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Old Lyme, Connecticut



Front cover wrapping to back:

A murmuration of swallows at dawn as seen looking south toward the mouth of the Connecticut River, across the Saybrook bridge with the railroad bridge in the background. These groups can number hundreds of thousands but move, synchronized, seemingly as one. It's thought that each bird keeps track of the seven others closest to it, and these groups of eight obviously touch and overlap. This flocking behavior, which is what a murmuration is, may serve three purposes: it confuses and discourages predators with the flock's size, noise, and motion; it allows communication, such as indicating good food sources; and it may simply help the birds stay warm.

[Donovan, John, "The Secret and Science Behind Starling Murmurations," March 30, 2021, <https://animals.howstuffworks.com/>]

While this photo was taken at dawn, people in our area may be more likely to witness these formations at dusk in the fall, from the deck of the *RiverQuest*, from a kayak, or through binoculars from the Connecticut River shore. Murmurations take place toward sunset as the birds gather to swoop and feed, growing ever thicker, then...whoosh! Don't blink! You could see a tornado-like shape as the birds disappear into the reeds for the night! And SO hard to photograph—it may be best to just marvel and enjoy!

(Photo courtesy of the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center (RTPEC) of the CT Audubon Society)

Three inserts and swallow close-ups on back cover:

Photos of tree swallows in flight or gathering may look like pepper sprinkled across the surface, but a close-up shows slate blue on their backs and white on their chests. These photos were taken from the *RiverQuest*. Owned and operated by former Old Lyme residents Mindy Hill and Mark Yuknat, the *RiverQuest* is a sixty-four-foot vessel homeported in Haddam that takes passengers out on the Connecticut River to view nature and scenery. Visit their web page at ctriverquest.com or adventurect.com.

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Selectman's Report

Timothy Griswold

First Selectman

The COVID-19 virus continued to be a major factor during FY 2021 (1 July 20 to 30 June 21). Old Lyme started the fiscal year with 23 cases (including 2 related deaths) and ended the year with 342 cases (3 related deaths). Following the closure of Memorial Town Hall to the public in March 2020, it reopened in late June with numerous precautions, such as face masks, Plexiglas shields, six-foot social distancing, and more. At the town hall, we created the temporary position of “Greeter” – a person seated in the foyer of the Meeting Hall entry who greets visitors and assists them to conduct their business. We have had three Greeters in succession (Chris Kirk, Connor Wyman, and Kathleen Stedman) who have performed admirably. While things in town improved during the year, the Midsummer Festival and the town fireworks were cancelled as was the Congregational Church’s White Elephant Sale. Fortunately, we were able to proceed with the Memorial Day Parade, which experienced a fine turnout.

Remarkably, the Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools operated on an in-person basis during the entire academic year. There were only a few schools that did so and the faculty, administration, and staff, along with the students and their parents, all deserve thanks for making this happen.

Once the COVID vaccinations became available, the governor established the criteria for how they were administered. Health care workers and emergency services personnel were the first priority and, in late January, shots were offered to people seventy-five years of age and older. After that, shots were offered sequentially to people in younger age groups. In April, Governor Lamont recognized Old Lyme as one of the highest vaccination rates in the state (75 percent).

Turning back to other noteworthy events that occurred in town during the year, at the Annual Town Meeting in January, the Board of Selectmen announced the Old Lyme Citizen of the Year for 2020 was Roger M. Smith. He has served in leadership capacities with several not-for-profit organizations over extended periods of time and has earned the deep respect from fellow board members, staff, and members

of those organizations. High Hopes, the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, and the First Congregational Church are three organizations that have benefitted significantly from Roger’s talent and dedication. People have commented that, while Roger is a good listener, he also asks hard questions in an effort to further the mission of the organization. They also say there is no task too small that he is unwilling to take on to help the cause. His spirit of volunteerism is an inspiration to us all and we congratulate Roger with this honor.

In other business during the January Annual Town Meeting, it was voted to approve the ordinance creating the Affordable Housing Commission and to designate the LOL Middle School Gymnasium as the official polling place. The Affordable Housing Commission will continue the good work of the Affordable Housing Exploratory Committee, ably led by Michael Fogliano. Following very successful elections in the middle school (the August Primary and the November election), the change in the voting location is now permanent. It is noteworthy that a total of 5,408 voters out of a total of 5,933 eligible voters (91 percent) cast their votes during the November 3 election in Old Lyme. For this election, 44.5 percent of voters used absentee ballots.

The first and second quarters of the year are busy with budget preparations by the District #18 School Board and the town’s Board of Finance. The financial uncertainties presented by COVID made the job even more difficult, but the results are better than expected. The school budget was passed on May 5, with 309 Old Lyme residents voting. As we know, the apportionment of the school budget between the Towns of Lyme and Old Lyme is based exclusively on student count. With the influx of families coming to Old Lyme from metropolitan areas, principally due to COVID, the school student count increased and Old Lyme had a larger percentage of that increase. Accordingly, Old Lyme’s share of the school budget increased from 81.2 to 81.6 percent. Offsetting this, the school budget decreased \$930,372 or 2.74 percent, and Old Lyme’s share decreased \$550,327 or 2.00 percent to \$27,006,352.

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The town's proposed budget (including the town's school portion) was voted upon on May 17. The total budget decrease was \$590,224 or -1.52 percent to \$38,215,450. Offsetting this, revenue decreased \$190,224 and there is a lower reliance on the use of surplus to help the budget, so the mill rate increased 0.1 mills to 23.3 mills.

The ten-year census concluded in 2020 and Connecticut's population increased 0.9 percent to 3.6 million people. The population of New London County decreased 2 percent to 268,555 and the population of Old Lyme increased 0.3 percent to 7,628. Connecticut will neither lose nor gain any congressional seats, but the new data will change the borders of congressional and state legislative districts.

The Harbor Management Commission and the Board of Selectmen is formalizing a management plan for the town's Tantummaheag Landing. The abutting property, formerly owned by Diana Atwood Johnson, was purchased last fall after being vacant for over two years. While the new owners knew about the landing, they were surprised by the amount of vehicular traffic that came to the property; some of it even came after dark. Two contributing factors were likely the fact that their property had been vacant so long and that they occupied the house during the tree swallow migration timeframe. After careful consideration, the Board of Selectmen will adopt recommendations developed by the Harbor Management Commission, which include installing signage delineating private property from the Tantummaheag Landing property, retaining two parking spots near the actual landing, and possibly creating two additional parking spots near the entrance. We ask all visitors to respect the abutting owners' private property.

Congratulations to the Sustainable Old Lyme Team, part of the Sustainable CT Team, for being honored by the State of Connecticut with its Bronze Award. The team worked for two years to achieve this designation and will now work to earn the Silver Award (the highest award given at this time). We salute the team members, led by Cheryl Poirier.

Tropical Storm Isaias paid us a visit on Tuesday, August 4 and caused 5,460 of our homes (99.2 percent) to lose electricity. By Sunday,

August 9, most homes had power restored and the cleanup effort was underway.

Old Lyme has several important ongoing projects:

Sound View - Connecticut Water Improvements

Connecticut Water completed upgrades to its water pipes in the Sound View area by the end of December. This involved replacing two-inch water mains with eight-inch mains on the north portions of Swan and Portland Avenues and in roads north of Route 156. Connecticut Water also connected many properties to the existing and new 8-inch mains. The cost of this work is funded by Connecticut Water, except for some property connections for new Connecticut Water customers.

Sound View Sewers

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 will share ownership and the costs 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-percent reimbursement of certain project costs by the Clean Water Fund.

The town and the three private beach associations (Old Lyme Shores, Old Colony Beach, and Miami Beach) have finalized three significant documents: The "Agreement" to Join the Cost Sharing Agreement, the "Street" Easement, and the "Maratta" Easement. The

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Agreement details the terms and conditions for the "Shared Assets" (collection pipes, pump station, odor control facility, and force main to East Lyme) in conjunction with our individual sewer systems. In addition, we are working on two Intermunicipal Agreements ("IMAs") -- one with East Lyme/Waterford and another with New London -- that will document entry fees and the charges to transport and process our sewage. The IMA with New London has been signed by the town and the three beach associations and is awaiting the signatures of the New London officials. The town's Street Easement grants the three private beach associations the right to use certain town streets and Alley #1 to transport piped sewage to East Lyme. The Maratta Easement allows the town and the three private beach associations to transport piped sewage under the dirt parking lot behind the Pavilion restaurant/bar. The first construction priority will be to install the force main from the proposed pump station at the foot of Portland Avenue up to Route 156 and then east to the next pump station in East Lyme. We want this work to be done as soon as possible because the State of Connecticut plans to repave Route 156 from Halls Road to East Lyme.

The project to construct/install the Shared Assets was put out to bid in April 2021, but there were only two bidders (with related owners) that submitted extremely high bids. The bids were rejected and the project has been broken down into three smaller pieces and will go out to bid in the fall.

Sound View Sidewalks

In January 2019, Old Lyme was awarded a Community Connecticut Grant by the State of Connecticut in the amount of \$400,000 to construct five-foot sidewalks in the Sound View area: 970 feet on the west side of Hartford Avenue between Bocce Lane and Route 156 and 1,300 feet on the north side of Route 156 between Cross Lane and the police station. Following considerable public involvement, the project was put out to bid in February. The contract in the amount of \$260,950 was awarded to Martin Laviero Contractors, Inc. of Bristol, CT in March with a start date of April 5 and a "substantially complete" date of Memorial Day. Because the

contract price was very aggressive, the committee is planning to add a Transit Hub (9 Town Transit bus shelter) to the contract. It will be located on town property to the west of the police station.

Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Renovation

The Library Board of Directors developed a plan to renovate the library and reconfigure the grounds. The board's architect developed the plans and estimated the total cost of the project would be \$3,050,000. Funding came from a state grant (\$1 million), from library fundraising (\$350,000), and the Town of Old Lyme (\$1,750,000). The groundbreaking ceremony occurred on November 21, 2019, and the ribbon cutting for the completed project was in May 2021. Congratulations to all involved for accomplishing this difficult renovation.

Mile Creek and Grassy Hill Roads Bridge Replacement

Machnik Bros. Construction started work on the Mile Creek Road Bridge replacement on July 13. The utility wires had to be moved away from the area of construction and the bridge decking was removed. The replacement decking was fabricated in Massachusetts, transported to the bridge site, and lowered into place. The project was substantially complete on October 9 and we thank Machnik Bros. on a job well done.

Jacobson Engineering has completed most of the engineering work for the Grassy Hill Road bridge project, including a required archaeological study to determine if there are any artifacts in the work area (there are none). The project is complicated because it involves not only replacing the bridge near Route 1, but there are also some significant utility wire and road work issues. Jacobson's Preliminary Design estimate of costs was about \$692,000 but its Final Design estimate is \$1,226,000. Due to the state grant, the town's share of the cost will be 50 percent of eligible costs. The town has three choices: do nothing, replace the decking of the bridge only, or proceed with the full bridge replacement. Compounding the problem, the town must obtain a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers and that process is expected to take about one year. If all goes according to plan, construction could begin in the spring/summer of 2023.

Hains Park Restroom Building

In July, the Hains Park Building Committee received five bids and selected Wiese Construction, Inc. of Norwich, CT to build the restroom building. Because of complications with obtaining adequate well-water flow in the park, the building has a water storage capacity of 800 gallons in the crawl space to meet the demands of the building. The old restroom building was demolished on September 17 and construction of the new building started on October 4. Construction was substantially complete in February and the building has been a wonderful addition to the park.

Senior Center Expansion

The joint Lyme-Old Lyme Senior Center Expansion Committee has conducted a number of surveys to help determine 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 hired Point One Architects of Old Lyme to assist with the process; we look forward to seeing the committee's final recommendation.

Ferry Road Sidewalk

The FY 2021 budget provided \$108,000 to fund the replacement of the 1,700 foot Ferry Road Sidewalk from the Congregational Church to Route 156. However, in August, the town applied for a \$126,000 Small Town Economic Assistance Program grant with a town match of \$24,000 to fund the original project plus some drainage improvements. In November, we were informed our grant was approved and we started the task of refining the plans. The primary issue is whether or not the sidewalk can be replaced on the same side of the street (the north side) without severely damaging several large trees along the way. An alternative is to relocate the sidewalk on the other side of the street (the south side), where there are only about two trees.

A committee was formed and, with the help of the Tree Commission, ten property owners who abut the sidewalk were interviewed and input was obtained from the project engineer, the Town Tree Warden and an arborist from Bartlett Tree Service. The preliminary conclusion is that

the sidewalk can be replaced on the north side provided there is great care used to minimize the impact to the tree roots. There will be a public information meeting for townspeople to learn more about the project and to solicit their opinions. Once that is done, the committee will make its final recommendation to the Boards of Selectmen and Finance. Work will likely take place next spring.

Swan Brook Outlet

Swan Brook flows under Route 156 near Cross Lane and flows toward the Sound roughly between Miami Beach and Hawks Nest. Just north of the Hawks Nest Beach Club beach, the brook enters two thirty-six-inch concrete pipes under the beach that end at a concrete bulkhead at Long Island Sound. Attached to the bulkhead is a wood "crib" structure – two thirty-five-foot timber walls about fifteen feet apart – that guides the water into the Sound. Unfortunately, the crib takes a terrible beating from the tides and waves and had required substantial repairs on at least two occasions. The pipes have also been blocked with sand from time to time and the western pipe has been blocked for several months. Representatives from the town, Miami Beach, and Hawks Nest Beach Club have met on several occasions to discuss possible corrective action. A review of the history determined that the town installed the pipes in the late 1940s, installed the crib structure, and has performed repairs and maintenance over the years. Accordingly, the town attorney concluded the Swan Brook Outlet is the town's responsibility. There has been discussion with a marine engineer about corrective action. He recommends the wood crib be replaced with galvanized sheet pile with a different shape than the existing crib. He maintains that if the end of the west side were curved to the east, that would help prevent sand from entering the crib and blocking the pipe. The CT DEEP must approve any plan; we hope this long-standing problem may be addressed in the near future.

Transfer Station Scale House

The old construction trailer that has served as the Scale House at the Transfer Station has been demolished and removed because it was

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discovered that there was significant mold in the overhead area above the ceiling. This was unexpected so, in April, the Boards of Selectmen and Finance approved a budget not to exceed \$19,000 to purchase a temporary "Carefree" building so the Transfer Station staff can continue to function using the scale. Facilities Director Phil Parcak has investigated options for a replacement Scale House and is recommending a "stick built" 17' x 30' building. A proposal will be presented to the Boards of Selectmen, Finance and to a Town Meeting for approval.

Halls Road Improvement Committee

The committee, chaired by Edie Twining, has hired the engineering firm BSC Group of Glastonbury, CT to create a Master Plan for Halls Road. The committee is pursuing a zoning change to "Village District", which they believe will assist property owners to repurpose

their properties to include mixed use structures. In addition to private improvements, there will be public improvements – a sidewalk from the Lyme Art Assoc. to the Essex Savings Bank, a new pedestrian Bow Bridge over the Lt. River and street improvements to Halls Rd. There should be significant grant opportunities for the public improvements. The committee believes the Master Plan is a long range roadmap that will likely take many years to implement.

Last, in August, we welcomed Denise Piersa as the Town's new Visiting Nurse (a 14 year VNA career) and we bid farewell to Nurse Karen Veselka and wish her an enjoyable retirement. We also mourn the loss of Mervin F. Roberts, who died on December 29th at the age of 98. Merv was the Chaplain of the Old Lyme Fire Dept., a Town Selectman, a member of the Shellfish Commission and so much more.

Elected Officials

Term Expires

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 , 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
Anna Reiter (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
Matthew Olson(R).....	Nov. 2021

Board of Assessment Appeals

George Finley (D).....	Nov. 2021
David W. Evers, Jr. (R)	Nov. 2023
Timothy C. Griswold (R).....	Nov. 2021
Peter Hunt – <i>Alternate</i> (D).....	Jan. 2022

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 – <i>Alternate</i> (R)	Jan. 2022
Matthew Ward – <i>Alternate</i> (U)	Jan. 2022
Jim Lampos – <i>Alternate</i> (D).....	Jan. 2022

Regional Board of Education

Diane Linderman (D)	Dec. 2021
Jean Wilczynski (D)	Dec. 2021
Rick Goulding (D)	Dec. 2021
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. 2022
Stacy Leonardo, Lyme	Dec. 2022

Registrars of Voters

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

Elected Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Zoning Commission

Alan Todd (U)	Nov. 2022
Michael Miller (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. 2022
Maria Martinez (D)	Jan. 2022
Michael Barnes (U)	Jan. 2022

Zoning Board of Appeals

Nancy Hutchinson, Chairman (R)	Nov. 2024
Kip Kotzan (D)	Nov. 2021
Stephen Dix (R)	Nov. 2025
Dan Montano (R)	Nov. 2022
Stephanie Mickle (D)	Nov. 2023

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Devin Carney (R)	Nov. 2021
Russell Fogg (D)	Nov. 2021
Sherry Johnston (R)	Nov. 2021

Appointed Officials

Term Expires

Affordable Housing

John Coughlin (R).....	Jan. 2024
Michael Fogliano, Chair (U).....	Jan. 2024
Karen Winters (D).....	Jan. 2023
Jennifer Miller R).....	Jan. 2023
Bill Belluzzi (U).....	Jan. 2022
Amy Hossier – <i>Alternate</i>	Jan. 2024
George Clough – <i>Alternate</i> (D)	Jan. 2022

Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council

Russ Gomes (R)	Jan. 2023
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Commission on Aging

OLVNA.....	(standing)
Cynthia Taylor, Chair (R)	(standing)
Phyllis Shepard-Tambini (R)	Jan.2024
Susan Fogliano (D)	<i>(Resigned 2/21)</i> Jan. 2022
Francesca Biasucci (D)	Jan. 2023
Stephanie Lyon-Gould (<i>Sr. Ctr. Dir.</i>)	<i>Ex Officio</i>

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

Suzanne Thompson (R)	July 2022
Gregory Futoma – <i>Alternate</i> (D)	July 2022

Conservation Commission

George James (R)	Jan. 2024
Tom Sherer (D).....	Jan. 2023
Maureen Plumleigh (U)	Jan. 2024
Anthony Daniels, Chair (D).....	Jan. 2023
Peter Cable (D)	<i>Ex Officio</i>

Economic Development Commission

Joseph Camean (R).....	Jan. 2023
John Stratton (R).....	Jan. 2025
Margaret Jane DeRisio (R)	Jan. 2025
Howard Margules, Chair (D).....	Jan. 2026
Edith Twining (D).....	Jan. 2024
David Rubino (D)	Jan. 2026
Cheryl Poirier(U).....	Jan. 2024
Candace Fuchs (D)	Jan. 2022
Sheri Cote (U)	Jan. 2026
Barbara Gaudio (U).....	<i>(Resigned)</i> Jan. 2021

Ethics Commission

Claudia Schmaus(U)	Jan. 2023
Jennifer Kendall (R).....	Jan. 2022
Gil Soucie(D).....	Jan. 2023
Jane Cable (D)	Jan. 2022
Ron Paine (R).....	July 2023
Marylin Clarke	Omsbudsman

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Emergency Management Director

David Roberge..... Jan. 2022

Fire Marshal

David Roberge..... No Term

Flood and Erosion Control Board

Steve Ross (R) Jan. 2022

Gary Smith (R)..... Jan. 2022

Steve Martino (U) Jan. 2023

Donald Willis (U)..... *(Resigned)* Jan. 2021

David Roberge..... *Ex Officio*

Halls Road Improvement Committee

Ray Thompson (R)

Bud Canaday (R)

Michael Reiter (D)

Edie Twining, Chair (D)

Howard Margules (D)

Matt Merritt (D)

Debi Czarnecki (R)

David Kelsey (R)

Harbor Management Commission

Steve Ross (R) *(Resigned 4/2021)* Jan. 2022

Michael Magee (U) Jan. 2022

John MacDonald, Chair (R) Jan. 2024

William Harris (R) Jan. 2024

Tom Meyer (R) Jan. 2025

George Finley (D)..... Jan. 2025

Mark Beatty (U) *(Resigned 5/2021)* Jan. 2025

Robert Falaguerra (R) Jan. 2022

Jeffrey Meinke (U)..... Jan. 2022

Chris Staab (R) Jan. 2022

Teri Lewis (U) Jan. 2025

Harry S. Plaut, Harbormaster (R)..... *Ex Officio*

Thomas Kelo – *Alternate* Jan. 2025

Sloan Danenhower – *Alternate* (R) Jan. 2022

Michael Barned – *Alternate* (R) Jan. 2023

Historic District Commission

John Forbis (D) Jan. 2024

Dini Mallory (R) Jan. 2026

Cynthia Taylor, Chair (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

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Inland Wetlands Commission

Evan Griswold (D).....	Jan. 2022
Tom Machnik (R)	Jan. 2024
Rachel Gaudio, Chair (U).....	Jan. 2023
Gary Gregory (U).....	Jan. 2023
Robert DePianta (D)	Jan. 2023
William McNeil (R).....	Jan. 2024
Michael Miller (R)	Jan. 2022
Chris Marchant – <i>Alternate</i>	Jan. 2023

Justices of the Peace: 1/4/2021-1/6/2025

(Elected at caucus or through application)

William U. Archer (D)	Timothy C. Griswold (R)	Doris A. Recor (U)
Peter M. Bauchmann (U)	Monique Heller (R)	Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)
John A. Bysko (R)	Victoria K. Lanier (R)	Jennie Anne Rubera (R)
Jane E. Cable (D)	Leslie J. Massa (R)	John D. Seckla (U)
Christopher Carter (R)	Mary Jo Kelly Nosal (D)	Michelle Speirs (U)
Barbara McBride Doyen (D)	Frank S. Pappalardo (R)	Judith A. Tooker (R)
Jason C. Gagnon (U)	Harry Plaut (R)	

Ledge Light Board

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

Doris Hungerford (Lyme)	
Gary Weed (Lyme)	
Diana Seckla (Lyme)	
Doris Johnson, Secretary (R)	July 2021
Susan Campbell (R)	July 2022
Joan Bonvicin (D)	July 2023
Kathy Lockwood, Vice Chair (D)	July 2023
Jeri Baker, Chair (D)	July 2021
Donald Abraham, Treasurer (D)	July 2023
Jacqueline Roberts (D).....	July 2021
David Griswold (R)	July 2022
Jane Folland (U)	July 2023

Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Cynthia Taylor (R).....	Jan. 2022
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Open Space Commission

