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Old Lyme, Connecticut



This is my thirtieth and final year compiling, creating, and curating the town report. The cover of this book shows thumbnail photos of each of the previous twenty-nine covers, in chronological order. When the book is closed, the corresponding back covers are positioned directly behind their respective front covers. (Graphic Artist Kirk Felton is so clever!) Like this one, some were my own design, but many were the brainstorm of graphic designers of the three different printers who have produced the report through the years. Others were ideas of family members, friends, or acquaintances with good ideas, good eyes, and good opportunities to create drawings or capture photos that worked, be it out a home or office window, at an event, or anywhere with a great view—my continued thanks to all these people who have helped in any way bring these reports to fruition!

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Introduction—Hail and Farewell, 2022

Michele Dickey

Editor

This, my final introduction, is one reason that THIS is my last town report and I didn't just quit last year as some family members and friends encouraged me to do. This is my thirtieth town report — a nice round number. I wanted a specific cover that I didn't have time to create last year. I also wanted to pen a reflective introduction rather than having NO introduction, which has happened sometimes in recent years since I dropped the idea of “themes.” I learned that sometimes not many heads of boards and commissions could relate to the theme I suggested, so I had to write more about it in the introduction; it was like researching a term paper along with the town report, so I abandoned them. After thirty years, I wanted to give it some proper thought rather than just disappear.

Every book has had its shares of frustrations, some more than others, but late nights and early mornings put in to see the project to completion were always a part. A minor shock my first year, fiscal year 1992-93, was to see my father's name as the first death on that first day of the fiscal year—July 1. It reminded me he was always with me in spirit. In the early years, some people—including the late, wonderful Mr. Mervin Roberts of the Shellfish Commission—would write their reports out in LONGHAND, sometimes in pencil on a yellow legal pad, making bad handwriting even harder to decipher. Luckily a very accommodating text processor at Shannon Printing of Deep River would type it directly into the system from the originals; I would take manuscripts there at 5 a.m., both to meet her schedule and so I could be home before husband Mike had to leave for work, and daughter Lauren was usually still asleep.

I have used only three different print shops, all of whom were able to convert my work into really nice-looking annual reports, and I will miss that sense of pride of publication. Shannon Printing was taken over by the owner's son, and after one more year under the new ownership, the Board of Finance decided I should try an independent publisher, Ed Ziobron, for a year, and the product in all cases was fine.

Then Old Lyme resident Brian Cole, owner of Quality Printers, expressed an interest, and his

business has produced Old Lyme's town report ever since. This extended time has allowed me to develop systems and shortcuts that work; Graphics Designer Kirk Felton allows me to come in the office and proofread pages and corrections right off the computer screen, saving the trouble and time of intervening iterations.

Although I think there have been some people with whom I've corresponded and dealt with for the full thirty-year duration, there are people I've met only through emails, which is the reason that this year I've included a photo of our whole growing family rather than just sneaking in a photo of daughter Lauren in the annual “Locate Lauren” feature (an admitted take-off on “Where's Waldo?”). Lauren first appeared in Pilgrim headgear with the rest of Mrs. Barbara Rayel's kindergarten class. In one picture, she is seen petting Black Beauty at High Hopes at age six. In another, she is an adult holding Cecilia, now three-and-a-half, under the LYSB sign. Lauren attended groups there from her infancy and now takes her own children. She is pictured with Cecilia and husband, Brian Girasoli, and holding Luca, born in November. Husband, father, and Grampy Mike Dickey rounds out the photo; he has saved the day for me with SO many computer problems, at all hours. Lauren, an English teacher at NFA, has also helped frequently with questions of grammar and wording.

Thanks to so many people who have helped me along the way with kind acts and kind words through these years! I am grateful for having had this experience and for the connections and friendships it brought me. But it's time to pass the baton—and the pen—on to the new editor!



Timothy Griswold
First Selectman

At the Annual Town Meeting in January, the Board of Selectmen announced that the Old Lyme Citizen of the Year for 2021 was Cheryl Poirier. First Selectman Griswold commented on Cheryl's numerous accomplishments, including serving as the Marketing Associate for the Florence Griswold Museum, her active role with the Old Lyme Arts District and Midsummer Festival, guiding the Town of Old Lyme's Sustainable Team to achieve both the Bronze and Silver level certifications from the State of CT, and serving as chairwoman of the town's Economic Development Commission. The audience gave Cheryl a hearty round of applause for receiving this honor.

The Board Finance completed its work on the fiscal year June 30, 2023 town budget; this involved weekly meetings for about ten weeks. The major components of the budget have the following proposed percentage increases: General Government — 3.88%, Capital Expenditures — 158%, and School — 1.91%. The town's share of the school budget increased from 81.6% to 82.3% (\$579,380), based on our increased share of the student count. The total town budget is planned to increase 4.34%. Revenues are estimated to increase 3.86%, and the board plans to use \$600,000 of the town's \$10.5 million surplus to support the budget. All considered, the mill rate is budgeted to be 23.5 mills, which represents an increase of 0.2 mill or a 0.86% increase. Notable spending increases are insurance (\$81,000), Rogers Lake (\$22,200), Parks & Rec./fireworks (\$42,800), and Police (\$73,700). Capital Expenditures are budgeted to increase \$726,775, a bulk of which relates to the architectural schematic drawings for the Senior Center Expansion project (\$281,000) and funding to replace the Grassy Hill Rd. bridge (\$355,000). Non-tax revenues are estimated to increase \$404,300 and relate primarily to the Town of Lyme's 25% share of the Senior Center Expansion (\$70,250) and increased State revenue (\$333,100).

The COVID-19 virus became less of a factor during FY 2022, although COVID cases during the year increased from 342 to 1,055. The number of related deaths remained at three. Most residents chose to receive their two COVID shots and were eligible to obtain their booster shot.

The demand for test kits far exceeded the supply but, as time passed, the reported cases seemed milder. On March 8, the Board of Selectmen voted to make the wearing of face masks in Memorial Town Hall optional.

On August 16, 2021, the Board of Selectmen appointed the members of the American Rescue Plan Act ("ARPA") Committee to develop the town's plan to distribute the \$2,162,215 of ARPA funds. The town has already received 50% of the funds in June 2021, and we expect the balance next June. The committee prepared a survey for residents to complete that helped refine the disbursement process. An application deadline of May 1 was set and, after a thorough review, the committee recommended thirty-three Economic Recovery grants and thirty-one Community Initiative grants be approved. The Economic Recovery grants are for small businesses and nonprofits and are for \$10,000 or less. The Community Initiative grants are for businesses, nonprofits, and governmental agencies and are for larger amounts. Last, \$20,000 each are allocated for the Social Services Dept. for the underwriting of the Economic Recovery grants and for administrative costs. Once the ARPA Committee finalized its recommendations, the Boards of Finance and Selectmen voted to send them to a town meeting on July 5, at which they were approved.

The Open Space Commission has been very busy with a number of items. On April 14, 2021, the commission proposed to purchase from Steven Ames thirty-five acres of land off of Whippoorwill Rd. at a price of \$400,000. This land abuts the 195-acre Ames Preserve and would provide excellent access to the preserve. However, in January the commission announced that the purchase could not go forward because of certain subdivision covenants. This news was very disappointing.

The commission is evaluating a request from a couple who want to ride horses on the McCulloch Open Space property. While this may be possible, there are many issues to consider.

Next, the Harbor Management Commission stated that a three-acre, town-owned parcel located at 36-1 Buttonball Rd. should be opened to public access, including a small boat launch. On March 21, 1958, the McGowan family sold the parcel to

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the State of CT, and on February 6, 2002, the Open Space Committee (now a Commission) that was part of the Conservation Commission negotiated to have the parcel transferred to the town with a deed provision that the parcel must provide public access to the CT River. Over the years since, the parcel has remained undeveloped. The Board of Selectmen formed a committee composed of two representatives each from the Harbor Management Commission, the Inland Wetlands Commission, and the Open Space Commission. The committee will obtain a survey, with wetlands delineated, and will make recommendations about public access to the property. There must also be an evaluation of the marsh and its ability to support foot traffic and a pier to launch small boats.

Speaking of water access, the controversy about Tantommaheag Landing continues. After performing some archival research, the abutters informed the town that they, not the town, own the Landing property. While they have “allowed” pedestrians to access the Landing, they have said they do not want vehicles to come onto the property. They have also planted bushes and the like on the Landing and have cut down some trees on the property. The town is having its counsel do independent research; we assert this is a town road that dates back to the early 1700s.

For years, the town has picked up residents' municipal solid waste (“MSW”) and recycling, using Shoreline Sanitation (Gary Yuknat) and now CWPM. These items went to a transfer station in Essex, operated by Materials Innovation and Recovery Authority (“MIRA”) and were then trucked to MIRA's trash-to-energy facility in Hartford. For a variety of reasons, MIRA's financial position deteriorated over time and, in May, the Board of Selectmen voted to opt out of the MIRA contract and expand its contract with CWPM to dispose of the town's MSW and recycling. We believe MIRA will likely not be in business within two years and that the CWPM pricing will be less than MIRA's. It is unfortunate that the State of CT has not played a more active role in helping to solve this problem and the net result is that Connecticut will be forced to truck thousands of tons of MSW out of state.

The selectmen learned that the old construction trailer that served as the town's scale house at the transfer station had reached the

end of its useful life and needed to be replaced. Our Facilities Director, Phil Parcak, researched alternative replacements and recommended a new 17' x 30' building be constructed at a cost of \$163,000. This recommendation was approved by a Town Meeting on August 16 and the building was completed in December. The staff, Don Ruddy and Rob Perry, are very pleased with the new building.

The Rogers Lake Authority (RLA) made the decision that there should be a “no wake” zone in the area of Picnic and Whale Islands in Rogers Lake in order to slow down boats, particularly those towing water skiers. Unfortunately, the RLA decided to pursue a DEEP No Wake Permit (and did so) but did not inform members of the public about the plan. Once the word got out, there was a visceral reaction against it and the RLA scheduled a meeting to discuss the situation on April 19. Those opposed to the plan said the current arrangement works well and pointed out that there have been no accidents reported. A short time after the meeting, the Authority voted to table the matter. Hopefully, the RLA will either drop the idea or have a more thorough and public discussion about any change of plans.

Several board members of the Estuary Transit District (ETD, the green 9 Town Transit busses) and the Middletown Transit District (MTD) have worked tirelessly to structure a merger between the two transit districts. It comes as no surprise that small transit districts lack the economy of scale of their larger counterparts so, with the support of the DOT and the Boards of the ETD and the MTD, the merger became a reality on July 1, 2022. The merger will lead to more and better service, and the cost to the member towns should not be significantly increased. Keep an eye out for the new name and logo of the combined district.

On May 25, the Board of Selectmen voted to approve the five-year update of the town's Affordable Housing Plan that was developed by the Affordable Housing Commission. The members of the commission worked on the plan for about two years and it will be an excellent road map as the town endeavors to develop more affordable housing, in keeping with the town's Plan of Conservation and Development.

On June 4, 2021, the PGN Library hosted a Witness Stone Project ceremony recognizing

the placement of fourteen Witness Stones along Lyme St., each with a brass plaque, indicating where enslaved people lived and worked. The ceremony featured numerous speakers, music and poetry and a large group of seventh graders commented on each of the people recognized by the Witness Stones. On Jun 3, 2022, there was a second ceremony at the library to recognize an additional sixteen Witness Stones that were placed on McCurdy Rd. and Lyme St. A member of the DeWolfe family delivered a powerful speech about the family's ownership of slaves. On May 12, there was a formal celebration of the Public Art for Racial Justice Education ("PARJE") to reveal the new mural in the hallway of the Middle School. Our mural is one of four sister murals in New London County. A committee led by David Good, retired minister of the Old Lyme Congregational Church, worked out the details and selected a lead artist, Jasmine Oyola-Blumenthal (a graduate of the Lyme Academy College of Fine Arts), to work with students from the Middle School to create the mural. The mural incorporates a lot of symbolism in its theme of a welcoming community.

The May through July timeframe in Old Lyme features two significant events: the Memorial Day Parade and the Midsummer Festival. Both events were very welcome this year as we emerged from the grip of COVID. The parade featured the usual marching units and the respectful ceremony honoring veterans at the Duck River Cemetery. It was also great to enjoy the traditional hot dog and soda at the firehouse at the conclusion of the parade. The Midsummer Festival was a huge success, starting with the Friday evening concert on the grounds of the Florence Griswold Museum followed by the many activities on Lyme St. during Saturday. The LOL Lions Club Classic Car Show featured about 90 vehicles and later on, people enjoyed a concert by the Old Lyme Town Band and the fireworks display viewed from the field behind the Middle School. It was nice to have these events again!

Town Projects

Ferry Rd. Sidewalks: All the property abutters to the Ferry Rd. sidewalk have met with members of the Ferry Rd. Sidewalk Committee to discuss the replacement of the 1,700-foot sidewalk. The

committee recommended to the selectmen that the sidewalk remain on the north side of the street and the members are doing everything possible to protect the trees. The committee, in consultation with the tree warden and an arborist from Bartlett Tree Service, decided that five trees must be removed and the committee conducted a public information meeting on May 4 to discuss the sidewalk replacement plan. We hope to put the project out to bid in January/February 2023 and start construction in April or May.

Grassy Hill Rd. Bridge Replacement: The town's engineering firm, Jacobson Engineering of Chester, CT, has finished the engineering work for the Grassy Hill Rd. bridge project. The next step is the application to the Army Corps of Engineers that will take about a year to process. The town must also meet with the utility companies to discuss the relocation of the overhead wires. The actual construction of the replacement bridge will likely not occur until the spring/summer of 2023. We are awaiting confirmation from the DOT that it will approve the time delay and then confirm its commitment to fund 50 percent of the revised cost estimate of the project.

