support to our seniors during this difficult time by providing wellness phone calls, offering Drive Thru Events, provide a 24-hour lending table outside with books and puzzles and providing resources as needed. Membership is \$5.00 a year for members in the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme.

Please feel free to contact Stephanie Gould, Director, at (860) 434-1605 ext. 240 if you wish to join us or if you have any questions.

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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 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 for their municipal support, and we enjoy collaborating with the town and schools on a variety of programs.

In March of 2020, LYSB established a charitable fund to provide support to the most vulnerable residents of Lyme and Old Lyme. The Lyme-Old Lyme Coronavirus Relief Fund is managed by LYSB in partnership with the social services departments of both Lyme and Old Lyme. LYSB is overwhelmed with gratitude for the generous donations from our community, which help our neighbors in need with essentials such as groceries, fuel, diapers, and assistance with rent and other bills, and we anticipate long-term needs to continue. For more information about the fund or to confidentially request help, visit www.lysb.org/covid19 or contact our office at 860-434-7208.

LYSB collected handmade cotton masks donated by local sewers and distributed them to seniors and other residents in partnership with the Old Lyme Police Department. We also held

a community mask distribution event with the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association in June. Through these efforts more than 3,500 masks were distributed to our community. We still have plenty of masks, both cotton and disposable, which can be requested on our website, www.lysb.org/covid19 or by calling our office at 860-434-7208.



LYSB continues to collaborate with the "Lyme-Old Lyme Prevention Coalition." This group comprises 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 affect positively the culture of student life. We meet monthly online 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.
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LYSB Youth Board Members, 2019-2020

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. The mentoring program currently has 50 mentor/mentee matches, is looking for more mentors, and encourages interested citizens to contact LYSB to learn more.

Please visit our website, www.lysb.org, or stop by our offices at 59 Lyme Street to learn about the youth programs we offer in the following areas:

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

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MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

Rowland Ballek
President

www.maccurdysalisbury.org

The MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation Inc., founded by Evelyn MacCurdy Salisbury in 1893, has a long history of supporting education in Old Lyme and adding Lyme when the two local schools formed Regional District 18 in 1973. Originally called the Lyme High School Association, it gave out its first grants directly to students going on to college in 1918, a practice that continues today.

Over the past several years the Foundation has distributed grants to our local students at a reception held in June. Due to the Coronavirus epidemic this event was cancelled and students received notice of their awards via mail. For the upcoming 2020-2021 academic year the Foundation awarded \$121,000 to 36 graduating seniors from Lyme-Old Lyme High School and one award to a student re-continuing education. Including the above, the June 24, 2020 Zoom Board of Directors meeting approved a record total of \$422,000 to 128 students attending college throughout the United States.

MacCurdy Salisbury awards are based on the financial assistance students require to meet their college expenses. The awards will continue for another three years of their undergraduate studies provided they maintain satisfactory grade levels and are residents of Lyme or Old Lyme. The Foundation is funded by the many generous donations from local residents.

In addition to the grants listed above, the Foundation presented two \$500 awards: the W.E.S. Griswold Valedictorian Award to Ryan McTigue, who will attend MIT in Cambridge, Massachusetts, and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award to Emily Speckhals, who will attend Cornell University in Ithaca, New York.

The Foundation held its Annual Meeting on September 12, 2019 in the Old Lyme Town Hall. Four new members were elected to the Foundation Membership: Cindi Miller Aird and Katie Gingras from Old Lyme and Michael Ganey and Steve Olstein from Lyme. The meeting also elected Nicki Berry and Dr. Matthew Cantner to three-year terms on the Board of Directors, replacing Matthew Griswold and Dr. Gregory Hack, whose three-year terms expired. Officers elected for one-year terms were President Rowland Ballek, Vice President Mary Seidner, and Secretary-Treasurer Judith Read.

Judith Read succeeds Ned Perkins, who retired from the Foundation after moving to Essex. Ned served as Treasurer since 2006, not only overseeing the finances of the Foundation but keeping track of over 100 students each year who have to send back grade reports to qualify for renewals and answer their many questions. Fortunately for us he will continue as a nonmember Administrative Manager, helping with most of his previous duties.

Old Lyme Animal Control

Lynn Philemon

Animal Control Officer

860-434-1605, x244; *Emergency line: 860-510-1255*

This has been a very busy year for Old Lyme Animal Control! We had 150 animal adoptions, which are now placed in forever homes. We also had 85 animals redeemed by their owners. Unfortunately, we had 3 animals dead on arrival and 1 animal euthanized.

This year due to COVID there was a huge increase in complaints: 688 total complaints and investigations, including 20 bite reports. During the pandemic we have had to take quite a few animals into the shelter. I would like to thank the kind people of Old Lyme for donations of food and bedding as well as monetary donations to our vet.

As a continued reminder: CT state statute 22-339B requires rabies vaccinations for all domestic cats and dogs.

We welcome reports and calls from our residents of Old Lyme. If you see a loose or stray animal, please call our emergency line and report them so that we can safely get the animal back to its rightful owner.

Once again this year there are an alarming number of missing pets, especially cats. PLEASE do not leave your pet outside unattended. And

please, when walking on state land and preserves, keep your pet leashed; there have been a few attacks on pets being walked on preserves.

We receive many concerned calls about wildlife being seen during the day, which does not necessarily mean the animals are rabid.. Although these are nocturnal animals they are also active during the daylight hours

Again, please call us if you see an animal that warrants concern; please call the emergency number.

Here at Old Lyme Animal Control we work hard to assist people in keeping their pets. If you know someone in need, please give us a call.

You can find a list of our adoptable animals on *petfinders.com* and on our *Friends of Old Lyme Animal Control*.

We are located at 3 Machnik Drive and can be reached at 860-434-1605 ext 244. Because our office hours vary, it is best to call and leave a detailed message with name, issue, and contact number. If your call is an emergency please use the emergency line, 860-510-1255. You are welcome to call with any questions or concerns.

Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council

Russ Gomes
Council Representative

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 22 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 2021 scholarships are available through the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Guidance Office.

In the past, 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 the Public Access Coordinator. Phone the Public Access Studio at 860-434-0643 for more information.

In past years, 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.

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

NOTE: Due to the coronavirus, the availability of Comcast studio and its programs has been suspended or modified until further notice.

Old Lyme Conservation Commission

Anthony Daniels
Chair

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

The Old Lyme Conservation Commission educates and involves residents on land use and pesticide/herbicide use; coordinates conservation efforts in the town; supervises monitoring of natural resources; aids in the coordination of land development in relation to preserving natural resources and remaining open land and sustaining recreational property. The commission meets at the town hall at 6:30 on the first Tuesday of each month (indoors or outdoors) and welcomes all. The town web page

provides meeting minutes and agendas: <https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/conservation-commission>.

Increasing Awareness Regarding Environmental Issues

The Conservation Commission continues to provide Old Lyme residents with information and resources relating to local and state environment. It promotes water testing, required septic pump-outs, and advice to avoid using pesticides and fertilizers containing phosphorous. The

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Old Lyme Conservation Commission *(continued)*

commission has also encouraged all homeowners to check for high levels of radon using radon test kits and water testing bottles available at Memorial Town Hall.

In an effort to increase awareness of these issues, the commission creates and distributes instructional materials (e.g., brochures, flyers, and email broadcasts) 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 web page. Each year, the commission provides an educational library display on issues such as proper recycling; preserving pollinators; planting buffer gardens; the detriments of feeding Canada geese; and maintaining clean water from the town's aquifers, especially Rogers Lake.

Coordinating with Other Environmental and Conservation Groups

In 2020, the Old Lyme Conservation Commission members agreed to participate in, and support the work of Old Lyme's Sustainable CT Committee. Appointed by the Board of Selectmen in 2018, with initial goals accomplished in 2019, the Sustainable CT group of Old Lyme residents chose priorities, moved ahead diligently and then provided proper documentation as required by the state-wide Sustainable CT program. The Sustainable CT program provides opportunities for municipalities to review and choose projects based on appropriateness for the individual town or city, determine a plan for accomplishing the actions, and gain points within the program as a measure of success.

The overall aim of Sustainable CT is to foster collaboration and share best practices within the town or city. One example in Old Lyme was designing and creating a survey to understand factors that provide healthy and safe walking and biking, a perfect activity during COVID. Moving ahead, the group seeks to improve conditions so residents and visitors may perambulate safely as they visit beaches and town highlights.

The Old Lyme Conservation Commission expects to continue to combine resources with the town's Sustainable Committee. In addition, the commission coordinates with other environmental groups in town and in southeastern Connecticut to strengthen its ability to preserve our town's natural resources, open land, and recreational property. The Conservation Commission has recently congratulated the Open Space Commission for their steadfast efforts in acquiring exceptional new Old Lyme open space property. The new purchase of 300 acres of the McCulloch Farm will provide residents with a naturally significant greenway and extension of the town's hiking trails network.

The Conservation Commission also commends the Old Lyme Land Trust for its diligent efforts to maintain the valuable natural resources and hiking trails that Old Lyme residents enjoy each year. The commission has also helped to promote and educate residents on the town-wide recycling efforts based on the excellent work undertaken by the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee in 2019.

Rogers Lake

A continuing mission of the commission is to focus town attention on Rogers Lake as one of the town's most valuable resources and sources of drinking water, working with both the Rogers Lake Authority and the town selectmen to continue to explore solutions to invasive weed issues. A buffer garden at Haines Park is an educational template for lake-area residents and for all residents of Old Lyme.

Join Us

The Conservation Commission invites new and enthusiastic members to consider joining. This past year, the commission welcomed Anthony Daniels, George Ryan, and Gary Gregory. Old Lyme is fortunate to have their talents and environmental expertise in service to the commission. Please consider joining our efforts to preserve and protect the beautiful natural resources of our town.

Old Lyme Fire Department

C. Ellis Jewett
Secretary

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

The Old Lyme Fire Department hopes that you and your family and loved ones have endured the COVID pandemic with minimal impact. Old Lyme firefighters are volunteers and are called to respond to many types of emergencies at all hours of the day or night. When we respond to all 911 situations, be assured that our firefighters have been trained to practice health and safety protocols prescribed by the CDC for COVID.

The professional dispatchers at the Valley Shore Communications Center receive your 911 calls and notify volunteer firefighters via voice alerting pagers. Available volunteers respond accordingly. Some respond to staff apparatus and others directly to the emergency scene. Volunteers responded to 281 emergency situations during the past year. The department currently operates three fire stations, nine pieces of fire apparatus, and three marine units. Approximately 45 active volunteers logged over five thousand hours of emergency duty. Department training officers conduct an ongoing in-house training program. Outside instructors are employed when necessary, and members are encouraged to attend federal, state, and regional training sessions.

The department makes a great effort to be prepared to meet a variety of challenges. Firefighters never know if the next call will be a structure fire, rescue emergency, brush or forest fire, storm-related emergency, or hazardous material incident. As in past years more than 50 percent of the fire department responses are for automatic fire alarm activations and automobile accidents with injuries.

Annual funding, provided by the Town of Old Lyme, is used for training personnel and to purchase and maintain fire department apparatus and equipment. As the tools of our trade become more sophisticated, the modernization and maintenance of fire department equipment is continuous. Equipping firefighters to safely face the challenges of their duties, adhering to the mandates for equipment standards, and complying with required maintenance and testing schedules are costly expenditures.



Thanks to the continued town support for the apparatus replacement plan, two new 2,000-gallon tanker trucks were placed in service this year, replacing tankers that had served for 23 years.

The Old Lyme Fire Department volunteers are taxpayers, too, and strive for the most efficient operation of our organization. In this effort town funding is supplemented with funds raised through donations and the Firefighter's Fund campaign.