Amanda Blair, Co-Chair (D)	Jan. 2022
Evan Griswold, Co-Chair (D)	Jan. 2023
Peter Cable (D)	Jan. 2022
Gary Gregory (U).....	Jan. 2023
Gregory Futoma (D).....	Jan. 2023
Andrea Fenton (D)	Jan. 2022
Steve Calcagni	Jan. 2024
Anne Welles – <i>Alternate</i>	Jan. 2022
Claudio Denoya – <i>Alternate</i> (R)	Jan. 2024
Bruce Baratz – <i>Alternate</i> (D)	Jan. 2022

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Parks and Recreation Commission

Glynn McArar (R)	Jan. 2023
Robert Dunn, Chair (R) ...	Jan. 2023
John Flower (R)	Jan. 2024
Mary Ellen Garbarino (R)	Jan. 2024
Missy Colburn Garvin (U)	Jan. 2022
Tim Gavin (U)	Jan. 2022
Brendan McKeever (R)	Jan. 2023
Don Bugbee, Parks and Rec. Director	<i>Ex-Officio</i>

Pension Committee

Jean Wilczynski, Chair (D)	Jan. 2024
Skip Sibley (R)	Jan. 2022
Richard Stout (U)	Jan. 2023
Vicki Urbowicz, Staff Rep	
Holly McCalla, Regional School District #18	
David Kelsey, BOF Appointment	

Deputy Registrars

Jackie Miano
Michele Hayes

Rogers Lake Authority

Jenell Janes (R)	Jan. 2023
Maneehsa Joshi	Jan. 2024
Richard Smith, Co-Chair (U)	Jan. 2022
Toni Phillips, Lyme	
Dennis Overfield, Lyme, Co-Chair	
Mark Hastings, Lyme	

Shellfish Commission

Mervin F. Roberts (R)	<i>(Deceased)</i> Jan. 2021
John Seckla (U)	Jan. 2024
Todd Machnik (R)	Jan. 2023
John Nickerson (U)	Jan. 2024

Sound View Commission

Harry Plaut (R)	Jan. 2022
Joanne Reis Lishing (D)	Jan. 2022
Frank Pappalardo, Chairman (R)	Jan. 2023
Michaelle Pearson (D)	Jan. 2023
Frank Maratta (R)	Jan. 2024

Sound View Commission Alternates

Jackie Miano (R)	Jan. 2021
Paul Orzel (U)	Jan. 2021
Sloan Danenhower (R)	Jan. 2022

Regional Agricultural Council

Baylee Drown (U)	Jan. 2025
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Town Counsel

Suisman Shapiro	Jan. 2022
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Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

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
Fred Behringer – <i>Alternate</i>	Jan. 2022
Thomas Degnan (U)	<i>Ex-Officio</i>

Tree Warden

Thomas Degnan (U)	Jan. 2022
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Water Pollution Control Authority

Dmitri Tolchinski (R)	Jan. 2022
Frank Chan (D)	Jan. 2022
Richard Prendergast, Chair (R)	Jan. 2025
Andrea Lombard (U)	Jan. 2025
Robert McCarthy (D)	Jan. 2021
Joseph Carpentino (D)	Jan. 2022
Steve Cinami (R)	Jan. 2022
James Birge (U)	Jan. 2022
Robert Nixon (R)	Jan. 2025

Town Staff

Animal Control Officer	Lynn Philomen
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)	
<i>Zoning and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer</i>	Daniel Bourret
<i>Land Use Administrator</i>	Kim Groves
<i>Zoning Enforcement Technician</i> (Certified)	Kim Barrows
Parks and Recreation Director	Donald Bugbee
Selectman's Office:	
<i>First Selectman</i>	Timothy C. Griswold
<i>Senior Manager – Administration</i>	Michelle Noehren
<i>Manager</i>	Michele E. Hayes
Senior Center Director	Stephanie Lyon-Gould
Senior Center Assistant.....	Cheryl Parsons
Social Services Coordinator.....	Jennifer Datum
Tax Clerk	Alex English
Tax Collector	Judy Tooker
Town Clerk	Vicki Urbowicz
Assistant Town Clerk	Courtney Joy

Resident State Trooper: TFC Matt Weber

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 – November 3, 2020

Presidential

Democrat – Biden and Harris, 3,225*

Republican – Trump and Pence, 2,095

Libertarian – Jorgensen and Cohen, 68

Green – Hawkins and Walker, 20

Representative in Congress, Congressional District 2

Democrat/Working Families – Joe Courtney, 3,392*

Republican – Justin Anderson, 1,877

Libertarian – Daniel Reale, 34

Green Party – Cassandra Martineau, 51

State Senator, Senatorial District 20

Democrat/Working Families – Martha Marx, 2,443

Republican – Paul M. Formica, 2,856*

Independent – Joseph Taraya, 41

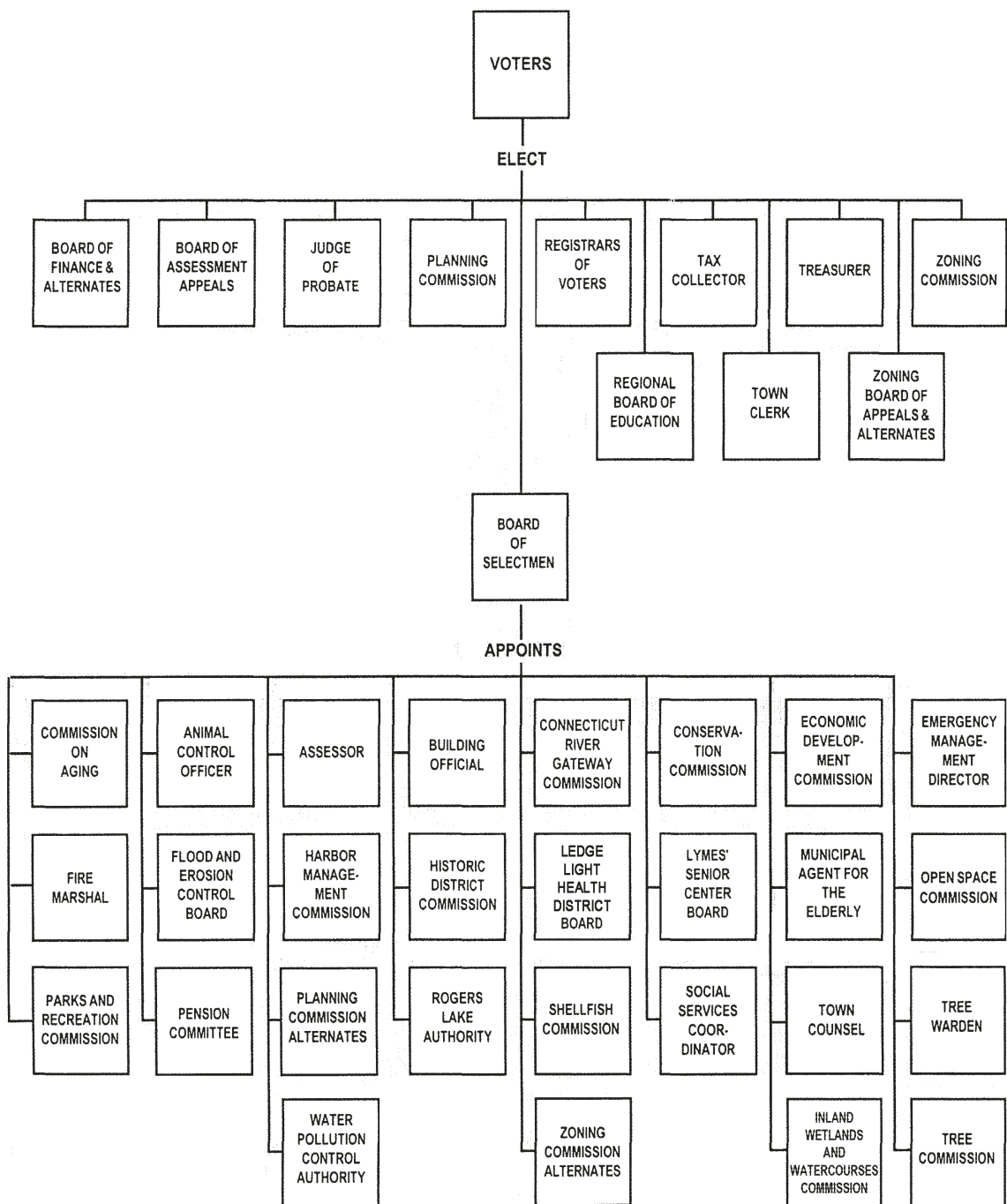
State Representative, Assembly District 23

Democrat/Working Families – David A. Rubino, 2,552

Republican/Independent – Devin R. Carney, 2,813*

(* - Indicates elected)

Organization Chart



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

U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal

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Enfield, CT 06082

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CT State Senator Paul Formica (20th District)

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Hartford, CT 06106

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CT State Representative Devin Carney (23rd District)

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Hartford, CT 06106

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Marriages July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Peter Anthony Rose & Paula Michelle Johnston	July 9, 2020
Jonathan Raymond Cichon & Meghann Jane Nunes	July 24, 2020
Lucas Lawrence Bowman & Alexandra Anne Borsari.....	July 25, 2020
Gregory Llewellyn McKillop & Emma Sands-Milsom.....	July 25, 2020
Nicholas Mark Cirucci & Patrice Danielle Hayes	August 8, 2020
Nicholas Brewster Sharpe & Alexis Marie Rowe.....	August 8, 2020
Francis Kevin King & Syreeta Nicole Brainard	August 14, 2020
Jason Alan Shames & Bianca Nancy Salkin	August 15, 2020
Senan Ebrahim & Eliza Michelle Nguyen.....	August 15, 2020
Andrew Roy Lockwood, Jr. & Francheessa M. Rider	August 15, 2020
Usaid Waseem Khan & Madiha Michelle Malik (Middletown)	August 22, 2020
William Cullen Onstott & Casey Haff Armstrong	August 22, 2020
Christopher Andrew Fonseca & Ally Maris Landrigan.....	August 29, 2020
David M. Plancon & Nancy L. Demay	September 4, 2020
Benjamin Aloin Stark & Stefanie Leigh Marazzi.....	September 12, 2020
Jared Edward Bombaci & Audrey Louise Montanaro	September 12, 2020
Russell Eliot Gong & Alexandra Diane Smith.....	September 12, 2020
Lawrence William Fazzone III & Laura Alberino (East Lyme)	September 13, 2020
Michael P. Carmody & Kalyn Boccaccio Pacelli	September 19, 2020
George Thomas Reid-Perry & Andrea Paige Rindone	September 26, 2020
Douglas Oliver Nash & Melissa Dawn Clark	September 27, 2020
Patrick Cronan Lowe & Lisa Marie Russell	September 27, 2020
Andrew Joseph Follett & Elizabeth Marie Tkaczuk	October 2, 2020
James Edward Everitt III & Colleen Ann Wright	October 3, 2020
John Barrett Sparkman & Katherine Velma Lazarski.....	October 3, 2020
Danny Thomas Shea & Mariella Fiorino	October 4, 2020
Robert Lee Hoy & Samantha Ann Yuknat.....	October 4, 2020
Michael Edward Small & Laura Kim Craven (East Lyme)	October 4, 2020
Michael Paul Negron & Ashley Nicole Andrews	October 9, 2020
Joel Anthony Scarpati & Cassandra Leigh Scarpati (Bristol).....	October 10, 2020
Jordan S. Feinstein & Abigail Elizabeth Clyne.....	October 10, 2020
Dennis Patrick Rinaldi & Colleen Marie Hanly	October 10, 2020
Gregory William Edward Piecuch & Kathleen McIntosh Coss	October 10, 2020
Patrick Michael Wentling & Allison Rose Colangelo	October 11, 2020
Christopher Patrick Noonan & Tina Mae Pepin (Simsbury).....	October 17, 2020
Daniel Michael Gibeault & Kristi Lyn Banks (East Haddam)	October 17, 2020
Shiv V. Patel & Richa S. Patel.....	October 19, 2020
Nils Justin Swenson & Lindsay Jean Stockley	October 22, 2020
David Greg Heiney, Jr. & Erin Chelsea Perez (Old Saybrook).....	October 23, 2020
Erik Atkinson Sauter & Heather Lee Stone	October 24, 2020
Nathan Louis Maassel & Hillary Elspeth Wyatt Hosier	October 31, 2020
Matthew Steven Vaughn & Angelina Maria Reyes	November 7, 2020
Jonathan Richard Kenyon & Jordon Giraud Zadfar.....	November 16, 2020
Richard Arthur Gaudet & Lauren Carol Helen Colburn.....	December 18, 2020
Rick Edward Oliveira & Kathleen Ann Kerrigan.....	December 21, 2020
Andrew Paul Clark & Patricia Lynn Laplatney (Ledyard)	January 2, 2021
Eugene Paul Jones & Laura Lee Jones	January 12, 2021
Brett Andrew Meehan & Wen-ning Chiu	January 25, 2021
Jonathan Clifford Morris & Catherine Rose Coyle	March 1, 2021

Marriages July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 *(continued)*

Muhammad Saleh & Fatima Asif (Montville)	March 12, 2021
James Rene Janelle & Courtney B. Wall	March 17, 2021
Thomas Francis Gilman & Deborah Marie McCarthy	April 17, 2021
Garreck James Seales & Jacqueline Ann Bly	April 24, 2021
Nicholas Richard Fazzino & Erin Teresa O'Connell (East Haddam)	May 1, 2021
Jonathan Ian Pope & Ericka Dorothy Anne Howard (Madison)	May 8, 2021
Tyler Brooks Knapp & Hilary Jean Sullivan (Haddam)	May 21, 2021
Daniel Moss Jones & Leah Ann Gallen	May 22, 2021
George Howard Romania, Jr. & Brooke Victoria Phillips	May 29, 2021
David James Coy & Elizabeth Teresa Nyberg	June 5, 2021
Walter E. Brown & Shannon Gaccione	June 15, 2021
Jeffrey Michael Benedetto & Alexandra Marie Schiavone	June 18, 2021
Khachatur Nazaryan & Sarwa Damayanty Sipayung	June 19, 2021
Donald A. Saunders & Bonita T. Evers	June 19, 2021
Matthew David Benoit & Kristen Elizabeth Campeta	June 19, 2021
Joao Pedro Ribeiro Dos Santos & Carolyn Gordon Lewis	June 19, 2021
Joseph William Sartor & Hayley Virginia McGill	June 25, 2021
Joseph Anthony Sconzo & Alissa Marie Maffuid	June 26, 2021
Nathan Daniel Perry & Cassandra Kay Keeney	June 27, 2021

Deaths July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

Mary Foley Miles	July 2, 2020
Robert Philip Knauff	July 2, 2020
Lynn Delaney Smith (Branford)	July 6, 2020
Daphne Hunter	July 12, 2020
Jerome Raymond Srogi, Jr. (New Haven)	July 14, 2020
Carolyn Saunders	July 18, 2020
Frances Pudeler (Cromwell)	July 20, 2020
Rodney Burton Brown	July 24, 2020
Sheila Anne Dion	August 1, 2020
Philip Patrick Devine	August 2, 2020
Nelson F. Bailey (New London)	August 9, 2020
Francis Laughlin Wadsworth (New London)	August 13, 2020
Ann J. Gordon (New Haven)	August 26, 2020
Richard George Sagan (New London)	September 3, 2020
Thomas Bump	September 5, 2020
Virginia E. Card	September 5, 2020
Carmen Rita Walther	September 8, 2020
John Francis Vuksinic	September 9, 2020
Winifred C. Woods (New Haven)	September 15, 2020
Dennis James Kerwin	September 15, 2020
Patricia Ann Bugbee (Westbrook)	September 17, 2020
Maryann Dorothy Luzzi (Westbrook)	September 20, 2020
Beverly M. Nickerson (New London)	September 29, 2020
Keith George Campbell (New Haven)	September 30, 2020
Martin V. Finneran, Sr.	October 4, 2020
Peter Frederick Mletschnig	October 4, 2020
Jeanine T. Sullivan (New Haven)	October 16, 2020
Eugene Charles Bekaert	October 25, 2020
Ronald David Vidou, Sr. (New Haven)	November 5, 2020
Sophie Kashanski (Old Saybrook)	November 5, 2020
Peter Charles Bekaert (Middletown)	November 6, 2020
William G. Gamache	November 9, 2020
Damara K. Wallace (Branford)	November 15, 2020
Elizabeth I. Weaver (Clinton)	November 15, 2020
David Bruce Nelson	November 17, 2020
Constance Lucille Sapia	November 17, 2020
Maryjane Gineo	November 23, 2020
Beverly P. Hendryx (Torrington)	November 24, 2020
Dolores Garofalo (Middletown)	December 5, 2020
Theodore Lawrence Ballachino, Jr.	December 18, 2020
Kenneth G. Flynn	December 23, 2020
Mervin Francis Roberts	December 30, 2020
Helen Patricia Hedberg	December 30, 2020
Lawrence Allen Weinberg (Westbrook)	December 31, 2020
Yvonne E. Montmeat	January 2, 2021
Virginia MackIntosh (Middletown)	January 2, 2021
Evelyn Wurdig	January 3, 2021
James Casey (Bridgeport)	January 7, 2021
Patience Hulda Zawacki (New London)	January 11, 2021

Deaths July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021 *(continued)*

Bonnie Sturtevant (Branford)	January 12, 2021
Beatrice Weaver (Old Saybrook)	January 14, 2021
Clifford Stanley Johnson (Middletown)	January 14, 2021
Elisabeth Bacon Oberg (New London)	January 15, 2021
Guy Randall Mangs	January 20, 2021
Raymond C. Cann, Jr. (New London)	January 21, 2021
Rudolph Frederick Besier	January 25, 2021
Patricia Lynn Operhall McBeth (Middletown)	January 29, 2021
David Bronson Woolley (Moodus)	January 30, 2021
William Francis Rando	February 4, 2021
Francis Joseph Purdue (Middletown)	February 12, 2021
Joanne T. Centola (New London)	February 24, 2021
Donald Sherwood Bugbee, Sr. (New London)	March 9, 2021
Joseph S. Migatz, Jr.	March 14, 2021
Bruce Bennett Smith	March 22, 2021
Merlva L. Davis (New London)	March 26, 2021
Gerald Walter O'Dell (Branford)	April 1, 2021
Mercedes Bienvenida Ulerio	April 6, 2021
John Blair Sholtis	May 9, 2021
Eloise Emily Ward (Waterford)	May 13, 2021
Kenneth Allen Dean (Middletown)	May 29, 2021
Gregory Martin Furey	May 31, 2021
Theresa Mary Francolini (Middletown)	June 2, 2021
Mercedes Marie Voldstad	June 4, 2021
Robert Edward Gentile	June 6, 2021
Marsha Delores Kohutovic (Branford)	June 7, 2021
John Rodney Mattison	June 10, 2021
Paul K. Barnes	June 25, 2021
Helen E. Krieble	June 26, 2021

Affordable Housing Exploratory Committee

Affordable Housing Commission

Michael Fogliano

Chairman

2021 meeting schedule: 3rd Wednesday of the month

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

The Affordable Housing Exploratory Committee submitted a final Findings and Recommendations report to the Board of Selectmen in February 2021, completing its work, and was subsequently sunset. One of the key recommendations made by the committee was to establish a permanent commission to take ongoing responsibility for matters related to affordable housing. An ordinance establishing an Affordable Housing Commission was passed at the Town Meeting in January 2021. Appointments to this commission were made

by the Board of Selectmen in April, and the committee began regular meetings in May. Top priorities for the commission are as follows: (1) preparing an Affordable Housing Plan for Old Lyme under the provisions of C.G.S. Sec. 8-30j for adoption by June 2022 and (2) pursuing the option to develop two units of affordable housing on the McCulloch Family Open Space. The commission is also participating in a project sponsored by the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) to develop a regional housing plan.

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Committee

Jennifer Datum

ADA Coordinator

The Town of Old Lyme ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Committee meets quarterly. Our notice under the Americans with Disabilities Act is published on the town website.

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

forty-eight 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 at 860 434-1605 Ext 228.

Melinda R Kronfeld, CCMA II
Assessor

Mickie Fraser, AAT
Administrative Assessment Technician

Still navigating some of the challenges posed by COVID-19, the 2020 Grand List saw a slight increase over the 2019 Revaluation Grand List. The increase was mainly influenced by the rising used-car values and an uptick in property renovations, resulting in a change from \$1,548,200,464 in 2019 to \$1,556,379,975 in 2020.

Our office is always happy to assist via phone or email with taxpayer assessment questions, including providing property record cards and maps electronically. Property information may also be accessed via our online GIS; visit Oldlyme-CT.gov. Frequently asked questions,

deadlines for exemptions, filings, and other points of interest from the assessor's office can be found on the assessor's page.

Updates can also be found printed in the *Old Lyme Events*, which is released four times a year.

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.

Appointments are encouraged for meetings with Melinda Kronfeld, Assessor, Ext. 218 or mkronfeld@oldlyme-ct.gov.

Board of Finance

David Kelsey
Chairman

We at the Board of Finance understand the majority of our town income comes from homeowners' property tax, in fiscal year 2021 accounting for 94.4 percent. Having served on this board for close to fourteen years, I can assure residents each and every member of the board considers very carefully the ongoing needs of the town as well as the potential wants of the majority of our voters. We are respectful of our taxpayers in balancing the wants and needs that make our town the wonderful place that it is.

For FY 2021 (ended June 30, 2021), revenues totaled \$38.7 million, exceeding the final budget by close to \$780,000, an excellent result with strong collections by our tax collector, Judy Tooker, as well as higher-than-expected fees for town services.

The town also realized excellent results against our expense budget, with actual expenses close to \$700,000 less than budget. These lower outlays were spread across virtually all of our town departments and are a tribute to the work of our Finance Director, Nicole Stajduhar, as well as all of our department heads and board and commissions.

With good results from revenue and expenses, our general fund balance grew FY 2019 from \$9.7 million to \$10.5 million. Our town debt ratings are related to this balance: the stronger the ratio of fund balance to total budget, the better for the town rating. The ratio of fund balance at June 20, 2021 to the FY 2021 budget was 27.8% percent, a strong figure providing cushion for unexpected disasters as well as available funds for prudent projects and initiatives.