Halls Rd. Improvement Committee: Following the withdrawal of the application to the Zoning Commission for the Village District Zone change, the committee recommended and has developed a Village District Overlay Zone application that will be submitted to the Zoning Commission in October. This means that the property owners who do not request the use of the new Village District Zone will not be considered nonconforming. In addition, Edie Twining, chairwoman of the committee, briefed the selectmen about the next steps the committee will take toward implementing the public improvements (the sidewalk from the Art Association to the Essex Savings Bank, the "Bow" pedestrian bridge over the Lieutenant River, an easement over the Graybill property — Hangry Goose Restaurant — to connect with the Florence Griswold Museum trail system, and certain street amenities along Halls Rd.) The town will prepare an application for a Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LoTCIP) grant, and the committee has requested an appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$45,000 to fund the various related expenses. The Boards of Selectmen and

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Finance recommended the request to a Special Town Meeting, which approved it on March 21.

Senior Center Building Expansion: The Lymes' Senior Center Building Committee has worked with Point One Architects to develop two plans for a possible expansion that are estimated to cost between \$3.4 and \$3.8 million. The Towns of Lyme and Old Lyme agreed to waive the bidding requirement and to hire Point One Architects to develop the schematic design drawing of the \$3.4 million version at a cost of \$281,000. Once this is done, the project can go out to bid in the second half of 2023.

Sound View Sewers: Fuss & O'Neill, the engineering firm for the three private beach associations (Old Lyme Shores, Old Colony Beach, and Miami Beach), solicited bids in May 2021 for the "shared infrastructure" — the sewer project, consisting of the collection pipe, the pumping station, the force main pipe to East Lyme, and the odor-control facility. Only two companies bid and the results were unacceptably high, so the bids were rejected. The engineer concluded that bidding the entire package was not the correct way to go, and the project was broken down into smaller parts and rebid in October 2021. The new bids were again unacceptably high so they too were rejected. Complicating matters, we are aware that the State of CT wants to repave Rte. 156 from Halls Rd. to the East Lyme border. If our project takes too long to materialize, the state might do the repaving and we would have the added expense of repaving the road again.

The town's Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) and the New London Waste Water Treatment Facility have signed an amendment to the Inter-Municipal Agreement that allows Old Lyme (Sound View) to join the three private beach associations as a party to the agreement. We also finalized an Inter-Municipal Agreement with the Town of East Lyme for the use of the sewer pipes and pumping stations in East Lyme and Waterford.

The three private beaches and the town know that, in order for this project to progress, we will need additional state and/or federal funding. Congressman Courtney helped us apply for a \$14-million grant, but we were not successful in obtaining the grant. We are working with Senators Blumenthal and Murphy on an \$11-million grant and await a response.

The Governor's Infrastructure Chief, Mark Boughton, is also looking for grants on our behalf. Without significant external funding, the project will likely not proceed.

Sound View Sidewalks: The town's sidewalk contractor, Martin Laviero Contractor, Inc. of Bristol, CT, has completed the installation of 970 feet of sidewalks along the west side of Hartford Ave. and 1,300 feet of sidewalks on the north side of Rte. 156 (Shore Rd.). Because the contractor's price was aggressive, the committee and the DOT approved using uncommitted grant funds to install a bus stop/shelter for the 9 Town Transit District off Rte. 156, just west of the Old Lyme Police building. The committee's request for an appropriation of not to exceed \$50,000 was approved at the January 24 Annual Town Meeting and the entire project should be completed by late summer 2022.

Swan Brook Outlet: After some research, the town attorney concluded that, because the town installed the two 36-inch pipes under the Hawks Nest Beach Club Association beach in the 1940s and the town has periodically maintained the wood outflow crib at the end of the pipes over the years, the town is responsible for the pipes and crib. At present, the western pipe is blocked with sand and debris so the east pipe is the sole functioning pipe. In addition, the wood crib is in disrepair and needs replacement as soon as possible. Our engineer, Keith Nielson, of Docko, Inc., obtained a DEEP Certificate of Permission (COP) to do the work and the project received approval for a \$55,000 American Recovery Plan grant to make the necessary repairs.

Last, but not least, we bid farewell to our Land Use Coordinator, Dan Bourret, and our Facilities Director, Phil Parcak. We are pleased to announce that Eric Knapp was hired as our new Land Use Coordinator and Tom Meyer was hired as our new Facilities Director and Information Technology Coordinator.

As one can see, it has been a busy year for the Town of Old Lyme and I offer a heartfelt thanks to all the staff in Town Hall, Public Works, Police, Ambulance, Animal Control and our seasonal workers for a job well done. We also owe thanks to the many volunteers who commit their time and expertise for the benefit of our town.

Elected Officials

These elected and appointed officials are not as of the end of the fiscal year, June 30. but are updated periodically. For the most up-to-date memberships, consult the online platform called OnBoard at <https://onboard.oldlyme-ct.gov/>

Term Expires

First Selectman , Timothy C. Griswold (R)	Nov. 2023
Selectwoman , Mary Jo Nosal, (D)	Nov. 2021
Selectman , Christopher Kerr (R).....	Nov. 2021
Selectman , Matthew Ward (U)	Nov. 2023
Selectwoman , Martha Shoemaker (D).....	Nov. 2023
Town Clerk , Vicki Urbowicz (R)	Jan. 2026
Town Treasurer , Michael Reiter (D)	Nov. 2023
Tax Collector , Judith Tooker (R)	Nov. 2023

Board of Finance

Andrew L. Russell, Chairman (R)	Nov. 2021
J. David Kelsey, Chairman (R)	Nov. 2025
Andrew L. Russell (R).....	Nov. 2027
Janet Sturges (R)	(Resigned 2/23/2021) Nov. 2025
Anna Reiter (D).....	Nov. 2021
H. Perry Garvin III (R)	Nov. 2023
Bennett J. Bernblum (D).....	Nov. 2023
Kim Russell Thompson (D).....	Nov. 2025
Judith Read (R)	Nov. 2027

Board of Finance Alternates

Adam Burrows (D)	Nov. 2021
Judith Read (R)	Nov. 2021
Matthew Olson (R).....	Nov. 2023
Maria Marchant (R)	Nov. 2023
Katherine Thuma (D)	Nov. 2023

Board of Assessment Appeals

George Finley, Chairman (D)	Nov. 2025
David W. Evers, Jr. (R)	Nov. 2023
Timothy C. Griswold (R).....	Nov. 2025
Peter Hunt – <i>Alternate</i> (D).....	Jan. 2022

Planning Commission

Harold L. Thompson, Chairman (R).....	Nov. 2025
Robert McCarthy, Vice Chairman (D).....	Nov. 2027
Barbara Gaudio (U).....	Nov. 2023
Todd Machnik (R)	Nov. 2028
Donald Willis (R)	Nov.2024
Matthew Ward – <i>Alternate</i> (U)	Feb. 2023
Jim Lampos – <i>Alternate</i> (D).....	Feb. 2023
Christopher Kerr – <i>Alternate</i> (R)	Feb. 2023

Elected Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Regional Board of Education

Diane Linderman (D)	Dec. 2021
Jean Wilczynski (D)	Dec. 2021
Rick Goulding (D)	Dec. 2021
Martha Shoemaker (D)	Dec. 2025
Suzanne Thompson (R)	Dec. 2023
Jennifer L. Miller (R)	Dec. 2023
Steven J. Wilson (R)	Dec. 2023
Mary Powell-St. Louis (R), Lyme	Dec. 2023
Stacy Leonardo (D), Lyme	Dec. 2022
Anna James (D), Lyme	Dec. 2025

Registrars of Voters

Catherine Carter (R)	Nov. 2025
Marylin Clarke (D)	Nov. 2025

Zoning Commission

Alan Todd (U)	Nov. 2022
Michael Miller (R)	Nov. 2025
Jane Marsh (R)	Nov. 2026
Paul Orzel, Chair (U)	Nov. 2023
Tammy Tinnerello (R)	Nov. 2024
Mary Jo Nosal (D)	Nov. 2027

Zoning Commission Alternates

Katherine Klose (D)	Jan. 2022
Maria Martinez (D)	Jan. 2022
Michael Barnes (U)	Feb. 2023
Sloan Danenhower (U)	Feb. 2023
Sherry Johnston (R)	Feb. 2023

Zoning Board of Appeals

Nancy Hutchinson, Chairman (R)	Nov. 2024
Kip Kotzan, Vice Chair (D)	Nov. 2026
Stephen Dix (R)	Nov. 2025
Dan Montano (R)	Nov. 2022
Stephanie Mickle (D)	Nov. 2023
Russell Fogg (D)	Nov. 2027

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Devin Carney (R)	Nov. 2021
Sherry Johnston (R)	Nov. 2021
Kathleen Tracy (D)	Nov. 2023
Roderick Clingman (R)	Nov. 2023

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 (D).....	Jan. 2025
Amy Hossier – <i>Alternate</i> (D).....	Jan. 2024
George Clough – <i>Alternate</i> (D).....	Jan. 2022
Anthony Vasiliou – <i>Alternate</i> (R).....	Jan. 2023
Laurie Walker – <i>Alternate</i> (D).....	Jan. 2025

American Rescue Plan Committee

Thomas Gotowka, Chair (D).....	Life Term
Jennifer Datum (D).....	Life Term
Dave Roberge (R).....	Life Term
Cheryl Poirier (U).....	Life Term
Phil Parcak (D).....	Life Term
Dennis Powers (R).....	Life Term
Mary Seidner (D).....	Life Term
Nicole Legere (R).....	Life Term
Ross Higgins (D).....	Life Term
Richard Stout (U).....	Life Term
Nary Jo Nosal (D).....	Life Term
Martha Shoemaker (D).....	Life Term

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>).....	Ex Officio

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

Suzanne Thompson (R).....	July 2024
Gregory Futoma – <i>Alternate</i> (D).....	July 2024

Conservation Commission

George James (R).....	Jan. 2024
Tom Sherer (D).....	Jan. 2023
Maureen Plumleigh (U).....	Jan. 2024
Anthony Daniels, Chair (D).....	Jan. 2023
George Ryan (R).....	Jan. 2024
Charlotte Lyman (D).....	Jan. 2023
Gary Gregory (U).....	Jan. 2023
Traci Russell – <i>Alternate</i> (R).....	Jan. 2023
Nicole Kabel – <i>Alternate</i> (D).....	Jan. 2023
Madalyne Longfellow – <i>Alternate</i> (R).....	Jan. 2023
Peter Cable (D).....	Ex Officio

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
Economic Development Commission	
Joseph Camean (R)	Jan. 2023
John Stratton (R)	Jan. 2025
Margaret Jane DeRisio (R)	Jan. 2025
Cheryl Poirier, Chair (U)	Jan. 2024
Jean Wilczynski (D)	Jan. 2026
Candace Fuchs (D)	Jan. 2022
Sheri Cote (U)	Jan. 2023
Mona Colwell (U)	Jan. 2024
Wendy Russell (R)	Jan. 2027
Ethics Commission	
Claudia Schmaus (U)	Jan. 2023
Jennifer Kendall (R)	Jan. 2024
Gil Soucie (D)	Jan. 2023
Jane Cable, Chair (D)	Jan. 2024
Emergency Management Director	
David Roberge	Jan. 2024
Fire Marshal	
David Roberge	Life Term
Flood and Erosion Control Board	
Gary Smith (R)	Jan. 2024
Steve Martino (U)	Jan. 2023
David Roberge	Ex Officio
Halls Road Improvement Committee	
Ray Thompson (R)	Life Term
Bud Canaday (R)	Life Term
Michael Reiter (D)	Life Term
Edie Twining, Chair (D)	Life Term
Howard Margules (D)	Life Term
Matt Merritt (D)	Life Term
Debi Czarnecki (R)	Life Term
David Kelsey (R)	Life Term
Harbor Management Commission	
Chris Staab, Chair (R)	Jan. 2026
Teri Lewis, Vice Chair (U)	Jan. 2025
Michael Magee, Secretary (U)	Jan. 2026
Thomas Kelo, Treasurer (U)	Jan. 2024
Michael Presti (R)	Jan. 2024
Sloan Danenhowe, (U)	Jan. 2026
Tom Meyer (R)	Jan. 2025
George Finley (D)	Jan. 2025
Michael Barnes (U)	Jan. 2024
Harry S. Plaut, Harbormaster (R)	Ex Officio
John McDonald (R)	<i>(Resigned 5/22)</i> Jan. 2024
William Harris (R)	<i>(Resigned 6/22)</i> Jan. 2024
David Acosta, Alternate (U)	Jan. 2025

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Historic District Commission

Dini Mallory, Co-Chair (R)	Jan. 2026
John Noyes, Co-Chair (U)	Jan. 2025
Debi Czarnecki (R)	Jan. 2023
C. Russell Todd (U)	Jan. 2024
Carolyn Wakeman (D)	Jan. 2027
John Pfeiffer, Town Historian	Ex-Officio

Historic District Commission Alternates

Tammy Hinkley (R)	Jan. 2024
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Inland Wetlands Commission

Evan Griswold (D)	Jan. 2025
Tom Machnik (R)	Jan. 2024
Rachel Gaudio, Chair (U)	Jan. 2023
Gary Gregory (U)	Jan. 2023
Michael Miller (R)	Jan. 2025
Chris Marchant (R)	Jan. 2024
Jared Bombaci – <i>Alternate</i> (U)	Jan. 2023
John Mesham – <i>Alternate</i> (R)	Jan. 2023

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

(Elected at caucus or through application)

William U. Archer (D)	Monique Heller (R)	Doris A. Recor (U)
Peter M. Bauchmann (U)	Peter Hunt (D)	Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)
John A. Bysko (R)	Victoria K. Lanier (R)	Sheila Riffle (D)
Jane E. Cable (D)	Leslie J. Massa (R)	John D. Seckla (U)
Christopher Carter (R)	Mary Jo Kelly Nosal (D)	Martha Shoemaker (D)
Barbara McBride Doyen (D)	Lorianne Panzara (D)	Michellee Speirs (U)
Jason C. Gagnon (U)	Frank S. Pappalardo (R)	Judith A. Tooker (R)
Timothy C. Griswold (R)	Lawrence I. Peterson, Jr. (D)	Paul Yellen (D)
	Harry Plaut (R)	

Ledge Light Board

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

Doris Hungerford (Lyme)	
Jeremy Crispin (Lyme)	
Diana Seckla (Lyme)	
Susan Campbell (R)	June 2025
Joan Bonvicin (D)	June 2023
Kathy Lockwood (D)	June 2023
Jeri Baker, Chair (D)	June 2024
Jacqueline Roberts (D)	June 2024
David Griswold (R)	June 2025
Jane Folland (U)	June 2023
Christina Gotowka (U)	June 2023
Peter Lucchese (R)	June 2024