Dedicated volunteers are always needed and new members are welcome. Please consider offering your services. There are firefighting and non-firefighting duties to fit all abilities. Visit any of the three fire stations and find out how you can assist. Department members meet at the Lyme Street Station 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>	Stephen Super
<i>Deputy Chief</i>	Michael McCarthy, Jr.
<i>First Assistant Chief</i>	James Oldfield
<i>Second Assistant Chief</i>	James Caramante
<i>Captains</i>	Larry Merrill III
	John Duddy
	Ken Swaney
<i>Lieutenants</i>	Matt Kakos
	Jarred Flagg
	Matt Merrill

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Robert McCarthy
<i>Secretary</i>	C. Ellis Jewett
<i>Treasurer</i>	Thomas Negrelli
<i>Chaplain</i>	Mervin Roberts
<i>Stewards</i>	John McCarthy and Ed Pierpont

Old Lyme Historic District Commission

Cindi C. Taylor
Chairman

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

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

Our town, founded in 1667, and the Historic District have been the center of both commercial and residential activity since the days of our founders. As a steward agency, the Historic District Commission has the job of trying 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 within our district. The district is not a museum attempting to preserve a past moment or a static reflection of the "way it used to be." Rather, it is alive and ever changing. Our job as stewards of the Historic District is to help guide change so that it is in keeping with past styles and traditions.

To be most effective, projects should be reviewed at the planning phase. Residents should come before the commission if there are proposed changes to a structure or the surrounding grounds. If a project is simple maintenance and there is no change in materials or style, it may be considered to be "Like for Like" and may not require a Certificate of Appropriateness (CofA). Please email us at historicdistrictcommission@oldlyme-ct.gov if you have any questions about your project, the process, or need any forms. Documents may be dropped off at town hall, mailed, or submitted electronically via email. A CofA form may be downloaded from the Historic District Commission website, obtained at Town Hall, or requested by email. Every CofA application requires a public hearing, which must be advertised. There is a Historic District Handbook available that explains the process.

This past year has presented unusual challenges for all of us due to the public health crisis. Our April and May meetings were cancelled, and we met virtually via WebEx for the first time in June.

The commission approved the following projects in the Historic District from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020:

1. 2 Library Lane, PGN Library Renewal project
2. 45 Lyme Street, new shed
3. 23 Lyme Street, new roof
4. 10 Lyme Street, new fence and landscaping

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-nine properties in Old Lyme have historic plaques, and several more are in process. Application forms may be obtained from the HDC at town hall and are available on the Town of Old Lyme's web page under Boards and Commissions/Historic District.

John Noyes and Russell Todd were welcomed as new members of the commission.

Cindi Taylor, John Noyes, and Martha Hansen attended a Freedom of Information Act workshop at the Old Lyme Town Hall on February 26. Tom Hennick, of Connecticut's Freedom of Information Commission, outlined the law and answered questions.

Please remember that we are all in this together. The commission is made up of community volunteers and its 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, Inc.

Michaëlle Pearson & John Pote
Co-Chairs

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Twitter: @OldLymeHistory



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

Throughout the summer and early fall of 2019, the Old Lyme Historical Society welcomed visitors to 55 Lyme Street for our annual event series to raise money for our scholarship fund. A variety of lectures included *Transportation of a Bygone Era*, by Steve Cryan; *Revolutionary War Spies, Lies & Alibis*, by Damien Cregeau; *A History of the Blues* and a patriotic music performance by Dan Stevens & the Music Now Foundation; *A History of the Old Lyme Fire Department*, by Ellis Jewett; and *Mapping the Duck River Cemetery*, by James Kolb, who initiated the Duck River Cemetery Mapping project. All summer, volunteers logged the information on each stone in the older sections of the Duck River Cemetery, from which Mr. Kolb created a searchable database.

Edie Twining curated mini-exhibits in display cases at the post office, library, and town hall, including *Attic Heirlooms*, *Family Trees*, *Duck River Garden Club 50th Anniversary*, and *Women's Suffrage*. James Meehan curated the 1776 mini-exhibit at the library in July.

In August, Dr. Sousan Arafeh hosted a training session for volunteers interested in restarting the OLHSI Oral History Project. Dr. Arafeh was instrumental in starting this program in 2009 with Alison Mitchell and graciously agreed to help train a new set of volunteers. The Oral History Committee is currently collecting oral histories about the COVID-19 experience in Old Lyme.

In September, the new *OLHSI.com* website was launched, led by Edie Twining and her daughter Emay. The new site features digital versions of OLHSI's walking tours, newsletters, vintage photos, etc. In October, we installed a "fairy door" in our garden for the Old Lyme Arts District's "Fairy Doors on Lyme Street". The Annual Plant Sale was October 19, alongside the VNA Wellness Fair at the Senior Center. We decorated for Halloween and distributed candy. The Calendar Launch Event was November 14. December book and calendar sales were held at the post office.

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Back Row: John Pote (Co-Chair), Nicholas Westbrook, Ross W. Higgins, Mark Lander, Jill Pilgrim, Mark Terwilliger, Mary Ellen Jewett, Cynthia Taylor (Corresponding Secretary), Michaëlle Pearson (Co-Chair), Robert DiNapoli, and James Meehan. *Middle Row:* Skip Beebe, Kevin Cole, Alison Mitchell, Sandra Joncus, and Ted Freeman. *Front Row:* Dawn McCarthy, Edith Twining, Ann Marie Jewett (Treasurer), Katie Balocca (Recording Secretary), and Elaine Stiles. *Not Shown:* Tim Griswold, Matthew LaConti, Todd Machnik, and Andi Williams. (Photograph: James Meehan)

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

At the Annual Town Meeting in January 2020, OLHSI's "Tuesday Morning Work Crew" were named Old Lyme's 2019 Citizens of the Year! Congratulations to Ellis Jewett, Ted Freeman, Stephen Joncus, Kevin Cole, and Skip Beebe. Their work to renovate and restore 55 Lyme Street is evident in the beautiful design of the front office, downstairs archive, rear entrance, and the lovely original details they have worked so hard to reveal and preserve. Thanks to the Board of Selectmen for recognizing their achievements and service to the community.

Spring brought some interesting and ongoing challenges. Due to COVID-19 guidance from state and local officials, 55 Lyme Street was closed on March 13. Our last in-person board meeting was March 9. Spring and summer are usually the busiest times of year for the OLHSI. The lecture series, which raises money for our Scholarship Fund, was relegated to Zoom, as were all of our board meetings, including the annual meeting on June 8. OLHSI awards the Carol

Noyes Winters Scholarship 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: Audrey Berry and Conner Wyman. The James B. Noyes Award, which honors the contributions of an outstanding volunteer, was postponed until Fall. The 2019 winner was James Meehan, which was inadvertently left out of last year's report. James has been a member of the Society for over ten years and has given generously of his time and talents, providing artwork, photography, and design for the society's publications.

COVID-19 has taken a serious toll on the society's ability to raise funds for our Scholarship Fund and other ongoing projects, and as an all-volunteer organization, OLHSI did not qualify for grants. Please consider donating to the OLHSI Scholarship Fund or our general fund. We are always looking for new members and volunteers. Join us!

Old Lyme Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC)

Rachael Gaudio Labrie
Chairwoman

*Meetings: 4th Tuesdays except August and December;
6:00 P.M. at Memorial 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 have 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 reviewed 18 general applications and held site walks for each application. There was one application

Old Lyme Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC) *(continued)*

where the commission determined it did not have jurisdiction. Eleven regular permits were approved and six administrative permits were issued. There was one instance of wetlands enforcement, in which the property owners remedied their activity within wetlands on their property. The selected 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 6:00 P.M. at Memorial Town Hall. The agenda and minutes are posted on the town website.

Old Lyme Land Trust, Inc.

Tom Unger
Trustee

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The Old Lyme Land Trust was established in 1966 as a nonprofit corporation separate from the Town of Old Lyme. The trust's mission is to conserve Old Lyme's natural, scenic, and historic land and water resources for the benefit of the public now and in the future. Land is acquired through purchase, donation, grants, and bequests and, to a lesser degree, easements granted from property owners. One of the most visible manifestations of this mission is providing passive outdoor recreation opportunities. The trust currently maintains 14 preserves totaling over 1,100 acres and is exploring acquiring additional properties that will increase the size of existing preserves and link preserves and other undeveloped land parcels together.

The trust is administered by a board of trustees, currently consisting of 11 members. 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's largest activity is preserve maintenance, which includes clearing fallen trees from trails, removing dead and dying trees, mowing fields, building bridges, and maintaining parking lots and trail markings. The

trust also removes invasive species and replants native species where feasible. A major such project has been carried out at the Elizabeth B. Karter Watch Rock Preserve over the past several years, and more recently invasive barberry has been removed from portions of other preserves with the help of many volunteers. New interpretive and educational signage will be installed on selected preserves in the coming year.

Many of the Old Lyme Land Trust's 2020 planned activities were suspended due to public health concerns, but the trust was still able to hold outdoor activities that were well attended and appreciated by participants from Old Lyme and beyond.

The 6th Annual Kayak Regatta was held in September. More than 90 kayakers paddled from Smith Neck Road boat launch up the Duck and Back Rivers, with views of the Watch Rock Preserve. Refreshments were served at the boat landing upon return.

Throughout the year, the trust worked with the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center to coordinate open-to-the public educational events, such as evening "Owl Prowls." The trust also worked with the Town of Old Lyme Open

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



Spring on Lohmann Preserve

Space Commission, including the development of linked preserves as part of establishing a cross-town hiking trail.

New initiatives included a “scavenger hunt” on the Griswold Preserve for school-age youth to identify various plant life and a “Screen Free (unplugged) Weekend” with the Lymes’ Youth Service Bureau.

The trust worked closely with the Town of Old Lyme, CT DEEP, and neighbors of Jericho Preserve to address concerns about beaver dams on Bucky Brook and Black Hall Pond. Actions included pinpointing exact locations of the dams in a heavily wooded and swampy area, a photo drone flyover, and investigation of the installation of “beaver deceivers.” Beavers are an ongoing issue that will continue to be monitored.

Increased use of the preserves has amplified the need for maintenance, and the trust always welcomes new members. There are several levels of memberships, annual dues are nominal, and the funds are invested in preserve upkeep for the pleasure and safety of all visitors.

Anyone interested in joining the Old Lyme Land Trust Board of Trustees, volunteering for work parties, or serving as a steward of one of our preserves may contact the trust at OLLandtrust@gmail.com.



Stream at Hoffman Preserve



Egrets at Lohmann Preserve

Old Lyme Open Space Commission

Amanda Blair, William Dunbar
Co-Chairs

Meetings: Second Fridays except August; 9 A.M., Memorial Town Hall
www.oldlyme-ct.gov/open-space-commission
OpenSpaceCommission@oldlyme-ct.gov



Volunteer work party on the McCulloch Family Open Space, pre-COVID

The Old Lyme Open Space Commission completed its purchase of approximately 300 acres from David McCulloch/the Jean A. McCulloch Farm LLC at a closing on Tuesday, September 3, 2019.

The sale involved two parts – the purchase of land that is now the town’s “McCulloch Family Open Space” and the set-aside of two smaller areas to be reserved for potential affordable housing lots. The property was officially opened to the public on National Trails Day, June 6, 2020.

Extensive preparation was needed for public access. The commission worked with a surveyor, engineer, soil scientist, wetlands officials, and the State Archaeologist. It negotiated with The Nature Conservancy and the State Attorney General’s Office to modify a conservation easement. On site, three trails were blazed with assistance from the Old Lyme Land Trust; volunteers from the Connecticut Hiker’s Alliance helped remove old horse fencing; parking was constructed; and trail signs and kiosks were put in place.

The commission focused on invasive species found on open space land. From a commitment to a natural stewardship, a “herbicide use” policy was adopted to avoid the use of glyphosate. A vendor was hired to control phragmites on Eklund Pond. The Lyme Old Lyme High School Environmental Club volunteered to remove invasive shrubs on the Ames Family Open Space.