With the guidance of our public works department under Edward Adanti, as well as many smaller oversight committees, we continue to fund improvements around the town and also contribute meaningfully each year to long-term funds used for future improvements, open space acquisitions, and capital needs. Major projects in FY 2021 included the Mile Creek Bridge, Sound View sidewalk improvements, and bathrooms at Hains Park, in addition to significant repavement throughout the town. Future needs may include a replacement of the Grassy Hill bridge, addressing needs at the Senior Center, Open Space purchases, sidewalks on Ferry Road, and improvements along the Halls Road corridor. We

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Board of Finance *(continued)*

also continue to fund long-term accounts to plan for equipment needs in many areas, including our fire department, police department, and public works.

Our sincere thanks need to go to board secretary, Michele E. Hayes, for her support throughout the busy meeting schedule the Board of Finance keeps. We also extend our significant appreciation and thanks to Michele Dickey, our town report editor who works throughout the

year to ensure a complete and outstanding annual report for our residents.

As chairman of the Board of Finance, I offer my personal thanks to my fellow board members, our Board of Selectmen, and all the town staff and volunteers serving boards and commissions with the budget process. As a reminder to all, we hold our regular meetings on the third Tuesday of each month, and during February and March budget season we meet every Tuesday – we welcome all with interest!

Building Department

Mark Wayland
Building Official

mwayland@oldlyme-ct.gov
860-434-1605 ext. 213

The Building Department oversees issuing all permits for residential and commercial construction including but not limited to structural, plumbing, mechanical, electrical, gas, swimming pools/spas, solar installations, supplemental heaters, and temporary tents. A list of work that is exempt from building permits can be found on the town website as well as additional helpful building department information.

The Building Official reviews all submitted drawings for compliance to the current State of Connecticut Building Codes and will note any

relevant code information needed before the project is started. The more detailed the plans submitted, the more detailed the code review process that can be achieved.

The required list of inspections will be printed on the permit-issued document and can also be found on our website.

Our online permitting system now can process online payments. The totals below reflect a 151-percent increase over the previous year, from 771 permits processed to 1,168.

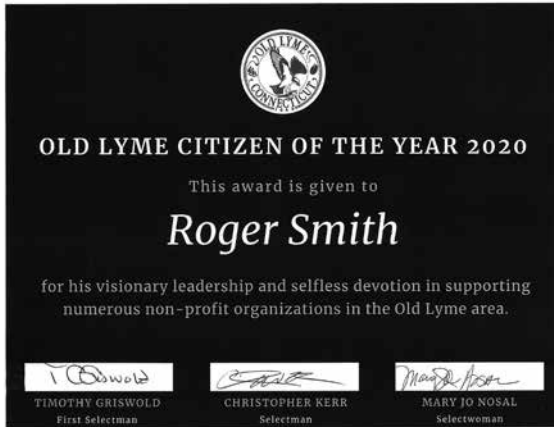
Building Permits Issued

From 7/1/20-6/30/21

349	Permits-- Residential.....	\$20,359,361.00
16	Permits-- Commercial.....	\$2,577,245.00
307	Permits-- Electrical	\$1,495,366.00
167	Permits-- Mechanical (HVAC).....	\$1,642,612.00
91	Permits-- Plumbing.....	\$169,660.00
200	Permits-- Gas.....	\$435,583.00
6	Permits-- Pool/Spa.....	\$201,970.00
7	Permits-- Tent.....	\$40,475.00
6	Permits-- Tank.....	\$101,448.00
6	Permits-- Demo	\$ N/A
13	Permits-- Wood Stove/Solid Fuel	\$ N/A
<i>Total Valuation Cost Of Permits Issued.....</i>		<i>\$27,023,720.00</i>
<i>Total Number Of Permits Issued</i>		<i>1,168</i>
<i>Total Fees Received During Fiscal Year</i>		<i>\$352,709.44</i>

Citizen of the Year

Timothy C. Griswold
First Selectman



This year's awardee was selected for his dedication and commitment to numerous, local nonprofit organization. I received nine letters of recommendation for this person's nomination and the Board of Selectmen is very pleased to announce that Roger M. Smith has been selected as the Town of Old Lyme's 2020 Citizen of the Year.

Roger has been a visionary who inspires those around him to do their best and to see

beyond their self-limiting expectations. He volunteers with several nonprofit organizations and has been described as one of the world's best listeners, someone who is unafraid to ask the hard questions, a humble leader who will take on any task that will further the mission of the organization, and someone who is forward thinking – seeing problems and opportunities before others.

High Hopes, where Roger has volunteered for over 30 years, describes him as an individual with vision who is always prepared to ask hard questions in a manner that provokes constructive thought and facilitates growth. His quiet, supportive leadership has been key in creating an inclusive environment for the organization.

The sentiments are echoed by the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, who believe Roger's greatest strength as a volunteer and board member is that he is grounded in his belief in people and their capacity to work together to make the world a bigger, brighter, and a more inclusive place. Roger is not someone that merely

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Old Lyme's Citizen of the Year for 2020, Roger Smith, is flanked by First Selectman Tim Griswold (left) and Second Selectman Chris Kerr.

Citizen of the Year *(continued)*

talks about taking action, he consistently and tirelessly works to make things happen. His involvement in the library expansion has been significant, and generations will reap the benefits of the updated building.

Lastly, the First Congregational Church, where Roger has served in several leadership capacities, describes Roger as someone who is willing to take on responsibilities that others may avoid. As a member of the church for over 30 years, Roger helps wherever he is needed, including transporting the family pony, Neil, to

the Christmas Eve services to be in the annual Living Manger. Roger's face beams with joy as he makes sure every child has had a chance to get to know Neil.

A true leader is someone who inspires, listens, challenges others gently yet firmly, and believes he is not above any task. Roger has proven himself to be a gift to the Old Lyme community through his selfless devotion to volunteerism and it is our great honor to recognize him as our 2020 Citizen of the Year.

Connecticut Audubon Society Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center

Alisha Milardo
Director

www.ctaudubon.org/rtpec
email: rtpec@ctaudubon.org

The Connecticut Audubon Society's Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center (RTPEC) 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.

This year marked two major events for the RTPEC. In early 2021 we moved to our new home at the former Bee and Thistle Inn, at 100 Lyme Street, where we will continue to carry out the regional conservation, science research, and education that began five years ago when the RTPEC was established. And our 2021 summer camp was a huge success—the sessions were sold out and waiting lists were needed.

The RTPEC's goal in moving to this location is to offer to the local community the programs and expertise that will inform our citizens about environmental issues and encourage them to pursue and advocate for conservation. Indeed, protecting the environment is at the heart of all the RTPEC's efforts. The new headquarters will include a room for public talks and workshops, a location for our summer day camp, and a

laboratory for science research on the ecology of the estuary.

On the education front, 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. We also run in-person and virtual adult and family programming: bird walks, guided trail and shoreline hikes, kayak paddles, webinars, and more.

Facilitating scientific research is another major priority of the RTPEC. We are now concluding 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, collected data within the Connecticut River Estuary to update a twenty-year-old survey and identify native and invasive plant species. Understanding the environment and the risks to its healthy future will be imperative for the future flourishing of our community.

Partnership is a cornerstone of RTPEC. This year we joined with many town organizations and residents on programs and habitat restoration efforts. And we are working with the Pew

CAS Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center *(continued)*

Charitable Trusts to advocate for the designation of a National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) in southeastern Connecticut. The mission of this NERR and others throughout the country is to protect and study estuarine systems and to encourage citizens' understanding of their importance.

Over the past year the RTPEC quickly responded to the need for distance learning due to COVID-19 by providing virtual lessons for schools, community webinars on topics from bird migration to tree identification, and online birding and ecology courses. To everyone's delight, this summer we returned to in-person outdoor programming, including shorebird walks, ecology hikes—and our day camp.



Summer camp 2021



Guided paddle

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

J. H. Torrance Downes
Deputy Director

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 commission was established and became operational with membership from eight towns, two regional agencies, and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

The Gateway Conservation Zone is a very special place. It is thirty miles long and includes portions of its eight member towns (Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme, and Old Saybrook, including the Borough of Fenwick) within view of the river. The Nature Conservancy has designated the lower Connecticut River as one of its "Last Great Places"; the river's tidelands were recognized as an "internationally significant" habitat for waterfowl under the terms of the international Ramsar Convention; the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior has recognized the Lower Connecticut River Valley as "one of the most important ecological landscapes" in the United States; and in 1999, the river was designated as one of fourteen American Heritage Rivers by the President of the United States.

The Gateway Commission concentrates much of its attention on the protection of the valley's scenic qualities. Since its inception, the commission has worked with others to acquire over 1,000 acres of land through purchase or donation of scenic easements, development rights, and fee simple titles. During the last year, the commission has also concentrated on more ecological aspects of the health of the river, including support of projects to identify and eradicate upland and in-water invasive plant species.

The commission is also 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 local boards and commissions. No zone change or change in regulations affecting land within the Conservation Zone can become effective without the Gateway Commission's approval.

Members as of June 30, 2021 included: Tom Brelsford and Jenny Kitsen of Chester; Jerry Roberts of Deep River; Crary Brownell and Joel R. Ide of East Haddam; Claire Matthews and Misha Semenov of Essex; Susan R. Bement and Mike Farina of Haddam, J. Melvin Woody and Wendy Hill of Lyme; Suzanne Thompson and Greg Futoma of Old Lyme; Bill Webb of Old Saybrook; Raul de Brigard and Marilyn Gleeson, appointees of RiverCOG; and David Blatt of the Connecticut DEEP (Commissioner's Representative). Fenwick Borough has been designated an ad hoc member and is periodically represented by Borough Warden Newton C. Brainerd.

For more information, contact RiverCOG Deputy Director and Gateway staff J. H. Torrance Downes at (860) 581-8554 or at tdownes@rivercog.org. Contact information can also be found on the web at www.ctrivergateway.org.



Great Island marshes

Economic Development Commission

Howard Margules
Chair

The Economic Development Commission (EDC) completed its evaluation of the reports produced by the town's work with AdvanceCt. These included the Resident and Business Survey; the two Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT) workshops; and the Economic Development Report. These are available for your review on the town's website at oldlyme-ct.gov/economic-development-commission. We appreciate the valuable input residents and businesses contributed to these efforts.

The EDC's focus has now turned toward addressing the issues raised in the reports. Initially, we have identified five projects:

1. A business "Spotlight" program designed to recognize and support local business and encourage residents to buy local. This project will be launched shortly.
2. A Business Resource Guide designed to ensure Old Lyme is easy to do business with by providing concise, essential information to assist both potential and existing businesses in navigating business regulations as well as highlighting resources available to support local businesses.
3. A cottage industry and home-based business support program designed to provide essential services to this fast-growing segment of the Old Lyme economy. The framework for this project is currently being evaluated.
4. An initiative designed to optimize the local arts community's impact on Old Lyme's economy. An Arts Economy Subcommittee under the EDC was established with the aim of providing recommendations on how Old Lyme can ensure our arts businesses, organizations and artists continue to be successful economic drivers of our town's cultural tourism, as well as consider ways in which we can create further synergies to positively impact our economy.
5. A proposal to galvanize additional resources and efforts in advancing the economy (while preserving the small-town character of Old Lyme) of the Soundview and the Route 156 business corridor.

Additionally, the AdvanceCT reports indicated the community's desire for improvements to the Halls Road neighborhood, and the EDC has been working closely with the Halls Road Improvement Committee to address these issues. We also plan to address the economic development issues raised by the revised Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD) currently under consideration by the Planning Commission.

We continue to welcome the community's input on our projects. Please feel free to contact us at: [*edc@oldlyme-ct.gov*](mailto:edc@oldlyme-ct.gov).

PLEASE BUY LOCAL!

Emergency Management

David W. Roberge
Director

Mother Nature gave us a small break here on the shoreline again this year with less-than-average snowfall. However, we did experience the wrath of Tropical Storm Isaias in August, which created power outages and blocked roads throughout the community. While the outages lasted only three to four days, Old Lyme was the hardest hit community in the state. We express great thanks to our public safety partners of Old Lyme Fire Department, EMS, and police for working through the storm and a special thanks to Ed Adanti and the Public Works Crews for tirelessly working for many weeks clearing and removing storm debris from our roadways.

Fiscal year 20-21 also brought us the invasion of the COVID-19 virus. While we are all well-trained in “All Hazard” response and recovery efforts for natural and other hazards, COVID-19 was a new response for all of us. The 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 their toll on the economy of the community. The guidance and recommendations received from our public health and emergency management partners of the Ledge Light Health District, the State of Connecticut’s Department of Public Health along with the Department of Homeland Security and Public Protections Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security aided by supplying critical public health information and supplies of personal protective equipment to help combat the spread of the virus.

The Governor’s Office, along with the federal government, supported our responses with financial backing from FEMA. As of June 2021,

this support and assistance is still ongoing. 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.

Again this year, the Town of Old Lyme was the recipient of grants close to \$60,000.00 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.

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 register with this office.

A Special Needs Registration Form is included again at the end of this year’s annual report. If you or someone you know in town might need 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 888777 to receive important specific information on either COVID-19 or storm information.

Estuary Transit District

Joseph Comerford
Executive Director

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

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. 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.

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 from participating state colleges and universities may ride any route for free with a UPass. 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.

ETD continued to be severely impacted by COVID-19 during the year. Ridership on most of ETD’s services was significantly lower than prior years, though all services remained in operation. By year end, ridership was increasing but still

below pre-COVID levels, except on the XtraMile service, which has surpassed prior years. While the district did incur substantial expenses and revenue loss, the federal CARES Act provided federal funds that filled this gap.

The Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments completed a study of the countywide transit needs and determined the best model for providing public transit in the seventeen-town region going forward. The study provided many service improvement suggestions including expanding the span of service hours, new Sunday service, increasing frequencies, and improving transfers between routes. ETD will begin implementing the suggestions over the next two to three years, pending availability of funding.

The study also recommended combining the Estuary and Middletown Transit Districts. The two districts are working with the Connecticut Department of Transportation on a plan to fund and implement this expansion over the next year.

Board of Directors

Noel Bishop	Westbrook
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Tim Griswold	Old Lyme
Charlie Norz, <i>Secretary</i>	Old Saybrook
Peter Bierrie	Essex
Angus McDonald	Deep River
Leslie Strauss, <i>Chairman</i>	Chester
Karl Kilduff	Clinton

Administrative Staff

Joseph Comerford, *Executive Director*
Jared Whitcomb, *Operations Director*
Halyna Famiglietti, *Finance Manager*

Ethics Commission

Jane Cable
Chair

The Ethics Commission consists of five members: Jane Cable, Jennifer Kendall, Ronald Paine, Joseph Soucie, and Claudia Schmauss. Three alternate positions currently are not filled.

Until the Code of Ethics is revised, the commission appoints its own members, has no regular meetings except an annual organizational one, and reports to no town authority. Meetings have been scheduled when ethics complaints are submitted. Now that the commission has a working budget that includes legal fees, amendments to the code can allow for regularly scheduled meetings and reports.

Meetings to review complaints are confidential unless the commission has found probable cause that an ethics violation has occurred. At that point, agendas and minutes of the public hearing will be posted. This past fiscal year, the commission considered one complaint that did not rise to the level of an ethics violation and met to appoint members and submit code revisions.

Residents willing to volunteer for an alternate position are welcome. Members may not belong to any other town board or commission, except political town committees.

Facilities Management

Phil Parcak
Facilities Manager

This has been quite a year for town buildings: Covid restrictions have resulted in major change in the daily operations but have provided an opportunity to accomplish building maintenance and many upgrades. These are ongoing and serve to keep your facilities in good working order.

All town building lighting has been upgraded to LED lighting.

Many heating and cooling systems throughout town facilities have been upgraded and provide increased efficiency and filtration to help maintain a safe work environment.

Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall

Old A/C units at the town hall are gradually being replaced with more efficient heat pumps that can provide efficient heating and cooling. Filtration systems have been upgraded and air purifiers are being installed as well.

The entire town hall was painted in 2017. This year we are continuing with painting one side per year of the building to maintain the work done and keep the town hall in tip-top shape.

A new sidewalk was completed from the meeting house to Lyme Street. Also, sidewalk repairs were accomplished.

Lyme's Senior Center

The HVAC system has been upgraded with air purifiers and increased filtration. Individual high-efficiency split units were installed in office areas to more precisely control those areas.

A standby generator has been installed to allow for operation in the event of power outage.

The existing boiler was replaced with a state-of-the-art gas condensing unit that can be monitored remotely.

These changes along with the efficient heat pumps previously installed will allow this facility to be more energy efficient and provide a safe environment to allow the facility to serve as a respite location.

The Lyme's Senior Center Building Committee has undertaken a review of this facility to determine future needs; the results of this will impact future improvement at this site.

Town Woods Park

The exterior of this facility needed painting, power washing, and window replacement due to vandalism. That work is currently underway and should be finished by the fall.

Facilities Management *(continued)*

Cross Lane Park

The exterior of the concessions stand was painted. Also, bathroom ceiling repairs were accomplished

White Sands Beach

The restroom building was repainted, the roof and trim repaired, and a new exterior shower installed.

Hains Park

A new restroom was constructed and opened at this park this year. In addition to new restrooms this building contains a water storage system to efficiently use the available water.

New accessible parking was provided, and the existing lot was expanded, providing additional parking areas.

Police Station

The police station was tied into the public water system. Security and interior enhancements were accomplished.

The two remaining exterior windows were replaced with energy-efficient, maintenance-free windows.

Transfer Station

The old trailer was beyond its useful life. A replacement facility was designed and ready to bid for construction. The new energy-efficient, accessible scale house building should be ready for occupancy this fall.

Fire Houses

All three fire houses have a new keypad entry system installed that can be supervised by the fire personnel to allow for swift secure access for both EMS and Fire Personnel.

Cross Lane

The exterior of this facility was power washed; exterior repairs were done; and this building received two coats of paint. New energy efficient heat pumps were installed at this facility.

Boughton Road

New energy-efficient heat pumps were installed.

Fire Marshal

David W. Roberge

Fire Marshal

During the fiscal year 2020-2021, minimal damage from the effects of fire were experienced. There were no losses of life or major property.

Building inspections for commercial and public buildings continue annually to ensure compliance of their occupants. The annual fire safety inspections of occupancies prescribed by the Fire Code as set forth in Chapter 541 of the Connecticut State Statutes 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 continued to participate 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. Due to the delays associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, we are still awaiting a supportive response from the ISO of 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 fire safety.

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

Florence Griswold Museum

Rebekah Beaulieu

Director

After closing the Florence Griswold Museum for nearly four months in 2020 due to the COVID-19 crisis, we joyfully opened to our members on July 1 and to the public on July 7. We rallied to create a space that offered our visitors comfort, ease, and security while continuing to serve our mission of the interpretation of art, history, and landscape. Our staff took great pains to open – meeting, and often exceeding, state protocols. Visitors were eager to return to the Kriebel Gallery and historic Florence Griswold House masked and in reduced numbers. Our efforts were met with reviews such as, “It was obvious that the Museum used every safety feature to its fullest and made me feel relaxed and comfortable.” As the year progressed we continually monitored state and CDC guidelines and updated our policies as necessary to keep our visitors, staff, and community safe.

We have continued to prioritize thought-provoking and illuminating exhibitions including *Fresh Fields: American Impressionist Landscapes from the Florence Griswold Museum*; *Expanding Horizons: Celebrating 20 Years of the Hartford Steam Boiler Collection*; and *Centennial of the Lyme Art Association Gallery*, all of which showcased the strength of our permanent and archival collections. These exhibitions maintain a virtual presence on the museum’s website and serve as a cornerstone of a new virtual identity for the Florence Griswold Museum, evident in

our creation of online educational programs, gallery talks, and even Sm’art Colony Camp and Virtual Faerie Village. Our online presence will remain an integral component of our outreach as it allows us to be accessible to audiences near and far, though we never lose sight of our community base in Old Lyme.

It is because of our entire staff, volunteers, and board of trustees that we were able to meet our difficult circumstances with fortitude and stability. And, on behalf of all of us, we would like to thank our community. Your positive response to our efforts sustained and motivated us. We will continue to work to exceed your expectations in the coming year.



The Robert F. Schumann Artists’ Trail served as a refuge for visitors in the early months of the pandemic. Many within the community used the peaceful half-mile walk as a way to connect with nature.



A visitor contemplates the Artists’ Trail. Photo by Jane Scheiber



Museum Director Becky Beaulieu worked with Eric Dillner (*left*), Executive Director of the Shoreline Arts Alliance, Dr. Sten Vermund (*center*), Dean of Yale School for Public Health, and other cultural leaders to create the Reopening CT Arts Venues: Science-based Safety Task Force, which helped the state's cultural attractions open with confidence.

Halls Road Improvements Committee (HRIC)

Edie Twining
Chair

The Halls Road Master Plan report has been completed by BSC Group, Inc. The report describes the plan in two major parts:

1. Public Improvements: The town is responsible for this work and will apply for grants to help defray the costs. The work includes new sidewalks, pedestrian lighting, bike paths, cross walks, landscaping, and a new pedestrian and bike bridge over the Lieutenant River. This will create a safe, convenient, and beautiful connection for bike and foot traffic on Halls Road with our civic center and Arts District on Lyme Street.
2. Private Investment: Zoning is meant to guide private investment. In the current market, the older commercial-only zoning along Halls Road attracts highway-focused businesses (truck stops, fast food, etc.) almost to the exclusion of everything else. To keep Halls Road focused on the needs of Old Lyme, the plan establishes a new Halls Road Village District. New zoning will allow a mix of commercial and residential construction, guided by a new set of design guidelines aimed at ensuring the “look and feel” of new

construction is more in tune with that of Old Lyme, using Lyme Street as the model. The town has a severe shortage of smaller-scale housing options (apartments, condos, etc.) and Halls Road is a good place to build them. In addition, mixed-use neighborhoods seem the most resilient locations for retail trade competing with Internet sales. The strong unmet demand for new housing types should encourage new investment in this area and create a viable alternative to highway-focused businesses.

The end goal is to create over the next decade or two a vibrant, living neighborhood that is the mixed-use retail and commercial part of an integrated, walkable, bike-able town center for our small town.

BSC completed the Halls Road Master Plan this summer. HRIC held two open houses to walk visitors through the plans and answer questions. For the full Halls Road Master Plan Report and the latest information on the project, please go to: <https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/halls-road-improvements-committee>

Harbor Management Commission

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

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. The Harbormaster can issue citations for noncompliance of HMC mooring rules such as placement of mooring without permit or for non-current mooring equipment inspections. 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.

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

Management Plan and Dock Standards. Recently 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 processes and issues permits for moorings, records mooring equipment inspections that are required on a four-year basis (next regular inspection requirement period is the spring of 2024), 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 approximately 135 mooring permits were issued. New this past year was the issuance of blue "2021" mooring ball stickers to be placed on the mooring ball to signify that the private mooring had been permitted. This change was not applicable to commercial moorings.