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Municipal Agent for the Elderly

Cynthia Taylor (R)..... Jan. 2024

Open Space Commission

Amanda Blair, Co-Chair (D) Jan. 2025
Evan Griswold, Co-Chair (D) Jan. 2023
Gary Gregory (U)..... Jan. 2023
Gregory Futoma (D)..... Jan. 2023
Andrea Fenton (D) Jan. 2025
Claudio Denoya (R)..... Jan. 2025
Anne B. Redfield (D)..... Jan. 2024
Fred Behringer – *Alternate* (R)..... Jan. 2025
Michael Aurelia – *Alternate* (D)..... Jan. 2024
Bruce Baratz – *Alternate* (D) Jan. 2022

Parks and Recreation Commission

Robert Dunn, Chair (R) ... Jan. 2023
Mary Ellen Garbarino (R)..... Jan. 2024
Missy Colburn Garvin (U) Jan. 2025
Tim Gavin (U) Jan. 2025
Brendan McKeever (R) Jan. 2023
Ryan Lee (D)..... Jan. 2023
Sara van Vliet (U)..... Jan. 2024
Don Bugbee, Parks and Rec. Director..... Ex-Officio

Pension Committee

Jean Wilczynski, Chair (D) Jan. 2024
Skip Sibley (R)..... Jan. 2025
Richard Stout (U)..... Jan. 2023
Vicki Urbowicz, Staff Rep
Holly McCalla, Regional School District #18
David Kelsey, BOF Appointment
Nicole Leger, Finance Director

Deputy Registrars

Jackie Miano
Michele Hayes
Jennifer Datum

Rogers Lake Authority

Jenell James (R) Jan. 2023
Maneehsa Joshi Jan. 2024
Richard Smith, Co-Chair (U)..... Jan. 2025
Toni Phillips, Lyme..... May 2025
Dennis Overfield, Lyme, Co-Chair May 2023
Mark Hastings, Lyme May 2024

Shellfish Commission

John Seckla (U) Jan. 2024
Todd Machnik (R) Jan. 2023
John Nickerson (U) Jan. 2024

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Solid Waste & Recycling Committee

Maryellen Basham, Co-Chair (U)	Life Term
Jim Ward, Co-Chair (D)	Life Term
Leslie O'Connor (U)	Life Term
Suzanne Thompson (R)	Life Term
Karen Taylor, Secretary (D)	Life Term
Fred Behringer (R)	Life Term

Sound View Commission

Harry Plaut (R)	Jan. 2025
Joanne Reis Lishing (D)	Jan. 2025
Frank Pappalardo, Chairman (R)	Jan. 2023
Michaelle Pearson (D)	Jan. 2023
Frank Maratta (R)	Jan. 2024

Sound View Commission Alternates

Jackie Miano (R)	Jan. 2023
Paul Orzel (U)	Jan. 2023
Marisa Calvi-Rogers (D)	Jan. 2023

Regional Agricultural Council

Baylee Drown (U)	Jan. 2025
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Town Counsel

Suisman Shapiro	Jan. 2024
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Town Historian

John Pfeiffer (D)

Tree Commission

Joanne DiCamillo, Chairman (U)	Jan. 2023
Anne Bing (D)	Jan. 2025
Emily Griswold (R)	Jan. 2025
Joan Flynn, M.D. (D)	Jan. 2025
Michael Gaffey (D)	Jan. 2023
Fred Behringer – <i>Alternate</i> (R)	Jan. 2023
Thomas Degnan (U)	Ex-Officio

Tree Warden

Thomas Degnan (U)	Jan. 2024
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Water Pollution Control Authority

Dmitri Tolchinski (R)	Jan. 2024
Frank Chan (D)	Jan. 2026
Richard Prendergast, Chair (D)	Jan. 2025
Andrea Lombard (U)	Jan. 2024
Robert McCarthy (D)	Jan. 2025
Joseph Carpentino (D)	Jan. 2026
Steve Cinami (R)	Jan. 2026
Corey Bullock (R)	Jan. 2024
Robert Nixon (R)	Jan. 2025

Town Staff

Animal Control Officer	Lynn Philemon
Assessor	Melinda Kronfeld
Administrative Assessment Technician	Maribeth Fraser
Building Department & Fire Marshal Administrative Assistant	Kathleen Hall
Building Official	Mark Wayland
Emergency Management Director	David Roberge
Finance Director	Nicole Leger
Assistant to Finance Director	Amy Jensen
Fire Marshal	David Roberge
Health Department, Sanitarian	Ledge Light Health District
Health Department Administrative Assistant	Patricia Myers
Land Use (Inland Wetlands, Planning, Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals)	
<i>Zoning and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer</i>	Daniel Bourret/Eric Knapp
<i>Land Use Coordinator</i>	Kim Groves
<i>Zoning Enforcement Technician</i>	Kim Barrows
Parks and Recreation Director	Donald Bugbee
Parks and Recreation Assistant Director	Winnie Edmed
Selectman's Office:	
<i>First Selectman</i>	Timothy Griswold
<i>Executive Assistant – First Selectman</i>	Katie Balocca
<i>Office Manager</i>	Michele Hayes
Senior Center Director	Stephanie Lyon-Gould
Senior Center Director's Assistant	Caitlin Perkins
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

Transfer Station Supervisor – Donald Ritty

Ben Carroll
 Scott D'Amato
 Richard Gocka
 Brian Lorentson

George Martin
 Robert Perry
 Donald Saunders

Election Results – November 2, 2021

First Selectman

Democrat – Martha H. Shoemaker, 1,596***

Republican – Timothy Griswold, 1,700*

Selectmen

Democrat – Jim Lampos, 1,575

Republican – Matthew Ward, 1,700*

Town Clerk

Republican – Vicki Urbowicz, 2,204*

Board of Finance (Full Term)

Democrat – Bradley Mock, 1,483

Democrat – Anna S. Reiter, 1,530

Republican – Andrew Russell, 1,722*

Republican – Judith Read, 1,716*

Board of Finance (To Fill Vacancy for Four Years)

Democrat – Kim Russell Thompson, 1,890*

Board of Finance Alternates

Democrat – Sarah E. Michaelson, 1,621

Democrat – Katherine Thuma, 1,630*

Republican – Matthew Olson, 1,754*

Republican – Maria Marchant, 1,709*

Board of Assessment Appeals

Democrat – George C. Finley, 1,664*

Republican – Timothy Griswold, 1,558*

Planning Commission 5 Year Term Begins 2021

Democrat – Jim Lampos, 1,548

Republican – Todd Machnik, 1,711*

Planning Commission 5 Year Term Begins 2022

Democrat – Rob McCarthy, 1,938*

Zoning Commission 5 Year Term Begins 2021

Democratic – Maria Martinez, 1,478

Republican – Jane Marsh, 1,701*

Zoning Commission 5 Year Term Begins 2022

Democratic – Mary Jo Nosal, 1,600*

Republican – Sloan Danenhower, 1,594

Zoning Board of Appeals 5 Year Term Begins 2021

Democrat – Kip Kotzan, 1,897*

Zoning Board of Appeals 5 Year Term Begins 2022

Democrat – Russell Fogg, 1,632*

Republican – Daniel Montano, 1,535

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Democrat – Kathleen Tracy, 1,651**

Republican – Sherry Johnston, 1,664

Republican – Roderick Clingman, 1,722*

Republican – Christopher Kerr, 1,871*

Regional Board of Education

Democrat – Jason L. Kemp, 1,621*

Democrat – Marisa Calvi-Rogers, 1,520

Democrat – Martha H. Shoemaker, 1,680*

Democrat – Alexander Lowry, 1,555

Republican – Mona Colwell, 1,391

Republican – Laura Dean-Frazier, 1,705*

Republican – Michael Presti, 1,525

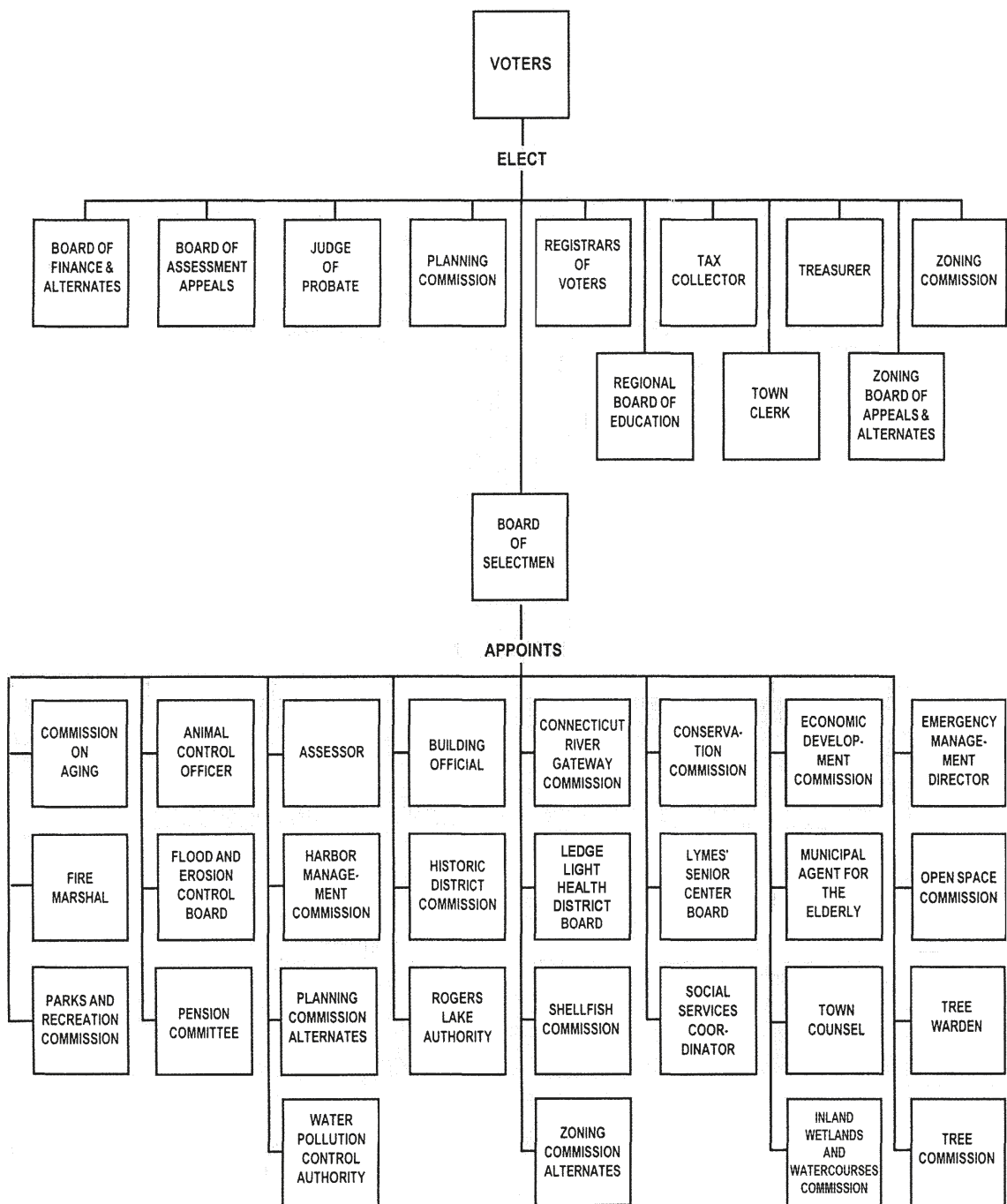
Republican – Christopher Staab, 1,578*

* Indicates Elected Candidate(s)

** Indicates Elected-Minority Representation Applied

*** Indicates seated on Board of Selectmen.

Organization Chart



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

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Marriages July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

Timothy Joseph Callahan & Shauna Louise Sullivan	July 2, 2021
Vladimir Ashworth & James Josiah Moser	July 8, 2021
Michael Joseph Raposo & Katelyn Heather Cappello	July 17, 2021
Michael Joseph Lally & Katya Angelova Gentile	July 19, 2021
Andrew Hart St. Pierre & Erin Elizabeth Ellwanger	July 23, 2021
Christopher Brian Drewry & Jessica Marie Ruddy	August 7, 2021
Justin Hart Becraft & Morgan Stiles Konney	August 7, 2021
Steven Sawyer Gregory & Kasey Elizabeth Testa	August 13, 2021
Craig Francis Riley & Shanna Rae Frawley	August 20, 2021
Charles Michael Frey, Jr. & Renee Leigh Gwaltney	August 21, 2021
Victor Hommy Mojica-Molina & Elaine Mary McKim	August 21, 2021
Craig Raymond King & Kristin Edith Gardiner	August 25, 2021
Andrew D. Montanaro & Maria Aparecida Coelho	September 17, 2021
Jason James Vicchitto & Frances Dorothy Parker (East Lyme)	September 18, 2021
Matthew Peter Haskins & Abigail Hannah Palmieri (Deep River)	September 20, 2021
Trent Machnik Soares & Stephanie Denise Disotell (Portland)	September 20, 2021
Aaron Maldonado & Sarah Brigitte Gaudio	September 24, 2021
Harry Mulford Jewett IV & Kara Nicole Bellamy	September 25, 2021
Charles Daniel Powell & Sasha Ligia Lorraine Sokol	September 25, 2021
Stephen Kerins Carmody & Elizabeth Hayes Carr	September 25, 2021
James Andrew Caramante & Christine Mae O'Donnell	September 25, 2021
Amanda Lynn Demoranville & Olivia Joan DeTour (Haddam)	October 2, 2021
Branden David Cheesman & Kristina Elizabeth McDonald	October 2, 2021
Jesse Alonzo Sumner & Maia Joi Baskerville	October 2, 2021
Jonathan Lawrence Brandt & Emily Sylvia Rueb	October 9, 2021
Trevor John Zaleski & Catherine Mary Roy	October 9, 2021
Paul Kenneth Reres & Rebecca Ann O'Sullivan	October 17, 2021
Brian Robert Quilter & Fiona Natalie Brown	October 21, 2021
Eren Boduroglu & Ashlyn Marie Elliott	November 14, 2021
Kyle Andrew Kuchyt & Jessica Christine Labbe	December 4, 2021
Andrew Richard Corbin & John Stanley Rogers	December 17, 2021
Brendan William Hallahan & Sofia Natalia Gil	December 19, 2021
Michael Harrison Sweet II & Margaret Joan Tripp Miller	December 24, 2021
Andre Victor Greco & Pamela Jean Farnham	January 1, 2022
Benjamin Seth Turner & Casey Ann Saunders	January 16, 2022
Jerome Robert Cushman & Raven Dacia Peres	February 20, 2022
Colin Mannion & Caroline E. Delehanty	February 22, 2022
Lukasz Filipkowski & Paulina Magdalena Jedrzejczyk (Waterford)	March 13, 2022
Christopher Edward Zajac & Susan Marie Webb (East Haddam)	March 18, 2022
Lawrence Merle Merrill III & Melissa Anne Purcell (Middletown)	April 10, 2022
Jeffrey Lee McLaughlin & Rayna Linn Fisher	April 20, 2022
Jeffrey Scott Winters & Emily Ann McGlynn	April 30, 2022
Matthew Grant Bolin & Brett Noel Loquist	May 13, 2022
Joseph Michael Milton & Courtney Lynn Johnson	May 14, 2022
Michael John McConnell & Elizabeth Rose Fina	May 21, 2022
Keith Alan Winter & Carol Ann Moran	May 21, 2022
Martin Tangredi, Jr. & Patricia Marie Wooding	June 3, 2022
Evan Christian Griswold & Klaudia Zalenska	June 4, 2022
Curtis George Strong, Jr. & Kathleen Adele Waldie	June 4, 2022