To encourage further volunteer participation, the Open Space Commission created a dedicated email account - olhikes@gmail.com – strictly to seek help on various projects and to offer information on public activities.

The commission partnered with the Old Lyme Land Trust and the Old Lyme Inn to sponsor multiple “Hikers’ Happy Hours.” Participants enjoyed guided hikes on either open space land or land trust preserves and met afterwards at the inn for nibbles and beverages.

As part of an active public outreach program, the commission sponsored a booth at the town Midsummer Festival providing information on

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Old Lyme Open Space Commission *(continued)*

invasive and native species, beavers, and open space hiking opportunities. Frequent public service messages were issued, and the open space pages within the town website were revamped with new and expanded information.

The COVID pandemic led the commission to cancel its March and April 2020 meetings. During this period, the commission encouraged safe hiking, with face coverings and social distancing, to relieve the stress of quarantining. Open space visits as a respite were encouraged in public messages and in a New London *Day* column.

The Open Space Commission, in cooperation with the Old Lyme Land Trust, prepared a “First Responders” book, with trail maps and access information to help police, fire, and EMS personnel quickly reach hikers in need of emergency assistance. Visitors are encouraged to carry cell phones; coverage is good throughout town open space.

Safety messages and signs were also used to warn the public of conflicts with coyotes during the spring breeding season, about Eastern Equine Encephalitis during the mosquito season, and of ticks and risk of Lyme Disease.

The town’s “Four Mile River Road Open Space,” about 30 acres, was renamed the “Upper Three Mile River Open Space” to better align with the land trust’s nearby “Upper Three Mile River Preserve.”

A GPS review was completed of various town open space properties to ensure town maps correctly outline boundaries. Signs were installed to indicate boundaries and where trails enter or exit open space land.

A policy regarding beavers was adopted stating their activity will be allowed undisturbed as a natural ecological process on open space land if it does not threaten critical infrastructure or private property.

The commission reiterated that Old Lyme’s policy of no smoking on town property applies to open space, a particularly important message due to the fire risk from drought during the summer of 2020.

Drafting of a 2020 Open Space Plan, required by ordinance and timed for creation of the town’s 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development, commenced.

The Open Space Commission worked cooperatively with the Planning Commission in offering advice concerning land required to be set aside for open space per subdivision regulations.

Commission members toured the site of the proposed Cobb Road, LLC solar photovoltaic electric generating facility at 20-1 Short Hills Road to assess whether soil erosion might impact nearby conserved land, including the McCulloch property. Individual members also wrote to the Siting Council over concerns that 18 acres of core forest would be lost; and that retention ponds be monitored and maintained, as needed, over the project life cycle to prevent sediment runoff.

Old Lyme Parks and Recreation

Don Bugbee
Director

The Parks and Recreation Department provides a variety of programs and services for the residents and the summer visitors in Old Lyme. The office is located at 52 Lyme Street, in the lower level of the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall and can be reached by calling 434 1605 ext 235. The email address is parkrec@oldlyme-ct.gov 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 6:00 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 typically provide a daily staff of lifeguards and parking lot attendants for our facilities at White Sand Beach and Hain's Park at Rogers Lake. We typically employ about 40 high school and college-age residents in the summer as lifeguards, parking attendants, and day-camp counselors. Our facilities also include Town Woods Park and Cross Lane Park, hosting activities including soccer, lacrosse, tennis, basketball, baseball, and softball. We also utilize Region #18 facilities throughout the year for indoor 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 COVID situation certainly affected the Parks and Recreation Department. All activities were shut down in March and have yet to resume. The beach and park areas were closed temporarily. These areas were reopened, but social distancing requirements are in place. Groups and team activities are restricted.

The plans for making general improvements to Hains Park are continuing. The new bathroom facility is under construction and is expected to be complete by December 2020. Other improvements are to be a gazebo and making all areas ADA compliant. Playground upgrades are in the planning stages as well.

As always, I would like to thank the Parks and Recreation employees, commission members, the public works department, the boards of selectmen and finance, and Regional District 18 for the use of facilities and the town employees for the efforts they contribute to our programs. Also and in particular, thanks goes to the dedicated volunteers who continue to give up their time for the benefit of others in our community. Your efforts are essential to many of our Parks and Recreation programs, they are appreciated, and the programs would not exist as they are without your help.

If anyone has any suggestions or program requests, please contact the Parks and Recreation Office by phone, email, or better yet... stop in.

Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library

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Director

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Statistical Snapshot

Total Circulation: 53,788 items
Programs: 96, with a total of 2,300 attendees
Computers: 17 public Internet computers were used 5,084 times
Registered Borrowers: 3,960
Reference Transactions: 1,200
Collections: 42,192 physical and over 18,000 digital items

Year in Review

The 2019-2020 fiscal year was unlike any other in the library's history. We knew the year would be marked by construction and a corresponding reduction of services. Little did we know that the excitement and disruption of the renovations would be overshadowed by a global pandemic and the need to close our doors.

Summer 2019: The summer was full of excitement and fun! Kids and teens dived into a newly revamped Summer Learning Program developed collaboratively by PGN staff with the Media Specialist team from Region 18 and Lyme Public Library staff. The goal of the new program was to empower students and families to READ. LEARN. EXPLORE! in the summer months to combat learning loss and foster the love of reading. Meanwhile, library staff were busy behind the scenes preparing for the imminent construction project. Countless hours were spent analyzing the collections, organizing files, and planning the new space. Members of the Building Committee continued to work closely with TSKP Studios on the final construction documents and the selection of finishes and furnishings.

Fall 2019: As school resumed and the weather turned cool, the library began scaling back services in anticipation of the start of construction, which, after years of planning, officially commenced on November 12. The library hosted a Groundbreaking Ceremony on November 21 featuring comments from local and state officials and library representatives. Meanwhile, the Renewal Campaign Committee rolled out a community-wide Thanks Phoebe!

Fundraiser to help fund the project. The fundraiser featured the sale of commemorative pavers to be included in the new garden. Members of the community purchased more than 350 pavers and contributed over \$208,000. These funds, when combined with over \$800,000 from several dozen leadership donors, a \$1M grant from the State Library, and \$1.75M from the Town of Old Lyme, provided the funding necessary for the Renewal Project.

Winter 2020: Construction was in full swing by the start of the New Year. Staff were busily preparing the collections to be moved off-site when the library suddenly closed on March 13th to help prevent the spread of COVID-19. Library staff began working from home, and the building was completely shuttered for all service, including returns. Thankfully, work on the construction project was able to continue despite supply chain delays created by the pandemic.

Spring 2020: Unfortunately, COVID-19 dominated the remainder of the fiscal year. What we had thought would be a relatively brief six-week suspension of in-person services turned into a six-month closure. It didn't take long for library staff to regroup and respond to the challenge of connecting with patrons at a distance with a wide array of virtual or socially distanced programs and activities. Throughout the closure, we continued to answer the phones and field email inquiries, and we mailed many library cards to patrons eager to take advantage of our digital collections for the first time. In addition, a joint team of board and staff members embarked on a new initiative to investigate the ways in which the library can help foster diversity, equality, and inclusivity in our community.

Despite the very real challenges the year presented, we're very proud of all that we've accomplished on behalf of the Old Lyme community, and we're eagerly anticipating re-opening our doors in the 2020-2021 fiscal year. We're so very grateful for all of the many people who, directly or indirectly, contributed to our work. But most of all we're grateful for our patrons who inspire us to keep working and moving forward!

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

Board of Trustees

The 2019-2020 Library Board of Trustees consisted of 15 members. The executive board officers were Kirsten Sicuranza, President; Patrick Gingras, Vice President; Joseph Cipparone,

Secretary; and David Stanland, Treasurer. The Board of Trustees meets the second Tuesday of the month, excepting December and July.

Old Lyme Resident State Trooper

No report submitted

Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc.

Claire Haskins
President

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

Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc. (OLSEVAA) is proud to have celebrated its 70th Anniversary of providing emergency medical care for the town of Old Lyme. We thank everyone for their help and support through the challenges of the past year.

COVID-19 has certainly changed life as we knew it. We have worked diligently to ensure the safety of our members, staff, and especially the people we serve.

It is with great sadness that we report the passing of one of our beloved members. Robert Philip Knauff, aka, Phil Bob. Bob was a lifetime member of the Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, serving as president, secretary, treasurer, and board of directors member as well as an EMT. For years he was one of our top responders and a mentor to many of the members. Bob is greatly missed.



Through a generous donation from the Kitchings Foundation, OLSEVAA conducted multiple staff training sessions at all five of the public schools in Lyme and Old Lyme. Teachers, administrators, maintenance, security, technology, and support staff completed two-hour training sessions in bleeding control. “Stop The Bleed” Training Sessions were also conducted for 195 Lyme-Old Lyme High School juniors and seniors. Just before the closure of schools from the Coronavirus pandemic, nearly all of the remaining high school freshmen and sophomores completed “Stop The Bleed” training during PE health classes. With funding from the Kitchings Family Foundation, OLSEVAA purchased 12 wall-mounted “Stop The Bleed” kits. Two wall-mounted kits were installed in each of the district’s five schools along with a wall-mounted kit for the Regional School District 18 Maintenance Garage. A kit was also purchased and installed at the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall. We are excited to be able to help educate the community and provide resources to help in a serious emergency before professional resources arrive.

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Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc. *(continued)*

In the last fiscal year, OLSEVAA responded to 817 calls. We treated patients with medical emergencies like difficulty breathing, heart attack and stroke patients, and those with diabetic issues. 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. Please contact us at olems.org or call 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.



The OLEMS (Old Lyme Emergency Medical Service) "Ist Responder Vehicle": A technician can sign out this vehicle for a "shift," which will get a well-equipped EMT on scene faster.

Old Lyme Tree Commission

Joanne DiCamillo
Chair

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

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL TOWN RESIDENTS:

A PERMIT from the tree warden is **REQUIRED** to trim, remove, or plant trees and shrubs on the town right-of-way adjoining your property. The application is available at town hall and online at www.oldlyme-ct.gov.

Trees are one of our most valuable resources, a vital component to the quality of life in our community. They contribute to a healthy environment by reducing noise and improving air quality. Trees provide shade for our streets and sidewalks. They cool our homes. We enjoy the scents of their flowers in spring and how they color our world in autumn. They provide fruit for us to enjoy; food for the pollinators; seeds, nuts, and shelter for the wildlife.

Trees, in combination with their natural environments, can provide a sense of healing. This statement is supported by the fact that, in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, record numbers of Americans were spending more time outdoors, finding places to exercise safely. Parks, forests, and open-space preserves were filled with walkers, hikers, and runners. Many simply opted to stay at home and spend time in their own green spaces, planting gardens and playing games with family members or merely relaxing in the shade of a tree. Some folks, with limited access to the outdoors, viewed the change of seasons from their windows, enjoying the activities of birds, bees, butterflies, and other wildlife. Overall, there was a renewed appreciation for nature and a sense of meaningful connection with the world around us.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, the tree warden posted 35 trees for removal and 34 trees located in several areas of town were fertilized. Roadside trees on Maple Lane and Dunns Lane, on Boggy Hole Road

and the north green were pruned. A beech tree in Town Woods Park was treated for Phytophthora canker disease and its lower branches were pruned. The crowns of the three dogwood trees at the town hall were trimmed away from the building and the front walk.

With the pandemic limiting access to the town hall, many residents reported their tree concerns to the commission via the town's website. This method has proven to be quick and efficient as the chairman forwards all requests to the tree warden and public works.

Thank you for your vigilance and your interest in helping us to succeed with our mission of keeping our community trees healthy and safe.