The HMC is responsible for the Town Dinghy Dock located on Ferry Road between CT DEEP and Old Lyme Dock Company. The HMC ensures it is maintained, installed, and hauled. The committee also has oversight of the two boat racks at Pilgrim Landing to make sure they are used in the prescribed manner and are maintained. The HMC and the town crew clean up the area adjacent to the racks.

Currently the HMC is spearheading a project to assess the feasibility of re-dredging the Four Mile River. This project began because of reported low water at low tide water depth conditions south of the Amtrak RR Bridge between Point O' Woods and Black Point. This project is in the early data gathering and planning stages. The HMC, if electing to move forward will be seeking funding for this dredging program from the CT Port Authority SHIPP Grant program.

The entire Harbor Management Plan and Dock Standards can be found on the town web site under the heading of the Harbor Management Commission. The HMC agendas and meeting minutes are posted there as well. There are also

Harbor Management Commission *(continued)*

links to Mooring Permits, Mooring Inspection Forms, Mooring Inspectors, Dock Standards, and Variance Procedure. The HMC is grateful for the efforts of member Tom Meyer, who updated and improved the HMC forms and information on the town web site.

The HMC is in frequent contact with CT DEEP, CT Harbor Management Association,

and CT Port Authority. HMC meetings are open to the public. The standing committee is composed of nine members and three alternates. Openings for HMC members are filled by the Board of Selectmen from candidates who have applied to be on the commission.

Ledge Light Health District (LLHD)

Stephen Mansfield REHS, MPH

Director of Health

COVID Response

Schools

LLHD continues to help assure that all our school systems are prepared to respond to cases of COVID among their students and faculty. Although the learning model (remote/hybrid/in-person) for schools has changed significantly since last year, LLHD continues to work with our school systems to assure appropriate contact tracing, social distancing, and other mitigation measures are implemented consistently. We continue to meet with school officials to discuss scenarios and procedures associated with safely keeping students in school. As DPH and CDC guidance has evolved, we have continually updated our decision tree that is utilized by our schools to determine what action needs to be taken when COVID exposures occur. 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 during the current school year, we are confident that we have provided our school systems with the most up-to-date, comprehensive guidance available.

Contact Tracing

Mary Day continues to lead our contact tracing activities. Although the Connecticut Department of Public Health has significantly reduced its contact tracing workforce, LLHD has

added three new contact tracing positions over the past year, along with two additional public health nurses.

Vaccine Distribution

LLHD has vaccinated thousands of residents throughout our jurisdiction in response to the pandemic. During the first phase of our vaccination campaign, we focused on large clinics designed to vaccinate large portions of the population in a short period of time. One of our clinics was held in Old Lyme, where we vaccinated more than 400 people in a 3-hour period. We continue to provide vaccinations to smaller, targeted populations and are preparing for the possibility of providing booster shots.

Old Lyme Data

Currently, more than seventy-six percent of all Old Lyme residents have received the COVID vaccination, and more than ninety-eight percent of those over the age of sixty-five have received the vaccine. Comprehensive COVID data can be found at <https://llhd.org/coronavirus-covid-19-situation/covid-19-vaccine/>. Although the cumulative number of COVID cases (411) and deaths (3) in Old Lyme are relatively low, we are seeing an increase in the rate of positive tests (7.4 percent). It is imperative that we remain diligent in our mitigation strategies and strongly advise everyone to continue to wear masks indoors in public settings, regardless of vaccination status.

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Ledge Light Health District *(continued)*

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 twenty-five member organizations completed an Equity Pre-Test, which was an opportunity for them to look at internal policies and practices and identify areas

where action could be taken to address systemic racism. LLHD 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 LLHD is presenting this topic at the North Stonington Board of Selectman meeting.

Medical Reserve Corps

LLHD has a Medical Reserve Corps made up of medical and non-medical volunteers who have been very busy since the pandemic began. Their activities include assisting at food pantries, meal centers, COVID testing sites and providing COVID and flu vaccinations. Our unit has over 350 volunteers, many of whom reside in Old Lyme. The unit partnered with the OLVNA last fall to help provide flu vaccine to the residents of Old Lyme and will do so again this October.

Environmental Health

The environmental team continues to work diligently to conduct routine inspections and respond to COVID-related complaints within our regulated facilities. Despite the burden that the pandemic has placed on our environmental team, we continued to conduct follow our routine duties, including landed activity restaurant, cosmetology and daycare inspections, complaint investigations, etc.

Lyme Academy of Fine Arts

Mora Rowe

Executive Director

The Rebirth of Lyme Academy of Fine Arts

When the pandemic hit in 2020, the Lyme Academy along with just about every art school around the world, closed its doors and suspended regular operation. During that hiatus, the board delved into the academy’s archives to look back to its founding by sculptor Elisabeth Gordon Chandler and her husband, artist Laci de Gerenday. It also reached out to Old Lyme neighbors, including artists,

local elected officials, nearby nonprofits, and alumni about a plan to move forward. Out of that period of reflection came a manifesto that led with two points. First, there was still a need for an art academy that taught foundational artistic skills in drawing, painting, and sculpture in the figurative tradition. Second, that the organization’s future was as an academy that taught skills, not a college that conferred degrees.

A community coalesced behind these ideas, and new members who believed in this vision

Lyme Academy of Fine Arts *(continued)*

joined the academy's board of trustees. In early 2021, Michael Thomas Duffy, the principal author of the manifesto, was elected as the chair of the board. A new slate of officers was chosen that included Laura Lee Miller as vice chair; Lee Bowes as treasurer; and Ian Neviaser, Lyme/Old Lyme's School Superintendent, as secretary. New trustees joined including long-time Lyme/Old Lyme high school art teacher, Will Allik; Old Lyme Board of Finance Chair, David Kelsey; and retired probate court judge, Paul Knierim. The board retained the commitment of long-serving members and Old Lyme residents, including Sue Joffray and Susan Skelsey.

To realize the vision sketched out in the manifesto, the board sought out a leadership team to execute it and to do so in a way that meets an international standard of excellence. That team includes Mora Rowe, serving as Executive Director, and Jordan Sokol and Amaya Gurpide as Lyme Academy's Artistic Directors. Ms. Rowe is a seasoned manager with experience in the public, private, and nonprofit sectors. Mr. Sokol and Ms. Gurpide, an artistic husband-wife team in the tradition of Chandler and de Gerenday, are accomplished artists who previously led the American campus of the Florence Academy.

Eager to reconnect with Old Lyme neighbors and supporters, the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts welcomed the community back to the campus for Sounds on the Grounds, a series of outdoor concerts throughout the month of June in partnership with Nightingale's Acoustic Café/Music Now Foundation Inc. The academy also hosted the annual LYSB (Lyme's Youth Service Bureau) Region 18 Youth Art Show in the historic Sill House at the end of last school year. Over the summer months, a successful Youth Academy program took place, drawing eighty-seven students from surrounding towns in attendance. Lastly, an artistic highlight of the summer was the outdoor Summer Sculpture Showcase Garden in partnership with Studio 80 + Sculpture Gardens.

Lyme Academy of Fine Arts began planning for the academic year ahead with the launch of a new Core Program of study for full-time students and a full- and part-time Continuing Education and Portfolio Preparation Program, all which will commence in late September.

Learn more information about the Lyme Academy and its vibrant schedule of educational programs, lectures, exhibitions, and workshops by visiting www.lymeacademy.edu or email mora@lymeacademy.edu.

Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce



Richard Shriver
President

The Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce has been largely inactive and has not conducted in-person events due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, through support of members and CMRK, we have been able to continue the scholarship programs

for high-school seniors interested in business and art and awards to high-school juniors for excellence in studies of both business and art. The chamber plans to restart in-person events when appropriate.

Lymes' Senior Center

Stephanie Gould
Director

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This past year has been hard on many seniors as well as the on the whole community. The Lymes' Senior Center adapted to meet the needs of our membership throughout the pandemic. We provided many virtual programs for those with the technology and continue to do so. We even trained many seniors to use the Zoom platform on their computers, phones, and tablets. Grab and Go meals are a contact-free way for seniors to pick up five meals a week that can be frozen and then microwaved. This helps many seniors who are food insecure or nutrient deficient. This also helps those that are immune compromised from having to make multiple trips to the grocery store. The Meals on Wheels program also increased in numbers for those who are homebound. We continue to offer support to our seniors by providing wellness phone calls, sending cards, offering Drive-Thru Events, distributing food from our food pantry, maintaining a 24-hour lending table outside with books and puzzles, and providing resources as needed.

During the first stages of the vaccine distribution, we set up many appointments and arranged transportation as needed for our members. Starting in May, we began offering outdoor exercise classes and entertainment. Throughout the summer we continued outdoor entertainment; offered outdoor lunches; and resumed movies, lectures, exercise classes, cards and games, and art classes and workshops inside the building with safety protocols in place. Virtual programs continue for those that have not felt comfortable to return due to health issues, compromised immune systems, or conflicts with working hours. The Lymes' Senior Center Building Committee, a two-town appointed independent committee, hired Point One Architects to conduct a feasibility study on the expansion and renovation of the Senior Center. This is exciting news for our senior population and for the senior center itself. We are hopeful for possible future renovations to help better meet the needs of our ever-growing 55 and older community.



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. Membership is \$5.00 a year for members in the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme.

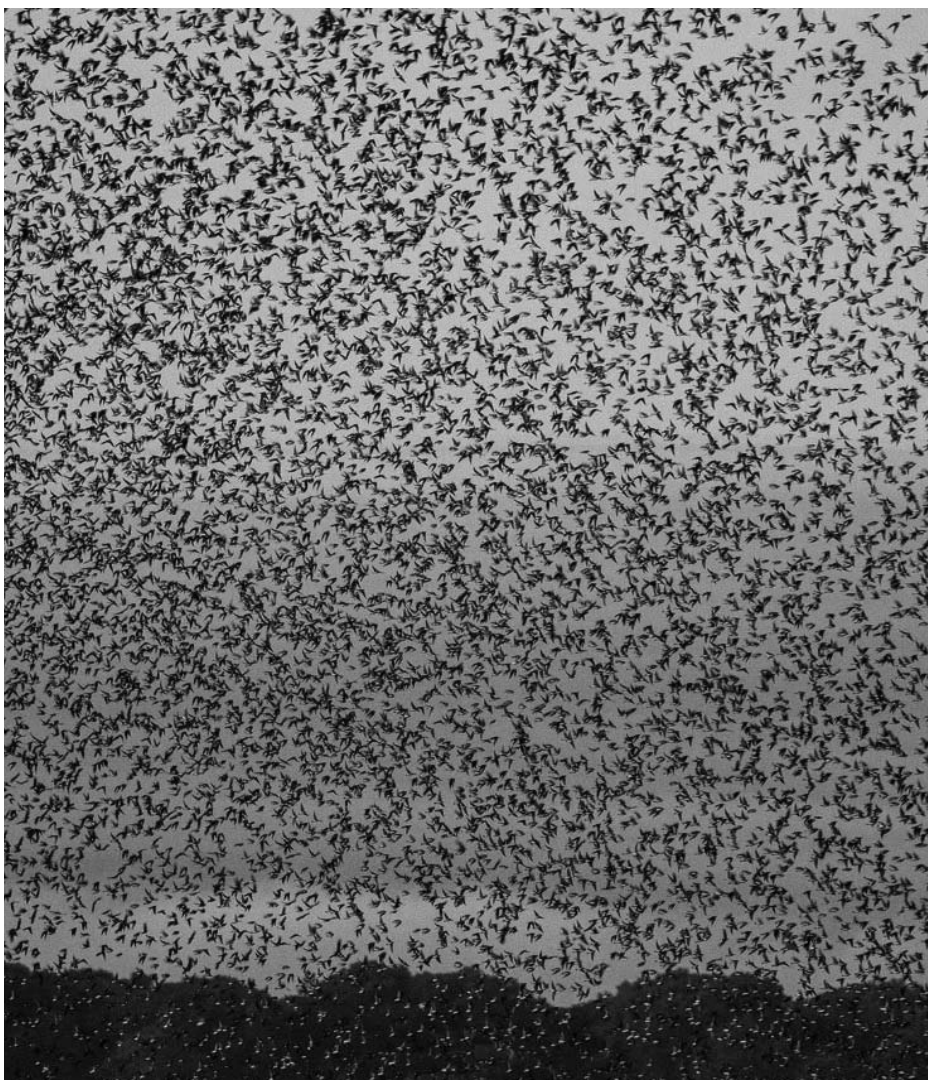
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Lymes' Senior Center Halloween Costume and Pick-Up Parade



FINANCIALS

2020-2021

TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2021

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 5,178,029	\$ 2,500,907	\$ 7,678,936
Investments	11,833,884	-	11,833,884
Receivables:			
Property taxes	795,618	-	795,618
Intergovernmental	7,535	-	7,535
Other	33,006	30,324	63,330
Due from other funds	151,467	188,388	339,855
Prepaid amounts	982,617	-	982,617
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,982,156</u>	<u>\$ 2,719,619</u>	<u>\$ 21,701,775</u>
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 530,006	\$ 4,543	\$ 534,619
Accrued liabilities	31,512	-	31,512
Due to other funds	188,008	151,467	339,855
Performance Bonds	299,238	-	299,238
Unearned revenue	1,317,114	148,871	1,465,985
Total liabilities	<u>2,366,328</u>	<u>304,881</u>	<u>2,671,209</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	4,730,031	-	4,730,031
Advanced property tax collections	148,090	-	148,090
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>4,878,121</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,878,121</u>
Fund Balances:			
Nonspendable	982,617	-	982,617
Committed	-	2,065,635	2,065,635
Assigned	1,310,049	349,276	1,659,325
Unassigned	9,445,041	(173)	9,444,868
Total fund balances	<u>11,737,707</u>	<u>2,414,738</u>	<u>14,152,445</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 18,982,156</u>	<u>\$ 2,719,619</u>	<u>\$ 21,701,775</u>

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**TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021**

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Property taxes	\$ 36,091,574	\$ -	\$ 36,091,574
Charges for services	1,348,307	211,930	1,560,237
Intergovernmental	1,261,429	13,648	1,275,077
Investment income	33,977	1,251	35,228
Contributions	-	186,459	186,459
Other revenue	-	49,082	49,082
Total revenues	<u>38,735,287</u>	<u>462,370</u>	<u>39,197,657</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General government	2,537,606	234,210	2,771,816
Boards and commissions	442,983	6,555	449,538
Public works	830,482	550,350	1,380,832
Parks and recreation	383,168	28,377	411,545
Other public safety	460,709	10,526	471,235
Social services	113,306	-	113,306
Fire services	381,055	19,653	400,708
Police services	934,524	153,992	1,088,516
Health services	77,758	5,648	83,406
Senior citizens	161,346	15,137	176,483
Other associations	382,000	-	382,000
Sanitation	1,117,425	14,899	1,132,324
Chartered associations	71,700	-	71,700
Education	27,556,679	-	27,556,679
Capital outlay	1,770,486	-	1,770,486
Debt service	478,698	-	478,698
Total expenditures	<u>37,699,925</u>	<u>1,039,347</u>	<u>38,739,272</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>1,035,362</u>	<u>(576,977)</u>	<u>458,385</u>
Other financing sources (uses):			
Transfers in	41,548	1,052,271	1,093,819
Transfers out	(1,040,500)	(53,319)	(1,093,819)
Proceeds from issuance of debt	-	-	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	200	-	200
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(998,752)</u>	<u>998,952</u>	<u>200</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	36,610	421,975	458,585
Fund Balances - July 1, 2020	<u>11,701,097</u>	<u>1,992,763</u>	<u>13,693,860</u>
Fund Balances - June 30, 2021	<u>\$ 11,737,707</u>	<u>\$ 2,414,738</u>	<u>\$ 14,152,445</u>

TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Revenues:				
Property taxes	\$ 35,823,457	\$ 35,823,457	\$ 36,091,574	\$ 268,117
Charges for services	908,001	908,001	1,348,307	440,306
Intergovernmental	1,040,416	1,040,416	1,261,429	221,013
Investment income	185,000	185,000	33,977	(151,023)
Total revenues	<u>37,956,874</u>	<u>37,956,874</u>	<u>38,735,287</u>	<u>778,413</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	2,754,580	2,764,980	2,532,008	232,972
Boards and commissions	482,446	497,896	398,622	99,274
Public works	934,719	892,269	845,332	46,937
Parks and recreation	468,434	468,434	405,668	62,766
Other public safety	468,802	497,802	460,709	37,093
Social services	116,675	116,675	113,306	3,369
Fire services	381,127	404,627	380,330	24,297
Police services	945,011	985,011	934,524	50,487
Health services	78,542	78,542	77,758	784
Senior citizens' activities	176,135	176,135	161,346	14,789
Other associations	383,000	383,000	382,000	1,000
Sanitation	1,136,574	1,163,374	1,117,425	35,949
Chartered associations	71,700	71,700	71,700	-
Regional School District No. 18	27,556,679	27,556,679	27,556,679	-
Debt service:				
Redemption of debt	435,000	435,000	435,000	-
Interest on debt	43,750	43,750	43,698	52
Capital outlay	1,404,000	1,446,000	1,361,241	84,759
Total expenditures	<u>37,782,174</u>	<u>37,971,874</u>	<u>37,277,346</u>	<u>694,528</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>174,700</u>	<u>(15,000)</u>	<u>1,457,941</u>	<u>1,472,941</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Appropriation of fund balance	800,000	1,006,700	-	(1,006,700)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	1,000	1,000	200	(800)
Cancellation of prior year encumbrances	10,000	10,000	376,923	366,923
Transfers in	37,800	37,800	41,548	3,748
Transfers out	(1,023,500)	(1,040,500)	(1,040,500)	-
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(174,700)</u>	<u>15,000</u>	<u>(621,829)</u>	<u>(636,829)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	\$ -	\$ -	836,112	\$ 836,112
Fund Balance - July 1, 2020			<u>9,685,755</u>	
Fund Balance - June 30, 2021			<u>\$ 10,521,867</u>	

TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Property taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 35,598,457	\$ 35,598,457	\$ 35,877,765	\$ 279,308
Interest and lien fees	200,000	200,000	186,158	(13,842)
Telephone access line grant	25,000	25,000	27,651	2,651
Total property taxes	35,823,457	35,823,457	36,091,574	268,117
Charges for services:				
Ambulance reimbursement	7,000	7,000	6,639	(361)
Assessor	1,000	1,000	441	(559)
Beach stickers and permits	35,000	35,000	56,630	21,630
Building department	150,000	150,000	347,126	197,126
Cell phone tower lease	40,440	40,440	44,265	3,825
Fire marshal	400	400	240	(160)
Historic District commission	-	-	375	375
Inland/wetlands	2,500	2,500	4,720	2,220
Insurance reimbursement	1,200	1,200	4,265	3,065
Land use reimbursements	10,000	10,000	1,040	(8,960)
Miscellaneous	2,000	15,010	4,360	(10,650)
Other reimbursements	2,000	2,000	-	(2,000)
Parking fines	10,000	10,000	23,905	13,905
Parking	10,000	90,000	92,359	2,359
Parks and recreation department	1,000	45,000	-	(45,000)
Planning commission	1,000	1,000	3,360	2,360
Recycling	1,000	1,000	1,657	657
Registrar reimbursement	2,000	2,000	2,552	552
Rogers Lake Authority reimbursement	28,148	28,148	10,491	(17,657)
School crossing guard	8,200	8,200	6,652	(1,548)
Selectmen's office	11,000	11,000	14,006	3,006
Senior center reimbursement	50,280	50,280	45,618	(4,662)
Town clerk's office	240,000	240,000	487,345	247,345
Town Woods Park reimbursement	34,323	34,323	30,866	(3,457)
Transfer Station	115,000	115,000	147,655	32,655
Zoning board of appeals	2,500	2,500	9,355	6,855
Zoning commission	5,000	5,000	2,385	(2,615)
Total charges for services	908,001	908,001	1,348,307	440,306
Intergovernmental:				
Education equalization grant	230,000	230,000	238,585	8,585
Emergency management	120,000	120,000	159,555	39,555
Grants for Municipal Projects	1,888	1,888	-	-
LOCIP	49,000	49,000	48,833	(167)
Miscellaneous state grants	10,000	10,000	27,462	17,462
PILOT - colleges	33,000	33,000	33,136	136
PILOT - federal property	1,000	1,000	933	(67)
PILOT - state property	9,000	9,000	9,966	966
State police DWI	7,508	7,508	3,680	(3,828)
DOT-Mile Creek Road Bridge Improvement	-	-	304,098	304,098
DOT-Grassy Hill Road Bridge Improvement	345,850	345,850	-	(345,850)
DOT-Sound View Sidewalk Improvement	-	-	200,342	200,342
Town aid road	229,000	229,000	228,596	(404)
Disability tax exempt	170	170	179	9
Veterans' tax exempt	4,000	4,000	4,176	176
Total intergovernmental	1,040,416	1,040,416	1,261,429	221,013
Investment income:				
Interest on investments	185,000	185,000	33,977	(151,023)
Total revenues	37,956,874	37,956,874	38,735,287	778,413
Other financing sources:				
Appropriation of fund balance	800,000	800,000	-	(800,000)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	1,000	1,000	200	(800)
Cancellation of prior year encumbrances	10,000	10,000	376,923	366,923
Transfers in:				
Library Renovation	-	-	6,967	6,967
Hains Park Restroom	-	-	3,932	3,932
Bus barn fund	37,800	37,800	30,649	(7,151)
Total other financing sources	848,800	848,800	418,671	(430,129)
Total revenues and other financing sources	\$ 38,805,674	\$ 38,805,674	\$ 39,153,958	\$ 348,284

TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
General government:				
Selectmen's office	\$ 291,383	\$ 291,383	\$ 265,118	\$ 26,265
Town clerk	133,020	133,020	127,633	5,387
Tax collector	110,719	110,719	101,555	9,164
Treasurer	186,638	188,638	188,570	68
Registrar	55,636	64,036	63,946	90
Information technology	88,931	88,931	79,340	9,591
Probate court	6,300	6,300	6,236	64
Assessor	141,859	141,859	141,771	88
Building department	134,844	134,844	130,334	4,510
Health department	98,250	98,250	92,935	5,315
Town hall	73,000	73,000	133,002	39,998
Insurance	12,000	12,000	787,530	114,470
Special deductions	402,660	432,000	414,038	17,962
Total general government	2,754,580	2,764,980	2,532,008	232,972
Boards and commissions:				
Harbor management commission	1,270	1,270	800	470
Economic development commission	2,510	13,010	10,500	2,510
Ethics commission	25	25	-	25
Water management authority	90,412	90,412	75,181	15,231
Board of finance	10,925	10,945	10,942	3
Flood and erosion control board	540	540	-	540
Historic district commission	4,700	8,250	8,248	2
Tree commission	13,950	13,950	9,917	4,033
Parks and Recreation commission	1,522	2,902	2,887	15
Board of assessment appeals	1,552	1,552	776	776
Rogers Lake authority	56,296	56,296	36,525	19,771
Land use	262,475	262,475	218,356	44,119
Sound View	14,610	14,610	5,851	8,759
Conservation commission	1,943	1,943	748	1,195
Open space	19,716	19,716	17,891	1,825
Total boards and commissions	482,446	497,896	398,622	99,274
Public works:				
Public works expenditures	934,719	892,269	845,332	46,937
Parks and recreation:				
Parks and recreation	295,024	295,024	238,778	56,246
Town Woods Park	148,410	148,410	141,890	6,520
Fireworks/Memorial day	25,000	25,000	25,000	-
Total parks and recreation	468,434	468,434	405,668	62,766
Other public safety:				
Animal control	67,440	67,440	65,860	1,580
Emergency management	19,700	111,700	106,773	4,927
Valley shore communications	152,700	152,700	152,661	39
Ambulance	165,962	165,962	135,415	30,547
Total other public safety	405,802	497,802	460,709	37,093

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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, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Social services:				
Social service	\$ 20,675	\$ 20,675	\$ 17,306	\$ 3,369
Lyme's youth services	96,000	96,000	96,000	-
Total social services	116,675	116,675	113,306	3,369
Fire services:				
Old Lyme fire department	191,124	191,124	177,892	13,232
Fire protection	38,000	38,000	33,556	4,444
Fire marshal	76,003	76,003	69,422	6,581
Firemen's incentive plan	89,000	99,500	99,460	40
Total fire services	394,127	404,627	380,330	24,297
Police services:				
Resident state police	230,000	230,000	181,006	48,994
Municipal police	713,011	755,011	753,518	1,493
Total police services	943,011	985,011	934,524	50,487
Health services:				
Social services agencies	6,542	6,542	5,758	784
VNA	72,000	72,000	72,000	-
Total health services	78,542	78,542	77,758	784
Senior citizens' activities:				
Estuary transit district	16,045	16,045	16,045	-
Estuary services	36,000	36,000	36,000	-
Senior center	124,090	124,090	109,301	14,789
Total senior citizens' activities	176,135	176,135	161,346	14,789
Other nonprofits	383,000	383,000	382,000	1,000
Sanitation:				
Municipal refuse collection	836,300	836,300	831,009	5,291
Recycling	41,800	41,800	11,212	30,588
Household hazardous waste	19,000	19,000	18,957	43
Transfer station	239,474	256,274	256,247	27
Total sanitation	1,136,574	1,153,374	1,117,425	35,949

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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, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Chartered beach associations	\$ 71,700	\$ 71,700	\$ 71,700	\$ -
Total chartered beach associations				
Regional School District No. 18	27,556,679	27,556,679	27,556,679	-
Debt service:				
Redemption of debt	435,000	435,000	435,000	-
Interest on debt	43,750	43,750	43,698	52
Total debt service	478,750	478,750	478,698	52
Capital outlay:				
General government	139,000	181,400	172,357	9,043
Public works	5,000	5,000	4,185	815
Public safety	303,600	303,600	231,589	72,011
Public works roads and projects	956,000	956,000	953,110	2,890
Total capital outlay	1,404,000	1,446,000	1,361,241	84,759
Total expenditures	37,782,174	37,971,874	37,277,346	694,528
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out:				
Firefighters' equipment	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Bus Barn	4,500	4,500	4,500	-
Capital nonrecurring - revaluation	35,000	35,000	35,000	-
Town building improvement	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Town building improvement	29,900	29,900	29,900	-
Road improvement fund	700,000	700,000	700,000	-
P&R Capital fund	14,100	14,100	14,100	-
Public Works capital fund	40,000	40,000	40,000	-
Sanitation & Recycling	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Info Tech	10,000	27,000	27,000	-
Land acquisition	75,000	75,000	75,000	-
Total other financing uses	1,023,500	1,040,500	1,040,500	-
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	\$ 38,805,674	\$ 39,012,374	\$ 38,317,846	\$ 694,528

TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2021

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	WPCA Cost Sharing Fund	Sanitation & Recycling Fund	Total
ASSETS												
Cash	\$ 61,739	\$	\$ 35,894	\$ 137,023	\$ 26,420	\$ 13,827	\$ 30,570	\$ 110,016	\$ 3,084	\$	\$	\$ 418,573
Receivables:		4,928		25,396								30,324
Other		143,943	3,588				2,412			9,965	28,480	188,388
Due from other funds												
Total Assets	\$ 61,739	\$ 148,871	\$ 39,482	\$ 162,419	\$ 26,420	\$ 13,827	\$ 32,982	\$ 110,016	\$ 3,084	\$ 9,965	\$ 28,480	\$ 637,285
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES												
Liabilities:												
Accounts payable	\$ 1,307	\$	\$ 4,543	\$ 171	\$	\$	\$ -	\$ 601	\$ 3,257	\$	\$	\$ 4,543
Due to other funds		148,871										134,768
Unearned revenue		148,871	4,543	129,711	43,248							148,871
Total liabilities	1,307	148,871	4,543	129,711	43,248			601	3,257			288,182
Fund balances:												
Assigned	60,432		34,939	33,248	25,988	13,827	32,982	109,415	(173)	9,965	28,480	349,276
Unassigned	60,432	-	34,939	33,248	25,988	13,827	32,982	109,415	(173)	9,965	28,480	(173)
Total fund balances	120,864		69,878	66,496	51,976	27,654	65,964	218,830	(346)	19,930	56,960	637,285
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 61,739	\$ 148,871	\$ 39,482	\$ 162,419	\$ 26,420	\$ 13,827	\$ 32,982	\$ 110,016	\$ 3,084	\$ 9,965	\$ 28,480	\$ 637,285

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

Capital Project Funds											Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Capital Nonrecurring	Town Building Improvement	Land Acquisition	Firefighters' Equipment	Hains Park Bathrooms	Parks & Recreation Capital	Road Improvement	Public Works Capital	IT	Library Improvement	Total
ASSETS											
Cash	\$ 160,563	\$ 84,248	\$ 343,733	\$ 508,300	\$ -	\$ 14,106	\$ 781,842	\$ 162,566	\$ 26,976	\$ -	\$ 2,082,334
Receivables:											
Other											30,324
Due from other funds											188,388
Total Assets	\$ 160,563	\$ 84,248	\$ 343,733	\$ 508,300	\$ -	\$ 14,106	\$ 781,842	\$ 162,566	\$ 26,976	\$ -	\$ 2,082,334
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES											
Liabilities:											
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 14,899	\$ 534	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,166	\$ -	\$ 16,699
Due to other funds											148,871
Unearned revenue											304,881
Total liabilities	\$ -	\$ 14,899	\$ 534	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,166	\$ -	\$ 16,699
Fund balances:											
Committed	160,563	69,349	343,059	508,300	-	14,106	781,842	162,566	25,810	-	2,065,635
Assigned											349,276
Unassigned	160,563	69,349	343,059	508,300	-	14,106	781,842	162,566	25,810	-	2,065,635
Total fund balances	\$ 160,563	\$ 69,349	\$ 343,059	\$ 508,300	\$ -	\$ 14,106	\$ 781,842	\$ 162,566	\$ 25,810	\$ -	\$ 2,065,635
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 160,563	\$ 84,248	\$ 343,733	\$ 508,300	\$ -	\$ 14,106	\$ 781,842	\$ 162,566	\$ 26,976	\$ -	\$ 2,082,334

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4,543
151,467
148,871
304,881

2,065,635
349,276
(173)
2,414,738

TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2021

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	WPCA Cost Sharing Fund	Sanitation & Recycling Fund	Total
Revenues:												
Charges for services	\$	1,333	\$ 7,582	\$ 132,238	\$ 3,325	\$	\$ 4,869	\$ 13,603	\$ 42,500	\$	\$ 6,480	\$ 211,930
Intergovernmental		11,148						2,500				13,648
Investment income	38		22	56	17	9	18	58	8			236
Contributions	7,872	3,487	100									11,455
Other revenue		32,552								16,520		49,082
Total revenues	7,910	48,530	7,704	132,294	3,342	9	4,887	16,171	42,508	16,520	6,480	286,355
Expenditures:												
Current:												
General government		26,815							3,257	6,555		30,072
Boards and commissions												6,565
Public works												-
Parks and recreation		388	5,913									10,526
Other public safety		19,653										19,653
Fire services												153,992
Police services												5,648
Health services	5,648	1,674						13,463				15,137
Senior citizens	5,648	48,530	5,913	153,992	4,225	-	-	13,463	3,257	6,555	-	241,583
Total expenditures												
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	2,262	-	1,791	(21,698)	(883)	9	4,887	2,708	39,251	9,965	6,480	44,772
Other Financing Sources (Uses):												
Transfers in									4,500		10,000	14,500
Transfers out									(42,420)			(42,420)
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(37,920)	-	10,000	(27,920)
Net Change in Fund Balances	2,262	-	1,791	(21,698)	(883)	9	4,887	2,708	1,331	9,965	16,480	16,852
Fund Balances - July 1, 2020	58,170	-	33,148	54,946	26,871	13,818	28,095	106,707	(1,504)	-	12,000	332,251
Fund Balances - June 30, 2021	\$ 60,432	\$ -	\$ 34,939	\$ 33,248	\$ 25,988	\$ 13,827	\$ 32,982	\$ 109,415	\$ (173)	\$ 9,965	\$ 28,480	\$ 349,103

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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, 2021

	Capital Project Funds										Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Capital Nonrecurring	Town Building Improvement	Land Acquisition	Firefighters' Equipment	Halls Park Bathrooms	Parks & Recreation Capital	Road Improvement	Public Works Capital	IT	Library Improvement	Total
Revenues:	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Charges for services											
Intergovernmental	74	52	195	227		6	356	89	16		211,930
Investment income							175,000				13,948
Contributions											1,251
Other revenue	74	52	195	227	-	6	175,356	89	16		186,459
Total revenues											49,082
Expenditures:											462,370
Current:											
General government		3,235							24,657	176,246	234,210
Boards and commissions											6,555
Public works							550,350				550,350
Parks and recreation			534		27,743						28,377
Other public safety											10,526
Fire services											19,853
Police services											153,982
Health services											3,846
Senior citizens											15,137
Sanitation		14,899									14,899
Total expenditures	-	18,134	634		74		550,350	-	24,657	176,246	797,754
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	74	(18,082)	(439)	227	(27,743)	6	(374,994)	89	(24,641)	(176,246)	(576,977)
Other Financing Sources (Uses):											
Transfers in	46,771	34,900	75,000	100,000		14,100	700,000	40,000	27,000	1,037,771	1,052,271
Proceeds from sale of equipment											-
Proceeds from notes payable											-
Transfers out					(3,932)					(6,967)	(53,319)
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	46,771	34,900	75,000	100,000	(3,932)	14,100	700,000	40,000	27,000	1,026,872	998,952
Net Change in Fund Balances	46,845	16,818	74,561	100,227	(31,675)	14,106	325,006	40,089	2,359	(183,213)	405,123
Fund Balances - July 1, 2020	113,718	52,531	268,538	408,073	31,675	-	456,936	122,477	23,451	183,213	1,992,763
Fund Balances - June 30, 2021	\$ 160,563	\$ 69,349	\$ 343,099	\$ 508,300	\$ -	\$ 14,106	\$ 781,942	\$ 162,566	\$ 25,810	\$ -	\$ 2,065,635

Lyme-Old Lyme High School

Forty-Eighth Annual Commencement • June 11, 2021

Candidates for Diplomas

Paige Marie Alpha ω	Samantha Kelly Gray	Ezra Nelson Pyle ω
Colbe Kent Andrews	Schuyler Bates Greenho $\lambda \pi \omega^*$	Jacob Leary Quaratella $\lambda \omega$
Benton Mehadin Arafah-Hudson	Lillian Ellette Zager Dolan	Jeremy Nelson Rand
Kaylee Ann Armenia $\lambda \pi \omega^*$	Grethel $\lambda \omega$	Ethan Rivera
Sophia Lane Arnold $\lambda \omega$	Emma Rose Griffith $\lambda \pi \omega^*$	Anthony Jonathan Rosario
Juliette Frances Atkinson $\lambda \pi \omega^* \bar{f}$	Thomas Ian Haley	Julie Lynn Rudd $\lambda \omega$
Sonia Swan Bair ω	Isabella Faith Hine $\lambda \pi \omega^*$	John Turner Ruhling
Rachel Katherine Barretta $\lambda \pi \omega^*$	Aryn Teresa Jones	Sean Thomas Sagristano
Olivia Louise Bartlett ω	Regan Joshua Kaye $\lambda \omega$	Hayden Brooks-McCall Saunders $\lambda \omega$
Michael Dominic Battalino	Corey Aidan Klimaszewski	Tait Alexander Sawden $\lambda \pi \omega^*$
Maxwell Otto Bauchmann ω	Lily Olivia Knight	Jesper Fredrik Silberberg $\lambda \pi \omega^*$
Jason Richard Beebe	Samuel Nelson Koenigs	Isabella Catherine Oulahan Smith *
Ava Campbell Berry $\lambda \pi \omega^*$	Paige Elizabeth Kolesnik $\lambda \pi \omega^*$	Tessa Leighann St. Germain ω
Emma Ann Boardman $\lambda \pi \omega^*$	Destiny Rose Kus	Kassidy Elizabeth Standish
Truman Arthur Boller	Avery Rae Lacourciere $\lambda \omega$	Jake Talin Stewart ω
Sadie Helen Bowman ω	Grace Ann Lathrop $\lambda \pi \omega^* \bar{f}$	Lian Elise Thompson ω
Kyuss Buono $\lambda \omega$	Gabriel Llunga Lavoie ω	McKenzy Pepper Thompson
Keenan Lawrence Burr	Justen Helene Lessard	Angus James Graeme Tresnan ω
Erika Yanira Carcamo Martinez *	Peter Joseph Lodi	Nicholas Andrew Vandette
Kate Margaret Cheney $\lambda \pi \omega$	Owen Russell Macadam ω^*	Katrina Marie Wallace ω
Chloe Mae Cleveland	Mackenzie Rose Machnik ω	Lauren Elizabeth Wallace $\lambda \omega$
Hunter Collins ω	Luke Doheny Macy ω	Kelly Marie Walsh $\lambda \pi \omega^*$
Emerson Mylon Colwell III ω	Madelyn Michele Maskell $\lambda \omega^*$	Alison Grace Ward $\lambda \pi \omega^* \bar{f}$
Jackson Martin Cowell	Elle Addison McArar $\lambda \omega$	Avery Thomas Welch ω
John Berry Cox $\lambda \omega$	Emma Kay McCulloch ω	Alden Bryce Wilson
Megan Dorothy Cravinho $\lambda \pi \omega^*$	Brendan James McTigue $\lambda \pi \omega^*$	Lucas Reed Wood-Muller
Axel Damian Cruz	Emma Meekhoff ω	Joshua Matthew Yumbala
Michael Patrick Cushman	Brianna Frances Melillo ω	Katelyn Paige Zbierski
Patrick Nuhad Dagher	Marina May Melluzzo ω	Ellery Hope Zrenda $\lambda \pi \omega$
Richard Joseph Damiano III	Michael Joseph Milazzo $\lambda \omega$	
George Stratton Danes $\lambda \omega^*$	Riley Elizabeth Nelson $\lambda \pi \omega^* \bar{f}$	
Bianca Serapilia Dasilva $\lambda \pi \omega^*$	Timothy Shane O'Brien $\lambda \omega$	
Trube Anthony Dean	Sophia Grace Ortoleva $\lambda \omega^*$	
Nicholas Anthony DellaGrotte	Connie Wendy Pan $\lambda \omega^* \bar{f}$	
Emily Jane DeRoehn $\lambda \omega$	Olivia Day Papanier $\lambda \omega$	
Maxwell Carson Diebolt	Nicholas Pasquale Parrillo	
Francette Mae Donato $\lambda \omega^*$	Anwyn Mae Paynter ω^*	
Corah Serene Engdall $\lambda \omega$	Lauren Adam Pitt ω	
Leslie Dorothy Farrell	Gavin Lawrence Porter ω	
Isabella Mary Flagge	Aidan Nelson Powers $\lambda \pi \omega^*$	
Sadie Caffry Frankel $\lambda \pi \omega^* \bar{f}$		
Fiona Mary Frederiks $\lambda \omega$		
Riley Madison Hope Fruth		
Eveliz Adelaide Fuentes		
Jackson Richard Goulding $\lambda \omega^*$		
Ashton Jahicem Eric Gratton		
Tyler Adam Gratton		

λ Member National Honor Society, Silver Honor Cord
 π World Language Honor Society, Silver Honor Cord
 ω Academic Letter Recipient, Gold Academic Distinction Cord
* Seal of Biliteracy, Gold Academic Distinction Cord
 \bar{f} AP Scholar, Gold Academic Distinction Cord

Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*

CLASS OFFICERS

Lucas Wood-Muller.....	President
Emma Boardman	Vice President
Schuyler Greenho	Secretary
Connie Pan	Treasurer
Francette Donato	Class Historian

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT EIGHTEEN BOARD OF EDUCATION

Diane Linderman, *Chair*
Richard Goulding, Stacey Leonardo, Jennifer Miller, Mary Powell St. Louis,
Martha Shoemaker, Suzanne Thompson, Jean Wilczynski, Steven Wilson

ADMINISTRATION

Ian Neviaser, *Superintendent*
James Wygonik, *Principal*
Jeanne Manfredi, *Assistant Principal*

CLASS ADVISORS

Heather Fried and Lucy Trost, *Co-Head Advisors*
Emma Cox, Karen Duhamel, Brett Eckhart, Jonathan Goss,
Kirk Kaczor, Emily Kelly, Kristine Pekar, Christina Todd,
Leslie Traver, Jacob Wilson

CLASS MARSHALS

Emily Mesham, Frank Sablone

FACULTY

William Allik, Courtney Baklik, Dana Bennett, Meghan Brown,
Jennifer Burke, Courtney Carbone, Elizabeth Cleveland, Philip Cohen,
Christine Corah, Emma Cox, Michael Dauphinais, Aron D'Aquila,
William Derry, Karen Duhamel, Brett Eckhart, Richard Fisler,
Heather Fried, Annie Fuller, Erin Geletkanycz, Jonathan Goss,
Hilde Heck, Joanne Hedwall, Allan Honer, Sarah Hylas, Kirk Kaczor,
Marcia Kania, Dawn Kelley, Emily Kelly, Barbara Leen,
Tracy Lenz, Maureen Lefevre, Brett Lillie, Emily Macione,
Alyssa Mercaldi, James Motes, Leslie O'Connor,
Kristine Pekar, Lauren Rahr, Adam Raiti, William Rayder,
Jill Ressler, Colleen Rodriguez, Christina Todd, Leslie Traver,
Lucy Trost, Andrew Tyrol, Juan Vazquez-Caballero,
Lucy Walter, John Wang, Amanda Wilde, Joanna Williams,
Jacob Wilson, Megan Winski

Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

Mary V. Seidner
Director

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

860-434-7208
www.lysb.org



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

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

The Lyme-Old Lyme Coronavirus Relief Fund is managed by LYSB in partnership with the Social Services Departments of both Lyme and Old Lyme and continues to 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 continues to collaborate with the Lyme-Old Lyme Prevention Coalition. This group is composed of community leaders, parents, teachers, and students who advocate and support our youth through education, communication, and participation. The coalition's goal is to reduce substance abuse among the youth of Lyme and Old Lyme and to positively affect the

culture of student life. We meet monthly 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.

The Lyme-Old Lyme Mentoring Program matches adult mentors from the community with students in grades three through eight. Mentoring can improve attitude and school attendance, promote self-respect, and build skills for the future. The mentoring program currently has fifty mentor/mentee matches; we are looking for more mentors and encourage interested citizens to contact LYSB to learn more.

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LYSB's Family Ski Club at Powder Ridge is popular with Old Lyme families including Reed, Tanner, and Owen Snurkowski.

Lymes' Youth Service Bureau *(continued)*

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
- Youth Justice
- Social service referrals
- Community service
- Mentoring
- Prevention
- Summer programming
- Holiday Giving



Beach Blanket Bingo at White Sands Beach



LYSB's Youth Advisory Council members and Old Lyme Police hold their annual Thanksgiving Food Drive

LYSB 2020-2021 Board of Directors

Emma Boardman, *Youth Member*
Bob Cope
Emma Griffith, *Youth Member*
Katie Gingras
Marisa Hartmann
Faulkner Hunt
Leanne Kerrigan
Tiffany Kleefeld, *Vice Chairman*
Ryan Lee, *Vice Chairman*
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Megan Miller
Ritz Nichele
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Erik Olsen, *Chairman*
Julia Rathkey
Heather Richardson
Mary Roth, *Secretary*
Jamie Snurkowski
Tammy Tinnerello
Matt Ward

LYSB Staff

Alli Behnke, MSW, *Prevention Coordinator*
Missy C. Garvin, *Youth Programs Coordinator*
Mary V. Seidner, *Director*
Annie Meder, LCSW, *Youth and Family Counselor Consultant*
Tracy McGlinchey, *Administrative Assistant*
Arleen C. Sharp, *Parent Resource Supervisor*



Youth Advisory Council members lead LYSB's youth with decorated bikes and vehicles in the Memorial Day Parade.

MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

Rowland Ballek
President

www.maccurdysalisbury.org

The MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, founded in 1893 by Evelyn MacCurdy Salisbury, continued to fulfill its mission over the past year despite problems presented by the Coronavirus restrictions. The most visible change was cancelling, for the second year in a row, our annual June reception for Old Lyme and Lyme graduating high-school seniors receiving MacCurdy awards. Also, all meetings were either held via Zoom or telephone, limiting person-to-person contact.