Marriages July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 *(continued)*

Christopher Robert Mango & Colleen Elizabeth Bonessi	June 11, 2022
Nebiyu Said Osman & Anna Helen Seidner	June 11, 2022
Richard Cyril Higgins III & Jacqueline Anne Stearns (Lyme).....	June 11, 2022
Kurtis Craig Goodspeed & Shayna Louise Sweet	June 18, 2022
Adam Gilchrist McCaffery & Hayley Alexandra Engleberg (East Lyme)	June 18, 2022
Thomas David Fluckiger & Mary Katie Sheehan Quinn.....	June 25, 2022
Adam Hildyard Kramer & Emily Marie Malcynsky.....	June 25, 2022
Jeremy John Lessard & Corinne Rose McDermott	June 25, 2022

Deaths July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

John J. Speirs III	July 11, 2021
Edmund Boryczewski.....	July 16, 2021
Kevin S. Counter	July 24, 2021
Thomas Leonard Kratzert	July 27, 2021
Lidia C. Ilvento (Groton)	August 2, 2021
Sheldon Arthur Baker (Old Saybrook)	August 6, 2021
Howard Clark	August 9, 2021
Geraldine Bell	August 11, 2021
Marilyn G. Stitham (Niantic)	August 20, 2021
Linda Smith Krulikowski	August 22, 2021
Vincent P. Beksha (Farmington).....	August 23, 2021
Richard B. Teixeira	August 24, 2021
Lucy Scott Pratt (Niantic)	August 29, 2021
Clayton D. Mounts.....	September 2, 2021
Edward J. Janicki (Branford)	September 6, 2021
Stacia C. Stadnicki (Chester).....	September 10, 2021
Ann D. Neilsen (Chester)	September 10, 2021
David Lewis Downs.....	September 15, 2021
Camille Schwartz (Niantic)	September 17, 2021
Jonathan Bryn Cornelius (Branford).....	October 14, 2021
Henry Thomas Golet.....	October 15, 2021
William Foster O'Meara	October 18, 2021
Fortunato Cocco	October 22, 2021
Robert King White (Essex)	November 7, 2021
Hazel Bryan Tracy.....	November 11, 2021
Dennis Russell Peterson (New London)	November 14, 2021
Kenneth Charles Levin.....	November 23, 2021
Douglas Eugene Pond (Middletown).....	December 1, 2021
Nancy Dian Mason Johnson (New Haven)	December 4, 2021
Mark Marderosian	December 6, 2021
Susan M. Salzillo (New London)	December 8, 2021
James Josia Moser	December 13, 2021
Mark Evan Straub.....	December 14, 2021
Doris Jane Pearce	December 16, 2021
Michael K. Sanders (Old Saybrook)	December 17, 2021
Edward J. Sweeney, Jr. (West Hartford)	December 17, 2021
Karen Marie Galbo (Hartford)	December 19, 2021
Jennie Paula Cassarino (Marlborough)	December 19, 2021
Janusz Jozef Janiec (New Haven).....	December 26, 2021
Eleanor Gamble Perkins Robinson	January 2, 2022
Carol Ann Dorman (Niantic)	January 13, 2022
Fernando Cruanes	January 14, 2022
Frederick Arthur Steigleder (Branford).....	January 16, 2022
Larry Michael Davis	January 18, 2022
Eleanor Stone Machnik (Middletown)	January 19, 2022
John Charles Petersen.....	January 19, 2022
Russell A. Gomes, Sr.....	January 23, 2022
Patricia Ann Rand.....	January 26, 2022
Carlene Marie Landry (New London)	January 28, 2022

Deaths July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022 *(continued)*

Justin Henry Bogucki (Niantic).....	January 28, 2022
Kathleen B. Kristopik (Waterford)	February 8, 2022
Richard W. Krom.....	February 11, 2022
Jennie A. Rubera.....	February 12, 2022
Wayne Lawrence Ogorzalek.....	February 21, 2022
Didier Andre Rocherolle (New London)	March 13, 2022
Eleanor A. Larson (New London)	March 15, 2022
Thomas Stanton	March 24, 2022
David Paul Kus	March 25, 2022
Linda Carole Mildrum (New London).....	April 3, 2022
Stephen Franklin Bartlett (New London)	April 7, 2022
Martha Rita Ames	April 8, 2022
John Robert Cordock.....	April 12, 2022
Edward John Sopneski (Middletown).....	April 12, 2022
Harvey M. Makaiwi	April 18, 2022
Tallmadge Starr Renault.....	April 21, 2022
Gregory Wayne Hutchins	April 28, 2022
Stephen A. Klinck	April 29, 2022
Doris H. Hutchins	May 2, 2022
Judith Chick Vitali	May 13, 2022
William Louis Poeta, Jr.	May 21, 2022
Craig Rex Mathis	May 29, 2022
Richard Joseph Frascarelli, Sr. (Ledyard).....	June 2, 2022
David William O'Donnell (Middletown).....	June 7, 2022
David Carroll Doyle	June 9, 2022
Judith Lynn Green (Marlborough)	June 11, 2022
Donna Lee Poeta.....	June 13, 2022
Charles J. Conway (Middletown).....	June 17, 2022
Anne S. Condon (Niantic).....	June 26, 2022
Diane J. Chapman	June 27, 2022

Affordable Housing Commission

Michael Fogliano
Chairman

A top priority for the Affordable Housing Commission during FY2021-22 was to prepare and adopt a state-mandated five-year Affordable Housing Plan to “specify how the municipality intends to increase the number of affordable housing developments in the municipality.” The commission partnered with the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments (RiverCOG) to conduct both regional and local housing studies and to prepare the Old Lyme Affordable Housing Plan as well as a Regional Housing Plan.

Two workshops were held early in 2022 to share results of the housing studies and engage in a conversation with the community about a strategy and plan to remedy the deep gap in the availability of affordable housing in Old Lyme. The final plan was adopted by the Board of Selectmen in May 2022. Residents are encouraged to read the plan, view the workshop materials,

and explore the supporting data that are available on the commission web page at <https://oldlyme-ct.gov/affordable-housing-commission>.

Another top priority for the commission was to find a path, working in collaboration with the Open Space Commission, to exercise an option to build two units of affordable housing on designated building envelopes that were purchased as part of the McCulloch Family Open Space acquisition in 2019. Initial site testing was performed by the Open Space Commission in 2021, and in 2022, the Affordable Housing Commission was awarded a \$150,000 ARPA Community Initiative grant to support a building project. Work to finalize and implement a plan to exercise the option will continue in 2022-23. Finally, the commission came to full membership in 2022 with the appointments of alternate members Laurie Walker and Anthony Vasiliou.

American Rescue Plan Committee (ARPC)

Thomas D. Gotowka
ARPC Chairman

On June 15, 2021, the First Selectman announced that the American Rescue Plan (ARP) will award Old Lyme a total of \$2,162,215 with the goal to “accelerate the recovery from the economic and health effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.” Eligible uses for these funds were defined as follows:

- Support the public health response, including mitigation and medical expenses;
- Address the negative economic impacts, which may include assistance to households, small businesses, and nonprofits, or aid to impacted industries, like tourism, travel, the arts, and hospitality;
- Invest in water, sewers, and broadband infrastructure;
- Provide premium pay for essential workers; and
- Replace lost public sector revenue.
- (Note that Boards of Education receive funds that are separate and independent of the above.)

In September 2021, the Board of Selectmen (BOS) appointed a committee charged to develop and recommend an approach for the distribution of the ARP funds to Old Lyme residents and businesses impacted by the COVID pandemic.

The ARPC comprised individuals with broad expertise in public health, business, municipal infrastructure, social and emergency services, the arts, and tourism. The committee met for the first time on October 6, 2021, and continued to meet weekly thereafter, with the goal of making a recommendation to the BOS by June 30, 2022. To ensure objectivity, the ARPC also secured the services of an independent consultant with no ties to Old Lyme, George Krivda, who had experience in reviewing requests for ARP assistance from businesses and organizations in other municipalities.

The committee conducted a survey of residents, seasonal property owners, and business leaders in January 2022 to begin to determine the scope of the pandemic’s local economic impact

American Rescue Plan Committee (ARPC) *(continued)*

and to set priorities that would be addressed in the recommendation to the BOS. Over nine hundred surveys were completed. The committee also met with representatives from Ledge Light Health District, the Community Foundation of Eastern CT, the Lymes' Senior Center, and the Lower CT River Valley Council of Governments.

Application and review processes were developed and publicized via local print and online media, posters in local businesses, and an extensive mailing. Applications and supportive documentation were accepted by the ARPC until May 2, 2022.

After review, the ARPC recommended an array of economic recovery grants for financial losses sustained by small businesses and not-for-profit organizations, substantial support for Old Lyme infrastructure and emergency services, and funds for initiatives sponsored by organizations in the town that impact a broad segment of the community.

Note that the ARPC decided to not consider requests from individuals or households that suffered losses during the pandemic, but rather recommended that funds be allocated to the Social Services Discretionary Fund and Lymes' Youth Service Bureau, whose missions already include assisting those most in need within the Old Lyme community. Further, to maximize distribution of funds, the ARPC determined that economic recovery awards would not exceed \$10,0000.

The Boards of Selectmen and Finance voted to accept the ARPC's recommendations on June 21, 2022 and moved it forward to a Special Town Meeting on July 5, 2022; where it was also approved.

Detailed funding recommendations, including grant recipients, are available on the Town of Old Lyme website (American Rescue Plan Committee | Old Lyme CT (oldlyme-ct.gov))

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

Assessor

Melinda R. Kronfeld, CCMA II
Assessor

Mickie Fraser, AAT
Administrative Assessment Technician

In 2021 we saw the Grand List grow again with higher-than-average motor vehicle values across the nation and a rise in building permits resulting in a change from \$1,556,379,975 in 2020 to \$1,584,014,968 in 2021.

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](https://oldlyme-ct.gov). Frequently asked questions, deadlines for exemptions and 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 *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 mkronefeld@oldlyme-ct.gov.

Board of Finance

David Kelsey
Chairman

We at the Board of Finance understand most of our town income comes from homeowners' property tax, in fiscal year 2021 accounting for 92.9 percent. Having served on this board for close to fifteen 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 2022 (ended June 30, 2022), revenues totaled \$39.4 million, exceeding the final budget by \$1.3 million, 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 \$560,000 less than budget. These lower outlays were spread across virtually all our town departments and are a tribute to the work of Finance Director Nicole Leger as well as that of all of our department heads and board and commissions.

With good results from revenue and expenses, our general fund balance grew FY 2022 from \$11.7 million to \$12.9 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 on June 20, 2022 to the FY 2022 budget was 33.1 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 contribute meaningfully each year to long-term funds used for future improvements, open space acquisitions, and capital needs. Major town projects (District 18 projects are separately funded) undertaken in FY 2022 were primarily significant repavement throughout the town. Future needs may include a replacement of the Grassy Hill bridge, a renovated Senior Center, Open Space purchases, sidewalks on Ferry Road, and improvements along the Halls Road corridor. We continue to fund long-term accounts to plan for equipment needs in many areas, including

Board of Finance *(continued)*

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's website as well as additional helpful building department information.

The Building Official reviews all submitted drawings for compliance of 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 when submitted, the more detailed the code review process that can be achieved.

Permits issued per fiscal years:

2016/2017: 887
2017/2018: 978
2018/2019: 889
2019/2020: 771
2020/2021: 1,168
2021/2022: 1,160

Building Permits Issued

From 7/1/21-6/30/22

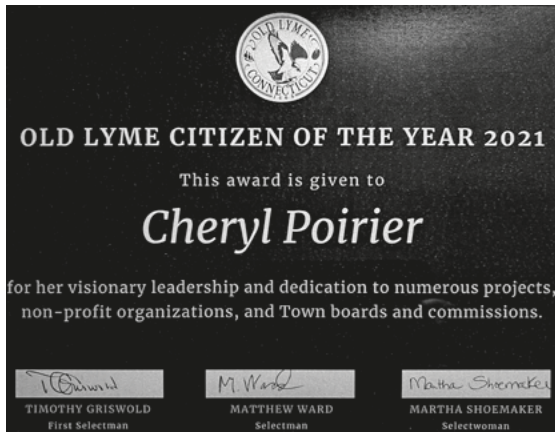
370	Residential	\$24,755,236.00
20	Commercial.....	\$2,549,831.00
286	Electrical	\$1,166,225.00
172	Mechanical (Hvac)	\$1,914,044.00
96	Plumbing	\$185,609.00
163	Gas.....	\$357,025.00
11	Pool/Spa.....	\$610,234.00
12	Tent.....	\$35,600.00
13	Tank.....	\$48,949.00
5	Demo.....	\$ N/A
12	Wood Stove/Solid Fuel	\$ N/A

Total Valuation Cost of Permits Issued.....\$31,622,753.00
Total Number of Permits Issued 1,160
Total Fees Received During Fiscal Year \$406,585.00
Inspections Completed During Fiscal Year 1,505

Citizen of the Year

Timothy C. Griswold

First Selectman



We are excited to announce that Old Lyme's **Citizen of the Year for 2021** is the very talented **Cheryl Poirier**. Cheryl has provided extraordinary service to the Town of Old Lyme in a variety of capacities. She has touched the hearts of many, and that will be reflected in my remarks tonight.