Currently there are two vacancies on the commission. Interested in joining us? Contact the chairman or the selectman's office or submit an application on the town's website.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize the members, Dr. Joan Flynn, Anne Bing, Emily Griswold, and Michael Gaffey, who volunteer their time to the town. We thank the Board of Finance for supporting our work.

Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

Cindi Taylor

Executive Director

The Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association had a year we will always remember.

The year began with our customary offerings and events. The OLVNA's motto is "caring for all ages since 1922," and for almost a century we have offered health services to the community. For residents who are sick or convalescing at home, the town nurse can make home assessment visits with no fee and coordinate skilled care with Medicare, Medicaid, and private insurers. For many years, our town nurse has held office hours at the Lymes' Senior Center, usually on weekdays from 11 to 1. Prior to the coronavirus, residents could simply walk into the center to see the nurse - no appointment and no fees.

Our 2019 Annual Flu and Wellness Clinic on October 19 was a success, with 308 vaccines given. The wellness component of this clinic benefited greatly from the generous services of health professionals in ophthalmology, podiatry, hearing, skin, blood pressure, balance, and prevention. Over the holidays, we continued our tradition of donating food gift cards to local agencies for holiday meals.

Then the coronavirus hit. Along with many others, we embarked on a crash course in COVID-19 study so we could figure out how best to respond. We shifted our meetings to Zoom. We had to cancel school offerings such as our Spring Blood Pressure Clinic. But we were relieved that the Town Nurse Office was able to remain open for phone consultations, which was safest for vulnerable groups and which most callers strongly preferred. Town Nurse Karen Veselka's coronavirus response went well beyond the call of duty, and in April we were thrilled to learn that she had won Old Lyme's Inaugural Kindness Award. We also leaned heavily on Executive Director Cindi Taylor, who delivered medical supplies to shut-in patients.

We were very fortunate in the spring to receive a donation from the Kitchings Family Foundation. Part of this money has gone toward our face mask distribution program. We began this program with a June 9 Mask Distribution

Drive-Through at Lyme-Old Lyme High School, which we held in conjunction with the Lymes' Youth Service Bureau, with generous help from Ledge Light Health District, Old Lyme and Lyme Emergency Management, social services, police, Rangers, and the high school itself. We distributed around 4,500 masks at this event (more than we originally reported) along with LYSB's coronavirus resource cards.

While much has been different this year, we were still able to keep up our longstanding tradition of giving scholarships to high school graduates who plan to study healthcare. This year's winners are Grace Hanrahan, Renate Kuhn, Katelyn Wells, and Darin Hamou. Congratulations to all of you! The world needs dedicated health professionals!

Many things have happened since Old Lyme's fiscal year ended on June 30, so they are outside the scope of this report, but residents should know that we sadly said goodbye to Nurse Karen Veselka, who retired, and we welcomed our new Town Nurse, Denise Piersa. As medical guidelines have become more clear, Nurse Piersa has been able to resume home visits to those who are shut in and coordinate professional services, as in the past. She is generally in the office between noon and 1 P.M. on weekdays for drive-up blood pressure and wellness checks. Residents can call the town nurse office to arrange a visit, at 860-434-7808.

As of this writing, we are still doing our best to stay abreast of the coronavirus situation and other health news. We are always looking for volunteers who are comfortable with hands-on community health events. Our Board of Directors meets at 1 P.M. on the second Monday of each month, except in the summer. We also rely heavily on associates who help out with projects that interest them. Anyone interested should contact Cindi Taylor at 860-434-1222 or oldlymevna@gmail.com. We are grateful to our many donors and volunteers and indebted to all the fine organizations in town that have helped us to help one another.

Harold Thompson
Chairman

The Planning Commission normally meets on the second Thursday of each month, except for the month of August. The meetings are held at Town Hall and normally begin at 5:00 PM.

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. Meeting minutes are posted on the town website.

The commission consists of five elected members and three alternate members appointed by the Board of Selectmen. Per State Statute, every ten years the Planning Commission is responsible for updating the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. Subdivision Regulations are revised as deemed necessary, and special documents such as an ordinance is approved by a town meeting. The commission is also required to act on any zoning referrals or anything owned or acquired by the town.

The Planning Commission continues to be involved in Open Space. The commission is also looking to performing studies and preparing

documentation with respect to land-use issues associated with the postulated rise in sea level. The Planning Commission has attempted to engaged other land-use commissions in addressing this issue and this effort will continue.

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, the development of affordable housing projects, and the review of proposed changes to Old Lyme land use regulations. 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.

The Planning Commission is currently working on revising the Old Lyme Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). This effort has been delayed because of the pandemic. However, in recent months the commission has held numerous outdoor sessions to update the POCD and to actively seek input from other commissions. The initial goal was to finish this effort by December 2020. Because of the pandemic, this effort has been delayed and the POCD is currently scheduled for a public hearing in January 2021 and final acceptance in February 2021.

Poet Laureate of Old Lyme

Dr. Roger G. Singer

Poet Laureate

PO Box 86, Old Lyme
Shoreline Chapter, Connecticut Poetry Society
203-848-8582
cabanaph424@verizon.net

I am honored to be nominated as the first Poet Laureate of Old Lyme.

I am a member of the Connecticut Coalition of Poets Laureate and president of the Shoreline Chapter of the Connecticut Poetry Society (CPS), one of several chapters in the state and an affiliate of the National Federation of Poetry Societies (NFSPS). The CPS is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the promotion and enjoyment of poetry, a group with a long tradition of excellence in publishing the work of poets from Connecticut and around the nation. It sponsors various readings, workshops, and contests throughout the year, and most chapters usually meet monthly to workshop original poetry and discuss upcoming events. Our mission is to encourage a community devoted to poetry through chapter meetings, education, and events. The society also publishes a national journal of poetry and encourages members in writing and publishing their poetry.

I've conducted two poetry classes for the Lymes' Senior Center. I have presided over the monthly Connecticut Poetry Society meetings held on the second Wednesday of each month from 7-9 P.M. Due to the ongoing restrictions of COVID-19, all meetings have been held via Zoom. In September I am scheduled to moderate a presentation on Jack Kerouac, in association with the Connecticut Poetry Society, also via Zoom.

I look forward to resuming a class on poetry at the Old Lyme Library and presenting an introductory class to the Lyme-Old Lyme High School.

[The following is a short sample of "our poet's" work, kindly submitted at the editor's request.]

Walk Away

an audible moan
of muted thunder
crosses over
the surface
of this unknown road
stirring the air
and dust from
fence posts
and porches
barbwire sky flashes
send jagged
pitch forks
into the caldron
of disturbed weather

a warning to take
the other side
of this unknown
road
and walk away

Once again, I am honored with the responsibility to discuss and present poetry to all age groups in Old Lyme.

Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools

Ian Neviaser

Superintendent of Schools

The summer of 2019 looked much like any other with our staff sprucing up schools, teachers and administrators working on curriculum and professional development, all in preparation for the return of our students in the fall.

In September, the school year was off to a great start. Students huddled over a table for a group project in a classroom, laughter and big smiles in the hallway between periods, a group of friends eating lunch outside, sports, concerts, after-school activities, and full buses were common sights.

Then, on March 13, COVID-19 swiftly shut down all schools in CT. Like much of the country, we were just beginning to understand what measures needed to be taken and for how long we would be out of school.

We mobilized quickly and within a few days were able to distribute to each student an electronic device with appropriate software for distance learning. Staff, especially our teachers and technology specialists, worked long hours to adapt and prepare for this unexpected shift. Our previous investments in technology proved valuable throughout this process. Over the weeks and months, we continually adjusted to improve what wasn't working, and our students also rose to the occasion, learning in this new way.

Though under lock-down, school business continued to move forward. In May, the 2020-21 budget was passed unanimously with a 1.03 percent decrease over the previous year. Replacement of the three tennis courts at the high school began, as did renovation of the gymnasium at Lyme School.

In wanting to honor our graduating seniors, we held a socially-distanced, mask-wearing, drive-by graduation ceremony. Each student had a specific time at which he or she could drive-up with family to receive a diploma and take a photo or two. The ceremony lasted seven hours, and the speeches and music moved online. While not our usual graduation, it was a celebratory and memorable day to honor our graduating seniors.

As we closed out school in June and moved into summer, we hoped to return to the classroom in the fall but were preparing for a variety of scenarios. Most of all, this year we were reminded of the incredible spirit, kindness, and warmth of the Old Lyme and Lyme communities.



Read Across America Day 2020



Recess at Mile Creek School



Lunch at Mile Creek School

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



LOLMS students at gallery



No report submitted

RiverCOG

Anthony Salvatore

Chairperson

RiverCOG, one of Connecticut's nine Councils of Governments, is governed by the chief elected/executive officials of its 17 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. RiverCOG is responsible for the planning of regional land use, transportation, emergency preparedness, environmental conservation, economic development, and homeland security and also provides regional services such as household hazardous waste collection.

Current officers for RiverCOG are Anthony Salvatore (Cromwell), Chairperson; Lauren Gister (Chester), Vice-Chairperson; Ed Bailey (Middlefield), Secretary; and Noel Bishop (Westbrook), Treasurer. First Selectpeople Cathy Iino (Killingworth) and Timothy Griswold (Old Lyme) join the RiverCOG officers on the Executive Committee.

Fiscal year 2020 was an eventful year for the RiverCOG staff. In January, our internal network and server were compromised in an international hacking incident, resulting in an investigation and shoring up technology and back-up processes. Just as RiverCOG was recovering from this, the nation was hit with the COVID-19 virus. Throughout, the RiverCOG team has grown to be stronger and more adaptable, enterprising, and resilient than ever before. Although our GIS Coordinator, Dan Bourret, left us for a land-use position with the Town of Old Lyme, we gained a new Senior Planner, Megan Jouflas., who formerly held careers in law and planning in San Diego. We were also happy to host two interns and two Sustainable CT fellows during the summer of 2019.



Lower Connecticut
River Valley
Council of Governments

In addition to their regular duties, Deputy Director Torrance Downes and former GIS Coordinator Dan Bourret provided interim land use and zoning services to Deep River, Old Lyme, Westbrook, and Clinton. Environmental Planner Margot Burns spearheaded an update of the Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan for 15 of our towns. Executive Director Sam Gold was appointed to the State's Covid Recovery Team and continued to chair the Connecticut Association of COGs and sit on multiple boards (Sustainable CT) and steering committees (Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations).

RiverCOG continued a legacy of legislative engagement with the state and federal governments on the behalf of our member municipalities. In January 2020 we held our annual legislative COG/MPO meeting with the region's legislators and approved the year's legislative agenda.

Under state statute RiverCOG, through its Regional Planning Committee (RPC) or its delegated staff, reviews proposed zoning text and map changes that affect property within 500 feet of municipal boundaries and subdivisions that touch or cross town lines as well as municipal plans of conservation and development. This fiscal year we reviewed 44 inter-municipal zoning regulation referrals from 24 municipalities (member municipalities and adjacent towns) and addressed topics such as regulation changes for outdoor dining due to COVID-19, agri-tourism, farm wineries and breweries, tidal water protection, and others.

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RiverCOG continued to host the nonprofit Gateway Commission, which has served the towns of Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme, and Old Saybrook for more than 45 years as the guardian of the ecological and visual values of the Lower Connecticut River region. Working with these towns' Planning & Zoning Commissions, Zoning Boards of Appeal, and town staff, Gateway oversees a scenic protection program comprised of acquiring scenic and conservation easements and land and administering a development management program within the Gateway Conservation Zone. In addition to partnering with Gateway, RiverCOG staff supported the health of the Connecticut River by educating communities about invasive species and monitoring and removing harmful plants.