The Foundation's annual meeting was held via Zoom on September 10, 2020. Two new directors were elected for three-year terms, Cyndi Miller Aird from Old Lyme and Michael Ganey from Lyme. They replaced Leslie Massa and Fred Behringer, whose three-year terms expired. Officers elected for one-year terms were President Rowland Ballek, Vice President Mary Seidner, and Secretary-Treasurer Judith Read. A change in the bylaws was also made at the meeting. Currently directors can serve one three-year term. The change allows them to be elected by the members for a second three-year term when their first term expires. This will be effective starting at the 2021 Annual Meeting.

At the May 26, 2021 Board of Directors Meeting, via Zoom, twenty-six graduating seniors from Lyme and Old Lyme were awarded a total of \$107,300 for the 2021-2022 academic year. When added to the 93 continuing students for the coming academic year, the total awards granted were \$396,400.

MacCurdy Salisbury awards are based on the financial assistance a student requires and continue for the four years of their undergraduate studies provided they maintain a satisfactory grade level and remain residents of Lyme or Old Lyme. This past year we were very busy handling some of the changes in our students' plans due to the virus. Our Administrative Manager Ned Perkins and Financial Aid Consultant Sean Martin spent many hours handling and recalculating aid packages for students who changed programs or schools.

In addition to the regular grants the Foundation presented \$500 awards to two students from Old Lyme. The W.E.S. Griswold Valedictorian Award went to Connie Pan, who will be attending the University of Pennsylvania, and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award went to Megan Cravinho, who will be attending Dickinson College.



Lyme-Old Lyme High School Valedictorian Connie Pan



Lyme-Old Lyme High School Salutatorian Megan Cravinho

Old Lyme Animal Control

Lynn Philemon
Animal Control Officer

animalcontrol@oldlyme-ct.gov

860- 434-1605, x244; Emergency Line: 860-510-1255

Once again, I must start with an important reminder to SPAY AND NEUTER YOUR PETS! This fiscal year the situation has gotten out of control And DON'T ABANDON YOUR PETS! We have cases in town of large colonies of cats reproducing,

particularly in the beach areas. Please spay and neuter, especially if the cats are going to be allowed to go outside. Cats and even small dogs are easy prey for coyotes and hawks; we have lost a few dogs this year to predators.

Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council

Russ Gomes
Council Representative

www.oldlyme-ct.gov

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

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 twenty-two 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. Applications for the 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 OLPGN Library for the purchase of video recording equipment. The grants required the organizations to produce and air programs on Public Access Channel 14. Senior Center programs were 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.

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 use in our towns.

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

Old Lyme Conservation Commission

Anthony Daniels
Chair

Meetings: First Tuesdays, 6:30 P.M., Town Hall

Introduction

The Old Lyme Conservation Commission (OLCC) 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 our natural resources and our remaining open land and sustaining recreational property. The commission meets at the town hall at 6:30 on the first Tuesday of each month and welcomes the public to attend. The town web page provides meeting minutes and agendas: <https://www.ouldlyme-ct.gov/conservation-commission>

Increasing Awareness Regarding Environmental Issues

The OLCC continues to provide Old Lyme residents with information and resources relating to our local and state environment. Throughout 2021, the OLCC has submitted quarterly articles to the Old Lyme *Events* magazine to keep residents abreast of local environmental issues. The OLCC creates and distributes instructional materials (e.g., brochure, 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 public 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.

Working on Important Town Issues

The OLCC has worked with the both the Town of Old Lyme and Old Lyme's Harbor Management Commission to increase accessibility at several of the town's landings. These issues include citizen access, legal ownership of landing property, improved parking, signage, and access for small boats such as kayaks and canoes.

Coordinating With Other Environmental and Conservation Groups

In 2021, the OLCC members continued to participate in and support the work of Old Lyme's Sustainable CT Committee. 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. In particular, the OLCC has worked on Well-Stewarded Land and Natural Resources and focused on the education portions of Watershed Management. The OLCC congratulates the Sustainable Old Lyme Committee for all their hard work leading to the awarding of silver-level certification to Old Lyme over the past year.

The OLCC has worked throughout 2021 with the Open Space Commission in developing research on beavers and their impact on wetlands environments, especially as impacting the Ames Property. Congratulations to the Open Space Commission for obtaining a grant from Rockfall Foundation to develop an education plan focused on the beavers on that property.

In an ongoing effort, the OLCC has also helped to promote and educate residents on the town-wide recycling efforts to follow up on the excellent work undertaken by the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee.

Rogers Lake

A continuing mission of the commission is to make a concerted effort to focus town attention on Rogers Lake as one of the town's most valuable resources. The commission works with both the Rogers Lake Authority and the selectmen to continue to explore solutions to invasive weed issues. The commission maintains a demonstration buffer garden at Hains Park that serves as an educational template for lake-area residents and to all residents of Old Lyme.

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Old Lyme Conservation Commission *(continued)*

Looking Forward

In the summer of 2022, the OLCC plans to continue spreading benthic mats at Hain's Park Barrier Garden at Rogers Lake. Also this summer, the OLCC plans to continue its involvement with Watershed Management by participating in the DEEP program Samplepalooza (DEEP proposed plan: <https://www.ctriver.org/wp-content/uploads/2014-2019-Samplepalooza-Report-DRAFT.pdf>). This work will involve coordination with local and regional partners. Further ahead in 2023, the OLCC hopes to coordinate further with the CT DEEP in a project to restore alewives to Black Hall Pond.

Join Us

The Conservation Commission is always looking to increase its membership with new and enthusiastic members. Old Lyme is fortunate to have dedicated volunteers who daily share their talents and environmental expertise active in service to the commission. Consider joining us in our efforts to preserve and protect the beautiful natural resources of our town.



Old Lyme Fire Department (OLFD)

Kevin Coyle

Secretary

For the last twenty-five years, this report has been skillfully compiled by Secretary C. Ellis Jewett. Ellis may have stepped down from office, but he is still around and continuing to support the OLFD and Town of Old Lyme. His exemplary sixty-five years of service has truly made Old Lyme a better place.

The Old Lyme Fire Department hopes that you, your family, and loved ones have endured the COVID pandemic with minimal impact. Old Lyme firefighters continue to be fully volunteer and are called to respond to many types of emergencies at all hours of the day or night. When we respond to 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 299 emergency situations during the past year. The department currently operates three fire stations, nine pieces of fire apparatus, and three marine units. Approximately forty-eight 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.

Old Lyme Fire Department *(continued)*



The department makes a great effort to be prepared to meet a variety of challenges. Firefighters never know if the next call will be an automobile accident with injuries, structure fire, rescue emergency, brush or forest fire, storm-related emergency, or hazardous material incident. The department had twenty-six fire calls, seventy-seven EMS assists, fifty Hazmat, twenty-five public service events, and one natural disaster. As in past years, 96 of the 299 fire department responses are for automatic fire alarm activations. Owners of these alarms are reminded of their responsibility to properly service and maintain their systems to reduce the high percentage of false activations.

Annual funding, provided by the Town of Old Lyme, is used for the training of personnel and to purchase and maintain fire department apparatus and equipment. 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.

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 nonfirefighting 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
	Mat Merrill
	Jessica Rand

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

<i>President</i>	Robert McCarthy
<i>Secretary</i>	Kevin Coyle
<i>Treasurer</i>	Thomas Negrelli
<i>Chaplain</i>	John Seckla
<i>Stewards</i>	John McCarthy and Ed Pierpont

Old Lyme Historic District Commission

Cynthia Taylor
Chairman

John Forbis
Vice-chairman

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 and achievements.

We strive to be partners with those who reside as well as work and have businesses within our district. The district is alive and ever changing. Our job as its stewards 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 exterior 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 "Like for Like" and may not require a Certificate of Appropriateness (CofA). We now have a form that offers guidance in determining whether or not a project is "Like for Like." 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 Memorial Town Hall, mailed, or submitted electronically via email. Both CofA and Like for Like forms may be downloaded from the Historic District Commission website, obtained at the town hall, or requested by email. Every CofA application requires a public hearing that must be advertised. There is a Historic District Handbook available at the town hall, which explains the process.

This past year has presented unusual challenges due to the continuing public health crisis. Our June 2021 meeting was in person for the first time since March 2020.

The commission approved seventeen projects in the historic district from July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

Several of the approved projects will highlight the varied history of Old Lyme and its historic district:

The installation of Witness Stones calls attention to the lives of enslaved people in the district.

The Lafayette Trail marker will commemorate General Lafayette's visit to Old Lyme on his farewell tour of America in 1824 and reminds us of the part that Old Lyme played in the Revolution.

The National Votes for Women Trail marker will honor Katharine Ludington, a prominent suffragette and a founder of the League of Women Voters.

We created a new "Like for Like" form to help residents determine whether or not their project needs a CofA and a public hearing or is simple maintenance and is exempt from the CofA requirement. The commission also began work on adding the historic district boundaries as an overlay to the town map in the GIS system. Carolyn Wakeman and Debra Czarnecki were welcomed as new members of the commission.

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 the town hall and are available on the Town of Old Lyme's web page under Boards and Commissions/Historic District.

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

The summer and fall of 2020 were unique and challenging experiences for the OLHSI due to the observance of state and local COVID-19 guidelines. As a result, our popular in-person lecture series, which raises money for our Carol Noyes Winters Scholarship Fund, was transitioned to a Zoom presentation. While we anticipated a significant decrease in donations, the series was maintained as a service to the community and retained its popularity with the following: Tad Fallon's Caring for Antique Furniture; Shaun Roche's History and Importance of Local Salt Marshes, in conjunction with the Duck River Garden Club's 50th Anniversary; and Jim Lamos and Michaëlle Pearson's selected topics from their new book, *Hidden History of Old Lyme, Lyme & East Lyme*. Our Fall Plant Sale in October did, however, give

a needed boost to our Scholarship Fund. By mid-October, we had also managed to safely open the archives for our volunteers. The Tuesday Morning Work Crew continued with their expert craftsmanship in that area of the building, and we engaged with the community by hosting a Fairy Door for the Florence Griswold Museum's "Fairies on Lyme Street," and a jack-o'-lantern for the LOLJWC's Pumpkin Hunt. As noted in last year's report, we had postponed presenting the James B. Noyes Award for 2020 until it could be presented personally. This Volunteer of the Year award was presented to Sandra Downing for her dedication to our archives.

Edie Twining continued to work her magic with mini exhibits such as Winter Holiday Scenes, Engravings, Lyme Art Association 100th Anniversary, Easter Artifacts, and Winter Village

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2020-2021 Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc. Board of Trustees

Co-Chairs: Michaëlle Pearson and John Pote, Treasurer: Ann Marie Jewett, Recording Secretary: Katie Balocca, Corresponding Secretary: Cynthia Taylor, Skip Beebe, Ross W. Higgins, Mary Ellen Jewett, Sandra Joncus, Matthew LaConti, Dawn McCarthy, Marie McKeon, James Meehan, Alison Mitchell, Nancy Mol, Jill Pilgrim, Elaine Stiles, Mark Terwilliger, Edith Twining, Nicholas Westbrook, Andi Williams

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Scenes at the post office, library, and town hall. Thankfully, through the leadership of James Meehan and support of local businesses and organizations, we were able to have our Annual Calendar Launch Event, but with an outdoor “drive-by-pickup” twist. Eventually, for the first time, every 2021 Then & Now Calendar was sold. Our traditional December outdoor event of book and calendar sales at the post office was also continued.

With the arrival of spring the Events Committee, under the leadership of Katie Balocca and Ann Marie Jewett, had adapted to the circumstance and continued with our lecture series via Zoom. Markham Starr presented three separate and popular lectures: In History’s Wake: The Last Trap Fisherman of Rhode Island; Down on the Farm: The Last Dairy Farms of North Stonington; and Ceremonial Stonework: The Enduring Native American Presence on the Land. Jim Lamos and Michaelle Pearson also gave a talk on Katharine Ludington: Artist and Suffragist. Our support of local Old Lyme activities also continued via partnership with the local Witness Stones Project; participation in the

LYSB Unplugged Weekend event; and as part of the Pollinator Pathways sites, Memorial Day Parade and Observance, and Make Music Day in June.

At our Annual Meeting, still a virtual affair, we conveyed our appreciation for the efforts of two Trustees stepping down this year, Marie McKeon and Andi Hoyt Williams. We also welcomed four new members to the Board of Trustees: Mary Dangremond, Stephen Joncus, Steve MacAusland, and Jill Todd. Likewise, the Chair presented the James B. Noyes Award as Volunteer of the Year for 2021 to Arthur “Skip” Beebe. Actually, that should be “years”, but this past year has been especially challenging and we are grateful for his unwavering support, dedication, and dependability, to the Society.

We always welcome new members, volunteers, and ideas that help us in continuing to fulfill our mission. Please note the contact information above if you are interested. We’d be glad to introduce you to who we are and what we are about.

Old Lyme Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC)

Rachael Gaudio Labrie
Chairwoman

<https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/inland-wetlands-and-watercourses-commission>
Meetings: Fourth Tuesdays except February and December; 6:00 P.M. at Town Hall

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

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

This past fiscal year, with people choosing to work on their properties during the pandemic, the IWWC was quite busy and was able to conduct business as usual through Webex meetings. The IWWC reviewed twenty-nine general applications, held eight site walks, and heard two enforcement actions. There were three applications where the commission determined it did not have jurisdiction. Fifteen regular permits were approved. Additionally, ten administrative permits were issued. One application was withdrawn by the applicant. 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 February and December) at 6:30 P.M. at Memorial Town Hall. The agenda and minutes are posted on the town website.

Old Lyme Land Trust

Lea Harty and Tom Unger
Trustees

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Established in 1966 as a nonprofit corporation, the Old Lyme Land Trust (OLLT) has grown to own over 1,100 acres, making it the largest landowner in town. These holdings include fourteen publicly accessible preserves that have been havens during the COVID-19 pandemic. Reflecting the increased usage and gratitude by visitors, membership increased by 20 percent in 2020 to the highest level in OLLT history.

The trust carries out its mission—to conserve Old Lyme’s natural, scenic, and historic land and water resources for the benefit of the public now and for generations to come—in several ways. It acquires land through donation and purchase, with an eye towards creating a town-wide hiking trail. It manages its holdings with substantial help from preserve stewards and other volunteers. Among the many enhancements and improvements this year: trail creation, widening, and rerouting; invasive plant removal and planting of native species; installation of bluebird houses, stream-crossings, and a bench; makeovers to properties with road frontage; creation of new viewing areas; and upgraded parking areas.

OLLT offers educational and enriching events, many in collaboration with other groups in town including the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center, the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, the Town of Old Lyme Open Space Commission, the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Environmental Club, and the Lymes’ Youth Services Bureau. Activities in the past year included owl prowls, spring bird migration walks,

scavenger hunts, milkweed seedling planting, a kayak regatta, a natural sculpture building contest, an en plein air botanical drawing workshop, and Hiker’s Happy Hours that culminated at the Old Lyme Inn. Learn about upcoming events from our website, our annual newsletter *Tributaries*, local news outlets, our Facebook page, and flyers around town.

In response to property damage and threats to the environment and patron safety, the Watch Rock Preserve has been closed on summer weekends. While unfortunate, this step has been effective in stemming the number of incidents.



New bridges and steppingstones make for steady stream crossings for hikers of all ages.



The vision for the field at Watch Rock Preserve: a healthy milkweed stand to support pollinators such as the monarch butterfly.



The scenic view of Mill Pond on the Griswold Preserve can now be enjoyed from a new bench.

OLLT is an all-volunteer organization governed by a board of trustees. Funding comes from memberships, donations, foundation awards, State of Connecticut grants, and investments. Its activities are guided by four committees (Acquisitions, Stewardship,

Outreach, and Finance), which are composed of OLLT members and trustees. Members and nonmembers are invited to help with preserve upkeep by joining work parties or serving as a preserve steward, a role well-suited to those who have a favorite preserve they visit regularly.

Old Lyme Open Space Commission

Amanda Blair, Evan Griswold
Co-Chairs

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*Meetings: Second Friday of month, except no meeting in August,
9 A.M., Memorial Town Hall*

Several commission personnel changes occurred this fiscal year. William Dunbar, after three years as co-chair, resigned following a move out of town. He was first appointed to the commission in 2009. Peter Cable stepped down as secretary. In January 2021, Amanda Blair and Evan Griswold were elected as co-chairs, and Gregory Futoma as secretary.

Four new members joined the commission:

Andrea Fenton is an active local volunteer and a board member of the Connecticut Land Trust Council. She has become the commission's community outreach coordinator.

Steven Calcagni is the president of SJC Land Consulting and former owner/broker of Calcagni Real Estate.

Claudio Denoya, PhD., is a senior consultant at Microbiology At Work. He was previously a trustee of the Old Lyme Land Trust and a member of various conservation organizations.

Anne Redfield Welles was Associate Director of Preservation at The Garden Conservancy in Nyack, New York.

In October 2020, the commission approved an Open Space Plan update. It may be found at our website. The commission also contributed to the town's 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development.

The commission actively pursued acquisition of open space land during the year and applied to the United States Forest Service for funding.

A state court approved a conservation easement modification for the McCulloch Family Open Space, the Open Space Commission's most recent acquisition. A vote at a future town meeting will be the final step to complete the modification to accommodate public access.

The Connecticut State Archaeologist assessed two sites in the McCulloch Family Open Space so that parking area work would not disturb potential sites of former Native American habitation. The Tree in the Gap parking area was completed, and preliminary work started for parking near the property's "yellow" trail head.

The McCulloch acquisition included two building "envelopes" to be potentially developed as affordable housing. The commission co-chairs met with the town's new Affordable Housing Commission and offered to assist with this housing option.

The Whippoorwill Road entrance to the Ames Open Space was indefinitely closed due to loss of a former parking area located on private land.

Beaver activity on and nearby Ames Open Space lead to issues with vandalism on town property. In response, the commission sought and received grants from the Rockfall Foundation and the Hartford Audubon Society for a "Beaver & Birds Conservation and Education" program. The commission and First Selectman Tim Griswold also met with a vendor to consider installing flow regulation devices ("beaver

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Old Lyme Open Space Commission *(continued)*

deceivers”) at locations along Whippoorwill Road and Buttonball Road to limit future flooding.

The commission’s policy is to allow beaver activity to continue undisturbed if it does not threaten infrastructure or private property. Drones were used to aerially survey open space boundaries near pond areas. Two wildlife observation areas were created with help from Lyme-Old Lyme High School (LOLHS) students. Each site was outfitted with native wood benches and wildlife cameras. Display signs were ordered for each location.

Three open space stewards regularly maintained trails, removing hazards. LOLHS volunteers helped with trail work in Champlain North Open Space. The “yellow trail” that leads from the Old Lyme Inn to near the Barbizon Oak tree was re-routed around wet areas to run near an old barn foundation.

The Barbizon Oak is ailing, and efforts were undertaken to extend its life. Bartlett Tree Service voluntarily treated it with a slow-release deep root fertilization, and mulch was delivered to help it retain moisture and suppress weeds. American Impressionist painters used the historic oak as a plein air subject, hence its name for the 19th-century French school of painting. The Commission explored making the red trail

leading to the tree an arts district walk, reaching out to the Florence Griswold Museum, the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center, and the Old Lyme Inn.

Bluebird houses constructed by LOLHS students were installed along the trail, and Fred Behringer, a volunteer, planted an American chestnut tree in the McCulloch Family Open Space to help restore the species.

An ad hoc committee revisited the commission’s herbicide use policy, focused on controlling Phragmites and other species. This study will help develop plans to clear invasive plant growth in Eklund Pond, with the goal of possibly creating a wildlife refuge.

The commission collaborated with the Old Lyme Land Trust to create a brochure explaining “who’s who” and highlighting each group’s hiking trails. The four-page publication was distributed in town and posted on the web. As a new feature, all open space kiosks now feature “QR” codes so trail maps can be easily downloaded by hikers.

“Hikers’ Happy Hours” were jointly organized with the Old Lyme Land Trust and the Old Lyme Inn.

The commission encouraged safe use of open space through the year with information in the First Selectman’s weekly email, Old Lyme *Events*, and submissions to area news media.



Open Space Commission and Lyme-Old Lyme High School work party at the Barbizon Oak

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 usually employ about forty high-school and college-age residents in the summer as lifeguards, parking attendants, and day camp counselors. Our facilities also include Town Woods Park and Cross Lane Park, hosting activities including soccer, lacrosse, tennis, basketball, baseball, and softball. We also utilize District 18 facilities throughout the year for indoor and outdoor activities including our summer day camp, adult and youth basketball, yoga, basketball camps, soccer camps, and tennis camps. Hain's Park is the home for all rowing activities in the spring, summer, and fall.

The COVID situation still affected the Parks and Recreation Department. All fall and winter group activities were shut down. Things started opening again this spring. Baseball, softball, soccer, and lacrosse teams were once again playing on our facilities. Rowing activities continued at Hain's Park and Rogers Lake. The day camp was scheduled to be held as well. The beach and park areas were open and were enjoyed by many, as outdoor activities were prevalent.

The plans for making general improvements to Hain's Park are continuing. The new bathroom facility was completed and has been serving us well since opening in the spring. Other improvements are to be a pavilion, making all areas ADA compliant, and possible parking lot expansion. Playground upgrades are in the planning stages.

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

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

Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library

Katie Huffman
Director

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Statistical Snapshot

Total Circulation: 45,743 items

Registered Borrowers: 3,598

Collections: 41,000+ physical and 25,000+ digital items

Year in Review

The 2020-2021 fiscal year marked the completion of the Library's Renewal Project and the continuation of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the shadow of the pandemic, the library celebrated many remarkable occasions this year and continued to help inspire lifelong learning and discovery in the Old Lyme community.

2020-2021 Dates of Note:

- July 6, 2020: The library began accepting library returns after having been closed for several months due to library renovations and the pandemic.
- July 16, 2020: The library began offering curbside pickup of library materials.
- September 7, 2020: The library published a statement in support of sustainable, long-term progress towards equality, inclusivity, and justice at the library and in our community.
- November 4, 2020: The library began offering in-person services by appointment. Patrons were allowed thirty-minute appointments to browse the collections, use the computers or copier, and receive staff assistance. All seating, study, and play areas remained closed.
- January 25, 2021: A small group of library staff and trustees, along with many of community members, gathered outside board member Roger Smith's home to watch him receive the 2020 Old Lyme Citizen of the Year Award.
- February 4, 2021: The library received its Certificate of Occupancy from the Town of Old Lyme, marking the formal conclusion of the Building Renewal Project.
- April 5, 2021: The library began offering a hybrid of drop-in and appointment-based services. Appointments were expanded to

forty-five minutes, and public seating and small study rooms were made available for use.