Cheryl is deeply committed to promoting the arts. She is the former Marketing Associate for the Florence Griswold Museum. The museum credits her for developing their "brand" and said that Cheryl is a natural storyteller who is gifted at distilling information into beautiful moments that capture the attention of their audiences. She made a particular impact on her former museum colleague Tammi Flynn.

Tammi told us that Cheryl is a big thinker whose mind never stops. She sees everything as an opportunity to be explored. Specifically, Tammi said that Cheryl is always five steps ahead of everyone else and frequently "dings" Tammi's phone with text messages saying, "did you see this?" and "have you thought of this?" Tammi usually replies "no" followed by the eyeroll emoji because somehow Cheryl always finds information she hasn't seen yet. She says Cheryl is simply the best at bringing together both ideas and people.

Cheryl is also active with the Old Lyme Arts District and regularly shares information about art happenings on social media. She has led the planning of Old Lyme's Midsummer Festival and participates in events such as *Make Music Day* and the Chamber's Light Up Old Lyme program.

She also spearheads *Fairy Doors on Lyme Street* each fall, so we have her to thank for the festive decorations found up and down the street.

Dan Stevens, owner of *Nightingale's Acoustic Café* and member of the Arts District, has worked directly with Cheryl on Make Music Day and had this to say about her: "I can think of few who have poured so much heart and soul into making our town a great place to live in a wonderfully selfless way. Her enthusiasm is contagious and her ability to motivate and lead is exceptional. She is a true joy to work with and a great asset to our town."

Katie Huffman, Director of the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library and current leader of the Arts District, echoes Dan's sentiments. She told us, "It's a rare person who has both exceptional ideas and the wherewithal and tenacity to realize them. Cheryl is one such person. She has amazing ideas, the confidence to share them with others, and the can-do attitude to see them through. In my experience, she leaves every project and organization better than she found it—more organized, efficient, communicative, and productive. She's more interested in seeing things accomplished than in earning accolades, yet she's willing and beyond capable to take the lead when needed.

"On a more personal level, Cheryl is kind and supportive. She notices when people are struggling and is ready to offer a supporting hand or word of encouragement when things get hard. She's always interested in learning more—about herself, about the community, and about the greater world—and she's willing to share her knowledge and experience with others to the benefit of many."

Beyond all she does to support the arts, Cheryl has been instrumental in several town projects. She is the current chair of the Old Lyme Sustainability Team and through her leadership, secured both the bronze- and silver-level certifications from Sustainable CT. Charlotte Lyman, who works closely with Cheryl on our sustainability efforts, said that the first time Cheryl attended a Sustainable Old Lyme meeting she was very quiet, which is hard to imagine as she tends to have strong opinions and ideas. But very quickly the committee realized how



Bottom photo: Honoring Old Lyme's 2021 Citizen of the Year Cheryl Poirier (third from left) are (from left to right) State Rep. Devin Carney (R-23rd), Old Lyme Town Clerk Vicki Urbowicz, who officiated at the meeting, First Selectman Timothy Griswold, Selectman Matt Ward, and Selectwoman Martha Shoemaker. Photo by Suzanne Thompson. Courtesy of LymeLine.com.

sharp she is and were amazed at her ability to see the potential synergies among many of the organizations in town. Charlotte told us that the smartest thing Sustainable Old Lyme did was making Cheryl their leader and we could not agree more. Now it's time for her to focus on getting us that gold certification!

One of the projects that helped the town achieve these certifications is the town-wide Pollinator Pathway project that encourages residents to plant native species. Cheryl worked alongside Suzanne Thompson to make the project a smashing success. When asked about what it's like to work with Cheryl, Suzanne said, "When I'm collaborating with Cheryl on a project, I know it will be visionary, well thought-out and properly executed – and it will be an enjoyable experience working with her to make things

happen."

Because she doesn't have enough on her plate, Cheryl also agreed to chair the town's Economic Development Commission. In her relatively short time as chair thus far, she worked closely with Edie Twinning to develop a brand-new website dedicated to promoting Old Lyme tourism. She collected anecdotes from small business owners, wrote copy, set up various pages, gathered photography, and worked diligently to put out an incredible product that is beautiful in design and rich in information. Michelle Noehren, of my office, works frequently with Cheryl and said she is one of the most committed, passionate, hardworking, and innovative commission chairs. Howard Margules, the former chair of the EDC, agrees, stating that Cheryl is the epitome of a professional, is hardworking and results-driven, and always maintains an open mind.

Highly organized, deeply motivated, compassionate, and an innovative visionary are all terms that accurately describe Cheryl and her leadership style. Everything I mentioned today she does in a volunteer capacity, so we have no idea how she also makes time to be the wonderful wife, parent, and friend that we know she is. The Town of Old Lyme is grateful for all that she does to support the arts, tourism, the environment, and the economic development of this town she cares so much about. Congratulations, Cheryl, for being selected as the Town of Old Lyme's 2021 Citizen of the Year. This is a much deserved honor.

Connecticut Audubon Society

Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center

Alisha Milardo

Director

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The Connecticut Audubon Society's Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center (RTPEC) 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 the RTPEC team focused on enhancing the habitats for wildlife on the 5.2-acre property and renovated the former kitchen into a teaching classroom. Over the course of the year our board, staff, and volunteers removed over one ton of invasive species from the property. We will continue to carry out the regional conservation, science research, and education that began seven years ago when the RTPEC was established.

At RTPEC we provide 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 provide in-person and virtual adult and family programming: bird walks, guided trail

and shoreline hikes, kayak paddles, webinars, and more. Our 2022 summer camp promises to be a huge success—many sessions are sold out and new digital microscopes will be introduced.

Facilitating scientific research is another major priority of the RTPEC. We have concluded a five-year project researching Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) in the estuary. The study, conducted by interns from Mount Holyoke College, Wesleyan, and Connecticut College under the direction of a Connecticut Audubon Society biologist, collected data within the Connecticut River Estuary to update a twenty-five-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. This past year we worked with the Pew Charitable Trusts to successfully advocate for the designation of the 30th 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.

The Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center focuses on the dominant biosystems of the region: our estuaries. Estuaries sustain wildlife and are the engines that drive our local economies, recreation, and the affection of our residents.

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

Suzanne Thompson
Chairman

ctrivergateway.org

Many have recognized the uniqueness and significance of the Lower Connecticut River, the last unspoiled important river estuary on the eastern seaboard of the United States. The Nature Conservancy has designated the area 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 treaty, and the U.S. Secretary of Interior has recognized the Lower Connecticut River Valley as “one of the most important ecological landscapes” in the United States. In 1999, the Connecticut River was designated as one of fourteen American Heritage Rivers by the President of the United States.

Long before these many accolades, the residents and local officials understood what makes this region so special and the need to preserve it. In the early 1970s, eight towns agreed to participate in a regional compact to protect the unique scenic, ecological, scientific, and historic value of the natural and traditional riverway scene for the enjoyment of present and future generations of Connecticut citizens. The Connecticut General Assembly in 1973 recognized the Lower Connecticut River Valley as one of the state’s most important natural, recreational, and scenic areas. Lawmakers passed legislation that established the Connecticut River Gateway Commission and the thirty-mile-long Conservation Zone that includes the portions of Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme, and Old Saybrook, including the Borough of Fenwick, within view of the river.

Each member town determined the Conservation Zone within its borders and the boundaries were set in state statute. The CT River Gateway Commission is made up of two appointees from each town; these representatives serve two-year terms on the commission. An appointee of the Commissioner of Energy and Environmental Protection and representatives from the Lower Connecticut River Council of Governments (COG) also serve on the commission.

The commission is empowered to adopt common zoning standards for height, setback, and lot coverage. Member towns adopt and enforce these within their section of 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 commission’s approval.

The commission also has played an important role in helping to protect open space since its inception. It has worked with land trusts, conservation organizations, towns, and the state to acquire over 1,100 acres of land through purchase or donation of scenic easements, development rights, and fee simple titles.

Old Lyme representatives are Suzanne Thompson, Commission Chair, and Greg Futoma, alternate, Communications Committee Chair. The commission holds eleven monthly meetings on the fourth Thursday of every month, January through October, starting at 7 p.m. There is no November meeting. The December meeting is held the first Thursday of the month. Staff support is provided by the River COG. Meetings that are not held remotely via Zoom have been held in the River COG conference room, 145 Old Dennison Road, Centerbrook. Meeting agendas, minutes, members, a map of the Gateway Zone, and the Standards are posted at ctrivergateway.org.

The Gateway Commission thanks J. H. Torrance Downes, Deputy Director, River COG, for his eighteen years of serving as staff support to the commission. Torrance will retire in December 2022 after over twenty-seven years with CT River Estuary Regional Planning Agency (CRERPA) and River COG.

For more information, please contact CT River COG at contact@ctrivergateway.org, 860-581-8554. See ctrivergateway.org.

Economic Development Commission (EDC)

Cheryl Poirier
Chairperson

Meetings: First Wednesday of the Month, 5:30 p.m., Memorial Town Hall Meeting Hall
<https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/economic-development-commission>
EDC@oldlyme-ct.gov

The town's Economic Development Commission (EDC) had a busy fiscal year delivering on its mission to *support economic investment and revitalization of existing businesses while attracting new commerce and cultural opportunities complementing the true spirit and character of the community, resulting in long-term employment and a diversified economic base further benefiting the quality of life for all who live in and visit Old Lyme.*

Highlights of the year include a new consumer-oriented website, a ribbon-cutting program, the town's appointment of an EDC-recommended Shoreline Gateway Committee, and the hosting of an Economic Forum for Old Lyme's commissions and boards.

To promote Old Lyme to those thinking of visiting or relocating their home or business here, the EDC created a new website, ExploreOldLyme.com. Working in conjunction with the Old Lyme Arts District partnership, the website took shape over the course of the year and includes several resources and amenities for those learning about Old Lyme. The site includes a listing of our dining and shopping options; where to enjoy hikes, boating, and cultural outings; and the numerous community organizations townspeople can join. The website continues to take shape and will continue to support our mission.

To promote new businesses and business owners, the EDC has kicked off a ribbon-cutting activity, bringing publicity to our newest additions to the local economy. The first ribbon cutting took place at the Stumble Inn on Halls Road with owners Jim and Cyndi Caramante, two longtime restaurateurs in town.

In February 2022, the EDC proposed to the Board of Selectmen the appointment of a Shoreline Gateway Committee to address the future economic vitality of Shore Road from Otter Rock Road to Breen Avenue and along Hartford Avenue. The Board of Selectmen unanimously approved the committee and set forth to appoint its members, who began meeting in April 2022.

The EDC now receives regular updates on the Shoreline Gateway Committee's progress, as well as that of the Halls Road Improvement Committee. The EDC also regularly reviews market trends for Old Lyme residential and commercial properties.

The EDC hosted an Economic Forum for Old Lyme commissions and boards on Saturday, March 19 at the Town Hall Meeting Hall. The forum introduced the economic priorities of the EDC based on the findings of Advanced CT's 2020 report (see last year's annual report). The forum also included a presentation by the Affordable Housing Commission, Sustainable Old Lyme,



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Economic Development Commission (EDC) *(continued)*

and the Planning Commission, resulting in a robust conversation about joint efforts that can be made across multiple commissions and boards to further the vision for Old Lyme as presented in the Plan of Conservation & Development.

The EDC is committed to working openly and collaboratively with all stakeholders, especially

town residents and local business owners, in a manner that will maintain and strengthen the local economy while preserving the charm and character of Old Lyme and protecting the town's natural and cultural resources.

Emergency Management

David W. Roberge

Director

Another Nature came back to get us here on the shoreline again this year with the wrath of "Storm Henri" in August. Storm Henri created power outages and blocked roads throughout the community. We express great thanks to our public safety partners of Old Lyme Fire and Police Departments and EMS 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. Additionally, Eversource began widespread tree trimming activities on various roads to ensure reliability for future storms.

Fiscal year 21-22 also had us continue to fight the effects of the COVID-19 virus. While Lyme-Old Lyme schools went remote in the spring of the 2019-2020 school year, we were back to a full five-day week by the 2020-21 school year, being one of the few schools in the state not remote or hybrid. Last year students were in school the entire year.

But the outbreak continued to change the way the town and just about every other business and industry had to conduct their operations. Social distancing, reduced capacities, and mask wearing all took its toll on the economy of the community. The guidance and recommendations received from our public health and emergency management partners of the Ledge Light Health District and 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 supporting critical public health information and supplies of personal protective equipment to help combat the spread of the virus.

The Governor's Office, along the federal government, supported our responses with financial aid from FEMA. As of June 2022, this support and assistance is still ongoing with over \$203,000 in FEMA assistance being received to date. 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 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 and future events, we still recommend that residents who might have "*Special or Functional Needs*" such as potential mobility problems, transportation needs or might be dependent upon electricity for life support be encouraged to register with this office. A Special Needs Registration Form is included again in this year's annual report. If you or someone you know in town might be in need of special assistance, please take a moment and complete the form and return it to this office. All information received is maintained confidential.

As always you can follow Old Lyme Emergency Management on Facebook and Twitter for important information and storm updates. And you can now "opt-in" to our voluntary texting service to receive important information on COVID-19 or storm information. Simply text "OLSTORM" or "OLCOVID19" to 888777 to receive important specific information on either COVID-19 or storm information.

Estuary Transit District (ETD)

Joseph Comerford
Executive Director

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

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

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

The ETD’s services are subsidized by federal, state, and local funding. This allows for inexpensive fares of \$1.75 for deviated fixed routes, \$.85 for people with disabilities, and \$3.50 for Dial-A-Ride. Students of participating state colleges and universities may ride any route for free with a UPass. The ETD also receives a Title III grant through the area agency on aging that allows area senior citizens to ride any ETD service on a donation basis in lieu of the fare.