RiverCOG continued to act as the fiduciary agent for Department of Homeland Security Region 2 of the state's emergency planning efforts through grants provided by the federal government through the DEMHS (Division of Emergency Management & Homeland Security), which is charged with developing, administering, and coordinating a comprehensive and integrated statewide program that encompasses all human-made and natural hazards and includes prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery components to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Connecticut. Fiduciary duties include substantial financial record organization, certification of vendors and service providers, review of vendor quotes, payment of vendor invoices, attendance at monthly REPT meetings, administration and collection of Memorandums of Agreement from the 30 member towns for each of numerous overlapping grants, and preparing specific deliverables that are required by DEMHS in order to receive RiverCOG's funding allocation for the fiduciary responsibilities. When requested, staff of the agency will also provide ancillary mapping services.

RiverCOG continued to host the Lower Connecticut River Land Trust (LCRLT). This nonprofit entity includes the Land Trusts of Chester, Clinton, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Lynde Point, Middlesex, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Salem, and Westbrook.

The LCRLT continues to establish itself and move forward creating documentation to help all the land trusts under its regional umbrella.

RiverCOG had a successful year with our continued household hazardous waste (HHW) collections. Due to Connecticut's participation in the PaintCare program, towns saw significant savings as they are no longer charged for paint waste. Over 65,000 pounds of latex and oil based paint were collected. Prior to implementation of the PaintCare program, the charge for disposal of the oil based paint collected would have been more than \$30,000. RiverCOG also continued holding paper shredding events and partnering with the state on recycling efforts on plastic film, mattresses, mercury switches, and textiles. RiverCOG also held a request for proposals for a new vendor contract and selected MXI. The transition went smoothly with MXI starting collections in May 2020.

Other regional planning projects from fiscal year 2019 include:

- Selected FHI to assist RiverCOG with the completion of the first Regional Plan of Conservation & Development
- Continued a regional transit study looking at ways of better integrating operations of 9 Town Transit and MAT
- Created a new website, rivercog.org
- Updated Title VI policies and program
- Hosted Repair Café, Compost Bin/Rain Barrel sales and composting workshops
- Continued hosting of the state's only Regional Agricultural Committee
- Worked on the plan for a connector trail between the Airline and Farmington Canal Trails
- Continued working with CT DOT on LOTCIP and other types of projects throughout the region, such as upgrading/replacing traffic control signals on state roads

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 or 911*

Rogers Lake Authority Patrol Boat (May through October): 860-227-4285

The Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) meets the second Wednesday of every month at 7:30 P.M. in the Rogers Lake West Shores Association Clubhouse at 75 Rogers Lake Trail in Old Lyme.

Rogers Lake comprises 265 acres and is 66 feet deep. The water draining into the lake comes from 4,819 acres, of which 4,472 acres (93%) 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.

SWCA Environmental Consultants completed the Rogers Lake 2020 Invasive Aquatic Plant survey and report this past summer. The report compared data collected during this study and data collected in 2014 and 2018. "In general, we have observed a dramatic reduction in invasive species throughout Rogers Lake between 2014 and 2020. Because of the reduced distribution, SWCA is suggesting that future management may only require hand-pulling of invasive aquatic species."

In the summer of 2019, twenty-two acres of Rogers Lake was treated with the herbicide ProcellaCOR to combat the invasive weed variable leaf milfoil. The ProcellaCOR application is good for three years. There was no herbicide treatment performed in the summer of 2020.

The use of weed mats has proven to be very successful where the invasive weeds are growing in an area where the lake bottom is mostly dirt. Weeds will be completely gone in a little over a month. The weed mats work well in 800-square-foot areas but are not a solution over larger areas and if there is boat traffic. A two-year study using weed mats in a portion of the lake with over a foot of muck showed no change in the amount of muck although the weeds were temporarily killed.

The Rogers Lake dam is owned and maintained by the Town of Old Lyme. The dam and the 31-inch sluiceway are not designed as or considered to be flood-control protection. If the water level rises over inches over the top of

the spillway it can cause flooding for some lake-area residents, and if the water level drops more than 16 inches below the spillway some lake area residents will experience well issues. One inch of rain can easily raise the water level three inches. It takes two days without rain to lower the lake three inches. With these very narrow water levels that must be maintained, the RLA started the creation of a Dam Operation and Maintenance manual.

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. The patrol boat has a dedicated phone and can be reached at 860-227-4285.

The RLA continues to work with CT DEEP in promoting safety and compliance on the lake. Permission from DEEP was obtained to erect a sign at the cove in the northwest corner of the lake to inform boaters that boats with motors are not allowed in the cove. There are invasive weeds in this area that can be fragmented easily by boat propellers and spread around the lake. Another permit was issued by DEEP for a buoy to mark the sandbar at the entrance to the public boat launch.

The RLA is an active member of the Connecticut Federation of Lakes (CFL). RLA members attended a conference in October. The take-home from attending this conference is that Rogers Lake is healthy, and the RLA is proactive in dealing with our issues. Rogers Lake also benefits from the support of the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme that many other lakes lack.

The RLA has been working with Yale University and the Connecticut DEEP Fisheries Division with their efforts in reintroducing alewives back into the lake. In the spring of 2019, 300 alewives came into the lake to spawn. Of these alewives, 295 were found to have originated from the lake through DNA testing. In the

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Rogers Lake Authority *(continued)*

spring of 2020, 2,787 returned to the lake to spawn. CT DEEP stocked 5,404 at Haines Park. Before dams were constructed on the waterway into the lake, there were tens of thousands of alewives returning to the lake yearly to spawn. In colonial times alewives were used as fertilizer.

The RLA continues to support the rowing activities on the lake. This includes the high school students from the Lyme-Old Lyme High School, Old Saybrook High School, summer rowing programs, and morning and evening adult rowing activities.

In an effort to improve communications with the community at large, the RLA mails

a newsletter every spring that outlines RLA activities and important safety considerations when using the lake.

The Rogers Lake Authority is composed of three representatives from Lyme and three representatives from Old Lyme. It can be contacted via email at rogerslakeauthority@oldlyme-ct.gov. A website is maintained at <https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/rogers-lake-authority>.

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

Social Services

Jennifer Datum

Social Services Coordinator

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

My report for fiscal year 2019-20 is really a story of “before and after.”

From July 2019 through March 2020, the Social Services department continued its regular work of assisting town residents in need with information, referrals, and programs. I assisted 100 households this year.

Energy Assistance

Energy Assistance for the winter season of 2019-20 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, or directly through TVCCA. I processed 55 cases, including individuals and families.

Renters' Rebate

The Renters' Rebate program is a state reimbursement program for elderly or disabled low-income residents who rent in town. In 2019, I assisted 43 residents in applying for this benefit for the 2018 year.

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

Distribution of coupon booklets to be used at local farmers' markets for income eligible residents who are elderly or disabled happens in the summer. Forty-five residents were able to benefit from this program. The coupons can be used to purchase fresh produce, fresh cut herbs, and honey at participating markets. This program is available through the CT Department of Agriculture.

Other

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 one-time assistance. Examples of such assistance include emergency fuel delivery (to 17 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 mailed to Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, attention Social Services. *(continued)*

For those who need help with food, I gave out gift cards to local grocery stores for a total amount of approximately \$1300. I refer residents to the food pantries and meal sites through the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries. I also maintain a very small food pantry in my office.

COVID-19

Mid-March 2020 saw the town hall close to the public due to the COVID-19 pandemic. I continued to work and help people via phone calls, emails, and other online communication. In addition, the town worked closely with other agencies in a coordinated effort to help those individuals and families who were directly affected by the pandemic – some of them who had never needed help before. Together with the selectman's office, the emergency management director, and LYSB, the Lyme-Old Lyme Coronavirus Relief Fund was set up. Generous residents from the town gave monetary donations and also volunteered to help in many other ways. We have been able to assist many families with basic needs such as food, rent, and utility bills.

We will continue to respond to the needs of the community. Also, in a direct response to those affected by the pandemic, I assisted LYSB in the planning and implementation of a very successful summer lunch program.

Information & Referrals

I continue 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, Salvation Army, and various departments of the state.

I work cooperatively with other town agencies, including the Lymes' Senior Center, Lymes' Youth Service Bureau (LYSB), the OL-PGN Library, and the town nurse to help serve all residents.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please email or 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.

Sound View Commission

No report submitted

Tax Collector

Judith A. Tooker
Tax Collector

The tax collector's office was busy this past fiscal year. Taxes are due in two parts, July and January, with all motor vehicle taxes due in July and supplemental bills due in January. Our collection rate was 98.25% even with the pandemic.

We are here to collect taxes in a friendly manner from 9 A.M. to noon and 1 to 4 P.M. weekdays.

Town Meetings

MINUTES OF TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AND REFERENDUM

Approximately 50 electors and citizens attended the Special Town Meeting held on August 5, 2019 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.
- Attorney Thomas McGarry was elected as moderator.
- Town Clerk Vicki Urbowicz read the call of the meeting.

1. To consider and discuss (but not vote on) a “Resolution Authorizing An Appropriation Of \$9,500,000 For Construction Of The Sound View Beach And Miscellaneous Town Area B Sewer Project, Authorizing The Town To Enter Into A Project Funding Agreement With The State Of Connecticut, And Authorizing The Issuance Of Bonds, Notes And Other Obligations To Finance Said Appropriation” (“Resolution”).

Further notification is hereby provided that at its regular meeting on July 17, 2019, the Board of Selectmen, pursuant to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 7-7, voted to remove the vote on said Resolution to a vote of the electors and persons eligible to vote at town meetings of the Town by voting machine to be held on August~13, 2019 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the Cross Lane Firehouse, Cross Lane, Old Lyme, Connecticut, at which the following question shall be submitted to the voters:

“Shall the resolution entitled, ‘RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$9,500,000 FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE SOUND VIEW BEACH AND MISCELLANEOUS TOWN AREA B SEWER PROJECT, AUTHORIZING THE TOWN TO ENTER INTO A PROJECT FUNDING AGREEMENT WITH THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS, NOTES

AND OTHER OBLIGATIONS TO FINANCE SAID APPROPRIATION,’ be approved?

Yes _____ No _____”

The ballot label for said question shall read as follows:

“Shall the Town of Old Lyme appropriate \$9,500,000 for construction of the Sound View Beach and Miscellaneous Town Area B Sewer Project and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes and other obligations to finance said appropriation?

Yes _____ No _____”

Absentee ballots will be available from the Town Clerk’s Office. Voters approving the question will vote “Yes” and voters opposing the question will vote “No”.

Copies of the full text of the proposed Resolution and a plan showing the locations of the proposed sewer construction are available on the Town website at www.oldlyme-ct.gov, under WPCA, and in the Town Clerk’s office at Town Hall during normal business hours for the use or inspection of any interested person.

Resolution Approved to go to Referendum.

2. To consider and vote upon an appropriation of THREE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-EIGHT THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$328,500.00) for engineering and repair work to the Mile Creek Road Bridge.

Motion Carried.

3. To consider and vote upon a resolution to adjourn the Special Town Meeting.

Motion Carried.

Dated at Old Lyme, Connecticut this 12th day August, 2019.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz
Old Lyme Town Clerk*

*Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.
Recorded by Vicki Urbowicz, Town Clerk
August 12, 2019*

REFERENDUM RESULTS –
AUGUST 13, 2019
TOWN OF OLD LYME

Shall the Town of Old Lyme appropriate \$9,500,000 for construction of the Sound View Beach and Miscellaneous Town Area B Sewer Project and authorize the issuance of bonds, notes and other obligations to finance said appropriation?

Yes: 883 No: 565

MINUTES OF TOWN OF OLD LYME
ANNUAL TOWN BUSINESS MEETING
JANUARY 27, 2020

Approximately one hundred electors and citizens attended the Town of Old Lyme Annual Town Business Meeting on Monday, January 27, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in the Lyme Old Lyme Middle School auditorium of Regional District #18, 53 Lyme Street, Old Lyme.