- May 14, 2021: Board President Kirsten Sicuranza, Building Committee Chair Ken Biega, and Library Director Katie Huffman officially ushered in the public, post-renovation and COVID-19, with a ribbon cutting ceremony and virtual tour.
- May 19, 2021: The library opened its doors for regular business hours (Monday-Thursday 9 A.M. to 7 P.M., Friday 9 A.M. to 5 P.M., Saturday 9 A.M. to 2 P.M.). All library services resumed except for large, indoor meetings. Curbside pickup of library materials continued to be offered for all.
- June 4, 2021: The library hosted the Old Lyme Witness Stones Installation Ceremony on its newly designed patio and lawn. The program included music from world-renowned soprano Lisa Williamson and members of the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School chorus; poetry from distinguished Connecticut poets Antoinette Brim-Bell, Marilyn Nelson, and Rhonda Ward and seventh-grade students; and remarks from community partners and representatives.

Accomplishments of Note:

- To-Go Activities: In response to the pandemic, the Children's and Tween/Teen Librarians began offering a wide array of take-and-make activities to accompany curbside pickup. Nearly 1,700 of these kits were distributed over the course of the year.
- New Online Reservation System: The library unveiled a new online reservation system for events, museum passes, room bookings, and passport appointments.
- Every Child Ready to Read Early Literacy Program: The library began offering a new early literacy training program designed to equip parents and caregivers with early literacy tips and techniques they can use to develop pre-reading skills for their children.
- Old Lyme Witness Stones Project: This ongoing community project helps honor the lives of enslaved persons who lived

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

in the historic town of Lyme. Library contributions included hosting the Installation Ceremony, installing a map trail sign on the library grounds, and hosting and designing an Old Lyme Witness Stones Project website.

- **Native Gardens:** The library planted a native meadow featuring partridge pea, buckwheat, and rye grass. The meadow will be reworked in the upcoming year to include planned beds featuring native plants, walkways, and seating.
- **Re-Opening:** Staff worked diligently on putting the library back in order after many months of construction.

Board of Trustees

The 2020-2021 Library Board of Trustees consisted of seventeen members. The executive board officers were Kirsten Sicuranza, President; Patrick Gingras, Vice President; Joseph Cipparone, Secretary; and Thomas Britt, Treasurer. The board of trustees meets the second Tuesday of the month, excepting December and July.

Old Lyme Resident State Trooper

TFC Matthew Weber

Resident State Trooper

July 1, 2020- July 1, 2021

Total Calls for service.....	7777
Traffic accidents.....	152
Fatal accident	1
Motorist assist.....	259
Traffic citations.....	232
Traffic warnings.....	307

The town of Old Lyme is part of the Resident State Trooper program. The town has one Resident State Trooper, TFC Matthew Weber, who oversees daily operations. There are six full-time constables and two part-time constables. The town also has its most notable officer, K-9 Tazz. K9 Tazz is an eight-year-old German shepherd trained in patrol and narcotics. He has been assigned to TFC Weber for seven years. He enjoys visiting with students during the day when he has down time.

This past year has been a challenge for our community between COVID-19 and tropical storms. The police department is grateful we were able to assist in both these efforts by monitoring town beaches to make sure there were proper COVID-19 protocols in place, delivering over forty cases of hand sanitizer to nonprofits throughout Old Lyme, and organizing first-responder parades.

During the tropical storms, we were able to assist delivering water to those residents who were stranded due to downed power lines, assist OLEM with assessing damage, set up a portable charging and water station, and help distribute thousands of sandbags.

We have built strong relationships within our communities with schools, LYSB, the senior center, OLF/D/EMS, High Hopes, and the churches. Going forward we will continue to make our community a better place for all.

ONE COMMUNITY, STRONGER TOGETHER.

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

Claire Haskins

President

Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc. (OLSEVAA) would like to 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 members, Thomas (Tom) Bump. Tom was a lifetime member of the Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, serving as Vice President, and Engineer as well as an EMT. Tom is greatly missed.

In spite of the logistical difficulties incurred by the Coronavirus Pandemic, OLSEVAA, with a generous donation from the Kitchings Foundation, was able to creatively continue to deliver Stop the Bleed Training to the Lyme-Old Lyme Communities. At the beginning of the 2020- 021 school year, we were able to train thirty-one clerical and new staff members of Regional School District 18 during professional development days. Continuing our partnership with Lyme-Old Lyme High School, we continued to work toward our goal of training all Lyme - Old Lyme High School students in Stop the Bleed. During PE Health Class this year, we trained over 113 mostly high-school freshmen in



bleeding control techniques. In a new partnership with The Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School this school year, we were able to train nearly all of the seventh-grade class in lifesaving bleeding control skills during health class. In addition to training middle schoolers in bleeding control techniques, we also worked collaboratively to bring hands-only CPR to middle schoolers.

In the last fiscal year, OLSEVAA responded to 865 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. OLSEVAA 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.

Old Lyme Tree Commission

Joanne DiCamillo
Chair

Meetings: 3rd. Thursdays, except August; 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 or online at www.OLDLYME-CT.GOV or treecommission@oldlyme-ct.gov

The public trees and shrubs that line our streets and shade our parks enhance their surroundings with their pleasing characteristics and environmentally friendly qualities. The Old Lyme Tree Commission, with the tree warden, is responsible for managing the maintenance of these trees and monitoring their health and safety.

A town project, the replacement of the Ferry Road sidewalks, has been on our agenda for several months. It includes cutting down ten trees. After reviewing the plan, the members decided that meeting with the neighbors and searching for alternative solutions should be priorities before the project is set to get underway. Over the following months, we examined methods that other communities utilized to reduce the damage to tree roots during new sidewalk construction. We have also consulted with an arborist who represents a company experienced with specific techniques that could avoid the necessity of cutting the extensive root systems under the sidewalks.

We welcomed new member Fred Behringer in January, who joined the members for meetings onsite with the tree warden, the first selectman, and the project engineer to discuss the scope of the project area, assess the health of the individual trees, and review a plan to relocate the sidewalk.

Chairman DiCamillo is a member of the Ferry Road Sidewalk Committee. This group met with the adjacent property owners to listen to their concerns and viewpoints. A recommendation is expected to be made later in the year.

The commission intended to order three new trees and plant them on the Lyme Street and Sill Lane north green in the spring. When the chairman contacted twelve different wholesale nurseries in Connecticut and Rhode Island, she learned that all were sold out of our choices. Their inventories were limited due to the unusually high demand of the previous year and substitutions of similar species were not available. As a result, our project was postponed. One of the nurserymen

recommended placing our tree orders in the fall for delivery the following spring.

In June, members met at Town Woods Park to clear weeds, cut in edging, and apply fresh mulch in the planting beds of four young trees behind the playground and at Hains Park to do the same around a dogwood tree.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, the tree warden marked thirty-three oak, hickory, and maple trees for removal. Roadside trees that were trimmed during the same period include a linden tree on Lyme Street, two oaks and an ornamental cherry tree on Osceola Drive, four Kousa dogwoods on Academy Lane, and a large sugar maple on Sill Lane. Two maples at the Cross Lane fire house and the arborvitae and dogwood trees on the north green at Lyme Street and Sill Lane were pruned, as well as the canopies of seventeen trees and two shrubs growing in the

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Joan Flynn and Fred Behringer mulching trees at Town Woods Park

Old Lyme Tree Commission *(continued)*

foundation beds and along the driveways and the parking lot at town hall. A beech tree in Town Woods Park was treated for *Phytophthora* canker disease.

We responded to twenty residents who reported concerns about trees through the town's website and the selectman's office. Thank you

for your vigilance and help with keeping our community trees healthy and safe.

We invite anyone who is interested in joining us to contact the chairman or the selectman's office or submit an application on the town's website.



Fred Behringer, Anne Bing, and Michael Gaffey mulching dogwood at Hains Park

Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc.

Cindi Taylor

Executive Director

For the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, as for many organizations, the last year has been dominated by COVID-19.

Founded in 1922, the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association (OLVNA) provides health services to the whole community. For many years our town nurse has held office hours at the Lymes' Senior Center. Prior to the coronavirus, residents could simply walk into the center and see the nurse - no appointments or fees. For residents who are sick or convalescing at home, the nurse can make monthly visits for health assessment or promotion. She can also coordinate skilled care (paid for by Medicare/Medicaid/private insurance) through our partner agency, the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut.

For many years the OLVNA has also held an annual Flu and Wellness Clinic, a spring Blood Pressure Clinic at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School, and additional smaller clinics as needed. So most services were delivered face to face.

In response to COVID-19, we shifted much of our work to remote modes. Our former town nurse, Karen Veselka, retired in July, but her successor, Denise Piersa, hit the ground running. With a very brief hiatus, the town nurse office remained open for phone calls, and by late summer Nurse Piersa resumed holding office hours. But the hours were shortened — weekdays from noon to 1 P.M. — and residents needed to schedule appointments before visiting. Some visits took place outside. Nurse Piersa remained available for home visits throughout the pandemic, including visits outside the house, and she continued the work of coordinating skilled care as needed. Many patients have preferred phone calls to home care. We cancelled most clinics.

To expedite communications, we also developed and launched a website available at <https://www.oldlymervna.org/>. The site provides practical information, such as current town nurse hours, and links to health news. It also provides a wealth of local history.

In addition to supporting the town nurse and developing a website, our main response to the COVID-19 pandemic was a continuation of our face mask distribution program, which had

begun in 2020. We distributed packages of masks along with resource cards and COVID-19 mask information, which we updated as needed with new Centers for Disease Control and Prevention research printouts. We distributed these packages on August 11 at the Presidential Primaries, on August 20 at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School Back-to-School Drive Through, and on August 21 at the Lymes' Senior Center Fiesta Parade, which welcomed Nurse Piersa.

On October 10, 2020, we held our first Drive Through Flu Clinic at Lyme-Old Lyme High School. This event was a great success, thanks to the expert work of Ledge Light Health District, the Medical Reserve Corps, and Old Lyme Emergency Management. By late morning we had administered 350 vaccines, as well as additional masks to those who requested them.

When the coronavirus surged in the winter, we began distributing mask packages on weekends at the Old Lyme Post Office and also through local businesses and the Lymes' Senior Center. By the spring of 2021 we had distributed 10,000 masks (including those distributed with the Lymes' Youth Services Bureau prior to July 1, 2020).

While many things were different this year, we were glad to be able to continue our tradition of giving scholarship awards to distinguished high school graduates who plan to study healthcare. This year the winners of the OLVNA award are Isabella Hine, Gabriel Lavoie, Madelyn Maskell, and Emma Meekhoff. Isabella Hine is also the recipient of the Noyes Scholarship. Congratulations to all of you!

The OLVNA board of directors meets at 1:00 P.M. on the second Monday of each month, except for July and August, at Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall. During the past year, most of our meetings took place remotely, through Zoom.

The phone number for the town nurse office is (860) 434-7808. For updates on the nurse's hours and more information on the services of the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, please visit our website at <https://www.oldlymervna.org/>. You can also email us at oldlymervna@gmail.com.

Planning Commission

Harold Thompson

Chairman

Meetings: Second Thursdays except August, 5 P.M., town hall.

The Planning Commission normally meets on the second Thursday of each month, except for the month of August. The meeting are held at town hall and normally begin at 5:00 P.M.

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 commission is responsible for updating the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). 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; municipal developments, such as the acquisition of open space; relocation or abandonment of any public property, land, parks, roads, schools, or public utilities; or anything owned or acquired by the town.

The Planning Commission continues to be involved in Open Space. The 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.

In 2020, the Planning Commission held several workshops to review and revise the Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD). This effort was delayed because of the pandemic. However, the commission held numerous outdoor sessions to update the POCD and to actively seek input from other commissions. Because of the pandemic, this effort has been delayed and the POCD was reviewed in a public hearing in January 2021, with final acceptance in February 2021.

Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools

Ian Neviaser

Superintendent of Schools

The summer of 2020 saw our staff, teachers, and administrators ready to return to in-person learning and preparing for a different sort of school year. COVID-19 had swiftly shut down schools the previous year without warning and few anticipated just how long students would be out of classrooms. It was with great excitement and anticipation from our staff, students, teachers, and the community as the majority of our students returned to classrooms last fall.

Classrooms were reconfigured to allow for physical distancing, ventilation systems in all schools were updated and improved, hand-sanitizing stations were added, and janitorial staff revised their routines to wipe down surfaces frequently. Newly honed technology skills were used once again in classrooms and for our remote learners. Countless changes, large and small, allowed our schools to reopen.

The year was a success, with schools remaining open and a low rate of positive COVID-19 cases within our schools and community. Students adjusted quickly to wearing masks and most were appreciative for the ability to be together once again. Sports were played, awards were won,

creative ways to hold concerts and musicals were found, and the year ended with most of the usual celebrations being held outside.

This summer saw the installation of the artificial playing surface, the replacement of tennis courts and front steps at Lyme School, and the renovation of the gym floor at the middle school. Federal COVID-19 relief funds granted to our schools were used to build an outdoor

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Valedictorian Connie Pan



Congratulations, Class of 2021!

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

classroom at the middle school, with an outdoor classroom at Lyme School to be built later this year. An outdoor pavilion at Mile Creek, built in partnership with Vinal Technical High School in Middletown, is also in the works. Playground renovations and replacement of certain pieces of outdated equipment at Mile Creek, Lyme School, and Center School are also being completed with these funds.

These first days of the 2021-22 school year find us with a few less restrictions and the ongoing need for flexibility as we continue to navigate the pandemic and adapt as public health measures require to keep our schools and community safe. We thank the communities of Lyme and Old Lyme for their ongoing support of our schools.



Designing, building, and testing bridges at the middle school



Book Tasting at Mile Creek School



Exploring creativity at Center School



Winter Wonderland surprise celebration at Mile Creek School

Registrars of Voters

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

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

Voter registration applications are available at both the town clerk's office and the registrars' office and are also available online at voterregistration.ct.gov. A valid Connecticut driver's license is required for on-line registration as well as for changes to name, address, or party-enrollment.

Change in Polling Location in 2020 "Safe Polls Plan"

After over twenty years of voting at the Cross Lane Firehouse (and the significant increase in the number of registered voters during that time), discussions took place among the registrars, First Selectman Timothy Griswold, and Old Lyme's Director of Emergency Management after the 2019 municipal election regarding the relocation of the town's official polling place. The initial wave of the pandemic in March 2020 showed that the need for an immediate relocation of the town's polling place was critical.

Old Lyme's Director of Emergency Management, Dave Roberge, and Region #18 Superintendent Ian Neviaser worked with the registrars and the first selectman to develop a proposed plan. Region #18's Board of Education approved the use of the middle school gym for both the 2020 Presidential Primary and the Federal/State Election on November 3, 2020.

In order to qualify for emergency federal funds allocated to the State of Connecticut for the 2020 election during the pandemic, each Connecticut municipality was required to submit a "Safe Polls Plan" to the Secretary of the State for approval. The diagrammed plan, with actual dimensions of the voting area, distancing of checkers' tables and voting booths, the positioning of absentee ballot workers and voter lines, as well as entrances and exits were all drawn on the plan. The director of emergency management provided an accompanying written report to the Secretary of the State's office and our plan was approved. Protective equipment, including masks, gloves, and Plexiglas shields for all poll worker tables was received through our emergency management office and we were ready for the primary on August 11, 2020.

The Safe Polls Plan was also used for the November 3, 2020, election with some modifications to accommodate the anticipated large voter increase. Absentee ballots were processed in the town hall meeting room under the supervision of a separate moderator and the town clerk. The total number who voted either in person or by absentee ballot was 5,440 of a total of 6,183 eligible voters.

At Old Lyme's Annual Business Meeting on January 25, 2021, the Town Meeting approved the resolution that the Old Lyme Middle School Gymnasium at 53 Lyme Street be designated "as the municipal polling place for all purposes". Section 41-2, Old Lyme Code of Ordinances.

RiverCOG

Anthony Salvatore
Chairperson

RiverCOG, one of Connecticut's nine Councils of Governments, is governed by the chief elected/executive officials of its seventeen-member towns: Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook. The RiverCOG is responsible for planning of regional land use, transportation, emergency preparedness, environmental conservation, economic development, and homeland security. RiverCOG also provides regional services such as household hazardous waste collection. In 2020 RiverCOG took an active role in planning for the response and recovery from COVID-19.

First Selectman Timothy Griswold joins the RiverCOG officers on the executive committee.

Fiscal year 2021 was an eventful year for RiverCOG staff. Our team expanded. A transition to remote work, necessitated by the COVID-19 Pandemic, had surprise benefits of greater staff productivity and better meeting attendance. Remote Zoom meetings facilitated more public involvement in the creation of RiverCOG's first Regional Plan than would have been expected if meetings and outreach were conducted in person. RiverCOG also switched IT consultants and migrated much of the office network into the cloud. This should provide RiverCOG with greater security and resiliency. Staff expertly navigated these transitions in technology and has shared our experiences with our members.

The fiscal year saw many accomplishments:

- RiverCOG's first Regional Plan of Conservation and Development was created and posted for public comment; the Regional Planning Committee. (RPC) should recommend it to the COG for adoption in early fall of 2021.
- The Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan was updated, involving extensive outreach work in each of the towns. The plan is currently in the process of being adopted by the fifteen participating towns and has already been recommended for adoption by the state and FEMA.
- RiverCOG continued legislative engagement with the state and federal



governments on the behalf of our member municipalities. In December 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 RPC or 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 addressed topics such as regulation changes for outdoor dining due to COVID-19, agri-tourism, farm wineries and breweries, and other protective measures for riverine and coastal resources, although some propose a moratorium to study the matter.
- Continued household hazardous waste (HHW) collections totaled was 2,712 households, a 4.9-percent increase from the previous year, even with cancelling one collection due to COVID and not holding as many collections at our Essex facility. RiverCOG also continued holding paper shredding events. During our four events we collected 33,500 pounds of paper, a 14-percent decrease from the previous year but more typical of what has been collected in earlier years.
- RiverCOG hosted compost bin/rain barrel sales and composting and recycling virtual workshops.
- RiverCOG began work on a Regional Housing Plan that will serve thirteen of our municipalities and provide compliance with CT General Statute Section 830-j.

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 over forty-five years as the guardian of the ecological and visual values of the Lower

Connecticut River region by working with the eight town Planning & Zoning Commissions, Zoning Boards of Appeal, and town staff.

In addition to partnering with Gateway, RiverCOG supported the health of the Connecticut River by educating communities about invasive species and monitoring and removing harmful plants. Invasive *Hydrilla verticillata* continues to be a great threat to the ecology of the Connecticut River and other water bodies of New England and New York as it is easily transported through recreational boating. We worked through Senator Blumenthal's office to bring federal funding to support the creation of a Connecticut River Watershed Program to address the issue through the Army Corp of Engineers, the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, and the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection.

RiverCOG continued to act as the fiduciary agent for the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS)

Region 2 of the state's emergency planning efforts through grants provided by the federal government. DEMHS develops, administers, and coordinates a comprehensive statewide program encompassing all hazards and includes prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery components to ensure the safety of Connecticut citizens. Fiduciary duties include 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 thirty municipalities, and preparation of specific deliverables.

RiverCOG continued to host the Lower Connecticut River Land Trust (LCRLT). This nonprofit entity's members include the communities and land trusts of the region. The LCRLT continues to establish itself and move forward to help all the land trusts under its regional umbrella.

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. Half of the meetings this past year were conducted remotely, with the remaining meetings in the Rogers Lake West Shores Association Clubhouse at 75 Rogers Lake Trail in Old Lyme, practicing social distancing.

The year 2020 was a leap year so the lake was drawn down fourteen inches so that lakeside residents could perform dock and waterfront maintenance. The drawdown occurs every four years in the fall, and the fourteen-inch drawdown was maintained for thirty days. The lake was allowed to fill back up starting October 22.

The Rogers Lake dam is owned and maintained by the Town of Old Lyme. The dam and the thirty-one-inch sluiceway are not designed as or considered to be flood control protection. If the water level rises over six inches over the top of the spillway or drops sixteen inches below the spillway, lake area residents will be impacted. With these very narrow water levels that must be maintained, the RLA created a Dam Operation and Maintenance manual. The document has been stakeholder reviewed and covers rainfall events of four inches or less. The RLA is now the primary controller of the sluiceway.

An invasive aquatic plant species survey was performed during the summer of 2020. There continued to be a dramatic reduction in invasive species throughout the lake. The recommendation was that an herbicide treatment would not be required for 2021, but management of the invasive plants could be accomplished with hand pulling. The RLA agreed that it was important to continue to monitor the aquatic plants and contracted with the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station to perform a whole lake aquatic plant survey in the summer of 2021.

The Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) sponsored a grant program for the control of aquatic invasive species. The RLA submitted an application requesting \$6,150 for this effort but was not

successful in obtaining any funding from this grant.

Carelessly discarded fishing line can seriously harm or kill wildlife. The RLA has partnered with DEEP and installed two monofilament fishing line recycling receptacles. One receptacle is located at Hains Park and the other is at the state boat launch located off Grassy Hill Road.

One of the RLA's primary concerns is boating safety on the lake. A buoy was installed at the sand bar near the state boat launch and signage was erected at the cove in the northwest corner of the lake. 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 DEEP in promoting safety and compliance on the lake.

The RLA continues working with Yale University and the Connecticut DEEP Fisheries Division with their efforts in reintroducing alewives back into the lake. DEEP stocked over 5,000 alewives at Hain's Park. After the start of the stocking effort a few years ago, alewives started making yearly migration up three fish ladders to spawn in Rogers Lake every spring. Tens of thousands of young alewives have been observed leaving the lake later in the season.

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

To improve communications with the community at large, the RLA mails a newsletter every spring. The newsletter outlines RLA activities and important safety considerations when using the lake.

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

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A big thank you to the board members and concerned lake residents for their efforts in actively supporting the Rogers Lake Authority. The RLA would like to recognize the many years of service of Robert Recor as a Rogers Lake Authority member.

Social Services

Jennifer Datum

Social Services Coordinator

Throughout the year, the social services department continued to assist residents who were financially impacted by COVID-19 in conjunction with the Coronavirus Relief Fund that was set up through the Lymes' Youth Service Bureau. This fund has been essential in helping residents with basic needs such as rent/mortgage assistance, utility bills, and food.

I would like to thank the Old Saybrook Rotary Club for generously donating restaurant gift cards to the town to distribute to Old Lyme families who had been impacted by COVID-19. Not only did this support these families but supported local businesses as well.