The 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’s end, ridership was increasing but was 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, adding new Sunday service, increasing frequencies, and improving transfers between routes. The 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
Joan Gay, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	Killingworth
Susan Tyler, <i>Treasurer</i>	Lyme
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

Jared Whitcomb, *Operations Director*
Halyna Famiglietti, *Finance Manager*

Ethics Commission

Jane Cable
Chair

The Ethics Commission was created in 2008 pursuant to state statutes. Its full complement is five members and three alternates, along with an ombudsman, who gives advisory opinions. The commission's function is to hear and look into complaints of conflict of interest by town officials, employees, and consultants. At present, a conflict of interest is an act of the accused person that produces a financial benefit to that person or to his or her family or business.

During the past year, the commission received and heard one ethics complaint and found no probable cause of an ethics violation. The commission is also available to give an advisory opinion.

The current commission is composed of Jennifer Kendall, Claudia Schmauss, Gil Soucie, and Jane Cable. We are looking for members and alternates, particularly unaffiliated voters and Republicans. Any interested resident may contact the chair of the commission on its town website. All meetings involving ethics complaints or issues are held in executive session and remain private: no members of the public may attend, in order to provide that privacy to the parties.

Revisions to the Code of Ethics are needed. When those revisions are finalized, they must come before a town meeting in order to become part of the Code.

Facilities Management

Phil Parcak (*until 6/30/22*)
Tom Meyer (*starting 7/1/22*)
Facilities Manager

Much was accomplished during the past fiscal year in various places all over town!

The exterior of the Town Woods Fieldhouse was power washed, and all the trim was painted.

At White Sand Beach, the exterior of the bath house was painted, the roof repaired, and the outside shower was replaced with a more tamper-resistant unit.

At Cross Lane, the exterior of the concessions building was painted, and the men's and women's bathroom ceilings were repaired.

At the transfer station, we removed the former old trailer structure and installed a new scale house facility. We also upgraded the IT backbone; this modernizes the network configuration and equipment to support future technical advancements, software upgrades, and cybersecurity considerations. We also worked to provide improved access to the site utilities.

At the Lymes' Senior Center, we installed a mini-split heat pump system to control the temperature more efficiently in the office spaces. We replaced a damaged exterior pole and upgraded pole lighting to LED lighting. We repaired and tested the kitchen suppression system; this means we replaced and confirmed the functionality of the obsolete restaurant-grade fire suppression equipment in the senior center kitchen.

At the Department of Public Works, we installed additional heating in the shop area and installed an energy-efficient heat pump mini-split system in the office and break room areas.

We also milled and paved the parking lot there.

Fire Marshal

David W. Roberge
Fire Marshal

During the fiscal year 2021-2022, 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.

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

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

Florence Griswold Museum

Rebekah Beaulieu
Director

On July 15, 2021, the Board of Trustees of the Florence Griswold Museum endorsed the 2021-2026 Strategic Plan – our roadmap – for the next five years. Our extensive planning process included a variety of voices—our volunteer corps, trustees, staff, and community members—who contributed their time and insights. Below are our five strategic goals and an example of our accomplishment toward each of these priorities between July 2021 and June 2022.

Engaging a Wider Audience — Continue the spirit of the Artists' Colony by further connecting our art, history, and landscape to create a more immersive experience for a wider audience.

The museum joined the national program called “Museums for All,” which invites and encourages visitors receiving SNAP benefits to the museum for free. Four people can visit at a time and there is no limit to the number of visits.

Celebrating Identity — Expand the museum's identity around our established mission of fostering the understanding of American art, with emphasis on the art, history, and landscape of Connecticut.

Four special exhibitions appealed to a wide range of audiences — *Social & Solitary: Reflections on Art, Isolation, and Renewal*; *Revisiting America: The Prints of Currier & Ives*; *New London County Quilts & Bed Covers, 1750–1825*; and *Dana Sherwood: Animal Appetites and Other Encounters in Wilderness*.

Planning for the Future — Provide for financial, physical, educational, and environmental stability to ensure the growth of the museum for future generations.

Thanks to the generosity of our members, friends, and community, we broke all previous records in our 2021 Annual Fund fundraising effort—well surpassing our \$380,000 goal.

The museum also received a \$25,000 Scoping Grant from the Frankenthaler Climate Initiative to identify actionable steps for protecting our collections, buildings, and shoreline landscape.

Embracing Friends and Neighbors — Expand the museum's ability to showcase our art, history, and landscape through increased collaboration with local, regional, national, and international museums and institutions.

Florence Griswold Museum *(continued)*

Our staff partnered with the Witness Stone Old Lyme committee to mark sites of enslavement in our town. As a memorial to these vital but forgotten members of our community, the project promotes continued education about enslaved peoples.

Perfecting the Museum Experience — Enhance our onsite and virtual visitor interactions to create an exceptional visitor experience.

Using funds from a Connecticut Cultural Fund Grant, the museum has begun to enhance the digital infrastructure around the twelve-acre campus, with particular attention to the Robert F. Schumann Artists' Trail. With the addition

of Wi-Fi transmitters throughout the site, the museum hopes to better integrate technology along the Artists' Trail, enhancing the visitors' experiences.

The trustees and staff of the Florence Griswold Museum are grateful for the continued support of our community. We are dedicated to ensuring that the museum is a place of relevance, community, and gathering for generations to come. For more information on the Strategic Plan, please visit FlorenceGriswoldMuseum.org/StratPlan or reach out to any staff member with questions or comments. As the reason we exist and thrive, we want to hear from you!

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Revisiting America: The Prints of Currier & Ives was the museum's fall show. The exhibition was organized by the Joslyn Art Museum in Omaha, Nebraska, which has a collection of nearly six hundred prints — a gift of Conagra Brands, who desired that these prints find an appreciative audience in Omaha and beyond. Curator Amy Kurtz Lansing expanded upon the original scholarship with 20th-century examples of how the Currier & Ives images were used, a section explaining lithography, and additions pertaining to the Griswold family.



During the summer of 2021, *Social & Solitary: Reflections on Art, Isolation, and Renewal* led visitors on an exploration on how, throughout history, art has served as a vehicle for processing the trials and tribulations of humanity. During the global COVID crisis we found ourselves immediately alone, together. The artwork in the exhibition offered inspiration to think about both solitude and our social bonds, and to consider how the social and solitary inform artistic practice. Visitors were encouraged to leave their thoughts on our "talk back" wall.

Florence Griswold Museum (continued)



The Florence Griswold House welcomes visitors throughout the year.



Walking the Robert F. Schumann Artists' Trail is a favorite activity for museum visitors. Photo by Sam Stark.



Did you know that some of America's most celebrated items of textile folk art were produced by women from our own corner of New London County? The winter/spring exhibition, *New London County Quilts and Bed Covers, 1750-1825*, explored petticoats uniquely quilted with an array of animals and maritime motifs, elaborately embroidered bed rugs, and masterfully appliquéd bed covers.



You never know who you'll meet at the museum's Wee Faerie Village help each October, to the delight of visitors of every age!

Halls Road Improvements Committee (HRIC)

Edie Twining

Chair

In July 2021, HRIC and the Board of Selectmen (BoS) formally approved the Halls Road Master Plan report prepared earlier with the help of the BSC Group, an engineering/landscape firm. HRIC began work on implementing the plan, concentrating on two major areas: applying for grants to defray the costs of the planned public improvements (sidewalks, bikeways, lighting, etc.), and drafting zoning changes needed to allow and promote the new mix of uses desired along Halls Road.

Grants:

The main grant associated with the proposed public improvements along Halls Road is the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Program (LOTICIP) grant administered by the State of Connecticut. The application requires substantial detail and is the first opportunity for formal approval of the town's proposed public improvements by the CT Department of Transportation (DOT). Submissions are made in July of each year, and work continued throughout FY 2021-2022 to present the town's application in July of 2022.

The LOTICIP grant does not cover the proposed new pedestrian and cyclist bridge over the Lieutenant River (at the site of the old 1920s bridge) or the trails leading to and from it. HRIC applied for other grants in that area.

In October, HRIC applied for the CT Community Challenge Grant of the CT Department of Economic and Community

Development (DECD) to support preliminary work on the new bridge and trails. In February HRIC learned that it did not win the grant.

In January 2022 the BoS and Board of Finance (BoF) approved HRIC's request for an additional \$45,000 to pay for outside professional help in securing grants and easements and for legal work on new zoning for Halls Road. This was unanimously approved by a special Town Meeting on March 21.

In June 2022 HRIC applied for funds to support preliminary work on the new bridge and trails under the town-administered CT Community Initiative Grant (ARPA). (Ninety percent of the requested amount would be granted in July 2022.)

Zoning:

The existing zoning along Halls Road is C-30s, a commercial-only zoning requiring deep setbacks from the right-of-way and maximal parking. It was designed to promote the creation of strip malls, the wave of the future in 1959. The Halls Road Master Plan aims to bring Halls Road into the twenty-first century by encouraging it to become a mixed-use neighborhood, inviting to pedestrians and cyclists and attractive to the businesses that will serve the residents of Old Lyme in the Internet era.

Initially, the HRIC sought to change all the zoning along Halls Road from C-30s to a "Village District" allowing smaller-scale housing and making accommodations for existing businesses.

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View North looking upriver towards site of the future pedestrian bridge



View South looking back at Halls Road bridge and old bridge abutment

Halls Road Improvements Committee (HRIC) *(continued)*



View West looking up old bridge road and future Lieutenant River Park



View East looking across Lieutenant River towards Hangry Goose

That all-in-one approach both compromised the ability of the new zoning to promote the goals of the Master Plan and would have made all existing businesses “non-compliant” with the new zoning overnight. The application was retracted.

A better approach was worked out over the spring and summer of 2022. The HRIC suggested that an “Overlay District” be created with the same borders as the current C-30s

zone. Property owners could choose whether to stay with the older zoning or to take advantage of the new zoning of the Halls Road Overlay District (HROD). This approach made all change entirely voluntary and allowed the new zoning to focus directly on promoting the goals of the Halls Road Master Plan. (The proposed HROD zoning changes would be submitted to the Zoning Commission on October 11, 2022.)

Harbor Management Commission (HMC)

Chris Staab
Chairman

Teri Lewis
Vice Chairman

Harry Plaut
Harbormaster

Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m., Memorial Town Hall

Online Moorings, Kayak Launch, and New Water Access Points

The Harbor Management Commission 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; 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.

One of the HMC’s focus areas is maintaining our mooring fields. The HMC, in conjunction with the Harbormaster, is pleased to announce that effective for the 2022 boating season, we have moved from the legacy paper-based permitting system to a web-based product. These changes will impact all permit holders, tackle providers, and administrative phases of the process. A huge thank you to Tom Meyer, who has led this charge for the last two years to get our mooring fields to a completely paperless state and into the “online mooring” system.

Harbor Management Commission *(continued)*

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 noncurrent 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 processes and issues permits for moorings; records mooring equipment inspections that are required on a regular basis; and maintains a list of mooring inspectors, which is made available on the HMC town website (oldlyme-ct.gov). This year, the HMC raised the annual fee from twenty-five dollars to forty dollars per mooring. The mooring permit rates had not changed in many years, and although the rates did increase, the Old Lyme HMC mooring permits are still significantly less than all surrounding towns. The past year approximately 130 mooring permits were issued.

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

The HMC is responsible for the Town Dinghy Dock located on Ferry Road between the 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.

Michael Magee led a project to grant access to all levels of kayakers to Roger's Lake. The HMC purchased and installed a kayak launch, which allows kayakers of all abilities to be able to safely enter and exit the kayak, without the fear of tipping.

In addition to the existing town landings, the HMC is continuously looking for additional ways for our residents to gain access to the water. Through the hard work and dedication of the HMC, led by Michael Barnes, the HMC has now opened a new access point to the water, which is located off Buttonball Road. In the coming year, the HMC will work with other town commissions to ensure this land stays open to the public as a water access just as it was deemed to the town over twenty years ago.

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.



Buttonball Landing that will be officially named in 2023.



Kayak Launch installed at Hains Park on Roger Lake.

Ledge Light Health District (LLHD)

Stephen Mansfield REHS, MPH

Director of Health

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

Environmental Health

LLHD inspects food service establishments to ensure they are compliant with the Connecticut Public Health Code (PHC) and are following good food safety practices. These establishments are inspected based on the risk associated with their level of food preparation activities. Our Café program provides our establishments and volunteers with food safety instruction that fulfills the “designated alternate” requirement of the PHC. Our ServSafe® Certified Food Protection Manager (CFPM) classes are geared toward food-service managers and employees who desire more comprehensive instruction.

We also inspect public pools and cosmetology, day-care, and lodging establishments to ensure these entities are taking measures to protect the public health. We visit residential and commercial properties in response to complaints or concerns raised by the public. LLHD conducts weekly water sampling at bathing beaches (both coastal and inland) and informs the public regarding bathing water quality that does not meet EPA/state standards.

Our environmental land-use staff of five sanitarians and three environmental technicians conduct soil testing and plan reviews for new building lots served by onsite septic systems and/or wells. On existing properties served by septic systems we review residential and commercial building additions, lot line changes, the addition of accessory structures (sheds, decks, pools, and detached garages), and changes in use (residential to commercial, or an increase in the number of bedrooms).

Communicable Disease Prevention

LLHD holds annual free flu vaccination clinics for all ages. We provide education to the public and organizations about infection prevention and control practices and investigate reports of communicable and/or infectious diseases such as tuberculosis or food-borne illnesses.

LLHD provides support to schools and long-term care facilities during reported outbreaks to help prevent the spread of illness. We also provide yearly educational opportunities for infection control personnel in long-term care facilities and schools.

Preparedness Activities

LLHD works closely with municipal and regional partners to prepare for and respond to emergency situations. These activities include participating in Drive-Thru Clinics and Millstone exercises and working with local partners to develop Continuity of Operations and COVID plans. Lately, we have been working on Monkeypox Plans and updating the Ebola Plan.