First Selectman, Timothy C. Griswold, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Attorney Francis Sablone was elected to serve as monitor. Town Clerk, Vicki Urbowicz, read the call of the meeting.

1. To accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, as submitted by the Board of Finance.

Motion Carried.

2. A request by the Board of Selectmen to appropriate \$8,750 as a grant to a non-profit (Lyme Academy of Fine Arts).

Motion Carried.

3. To consider and vote on the following proposed Ordinance amendments:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT THAT §§ 43-7(A) and 43-7(A)(2) OF THE OLD LYME CODE OF ORDINANCES SHALL BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS (cross outs are deletions from the existing

text and underlined material is being added to it):

1. 43-7(A). Creation and composition of Ethics Commission. There shall be a municipal Ethics Commission composed of five electors of the Town of Old Lyme and at no time shall more than three members be of the same political party.

2. 43-7(A)(2). Appointment/Removal. The initial Ethics Commission shall be appointed by the unanimous vote of the Ethics Formation Committee. The Ethics Formation Committee will conduct an open solicitation of community-minded individuals and create a pool of candidates based upon their citizenship, political affiliations if any, and business, professional and personal history. Subject to the requirements of this subsection, the Ethics Formation Committee will randomly select and thereafter appoint the above five electors as the Ethics Commission. Thereafter, Commission members shall be appointed and/or vacancies filled by a two-thirds vote of the existing Ethics Commission (appointing authority). Removal from said Commission shall only be by two-thirds vote of the appointing authority or by unanimous vote of the Board of Selectmen. Of the five members of the Ethics Commission initially appointed, three members shall be appointed for the term commencing June 2008 and ending January 31, 2011, and two members shall be appointed for the term commencing June 2008 and ending January 31, 2012. After the stated expiration date of those initial terms, the term of office of all members shall be two years, with two members to be appointed for a term to begin and end on January 31 of the even-numbered years, and three members to be appointed for a term to begin and end on January 31 of the odd-numbered years, provided that each person occupying the position of member of the Ethics Commission on the effective date of this Ordinance amendment and each member appointed thereafter shall continue in office for the term for which she/he was

Town Meetings *(continued)*

appointed and until her/his successor is duly appointed and qualifies. If a vacancy occurs, the appointing authority will appoint a member to the Commission to complete the unexpired term. Commission members may serve without limitations on the number of terms served.

[Amended 7-1-2008]

3. This ordinance amendment shall become effective fifteen (15) days after the date of publication of notice of its passage, per Connecticut General Statutes § 7-157 (a).

Motion Carried.

4. To announce the recipient of the Board of Selectmen's Citizen of the Year for 2019.

Kevin Cole, Ted Freeman, Ellis Jewett, Skip Beebe and Steve Joncus were announced as recipients of the Board of Selectmen's Citizen of the Year for 2019.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz
Town Clerk*

meeting by calling the above phone number to participate in the meeting. The Board of Finance, as authorized by the Board of Selectmen, will vote upon the draft budget which budget will become the budget for FY 2020-2021.

Pursuant to Executive Order 71, the draft budget may be found at: https://www.oldlymect.gov/sites/oldlymect/files/uploads/budget_card_for_advertisement.pdf.

Comments on the budget may be submitted prior to the meeting to: BoardofFinance@oldlymect.gov.

The meeting will consider and act upon the following:

1. To adopt the Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021, as recommended by the Board of Finance and authorized by the Board of Selectmen.

2. To adopt a proposal that taxes in the Town of Old Lyme on Real Estate and Personal Property shall be paid in two (2) semi-annual installments, the first payment being due on July 1, 2020 and the second payment on January 1, 2021. Any tax in these categories under \$100.00 will be due in full in one payment in July, 2020, as are vehicles on Supplemental List due in July, 2020 in one payment.

*Dated at Old Lyme, Connecticut this 13th day
of May, 2020*

TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING AND BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING

To join this meeting using WebEx click here:
<https://oldlymect.webex.com/oldlymect/j.php?MTID=m45ab07d640b28b8c0596637aca51886b> or dial 1-408-418-9388 and enter access code: 714 301 883.

Electors and citizens eligible to vote in Town meeting are hereby warned that the Annual Town Budget meeting and a Board of Finance meeting will be held virtually on Monday, May 18, 2020, at 7:30 PM. In light of the closure of Town Hall due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and pursuant to Governor Lamont's Executive Orders 71, 75 and & 7CC, the public and electors and citizens eligible to vote in Town meeting may listen to the

BOARD OF SELECTMEN TOWN OF OLD LYME

*Timothy C. Griswold, First Selectman
Christopher Kerr, Selectman
Mary Jo Nosal, Selectwoman*

Minutes of the Board of Finance meeting held on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. via ZOOM directly following the Annual Town Meeting.

Present:

Regular Members: Andrew Russell, Bennett Bernblum, H.P. Garvin, III, David Kelsey, Anna Reiter

Alternate Members: Adam J. Burrows, Matt Olson, Jude Read

Town Meetings *(continued)*

Absent:

Timothy C. Griswold, First Selectman,
ex-officio

Nicole Stajduhar, Finance Director

Michael Reiter, Treasurer

Regular Members: Janet Sturges

Alternate Members:

Guests:

Mr. Russell called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. and stated that regular member, Janet Sturges, is not in attendance and designated Ms. Read to vote in her absence.

Mr. Russell requested that minutes from the March 17th and the March 24th meeting be discussed at the next Board of Finance meeting in June.

Mr. Russell read the following call of the meeting: Electors and citizens eligible to vote in Town meeting are hereby warned that the Annual Town Budget meeting and a Board of Finance meeting will be held virtually on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 7:30 p.m. in light of the closure of Town Hall due to the COVID-19 pandemic, and pursuant to Governor Lamont's Executive Orders 71, 7S and 7CC, the public and electors and citizens eligible to vote in Town meeting may listen to the meeting by calling 1-408-418-9388 and entering access code: 714-301-883 to participate in the meeting. The Board of Finance, as authorized by the Board of Selectmen, will note upon the draft budget which budget will become the budget for FY2020-2021.

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installments, the first payment being due on July 1, 2020 and the second payment on January 1, 2021. Any tax in these categories under \$100.00 will be due in full in one payment in July, 2020, as are vehicles on Supplemental List due in July, 2020 in one payment.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelsey, seconded by Mrs. Reiter to approve the call of the meeting as presented.

Motion carried.

Setting of the mill rate for FY 2020-2021

A motion was made by Mr. Kelsey, seconded by Ms. Read, to accept the budget as presented by the Board of Finance and set the 2020-2021 mill rate at 23.2.

Motion carried.

Mr. Russell stated that the next Board of Finance meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2020 at 7:30 p.m., hopefully in person, at the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall.

A motion was made by Mr. Kelsey, seconded by Ms. Read to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

*Respectfully Submitted,
Michele E. Hayes
Secretary*

Treasurer

Michael Reiter

Treasurer

The financial results for the Town of Old Lyme fiscal year ending on June 30, 2020 were again strong. The budget for total revenues was \$38,027,887, but the actual revenues were \$37,862,491, so there was a negative variance of (\$165,396). This was due to three primary factors: reimbursements that were budgeted but not spent for Emergency Management funds and Sound View sidewalks and investment income short of estimates due to COVID-19 economic impacts. After accounting for budget adjustments during the year, the town's undesignated surplus increased from \$9,008,689 at the beginning of the fiscal year to \$11,701,097 at the end of the fiscal year. The undesignated surplus stands at 30.4% of the actual fiscal year 2020 budget; this is a very healthy surplus.

It is important to note that the town only receives roughly 2.38% (about \$906,000) of its total revenue (about \$38 million) from recurring grants from the State of Connecticut. This positions the town well if the State has to reduce grant funding across the state.

Lyme and Old Lyme together constitute Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools. The division of operating expense of the school district is apportioned between the two towns

based on the ratio of students from each town to the total of all students. As of March 1, 2020, there were 1,290 students in the district, 249 (19.3%) from Lyme and 1,041 (80.7%) from Old Lyme. Accordingly, based on this student count ratio, Lyme's share of the school's \$35,084,758 budget (after accounting for estimated receipts of \$144,446) will be \$6,579,421 and Old Lyme's share will be \$27,556,679.

The Town of Old Lyme has two long-term debt obligations. Existing at the start of the fiscal year was the \$1,500,000 remaining on the balance of the original \$4,200,000 bond used to finance the renovation of Memorial Town Hall in October 2010. During the fiscal year, \$1,250,000 debt was added for the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library renovation. This is 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.

I thank the members of the town's board of finance; Nicole Stajduhar, Finance Director; and Amy Jensen, Assistant to Finance Director, for the consistently excellent work they perform.

Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)

No report submitted

Zoning Board of Appeals

Nancy Hutchinson
Chair

*Regular Meetings: Third Tuesdays except
August & December, 7 P.M., Memorial Town Hall.
<http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/zoning-board-appeals>*

The Old Lyme Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has two primary roles: 1) to hear appeals for variances from the Old Lyme Zoning Regulations and 2) to hear appeals from decisions of the Old Lyme Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO). The standards that guide, and limit, the actions of the Zoning Board of Appeals are based on the Connecticut General Statutes, Land Use case law, and the Old Lyme Zoning Regulations.

In general, for a variance to be granted, the applicant must provide evidence that an unusual hardship exists based on strict application of zoning regulations due to some unusual condition of the property itself, and that the condition does not generally affect other properties in the district. The applicant must also demonstrate that the variance(s) requested are in harmony with the intent and purpose of the zoning regulations and the town's comprehensive plan of zoning. In some instances, the ZBA may consider a proposed reduction in legal pre-existing non-conformity in lieu of a demonstration of unusual hardship when granting a variance.

The members serving on the ZBA are Nancy Hutchinson (Chair), Kip Kotzan (Vice Chair), Marisa Hartman (Secretary), Dan Montano, and Stephanie Mickle. The ZBA alternates are Steve Dix, Sherry Johnston, and Devin Carney, with Sherry and Devin being newly elected to the ZBA in Nov 2019. Because the granting of a variance requires at least four positive votes of the ZBA (not simply a majority vote), having ZBA alternates available to replace absent full members is very important to ensure applicants have a full complement of five ZBA members voting on each application.

The 2019-2020 fiscal year was a very unusual one for the ZBA, as well as for many others! First, the town was without a full-time Land Use Coordinator/Zoning Enforcement Officer/Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer for much of the year: September 2019 through March 2020. Second, the ZBA was required to adapt its legally prescribed procedures to comply with multiple executive orders issued by the governor to help the state respond to the COVID-19 pandemic and the temporary closing of the town hall to the public for several months. Fortunately, the ZBA was able to develop a set of legally compliant adjustments that are to be implemented in July 2020 due to the excellent support provided by Land Use staff members Kim Barrows, CZET, and Dan Bourret, the new full-time Land Use Coordinator/Zoning Enforcement Officer/Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer, who started his new role on April 1, 2020. Welcome, Dan!

Between July 2019 and February 2020, the ZBA held five Regular Meetings and one Special Meeting. No ZBA meetings were held between March and June 2020. In total, the board reviewed twelve variance applications: three were granted without conditions; six were granted with conditions, including two that were conditioned on approval of the required "Use" Special Permit by the Zoning Commission; one application was reviewed, withdrawn, revised, and re-submitted; and two applications were withdrawn by the applicant prior to the opening of the public hearing.

A special thanks to each of the ZBA members and alternates who volunteer their time, to the Land Use staff for their valuable guidance and support, and to the applicants whose patience and flexibility was greatly appreciated as we all navigated a very unusual year!