Also together with the Lymes' Youth Service Bureau, I again assisted in summer lunch distribution for families of the town who were either affected by COVID-19 or who receive free/reduced lunch or SNAP benefits.

Beyond COVID, the social services department continued to help town residents in need. I assisted ninety-three households this year.

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

In the summer of 2020, I distributed coupon booklets to be used at local farmers' markets to income-eligible residents who are elderly or disabled. The process was streamlined to be as contactless as possible. Due to fewer folks out and about and a delay in receiving the booklets, I distributed only thirty-four booklets this year. These 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 and provides checks in the amount of eighteen dollars per person.

Energy Assistance

Energy Assistance for the winter season of 2020-21 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 Memorial Town Hall if they prefer, or they can apply directly through the TVCCA Norwich or New London offices. I processed forty-five 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 2020, I assisted thirty-six residents in applying for this benefit for the 2019 year.

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,

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often on fixed incomes, who are struggling to pay their bills and need one-time assistance. Examples of such assistance include emergency fuel delivery, gas vouchers, bus tickets for 9 Town Transit, grocery store gift cards, temporary housing expenses, and other bills. Contributions to the emergency fund are always welcome and can be dropped off or mailed to the town hall, attention Social Services.

For those who need help with food, I gave out gift cards to local grocery stores for a total amount of approximately \$1,015. The Coronavirus Relief Fund also gave out grocery store gift cards this year. 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 the closet in my office.

Another role of Social Services is to provide information and referrals to other agencies, including such areas as legal aid, help with SNAP (food stamps) applications, medical and other transportation options, housing, health insurance, senior resources, 211, Salvation Army, and various departments of the state.

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

Schedule and Contact Information

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

Sound View Commission

Frank Pappalardo
Chairman

Sound View Established in 1892 America's First Public Beach

The Sound View Commission (SVC), established in 2011, serves as the designated advisor to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Sound View area and as coordinator for the area's management and development. The SVC jurisdiction includes Swan, Hartford, and Portland Avenues with their respective waterfronts and Shore Road north to the railroad tracks from Cross Lane to the police station.

As Covid swept the country and the resulting restrictions, the 2020-21 year was quiet. SVC planned summer events including concerts and a food truck festival were cancelled. Parking lots were limited to 50-percent capacity. And social distancing rules placed a strict beach capacity limit with a complete beach closure in the early spring. Our police and Rangers did an outstanding job monitoring beach capacity. Several businesses

chose to remain closed for the summer and for the first time in recent history the famous Sound View Carousel did not open. As the summer progressed the Sound View Community Center resumed their weekend doughnut sales. And as usual, the SV bocce courts were a favorite.

The State Community Connectivity Grant awarded to Old Lyme was in full motion. Final designs were approved and contractor bids for sidewalks along the upper portion of Hartford Ave and Shore Road came in below the \$400,000 grant budget. Construction work began in early spring with substantial completion by the end of June. The terms of the award specified funds use for connectivity, such as sidewalks, bike paths, public transportation, etc., so with the unused grant funds a transit hub/bus area will be constructed. This bus stop will be for use by 9 Town Transit, which operates the public bus transportation service in the area. The park-like bus stop will be located in the vacant lot across from the church and next to the police station. The Sound View bus stops currently on the busy

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Shore Road will be combined to the much safer new stop.

The Sound View Commission meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M., from October to April in the Memorial Town Hall and

from May through September in the Shoreline Community Center at 39 Hartford Avenue, Sound View. Agendas and minutes can be found on the town website.



Lauren Dickey at about age three rides the Carousel at Sound View accompanied by her aunt, Dolores Dickey



Lauren Dickey Girasoli, now a mom herself, takes daughter Cecilia, age two, on that very same Carousel; what a wonderful tradition!

Sustainable Old Lyme Team

Cheryl Poirier
Chair

Charlotte Lyman
Vice Chair

Maureen Plumleigh
Secretary

Regular Meeting Times:

First Thursday of the Month,

9 A.M. Memorial Town Hall, Meeting Hall

<https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/sustainable-old-lyme-team>

SustainableOldLyme@gmail.com

Created by town resolution in 2018, the Sustainable Old Lyme Team focuses attention and effort within Old Lyme on matters of sustainability and promotes the Board of Selectmen's local initiatives and actions toward Sustainable CT Municipal Certification.

During Fiscal Year 2020-2021, the team worked together to finalize its August 2020 certification application to Sustainable CT. Reporting on the multiple activities and procedures in Old Lyme that create a sustainable, resilient community, our reporting included narratives describing the town's arts and culture initiatives, planning and development, community communications, and a walk audit to assess accessibility by disabled or elderly residents on Lyme Street.

The town was notified of its bronze-level certification in November 2020, and an award was presented remotely at the Annual Convention

of the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities that December. The plaque received can be seen hanging in the town hall lobby. The town was commended with nine "CT Success Stories" reflecting various sustainable efforts within Old Lyme.

The team immediately went to work toward the Town's Silver Certification and began reporting on town sustainable initiatives by the Open Space Commission, Affordable Housing Commission, and Selectman's Office, among others, and created its own successful initiatives including the following:

Pollinate Old Lyme: This effort brought together multiple Old Lyme organizations to create or enhance publicly accessible pollinator gardens and educate residents on the importance of pollinator gardens in their own yards, including reducing pesticide use, increasing the number of native plants, and reducing lawn space.

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Sustainable Old Lyme Team *(continued)*

Lymes Creative Arts: In conjunction with the Town of Lyme's Sustainability Committee and LYSB, this program provided arts programming for Old Lyme and Lyme students in grades 6-12. The program was created inclusively with students participating in developing the workshops and marketing information.

Old Lyme has also served as a Sustainable CT mentor to other municipalities including our neighbor, the Town of Lyme, and has presented on several of its initiatives during Sustainable CT statewide webinars.

The team looks forward to reporting to the town its progress toward Silver Certification in the coming fiscal year.

Tax Collector

Judith A. Tooker

Tax Collector

The Tax Collector's office has been very busy this fiscal year. Property taxes are due in two parts, July and January, with all motor vehicle taxes due in July and supplemental bills due in January. Even though we are still in the pandemic, our collection rate did very well.

Our office is open to collect taxes in a friendly manner from 9:00 A.M. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 P.M. weekdays.

MINUTES OF TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL TOWN BUSINESS MEETING OF JANUARY 25, 2021

Approximately ten (10) electors and citizens attended the Town of Old Lyme Annual Town Business Meeting in person on Monday, January 25, 2021 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut. The meeting was conducted as a “hybrid” as defined by the Governor’s Executive Order 9H. Approximately thirty-five (35) electors and citizens attended the meeting by phone.

First Selectman, Timothy C. Griswold, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by Timothy C. Griswold and seconded by Selectman Christopher Kerr, to nominate Attorney Thomas McGarry to serve as moderator.

Motion Carried.

Town Clerk, Vicki Urbowicz, read the call of the meeting.

1. To announce the recipient of the Board of Selectmen’s Citizen of the Year for 2020.

Roger M. Smith was announced as Citizen of the Year 2020.

2. To accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, as submitted by the Board of Finance.

The Annual Town Report was presented by David Kelsey. David Kelsey moved to accept it, seconded by Andy Russell.

Motion Carried.

3. To consider and vote on the following proposed “Ordinance to Establish Town of Old Lyme Affordable Housing Commission”:
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT THAT:

a. Establishment. There shall be established an Affordable Housing Commission for the Town of Old Lyme.

Purpose. The Affordable Housing Commission will serve as a planning and advisory body, and as a center of expertise and communication, working through the

Board of Selectmen and in coordination with other boards, commissions, and departments on matters pertaining to affordable housing. Membership; terms of office. The Affordable Housing Commission shall be composed of five regular members and three alternate members who will serve staggered three-year terms, appointed by the Board of Selectman. The initial appointments by the Board of Selectmen shall be for one, two and three year terms, and thereafter all terms shall be for three years. The Commission is subject to Conn. Gen. Stat. § 9-167a (minority representation) and Ordinance § 101-16 shall apply to each regular and alternate member of the Commission.

Qualifications; vacancies. All Commission members and alternate members shall be electors of the Town of Old Lyme. Any vacancy in the regular or alternate membership may be filled for the unexpired term of such member by the Board of Selectmen.

Powers and duties. The Affordable Housing Commission shall, among other things:

- A) Maintain an understanding of affordable housing needs in Old Lyme for the present and future, related statutory and regulatory requirements, public policy, and best practices; develop approaches to meet those needs and requirements. The term “Affordable Housing” shall be as defined by Conn. Gen. Stat. Ch. 126A (Affordable Housing).
- B) Prepare an Affordable Housing Plan for adoption by Old Lyme, and perform periodic updates at least every five years, according to the provisions of C.G.S. § 8-30j.
- C) Coordinate an annual review of housing data in preparation for publication of the Affordable Housing Appeals List by the Connecticut Department of Housing.
- D) Work with the Old Lyme Planning, Zoning, Economic Development, and Open Space Commissions, and other town functions as appropriate, on planning and other matters related to affordable housing.

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- E) Advise the land use boards, commissions, and departments concerning applications that include affordable housing provisions as part of the approval process.
- F) Make recommendations on housing policies and practices designed to meet the need for affordable housing in Old Lyme, including changes to zoning regulations and ordinances.
- G) Develop and maintain a list of potential opportunities for affordable housing development; make recommendations and proposals to the Board of Selectmen.
- H) Monitor legislation, regulations and public policy relevant to affordable housing.
- I) Monitor the availability of grants, programs, partnerships and other resources to support affordable housing planning and development; make recommendations and proposals to the Board of Selectmen.
- J) Monitor events, practices, and trends relevant to affordable housing.
- K) Develop and maintain a program of public engagement, communication, and education on the topic of affordable housing for the residents of Old Lyme.
- L) Provide a point of contact and a forum for advocacy groups, not-for-profit organizations, and developers on matters pertaining to affordable housing.
- M) Represent Old Lyme in regional forums and collaborations relevant to affordable housing.
- N) Other responsibilities relevant to affordable housing as determined by the Board of Selectmen.

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

An overview of the Affordable Housing Commission was given by Michael Fogliano. David Kelsey made a move to accept the ordinance, seconded by Andy Russell.

Motion Carried.

4. To consider and vote on the following proposed amendment to Ordinance § 41-2: **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF OLD LYME, CT. that § 41-2 of the Old Lyme Code of Ordinances, the “Designation” of a Town polling place, shall be amended as follows: (~~material in parentheses is to be deleted from the existing text and underlined material is being added to it~~):**

a. The (Cross Lane Firehouse on Cross Lane) Old Lyme Middle School Gymnasium, 53 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, CT, is hereby designated as the municipal polling place for all purposes.

b. 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).

An overview of the proposed Ordinance of a new Town polling place was given by Catherine Q. Carter, Republican Registrar of Voters. Catherine Q. Carter moved to accept the ordinance, seconded by David Kelsey.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz
Town Clerk*

MINUTES OF TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING OF MAY 17, 2021

Approximately fifteen (15) electors and citizens attended the Town of Old Lyme Annual Budget Meeting in person on Monday, May 17, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Meeting Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectman, Timothy C. Griswold, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. A motion was made by David Kelsey and seconded by Andy Russell, to nominate Attorney Thomas McGarry to serve as moderator.

Town Meetings *(continued)*

Town Clerk, Vicki Urbowicz, read the call of the meeting.

1. To adopt the Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2021, through June 30, 2022, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

The Annual Town Budget was presented by David Kelsey. A motion was made by Timothy Griswold to accept the Budget, seconded by Andy Russell.

Motion Carried.

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) equal semi-annual installments, the first payment being due on July 1, 2021, and the second payment

on January 1, 2022. Any tax in these categories under \$100.00 will be due in full in one payment in July 2021, as are vehicles on Supplemental List due in July 2022* in one payment.

A motion was made by Andy Russell to accept the proposal, seconded by David Kelsey.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz
Town Clerk*

**Scrivener's error. Date should read January 2022.*

Treasurer

Michael Reiter
Treasurer

The financial results for the Town of Old Lyme year ending on 30 June 2021 were again strong. The budget for total revenues was \$38,705,674 with actual revenues of \$39,153,598 and a variance of \$348,284. This was due to property tax collection exceeding plan and fee for services. After accounting for budget adjustments during the year, the town's undesignated surplus increased from \$11,701,097 at the beginning of the fiscal year to 11,737,707 at the end of the fiscal year. The undesignated surplus stands at 31.1% of the actual fiscal year 2021 budget; this is a very healthy surplus.

It is important to note that the town only receives roughly 2.67% (about \$1,040,416) of its total revenue (about \$39 million) from recurring grants from the State of Connecticut. This positions the town well if the state must reduce grant funding across the state.

Lyme and Old Lyme together constitute Regional School District 18. 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 1 March 2021, there were 1,312

students in the district, 235 (18.2%) from Lyme and 1,077 (81.8%) from Old Lyme. Accordingly, based on this student count ratio, Lyme's share of the school's \$34,874,548 budget (after accounting for estimated receipts of \$146,222) will be \$6,320,555 and Old Lyme's share will be \$28,407,771.

The Town of Old Lyme has two long-term debt obligations. Existing at the start of the fiscal year was the \$1,190,000 remaining on the balance of the original \$4,200,000 bond used to finance the renovation of the town hall in October 2010. The second long-term debt obligation is for the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library renovation, with \$1,125,000 remaining on the balance of the original \$1,250,000. 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)

Rich Prendergast
Chairman

The town of Old Lyme's Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) has been busy in 2021. Several key project milestones have been accomplished, and the WPCA volunteers continue their work to solve water pollution problems.

The focus of this group has been Sound View neighborhood sewer, which has critical timing deadlines. When this project is completed, those properties connected will benefit with cleaner ground water, more reliable effluent treatment and toilet use as well as increased property market value.

The WPCA has been working to lower the total project costs by sharing some infrastructure with adjacent private beach associations that are also installing sewers. The town and private beach associations are collectively seeking to lower the project costs with additional funding and grants from existing sources and new sources from the Biden administration, such as the American Rescue Plan, which provides funding for sewer and other infrastructure.

At the time of this writing, the Sound View neighborhood sewer status summary is that the Sound View sewer design is drafted and will officially start when the following have been completed:

- Establishing a Cost Sharing Agreement path with the Private Beach Associations
- Researching the options to comply with the Department of Health requirements that no well be within twenty-five feet of any sewer line
- Signing the inter-municipal agreement with New London to process the effluent
- Drafting the inter-municipal agreement with East Lyme to transport effluent

When these items are completed, we can update the application for Clean Water Funding and officially start the design process.

Other issues the WPCA has been working on include updating the WPCA ordinances per State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection requirements. This new ordinance includes missing definitions such as sewer components. The ordinance is drafted and is currently being scheduled for public comment.

As a side note, the town requires a septic system to be pumped and cleaned every seven years. The town also provides a convenient way to look up the status of your septic system through the town's website or by this link: <https://septicsearch.com/>

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

Zoning Board of Appeals

Nancy Hutchinson
Chair

*Meetings: Third Thursdays, except August & December, 6:30 P.M.,
Memorial Town Hall.*

<https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/zoning-board-appeals>

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has two main 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 legal standards that guide and limit the actions of the ZBA are the Connecticut General Statutes, Land Use case law, and the Old Lyme Zoning Regulations.

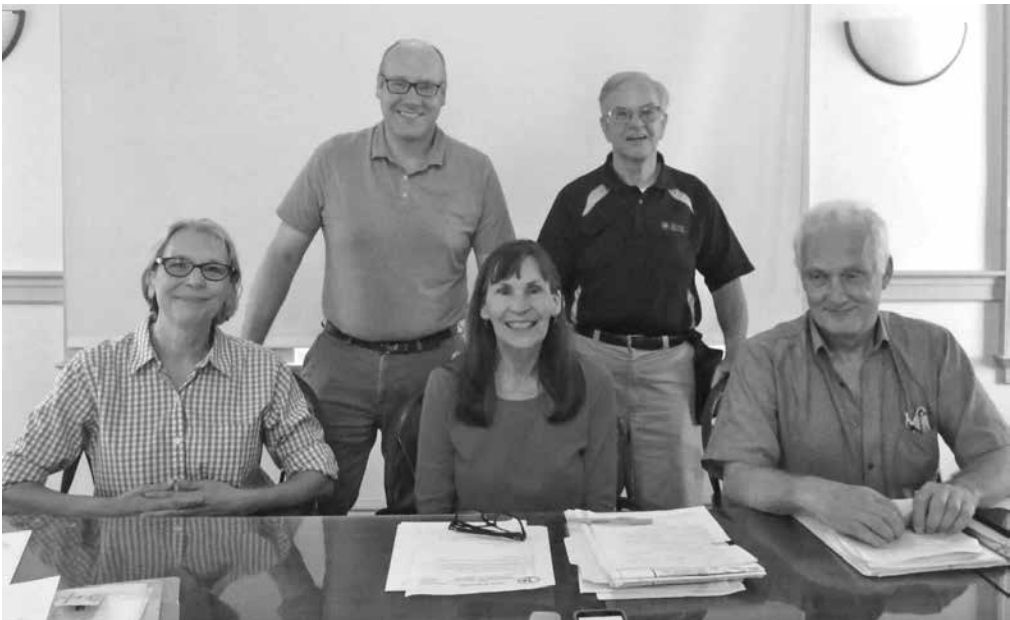
In general, for a variance to be granted, the applicant must provide evidence that an unusual hardship exists based on strict application of zoning regulations due to some unusual condition of the property itself, and that the condition does not generally affect other properties in the district. In some limited situations, the ZBA may consider a legal alternative to unusual hardship, for example, an applicant's proposed reduction in a legal pre-existing nonconformity to offset the proposed increase in nonconformity. In addition, the applicant must also demonstrate that the variance requested is in harmony with the intent and purpose of the zoning regulations and is the minimum needed to alleviate the unusual hardship and allow reasonable use of the property.

The ZBA consists of five elected members and three elected alternates. As of June 30, 2021, the ZBA members were Nancy Hutchinson (Chair), Kip Kotzan (Vice Chair), Dan Montano (Secretary), Stephanie Mickle, and Steve Dix. The ZBA alternates were Sherry Johnston and Devin Carney, with Russell Fogg appointed to a vacant alternate position in May 2021. Marisa Hartman, whose term expired Nov. 2020, served on the ZBA for nearly five years, first as an alternate and then as a member and Secretary.

To comply with evolving pandemic restrictions, the ZBA changed its meeting dates to the third Thursday of the month, which enabled the ZBA to meet in the large Meeting Hall, which, in turn, allowed the ZBA to continue to hold in-person meetings while complying with all cleaning, screening, masking, and social-distancing requirements.

This fiscal year the ZBA met eleven times and reviewed 28 variance applications: 12 were granted without conditions; 11 were granted with conditions, two were denied, two were withdrawn, and one was approved as revised after a portion of the application was withdrawn

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ZBA members/alternates, left to right: Stephanie Mickle, Devin Carney, Nancy Hutchinson, Dan Montano, and Kip Kotzan. Not shown: Steve Dix, Sherry Johnston, and Russell Fogg

Zoning Board of Appeals *(continued)*

by the applicant. The ZBA's decision to grant variances for one variance application is being appealed. The ZBA also approved an extension to a variance granted in 2019, due to the pandemic's impact on the applicant's ability to complete the project within the required timeframe.

The ZBA also updated its processes, including updated variance application forms and guidance to applicants, to improve timely, transparent and consistent decision-making, as well as to align with the town's new on-line permitting system.

The updated ZBA processes, which incorporated input of ZBA members, Land Use staff, and the ZBA Attorney, became effective June 17, 2021.

Lastly, a special thanks to all ZBA members and alternates, past and present, who volunteered their time in support of our community, and to the Old Lyme Land Use staff, Dan Bourret, Land Use Coordinator/Zoning Enforcement Officer/Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer, and Kim Barrows, CZET, for their valuable guidance and support!

Old Lyme Zoning Commission

Paul J. Orzel
Chairman

The Old Lyme Zoning Commission, along with other town zoning commissions in the State of Connecticut, is 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." Although 2020 was a very challenging year for all, the Old Lyme Zoning Commission prevailed in its mission. During the height of the pandemic, the commission held meetings virtually using the town's WebEx online system and addressed all applications presented. Additionally, the commission received regular data updates from the Halls Road Improvement Committee as it began to understand the scope of the project and how that may require modifications to some regulations through the possible creation of a unique "Halls Road Village District." The Zoning Commission began work on regulation modifications in the areas of procedure, building

permits, construction site storage, and relaxation of the use of mechanicals in the R-10, R-15, and R-20 Zones. The commission's goal is to complete and implement these changes before the end of 2021.

The Old Lyme Zoning Commission comprises five elected members and three alternates. Elected members are Jane Marsh, Michael Miller, 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.ouldlyme-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 Agent 860-434-1605
Ombudsman for the Elderly of Old Lyme
ConnPACE-ConnMAP-Information and referral for
all services for the elderly.

The Estuary 860-388-1611
Nutrition (Old Saybrook Cafe serves M-F to all
9-town seniors, grab & go meals available at other
sites, Meals on Wheels), Transportation, Food
Shopping, Monthly Newsletter, Social Worker,
Activities & Thrift Shop.

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

Transportation
EMOTS (Estuary Medical OutPatient
Transportation) Handicapped equipped,
give 24-hour notice, please 860-388-1611
American Cancer Society1-800-227-2345

Old Lyme Social Services 860-434-1605, x228
Food bank, fuel assistance, food stamps, emergency
financial assistance, welfare info., renters' rebate; call
for appointment

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

Valley Shore Community Health Center
263 Main St. #202, Old Saybrook
Dental Services, Health Services, Medical Exams,
Healthy Start, Counseling,
Fees on Sliding Scale 860-388-4433

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

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

INFOLINE 211
Information and Referral, Crisis Counseling,
Advocacy

Medicare, Center for Medicare
Advocacy1-800-262-4414

Social Security
All aspects1-800-772-1213

Tax Relief 860-434-1605, 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 Hospital 860-442-0711
Literacy Volunteers 860-399-0280
Lymes' Youth Service Bureau 860-434-7208
Middlesex Memorial Hospital 860-358-6000
OL/PGN Library 860-434-1684
Salvation Army 860-443-6409
Schools
Superintendent of Schools 860-434-7238
Mile Creek School 860-434-2209
Lyme Consolidated..... 860-434-1233
Middle School 860-434-2568
High School..... 860-434-1651 or 1652
SCORE (Senior Corps
of Retired Executives) 860-388-9508
Woman's Exchange 860-434-7290