Since COVID began, we have been busy with planning and providing vaccination clinics with support from our Medical Reserve Corps. During the height of COVID we had over 350 volunteers! Our volunteers were activated 154 times in the past year and provided over 2,800 volunteers hours to LLHD.

Health Education and Community Outreach

LLHD engages and supports the communities we serve in health education, health promotion, and health policy development activities in a variety of ways. These efforts draw on scientific, evidence-based best practices to ensure that the programmatic processes involved make efficient use of available funding while achieving measurable and desired changes in our population’s overall health and resilience. For example, our Immunization Action Program (IAP) is aimed at reducing preventable and sometimes fatal diseases by increasing childhood immunization rates for the vaccines currently recommended by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). And our Overdose Action Team continues to advance

Ledge Light Health District (LLHD) *(continued)*

the shared goals of increasing access to effective treatment for opioid-use disorder, saturating the community with naloxone, and reducing stigma. The Overdose Action Team's work continues to serve as a model for other communities in Connecticut to take collective action to address this public health epidemic.

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 food distributions, connecting people with rent/housing relief, reducing barriers to COVID testing and vaccinations, and helping community members access food and other resources while under isolation/quarantine. 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 works with community partners to advocate for action to address systemic racism.

Lyme Academy of Fine Arts

Michael T. Duffy

Co-Chair, Board of Directors

Lyme Academy of Fine Arts Continues the Tradition

The Lyme Academy of Fine Arts relaunched in September 2021 with a small, select group of full-time students dedicated to the hard work necessary to establish a foundation for their careers as artists. The Co-Artistic Directors, noted figurative artists Jordan Sokol and Amaya Gurpide, have been striving to re-establish the academy's reputation as a place for students who are interested in building their skills with an eye towards mastery.

At its first meeting last fall, the board of trustees adopted this mission:

The Lyme Academy of Fine Arts teaches the foundational skills of drawing, painting, and sculpture in the figurative tradition. By its commitment to training students in these skills and an engagement with contemporary discourse, the Academy will empower a new generation of artists. Through its programs, the Academy is committed to enriching the cultural life of the community.

As the new academic year begins, the academy's total enrollment is growing and will be capped at twenty-eight full-time students – twenty-three have put down deposits and six additional applications are pending. As the

academy continues to grow its enrollment it will be harkening back to the tradition that dates to its founding of finding homes for its students among the residents of Old Lyme – enriching both student and resident alike.

After a hiatus imposed by the COVID pandemic, the academy reopened its doors to Old Lyme with lectures, concerts, community events, and open studios. The academy's exhibition on Lennart Anderson was favorably reviewed in the Wall Street Journal and together with the sale of contemporary figurative art at the *Memento Vivre* exhibition attracted over a thousand visitors to town. *(continued)*



Guests attend the *Memento Vivere* Exhibition. Photo by Chris Zajac.

Lyme Academy of Fine Arts *(continued)*

The academy has drawn dozens of artists to come in for weekly Open Studio Drawing and Printmaking sessions over the course of the past year, and the Friday night lectures for students are open to the public and have begun to attract a following from throughout the shoreline community. For those artists who are not able to commit to a full-time course of study, the academy ran eleven studio-based workshops in the last six months, ranging from still life and landscape painting to academic figure and portrait drawing and painting.

Lyme Academy opened its new art store, “de Gerenday’s Fine Art Materials and Curiosities,” modeled after the most famous and storied art stores in Paris and London, such as Sennelier and L. Cornelissen. The continued popularity of the store will provide financial support to the organization’s programs.

Plans for the Coming Year:

Continuing Education has been redesigned and will return under the direction of artist Edmond Rochat, the new Continuing Education Director. Planned to complement the Core Program, these classes do not require the competitive application process of participants. These classes are open to students of all levels (beginner to advanced), ages fifteen and up. Students can choose from an array of class offerings on weekdays, nights, and on weekends, during each ten-week trimester.

Beginning this September, the Lyme Academy will offer a Young Masters Afterschool Art Program for students ages twelve and up. Students will be fully immersed in a professional studio environment, working directly with the instructor as they learn the skills necessary to achieve excellence in the fine arts and their individual artistic goals. This program is led by artist and Director of Youth Programs Rick Lacey, a graduate of the Lyme/Old Lyme High School (class of 2007) and a former student of board member Will Allik, the school’s veteran art teacher.



De Gerenday’s Fine Art Materials and Curiosities. Photo by Caryn Davis.



Rick Lacey, Director of Youth Programs at the Lyme Academy, teaching one of the academy’s youth classes. Photo by Jordan Sokol.

The organization is currently in the final stages of the hiring process to secure a new Sculpture Chair. This endowed chair of \$1 million in the donor’s name, the Charlotte Colby Danly Sculpture Chair, will establish what we believe will be the preeminent program for figurative sculpture in North America.

The academy is incredibly grateful for the generous support received from the town of Old Lyme and Connecticut Humanities. The organization looks forward to 2026, when it will celebrate its fiftieth anniversary. By that time the academy aspires to be known nationally and internationally for the excellence of its educational program and to become the beloved hub of the community.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School

Forty-Ninth Annual Commencement • June 10, 2022

Candidates for Diplomas

Nicholas Mark Adeletti	Jackson Wells Harris <i>ω</i>	Brendan Patrick O'Brien <i>λ ω</i>
Emily Rose Almada	Andrew Edward Hedberg <i>λ ω *</i>	Michael St. John O'Donnell <i>ω</i>
John Cochrane Almy <i>λ ω</i>	Lillian Isabel Herrera <i>ω*</i>	Bella Kai Orlando <i>ω *</i>
Grace Avery Arnold <i>λ ω *</i>	Daniel Joseph Hoblin	Daniel George Parker
Dylan Christophe Avelange <i>*</i>	Madison Grace Hubbard	Isabel Caryl Prentice <i>ω</i>
Mason Tyler Bagwell	Fiona Dorothy Hufford <i>λ π ω *</i>	Lauren Elizabeth Presti
Kate Ann Bauchmann	Samuel Edward Ibbitson	Adeline Michelle Riccio <i>λ ω</i>
Andrew James Bennett	Zoe Emma Jensen <i>ω *</i>	Jacob Paul Ritchie <i>λ ω</i>
Nihad Bicic <i>ω *</i>	Julia Lee Johnston <i>ω</i>	Margaret Jeanne Rommel <i>ω *</i>
Hannah Faith Britt <i>λ π ω *</i>	Saige Matthew Jones	Alexander Joseph Roth <i>λ ω</i>
Mackenzie Rose Bussolotti <i>ω</i>	Nevin Varkey Joshy <i>λ π ω * †</i>	Aidan Lee Russell <i>λ ω *</i>
Olivia Faith Catalano	Kian Kardestuncer <i>ω * †</i>	Frank Louis Sablone <i>λ ω</i>
John Noah Caulkins	Quinn Ampersand Kegley <i>*</i>	Olivia Fu Xin Schaedler <i>π ω</i>
Evan Davis Clark <i>π ω *</i>	Prudencia Therese Kennedy	Calvin Nicklas Scheiber <i>λ π ω *</i>
Ryan Joseph Clark <i>ω *</i>	Cora Catalina Kern <i>π ω</i>	Abigail Jane Sicuranza <i>λ π ω *</i>
John Thomas Coffey	Robyn Summer King <i>ω</i>	McLean Ivana Signora <i>ω *</i>
Anne Josephine Colangelo <i>λ ω</i>	Ingrid Mary Klier	Abby Katherine Speckhals <i>λ π ω *</i>
John Glynn Conley <i>λ π ω †</i>	Michael Richard Klier <i>λ ω</i>	Parker James Sprankle
Brody Robert Cooke	Joseph Bernard Kuhn	Drew Michael St. Louis <i>ω †</i>
Sean Patrick Cordock	Felse Alexandra Kyle <i>λ π ω * †</i>	Daniel James Stack
Chadwick Skelly Coughlin	William Christopher Larson <i>λ π ω *</i>	Nikolai Stephens-Zumbaum <i>λ π ω * †</i>
Grace Madeline Coverdale <i>ω</i>	Olivia Frances Lecza	Victoria Grace Stout <i>ω</i>
James William Creagan <i>ω</i>	Alex Almeida Lee <i>*</i>	Maverick Anthony Swaney <i>λ ω</i>
Lauren Elizabeth Creagan <i>ω</i>	Zachery Thomas Lodi	Madison Grace Thompson <i>π ω</i>
Caroline Grace Crolus <i>λ π ω</i>	Reese Jameson Maguire <i>ω</i>	Alexandra Katherine Tinniswood
Elias Orion D'Onofrio <i>ω*</i>	Abigail Eve Manthous <i>λ π ω *</i>	Olivia Elizabeth Turtoro <i>λ π ω</i>
Elise Marie DeBernardo <i>λ ω</i>	Langley Marion Marshall	John Russell Videll <i>ω</i>
Michael Dennis DeGaetano <i>*</i>	Mikayla Grace Masilotti	Evan Joseph Visgilio
Cheikh Ahmed-Tidiane Diagne	Stephanie Marie Mauro <i>π ω *</i>	Aidan Matthew Ward <i>λ π ω *</i>
Bridget Kaley Donovan	James Rudolph Mazzalupo	Riley John Warecke
Elizabeth Mackenzie Duddy <i>ω</i>	Grace Corbett McAdams <i>ω</i>	Melanie Emma Warren <i>λ ω *</i>
Eleanor Eliza Dushin <i>λ π ω * †</i>	Colin Ryan McCarthy	Ellie Donna Wells <i>λ π ω *</i>
Mischa Jo Elmoznino <i>*</i>	Emily Virginia Mesham <i>λ ω</i>	Mary Katherine Wholean <i>ω *</i>
Lauren Grace Enright <i>λ ω †</i>	Jacob Douglas Meyers	Aden River Wilson
Liam Michael Fallon	Evan Michael Montville	Paige Alyssa Winchell
Iona Dominique Fitzgerald	Evan David Morgan <i>ω</i>	Jenna Claire Woods <i>λ ω</i>
Patrick Lynch Flanagan	Samuel Alias Mullaney <i>ω</i>	Avery Richard Wyman <i>ω</i>
Victoria Noel Gage <i>λ π ω *</i>	Elle Jolie Myers <i>λ π ω *</i>	Ryan Everett Zbierski <i>ω</i>
Delaney May Gagnon	Emily Nicole Nickerson	Jerry Derui Zhang <i>π ω †</i>
Samantha Brie Geshel <i>λ ω *</i>		
Aiden John Goiangos <i>ω</i>		
Meyer Joseph Goldberg		
Ethan Ryan Goss		
Shawn Ryon Grenier <i>ω</i>		
Liam Henry Grethel <i>ω †</i>		
Nicolette Cote Hallahan <i>λ ω</i>		
Austin Copp Halsey <i>λ π ω</i>		

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*
† AP Scholar, Gold Academic Distinction Cord

Lyme-Old Lyme High School *(continued)*

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Lyme-Old Lyme Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1467

Richard Mason
Commander

The Lyme-Old Lyme Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1467, which includes all veterans who have served in any war zone, meets every fourth Monday at the Old Lyme Senior Center.

In 2022, we were honored to be selected as the number one Veterans of Foreign Wars Post in the State of Connecticut. There are 110 Posts in Connecticut, which include large VFW Posts in Fairfield County, and for the small towns of Lyme and Old Lyme to be chosen as the number-one Post is exceptional. Outgoing Commander David Griswold said:

"We were selected based on our assistance to over eighty veterans. This would not have been possible without the support of the many local businesses and private citizens in our towns for which we are grateful. Our recognition really belongs to the people of Lyme and Old Lyme who have always been there for our veterans."

Along with helping individual veterans, our Post contributed thousands of dollars to the West Haven PTSD programs, Rocky Hill Veterans

Program, VA Blind House, Fisher House, and the VFW National Home for Children. Numerous local charities and programs benefitted from Post 1467: High Hopes, Boy Scouts, youth organizations, the senior center, ROTC, and the Memorial Day program. Members of Post 1467 also presided over local veteran funerals.

We thank all our citizens of Lyme-Old Lyme and look forward to meeting you at our annual fund-raising dinner dance Saturday, October 22 at Christ the King Church. Further information about the event is forthcoming. We also ask that everyone continue to support the "Buddy Poppy" sale (Flower of Remembrance) taking place October 28 and 29 and November 4 and 5. This year is the 100th anniversary of Buddy Poppies.

We encourage veterans to consider joining a Post that really makes a difference. Along with our good works, there exists a fellowship that is most helpful to those who have experienced the trauma and emotional impacts of serving in combat. For more information, please contact our Membership Director, Ed Shyloski, at 860-434-3242.



Senator Richard Blumenthal, State VFW Commander Dominik Cortese, and Past Post 1467 Commander David Griswold

Lymes' Senior Center

Stephanie Lyon-Gould

Director

Lymes' Senior Center has grown its membership to over 1,000 members and serves seniors from Lyme and Old Lyme who are fifty-five and over...or as we like to call it, fifty-five and better!!



We enjoyed over 20,000 visits from our members throughout the 2021-2022 fiscal year. We offered a variety of educational courses, art classes, health programs, exercise programs, dance classes, entertainment, special programs, games, baby boomer activities, hiking, special lunches, regular lunches, day trips, cruises, and overnight trips and much, much more. We are also home to the VFW Post # 1467 that holds its monthly meeting here at the center,

Lymes' Senior Center is open from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, with some early morning, evening, and weekend

programs. Please check the monthly newsletter or our website www.seniorcenterct.org/lyme-old-lyme/ for specific times. Newsletters get sent to all members. Membership is \$5.00 a year for members in the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme. Please feel free to contact Stephanie Lyon-Gould, Director, at (860) 434-1605 ext 240 or stop by this beautiful facility and grounds if you have any questions.

2021-2022 Board of Directors

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Senior Center members who are veterans!