Zoning Commission

Paul J. Orzel
Chairman

Meetings: Second Mondays except August, 6:30 P.M., Town Hall Meeting Room

The Old Lyme Zoning Commission, along with other town zoning commissions in the State of Connecticut, are authorized by section 8-2 of the Connecticut State Statutes to draft regulations that define lot and building sizes, density of development, and the use of land within the town in order to “protect the public health, safety, convenience, and property values.” Beginning in late 2019, the commission began to explore the introduction of EV charging regulations into our zoning regulations (Section 12.15.4). The focus of this new EV regulation would be three-fold: public street parking, modifications or new construction, and stand-alone commercial charging stations. This focused effort would allow Old Lyme to address the changing transportation landscape. We will be collaborating with Matt Willis, our Zoning Counsel, as well as studying the regulations in other towns for guidance and best practices to structure a dynamic EV Zoning Regulation

for Old Lyme. Also, the commission continues to data mine and study the impact of rising sea levels on building construction near tidal waters, which will result in more robust regulations in this area. The Old Lyme Zoning Commission comprises five elected members and three alternates. Elected members are Jane Cable, Jane Marsh, Tammy Tinnerello, Alan Todd, and Paul Orzel. Michael Peter Barnes, Katherine Klose, and Maria Martinez serve as alternates, appointed by the board of selectmen. Any elector who is interested in being appointed as an alternate member of the zoning commission should contact the selectman’s office.

The Old Lyme Zoning Commission meets on the second Monday of each month, except August, at 6:30 P.M. in the Old Lyme Town Hall Meeting Room. Members of the public are welcome to attend all regular meetings and public hearings.

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 will 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 Center1-800-222-1222
Elderly Abuse Hotline1-888-385-4225

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

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

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

Transportation

EMOTS (Estuary Medical OutPatient
Transportation) Handicapped equipped,
give 24-hour notice, please860-388-1611
American Cancer Society1-800-227-2345

Old Lyme Social Services860-434-1605, 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 hours860-434-9003

Valley Shore Community Health Center

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

Hospitals and Clinics

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

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

INFOLINE211
Information and Referral, Crisis Counseling,
Advocacy

Medicare, Center for Medicare

Advocacy1-800-262-4414

Social Security

All aspects1-800-772-1213

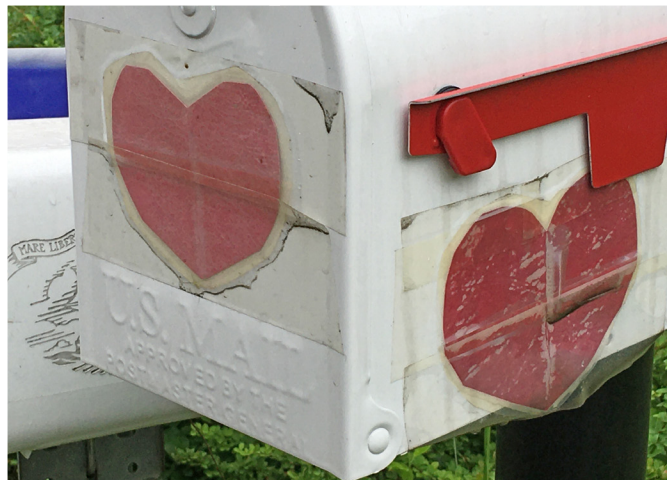
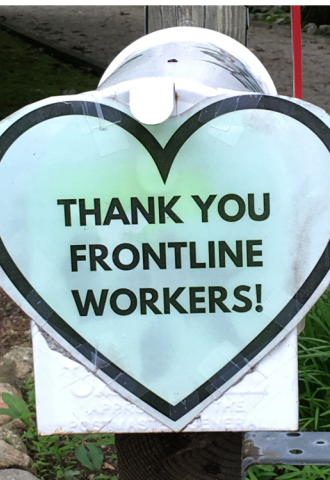
Tax Relief860-434-1605, x219
Social Services Info. & Referral1-800-443-9946

State of Connecticut

Governor's Information1-800-406-1527
State Assistance for the Blind1-800-842-4510
Handicapped Rights1-800-842-7303
Veterans' Services1-800-827-1000

Volunteer Opportunities

American Cancer Society800-227-2345
Eastern CT Area Agency on Aging ..860-887-3561
Estuary Council of Seniors
(includes AARP Tax Aide).....860-388-1611
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital860-442-0711
Literacy Volunteers860-399-0280
Lymes' Youth Service Bureau860-434-7208
Middlesex Memorial Hospital860-358-6000
OL/PGN Library860-434-1684
Salvation Army860-443-6409
Schools
Superintendent of Schools860-434-7238
Mile Creek School860-434-2209
Lyme Consolidated.....860-434-1233
Middle School860-434-2568
High School.....860-434-1651 or 1652
SCORE (Senior Corps
of Retired Executives)860-388-9508
Woman's Exchange860-434-7290





FINANCIALS

2019-2020

**TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 624,213	\$ 1,813,271	\$ 2,437,484
Investments	11,268,552	-	11,268,552
Receivables:			
Property taxes	779,990	-	779,990
Intergovernmental	8,137	-	8,137
Other	31,727	43,465	75,192
Due from other funds	189,523	417,558	607,081
Prepaid amounts	<u>1,016,794</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,016,794</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 13,918,936</u>	<u>\$ 2,274,294</u>	<u>\$ 16,193,230</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 496,707	\$ -	\$ 496,707
Accrued liabilities	116,284	-	116,284
Due to other funds	417,558	169,788	587,346
Unearned revenue	<u>304,098</u>	<u>111,743</u>	<u>415,841</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,334,647</u>	<u>281,531</u>	<u>1,616,178</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	779,990	-	779,990
Advanced property tax collections	<u>103,202</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>103,202</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>883,192</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>883,192</u>
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable	1,016,794	-	1,016,794
Committed	-	1,660,512	1,660,512
Assigned	2,109,550	333,755	2,443,305
Unassigned	<u>8,574,753</u>	<u>(1,504)</u>	<u>8,573,249</u>
Total fund balances	<u>11,701,097</u>	<u>1,992,763</u>	<u>13,693,860</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 13,918,936</u>	<u>\$ 2,274,294</u>	<u>\$ 16,193,230</u>

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**TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
RECONCILIATION OF FUND BALANCE
TO NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2020**

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)	\$ 13,693,860
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Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Beginning net capital assets	21,669,187
Current year capital asset additions	2,156,309
Depreciation expense	(607,055)
Disposal of capital assets	(34,279)

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

Interest receivable on property taxes	164,190
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(142,000)

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	779,990
Deferred charge on refunding	20,969

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

Bonds payable	(2,750,000)
Landfill postclosure costs	(368,000)
Accrued interest payable	(14,768)

Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 34,568,403</u>
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TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Property taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 35,255,600	\$ 35,255,600	\$ 35,463,099	\$ 207,499
Interest and lien fees	200,000	200,000	165,401	(34,599)
Telephone access line grant	25,000	25,000	25,224	224
Total property taxes	35,480,600	35,480,600	35,653,724	173,124
Charges for services:				
Ambulance fuel reimbursement	7,000	7,000	7,552	552
Assessor	1,000	1,000	742	(258)
Beach stickers and permits	30,000	30,000	30,365	365
Building department	155,000	155,000	148,801	(6,199)
Cell phone tower lease	31,200	31,200	36,862	5,662
Fire marshal	400	400	60	(340)
Historic District commission	300	300	-	(300)
Inland/wetlands	2,500	2,500	-	(2,500)
Insurance reimbursement	1,200	1,200	23,258	22,058
Land use reimbursements	9,500	9,500	780	(8,720)
Miscellaneous	15,010	15,010	111,286	96,276
Other reimbursements	-	-	1,530	1,530
Parking fines	16,000	16,000	6,010	(9,990)
Parking	95,000	95,000	98,136	3,136
Parks and recreation department	45,000	45,000	44,103	(897)
Planning commission	1,000	1,000	4,297	3,297
Recycling	1,500	1,500	1,012	(488)
Registrar reimbursement	2,000	2,000	-	(2,000)
Rogers Lake Authority reimbursement	39,500	39,500	12,343	(27,157)
School crossing guard	8,500	8,500	2,272	(6,228)
Selectmen's office	11,000	11,000	12,156	1,156
Senior center reimbursement	40,000	40,000	32,818	(7,182)
Town clerk's office	235,000	235,000	286,869	51,869
Town Woods Park reimbursement	30,000	30,000	35,477	5,477
Transfer Station	105,000	105,000	140,612	35,612
Zoning board of appeals	2,500	2,500	1,880	(620)
Zoning commission	5,000	5,000	5,308	308
Total charges for services	890,110	890,110	1,044,529	154,419
Intergovernmental:				
Education equalization grant	237,221	237,221	239,884	2,663
Emergency management	120,000	120,000	15,985	(104,015)
Grants for Municipal Projects	1,888	1,888	1,888	-
LOCIP	49,159	49,159	107,246	58,087
Miscellaneous state grants	10,000	10,000	14,601	4,601
PILOT - colleges	33,136	33,136	33,136	-
PILOT - federal property	1,000	1,000	992	(8)
PILOT - state property	9,966	9,966	9,966	-
State police DWI	14,600	14,600	-	(14,600)
DEEP-WPCA Improvement Study	-	-	9,161	9,161
DOT-Sound View Sidewalk Improvement	400,000	400,000	-	(400,000)
DOT-Mile Creek Road Bridge Improvement	427,400	427,400	239,602	(187,798)
Town aid road	229,307	229,307	228,861	(446)
Disability tax exempt	-	-	170	170
Veterans' tax exempt	3,500	3,500	4,123	623
Total intergovernmental	1,537,177	1,537,177	905,615	(631,562)
Investment income:				
Interest on investments	120,000	120,000	258,623	138,623
Total revenues	38,027,887	38,027,887	37,862,491	(165,396)
Other financing sources:				
Appropriation of fund balance	800,000	1,153,870	-	(1,153,870)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	1,000	1,000	293	(707)
Cancellation of prior year encumbrances	30,000	30,000	103,379	73,379
Transfers in:				
Sound View Improvement Fund	-	-	72,059	72,059
Dog Fund	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Bus barn fund	38,400	38,400	38,400	-
Total other financing sources	884,400	1,238,270	229,131	(1,009,139)
Total revenues and other financing sources	\$ 38,912,287	\$ 39,266,157	\$ 38,091,622	\$ (1,174,535)

**TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
General government:				
Selectmen's office	\$ 287,053	\$ 287,053	\$ 262,169	\$ 24,884
Town clerk	126,616	126,616	123,542	3,074
Tax collector	110,247	110,247	101,233	9,014
Treasurer	179,602	179,602	178,012	1,590
Registrar	54,136	54,136	50,316	3,820
Information technology	87,505	87,505	77,906	9,599
Probate court	6,000	6,000	5,792	208
Assessor	136,454	136,454	133,686	2,768
Building department	130,926	130,926	128,346	2,580
Health department	94,789	94,789	92,448	2,341
Town hall	171,500	161,877	133,742	28,135
Insurance	880,000	773,200	773,074	126
Special deductions	428,000	462,223	462,223	-
Total general government	<u>2,692,828</u>	<u>2,610,628</u>	<u>2,522,489</u>	<u>88,139</u>
Boards and commissions:				
Harbor management commission	1,250	2,750	2,385	365
Economic development commission	44,160	44,160	32,767	11,393
Ethics commission	25	25	-	25
Water management authority	93,412	93,412	91,604	1,808
Board of finance	10,425	10,425	9,031	1,394
Flood and erosion control board	540	540	252	288
Historic district commission	4,700	4,700	4,359	341
Tree commission	13,950	13,950	9,480	4,470
Parks and Recreation commission	1,522	1,522	1,051	471
Board of assessment appeals	1,528	1,528	1,034	494
Rogers Lake authority	72,721	72,721	67,101	5,620
Land use	262,927	262,927	202,776	60,151
Sound View	14,460	14,460	9,875	4,585
Conservation commission	3,273	3,273	255	3,018
Open space	19,716	19,716	19,593	123
Total boards and commissions	<u>544,609</u>	<u>546,109</u>	<u>451,563</u>	<u>94,546</u>
Public works:				
Public works expenditures	<u>932,958</u>	<u>932,958</u>	<u>737,429</u>	<u>195,529</u>
Parks and recreation:				
Parks and recreation	252,034	261,234	261,222	12
Town Woods Park	152,710	143,510	122,459	21,051
Fireworks/Memorial day	22,500	22,500	20,229	2,271
Total parks and recreation	<u>427,244</u>	<u>427,244</u>	<u>403,910</u>	<u>23,334</u>
Other public safety:				
Animal control	63,949	63,949	58,058	5,891
Emergency management	18,900	101,100	100,972	128
Valley shore communications	150,000	150,000	149,229	771
Ambulance	163,182	163,182	142,384	20,798
Total other public safety	<u>396,031</u>	<u>478,231</u>	<u>450,643</u>	<u>27,588</u>

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TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Social services:				
Social service	\$ 19,864	\$ 19,864	\$ 18,802	\$ 1,062
Lyme's youth services	93,000	93,000	93,000	-
Total social services	<u>112,864</u>	<u>112,864</u>	<u>111,802</u>	<u>1,062</u>
Fire services:				
Old Lyme fire department	180,134	195,254	173,769	21,485
Fire protection	33,600	33,600	31,824	1,776
Fire marshal	74,324	74,324	70,208	4,116
Firemen's incentive plan	86,000	82,500	77,350	5,150
Total fire services	<u>374,058</u>	<u>385,678</u>	<u>353,151</u>	<u>32,527</u>
Police services:				
Resident state police	222,500	198,500	198,184	316
Municipal police	679,870	707,370	707,157	213
Total police services	<u>902,370</u>	<u>905,870</u>	<u>905,341</u>	<u>529</u>
Health services:				
Social services agencies	6,042	6,042	6,042	-
VNA	74,050	74,050	74,050	-
Total health services	<u>80,092</u>	<u>80,092</u>	<u>80,092</u>	<u>-</u>
Senior citizens' activities:				
Estuary transit district	16,000	16,000	16,000	-
Estuary services	40,700	40,700	40,700	-
Senior center	121,835	121,835	106,103	15,732
Total senior citizens' activities	<u>178,535</u>	<u>178,535</u>	<u>162,803</u>	<u>15,732</u>
Other nonprofits	<u>372,000</u>	<u>380,750</u>	<u>380,750</u>	<u>-</u>
Sanitation:				
Municipal refuse collection	814,000	814,000	788,167	25,833
Recycling	41,800	14,300	10,295	4,005
Household hazardous waste	19,000	19,000	17,733	1,267
Transfer station	232,269	259,769	259,585	184
Total sanitation	<u>1,107,069</u>	<u>1,107,069</u>	<u>1,075,780</u>	<u>31,289</u>

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**TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020**

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
Chartered beach associations	\$ 71,700	\$ 71,700	\$ 71,700	\$ -
Total chartered beach associations				
Regional School District No. 18	<u>27,556,679</u>	<u>27,556,679</u>	<u>27,556,679</u>	<u>-</u>
Debt service:				
Redemption of debt	315,000	315,000	315,000	-
Interest on debt	<u>38,000</u>	<u>38,000</u>	<u>37,036</u>	<u>964</u>
Total debt service	<u>353,000</u>	<u>353,000</u>	<u>352,036</u>	<u>964</u>
Capital outlay:				
General government	146,350	146,350	88,884	57,466
Public works	5,000	5,000	4,999	1
Public safety	386,600	386,600	247,942	138,658
Public works roads and projects	<u>1,252,300</u>	<u>1,580,800</u>	<u>1,578,883</u>	<u>1,917</u>
Total capital outlay	<u>1,790,250</u>	<u>2,118,750</u>	<u>1,920,708</u>	<u>198,042</u>
Total expenditures	<u>37,892,287</u>	<u>38,246,157</u>	<u>37,536,876</u>	<u>709,281</u>
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out:				
Firefighters' equipment	125,000	125,000	125,000	-
Capital nonrecurring - revaluation	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
Town building improvement	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Road improvement fund	630,000	630,000	630,000	-
Public Works capital fund	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Sanitation & Recycling	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Info Tech	115,000	115,000	115,000	-
Land acquisition	<u>75,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing uses	<u>1,020,000</u>	<u>1,020,000</u>	<u>1,020,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ <u>38,912,287</u>	\$ <u>39,266,157</u>	\$ <u>38,556,876</u>	\$ <u>709,281</u>

TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
REPORT OF PROPERTY TAX COLLECTOR
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

Grand List Year	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2019	Current Year Levy	Lawful Corrections			Transfers to Suspense	Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Collections				Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2020
			Additions	Deductions				Taxes	Interest	Lien Fees	Total	
Suspense	\$ -	\$	2,966	\$	\$		2,966	\$ 2,966	\$ 3,548	\$ -	\$ 6,514	\$ -
2003							-	-			-	-
2004							-	-			-	-
2005							-	-			-	-
2006							-	-			-	-
2007							-	-			-	-
2008							-	-			-	-
2009							-	-			-	-
2010	186						186	-			-	186
2011	169						169	-			-	169
2012	83						83	-			-	-
2013	3,595						3,595	1,882	123	24	2,029	1,713
2014	24,733						24,733	11,951	3,256	72	15,279	12,782
2015	78,066			70	(18,189)		59,807	33,409	10,131	120	43,660	26,398
2016	179,284	1					179,285	66,865	26,625	528	94,018	112,420
2017	397,034	1,582		24,638			373,978	152,863	36,548	1,052	190,463	221,115
Total												
Prior Years	683,150	-	4,549	24,708	(18,189)		644,802	270,019	80,231	1,796	352,046	374,783
2018	-	35,717,527	30,109	162,720	(372)		35,585,288	35,180,081	83,198	176	35,263,455	405,207
Total	\$ 683,150	\$ 35,717,527	\$ 34,658	\$ 187,428	\$ (18,561)		\$ 36,230,090	\$ 35,450,100	\$ 163,429	\$ 1,972	\$ 35,615,501	\$ 779,990

TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2020

Special Revenue Funds											
	Social Workers' Fund	Miscellaneous Fund	Dog Fund	Private Duty Fund	Harbor Management Fund	Town Woods Park Fund	Public Building Improvement Fund	Senior Center Board Fund	Bus Barn Fund	Sanitation & Recycling Fund	Total
ASSETS											
Cash	\$ 60,845	\$	\$ 34,119	\$ 65,184	\$ 27,148	\$ 13,818	\$ 26,718	\$ 107,320	\$ 817	\$	\$ 335,969
Receivables:											
Other		4,830		38,635			1,377			12,000	43,465
Due from other funds		106,244									119,821
Total Assets	\$ 60,845	\$ 111,074	\$ 34,119	\$ 103,819	\$ 27,148	\$ 13,818	\$ 28,095	\$ 107,320	\$ 817	\$ 12,000	\$ 499,055
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES											
Liabilities:											
Accounts payable	\$ 2,006	\$	\$ 971	\$ 48,873	\$ 277	\$	\$	\$ 613	\$ 2,321	\$	\$ 55,061
Due to other funds	669	111,074									111,743
Unearned revenue	2,675	111,074	971	48,873	277	-	-	613	2,321	-	166,804
Total liabilities											
Fund balances:											
Assigned	58,170		33,148	54,946	26,871	13,818	28,095	106,707		12,000	333,755
Unassigned									(1,504)		(1,504)
Total fund balances	58,170	-	33,148	54,946	26,871	13,818	28,095	106,707	(1,504)	12,000	332,251
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 60,845	\$ 111,074	\$ 34,119	\$ 103,819	\$ 27,148	\$ 13,818	\$ 28,095	\$ 107,320	\$ 817	\$ 12,000	\$ 499,055

TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Special Revenue Funds										Total
	Social Workers' Fund	Miscellaneous Fund	Dog Fund	Private Duty Fund	Harbor Management Fund	Town Woods Park Fund	Public Building Improvement Fund	Senior Center Board Fund	Bus Barn Fund	Sanitation & Recycling Fund	
Revenues:											
Charges for services	\$	\$ 8,544	\$ 3,624	\$ 92,779	\$ 1,745	\$	\$ 4,134	\$ 13,951	\$ 60,000	\$	\$ 184,777
Intergovernmental		6,595									6,595
Investment income	537		290	92	235	115	206	1,033	203		2,505
Contributions	7,926	1,396	100								9,628
Other revenue		13,356									13,356
Total revenues	8,463	29,891	4,014	92,871	1,980	115	4,340	14,984	60,203	-	216,861
Expenditures:											
Current:											
General government		12,814							873		13,687
Parks and recreation		430									430
Other public safety		3,539	393		3,471						7,403
Fire services		7,347									7,347
Police services				85,266							85,266
Health services	12,944	1,095									14,039
Senior citizens		4,866									4,866
Total expenditures	12,944	29,891	393	85,266	3,471	-	-	32,104	873	-	184,942
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	(4,481)	-	3,621	7,605	(1,491)	115	4,340	(17,120)	59,330	-	51,919
Other Financing Sources (Uses):											
Transfers in										10,000	10,000
Transfers out			(15,000)						(60,000)		(75,000)
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	(15,000)	-	-	-	-	-	(60,000)	10,000	(65,000)
Net Change in Fund Balances	(4,481)	-	(11,379)	7,605	(1,491)	115	4,340	(17,120)	(670)	10,000	(13,081)
Fund Balances - July 1, 2019	62,651	-	44,527	47,341	28,362	13,703	23,755	123,827	(834)	2,000	345,332
Fund Balances - June 30, 2020	58,170	-	33,148	54,946	26,871	13,818	28,095	106,707	(1,504)	12,000	332,251

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TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2020

	Capital Project Funds										Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Capital Nonrecurring	Town Building Improvement	Land Acquisition	Firefighters' Equipment	Hains Park Bathrooms	Sound View Bike Path- Improvement	Road Improvement	Public Works Capital	IT	Library Improvement	Total
Revenues:											
Charges for services											
Intergovernmental											
Investment income	709	627	4,719	3,553			895	205	38	9,467	20,213
Contributions											
Other revenue									6,750		6,750
Total revenues	709	627	4,719	3,553	-	-	895	205	6,788	9,467	243,824
Expenditures:											
Current:											
General government	64,471	12,901							96,337	1,576,254	1,765,650
Public works							377,100	37,728			414,828
Parks and recreation			614,304			1,816					616,120
Other public safety											7,403
Fire services				602,878							602,878
Police services											610,225
Health services											85,265
Senior citizens		13,764									14,039
Total expenditures	64,471	26,665	614,304	602,878	-	1,816	377,100	37,728	96,337	1,576,254	50,534
	(63,762)	(26,039)	(609,585)	(599,325)	-	(1,816)	(376,205)	(37,523)	(91,549)	(1,566,787)	(3,320,671)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures											
Other Financing Sources (Uses):											
Transfers in	41,600	5,000	75,000	125,000			630,000	160,000	115,000		1,151,600
Proceeds from sale of equipment				80,300							80,300
Proceeds from notes payable										1,250,000	1,250,000
Transfers out						(72,059)					(72,059)
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	41,600	5,000	75,000	205,300	-	(72,059)	630,000	160,000	115,000	2,409,841	2,344,841
Net Change in Fund Balances	(22,162)	(21,039)	(534,585)	(394,025)	-	(73,875)	253,795	122,477	23,451	(316,787)	(975,830)
Fund Balances - July 1, 2019	135,880	73,569	803,123	802,098	31,675	73,875	203,041	-	-	500,000	2,968,593
Fund Balances - June 30, 2020	113,718	52,531	268,538	408,073	31,675	-	456,836	122,477	23,451	183,213	1,992,763