FINANCIALS

2021-2022

**TOWN OF OLD LYME
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2022**

	General	Miscellaneous Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 4,643,973	\$ 1,082,378	\$ 2,961,263	\$ 8,687,614
Investments	11,119,952	-	-	11,119,952
Receivables:				
Property Taxes	585,970	-	-	585,970
Intergovernmental	168,825	-	-	168,825
Other	39,546	32,010	16,862	88,418
Leases	149,528	-	42,197	191,725
Due from Other Funds	397,888	67,415	50,843	516,146
Prepaid Amounts	30,494	-	-	30,494
Total Assets	<u>\$ 17,136,176</u>	<u>\$ 1,181,803</u>	<u>\$ 3,071,165</u>	<u>\$ 21,389,144</u>
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES				
LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable	\$ 511,235	\$ -	\$ 4,644	\$ 515,879
Accrued Liabilities	44,798	-	-	44,798
Due to Other Funds	118,258	-	397,888	516,146
Performance Bonds	299,495	-	-	299,495
Unearned Revenue	219,730	1,056,519	-	1,276,249
Total Liabilities	<u>1,193,516</u>	<u>1,056,519</u>	<u>402,532</u>	<u>2,652,567</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable Revenue - Property Taxes	585,970	-	-	585,970
Advanced Property Tax Collections	2,263,293	-	-	2,263,293
Leases	190,507	-	64,984	255,491
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>3,039,770</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>64,984</u>	<u>3,104,754</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable	30,494	-	-	30,494
Committed	-	125,284	2,604,068	2,729,352
Assigned	1,367,673	-	-	1,367,673
Unassigned	11,504,723	-	(419)	11,504,304
Total Fund Balances	<u>12,902,890</u>	<u>125,284</u>	<u>2,603,649</u>	<u>15,631,823</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 17,136,176</u>	<u>\$ 1,181,803</u>	<u>\$ 3,071,165</u>	<u>\$ 21,389,144</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF OLD LYME
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2022**

RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit C, Page 1)	\$ 15,631,823
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (Exhibit A) are different from the governmental fund balance sheet. The details of this difference are as follows:

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

Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation	25,582,479
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Other long-term assets and deferred inflows are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds:

Property Tax Receivable - Accrual Basis Change	585,970
Deferred Charge on Refunding	12,581

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

Bonds Payable	(1,885,000)
Landfill Postclosure Costs	(280,000)
Accrued Interest Payable	(10,529)
Compensated Absences	(74,267)
	<u>(2,249,800)</u>

Net Position of Governmental Activities as Reported in the Statement of Net Position (Exhibit A)	<u><u>\$ 39,563,057</u></u>
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TOWN OF OLD LYME
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	General	Miscellaneous Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	\$ 36,604,570	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 36,604,570
Charges for Services	1,288,311	18,817	133,537	1,440,665
Intergovernmental	1,089,387	15,471	-	1,104,858
Investment Income	23,798	-	4,710	28,508
Contributions	-	1,249	136,071	137,320
Other Revenue	-	2,406	5,598	8,004
Total Revenues	39,006,066	37,943	279,916	39,323,925
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General Government	2,737,700	15,074	53,522	2,806,296
Boards and Commissions	391,514	-	5,497	397,011
Public Works	900,813	46,185	1,533,776	2,480,774
Parks and Recreation	411,370	6,076	18,372	435,818
Other Public Safety	428,862	6,459	13,939	449,260
Social Services	113,875	-	-	113,875
Fire Services	323,964	2,471	13,000	339,435
Police Services	921,576	-	76,912	998,488
Health Services	78,150	-	8,526	86,676
Senior Citizens	160,786	3,040	31,911	195,737
Other Associations	413,000	-	-	413,000
Sanitation	1,200,440	-	3,002	1,203,442
Chartered Associations	71,700	-	-	71,700
Education	27,006,352	-	-	27,006,352
Capital Outlay	553,719	-	-	553,719
Debt Service	466,695	-	-	466,695
Total Expenditures	36,180,516	79,305	1,758,457	38,018,278
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	2,825,550	(41,362)	(1,478,541)	1,305,647
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers In	30,649	-	1,705,771	1,736,420
Transfers Out	(1,694,000)	-	(42,420)	(1,736,420)
Insurance Proceeds	-	19,075	-	19,075
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	15,200	-	4,101	19,301
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,648,151)	19,075	1,667,452	38,376
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCES	1,177,399	(22,287)	188,911	1,344,023
Fund Balances - Beginning of Year	11,725,491	147,571	2,414,738	14,287,800
FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 12,902,890</u>	<u>\$ 125,284</u>	<u>\$ 2,603,649</u>	<u>\$ 15,631,823</u>

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

TOWN OF OLD LYME
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

RECONCILIATION TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds (Exhibit D)	\$ 1,344,023
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit B) are due to:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period:

Capital Outlay	1,861,663
Depreciation Expense	(660,004)
Total	1,201,659

The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i. e., sales, trade-ins and donations) is to increase net position. In the statement of activities, only the loss on the sale of capital assets is reported. However, in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the capital assets sold.

(15,453)

Revenues in the statement of activities that do not provide current financial resources are not reported as revenues in the funds:

Change in Property Tax Receivable - Accrual Basis Change	(239,464)
Change in Property Tax Interest and Lien Revenue	(52,342)
Change in Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	43,000
Total	(248,806)

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g., bonds, leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is first issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the statement of activities. The details of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items are as follows:

Debt Issued or Incurred:	
Deferred Charge on Refunding Bonds	(4,194)
Principal Repayments:	
General Obligation Bonds	430,000
Total	425,806

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:

Compensated Absences	(47,011)
Landfill Closure and Postclosure	72,000
Accrued Interest Payable	2,128
Total	27,117

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Exhibit B)	\$ 2,734,346
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See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF OLD LYME
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
JUNE 30, 2022**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	\$ 36,119,231	\$ 36,119,231	\$ 36,604,570	\$ 485,339
Charges for Services	907,025	907,025	1,336,098	429,073
Intergovernmental	695,594	695,594	1,089,387	393,793
Investment Income	52,000	52,000	16,990	(35,010)
Total Revenues	37,773,850	37,773,850	39,047,045	1,273,195
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General Government	2,875,054	2,893,054	2,741,200	151,854
Boards and Commissions	501,307	503,307	415,876	87,431
Public Works	886,480	886,480	870,963	15,517
Parks and Recreation	454,827	454,827	409,870	44,957
Other Public Safety	485,291	487,691	433,462	54,229
Social Services	117,517	117,517	113,875	3,642
Fire Services	420,997	421,297	412,914	8,383
Police Services	980,543	972,643	921,576	51,067
Health Services	78,150	78,150	78,150	-
Senior Citizens' Activities	169,613	169,613	160,786	8,827
Other Associations	413,000	413,000	413,000	-
Sanitation	1,197,719	1,202,919	1,200,440	2,479
Chartered Associations	71,700	71,700	71,700	-
Regional School District No. 18	27,006,352	27,006,352	27,006,352	-
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Debt	430,000	430,000	430,000	-
Interest on Debt	36,750	36,750	36,695	55
Capital Outlay	460,150	687,450	555,729	131,721
Total Expenditures	36,585,450	36,832,750	36,272,588	560,162
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	1,188,400	941,100	2,774,457	1,833,357
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Appropriation of Fund Balance	400,000	606,700	-	(606,700)
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	1,000	1,000	15,200	14,200
Cancellation of Prior Year Encumbrances	10,000	10,000	34,449	24,449
Transfers In	30,600	30,600	30,649	49
Transfers Out	(1,630,000)	(1,694,000)	(1,694,000)	-
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(1,188,400)	(1,045,700)	(1,613,702)	(568,002)
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	\$ -	\$ (104,600)	1,160,755	\$ 1,265,355
Fund Balance - Beginning Balance			10,509,651	
FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR			\$ 11,670,406	

See accompanying Notes to Financial Statements.

**TOWN OF OLD LYME
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
Property Taxes:				
Property Taxes	\$ 35,911,631	\$ 35,911,631	\$ 36,271,205	\$ 359,574
Interest and Lien Fees	180,000	180,000	310,910	130,910
Telephone Access Line Grant	27,600	27,600	22,455	(5,145)
Total Property Taxes	36,119,231	36,119,231	36,604,570	485,339
Charges for Services:				
Ambulance Reimbursement	7,000	7,000	11,020	4,020
Assessor	1,000	1,000	621	(379)
Beach Stickers and Permits	35,000	35,000	48,945	13,945
Building Department	150,000	150,000	363,157	213,157
Cell Phone Tower Lease	45,600	45,600	51,146	5,546
Fire Marshal	400	400	480	80
Historic District Commission	10	10	425	415
Insurance Reimbursement	2,000	2,000	5,172	3,172
Land use fees	11,000	11,000	24,956	13,956
Land Use Reimbursements	4,000	4,000	-	(4,000)
Legal Fees Reimbursement	-	-	346	346
Miscellaneous	15,000	15,000	13,155	(1,845)
Parking Fines	10,000	10,000	15,415	5,415
Parking	90,000	90,000	88,673	(1,327)
Parks and Recreation Department	45,000	45,000	34,818	(10,182)
Recycling	1,000	1,000	652	(348)
Registrar Reimbursement	1,000	1,000	2,593	1,593
Rogers Lake Authority Reimbursement	28,160	28,160	29,146	986
School Crossing Guard	8,500	8,500	6,039	(2,461)
Selectmen's Office	11,000	11,000	16,867	5,867
Senior Center Reimbursement	35,530	35,530	43,957	8,427
Sound View	-	-	792	792
Town Clerk's Office	250,000	250,000	389,689	139,689
Town Woods Park Reimbursement	30,825	30,825	35,010	4,185
Transfer Station	125,000	125,000	153,024	28,024
Total Charges for Services	907,025	907,025	1,336,098	429,073

TOWN OF OLD LYME
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
Intergovernmental:				
Education Equalization Grant	\$ 238,000	\$ 238,000	\$ 370,531	\$ 132,531
Emergency Management	120,000	120,000	343,561	223,561
Grants for Municipal Projects	1,888	1,888	1,888	-
LOCIP	49,000	49,000	-	(49,000)
Miscellaneous State Grants	10,000	10,000	21,024	11,024
PILOT - Federal Property	1,000	1,000	925	(75)
PILOT - State Property	43,036	43,036	65,490	22,454
DOT-Sound View Improvement	-	-	289	289
DOT-Sound View Sidewalk Improvement	-	-	53,413	53,413
Town Aid Road	228,500	228,500	228,275	(225)
Disability Tax Exempt	170	170	170	-
Veterans' Tax Exempt	4,000	4,000	3,821	(179)
Total Intergovernmental	695,594	695,594	1,089,387	393,793
Investment Income:				
Interest on Investments	52,000	52,000	16,990	(35,010)
Total Revenues	37,773,850	37,773,850	39,047,045	1,273,195
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Appropriation of Fund Balance	400,000	400,000	-	(400,000)
Proceeds from Sale of Capital Assets	1,000	1,000	15,200	14,200
Cancellation of Prior Year Encumbrances	10,000	10,000	34,449	24,449
Transfers in:				
Bus Barn Fund	30,600	30,600	30,649	49
Total Other Financing Sources	441,600	441,600	80,298	(361,302)
Total Revenues and Other Financing Sources	\$ 38,215,450	\$ 38,215,450	\$ 39,127,343	\$ 911,893

**TOWN OF OLD LYME
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
General Government:				
Selectmen's Office	\$ 314,201	\$ 379,301	\$ 379,217	\$ 84
Town Clerk	138,422	138,422	133,433	4,989
Tax Collector	114,119	114,119	111,436	2,683
Treasurer	213,550	213,550	211,446	2,104
Registrar	66,173	66,173	58,187	7,986
Information Technology	99,040	111,040	96,889	14,151
Probate Court	6,000	6,000	5,962	38
Assessor	146,612	150,712	150,694	18
Building Department	138,620	138,620	134,932	3,688
Health Department	98,567	98,567	88,283	10,284
Town Hall	167,750	167,750	143,833	23,917
Insurance	918,000	854,800	795,753	59,047
Special Deductions	454,000	454,000	431,135	22,865
Total General Government	2,875,054	2,893,054	2,741,200	151,854
Boards and Commissions:				
Harbor Management Commission	2,680	2,680	2,451	229
Affordable Housing Commission	4,940	4,940	-	4,940
Economic Development Commission	3,020	3,020	2,134	886
Ethics Commission	4,390	4,390	611	3,779
Water Management Authority	88,948	88,948	73,875	15,073
Board of Finance	11,295	12,195	12,128	67
Flood and Erosion Control Board	570	570	234	336
Historic District Commission	6,000	10,100	10,068	32
Tree Commission	13,975	13,975	11,703	2,272
Parks and Recreation Commission	2,048	2,948	2,860	88
Board of Assessment Appeals	1,552	1,552	278	1,274
Rogers Lake Authority	56,321	56,321	48,267	8,054
Land use	265,567	261,667	219,281	42,386
Sound View	18,225	18,225	12,255	5,970
Conservation Commission	2,012	2,012	594	1,418
Open Space	19,764	19,764	19,137	627
Total Boards and Commissions	501,307	503,307	415,876	87,431
Public Works:				
Public Works Expenditures	886,480	886,480	870,963	15,517
Parks and Recreation:				
Parks and Recreation	305,197	281,897	237,019	44,878
Town Woods Park	149,610	170,710	170,633	77
Fireworks/Memorial Day	20	2,220	2,218	2
Total Parks and Recreation	454,827	454,827	409,870	44,957
Other Public Safety:				
Animal Control	68,546	70,946	70,914	32
Emergency Management	94,900	94,900	79,140	15,760
Valley Shore Communications	152,700	152,700	152,661	39
Ambulance	169,145	169,145	130,747	38,398
Total Other Public Safety	485,291	487,691	433,462	54,229

**TOWN OF OLD LYME
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	Budgeted Amounts			Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Social Services:				
Social Service	\$ 21,517	\$ 21,517	\$ 17,875	\$ 3,642
Lyme's Youth Services	96,000	96,000	96,000	-
Total Social Services	117,517	117,517	113,875	3,642
Fire Services:				
Old Lyme Fire Department	206,994	206,994	202,411	4,583
Fire Protection	38,000	38,300	38,289	11
Fire Marshal	76,003	76,003	72,305	3,698
Firemen's Incentive Plan	100,000	100,000	99,909	91
Total Fire Services	420,997	421,297	412,914	8,383
Police Services:				
Resident State Police	220,000	217,300	195,449	21,851
Municipal Police	760,543	755,343	726,127	29,216
Total Police Services	980,543	972,643	921,576	51,067
Health Services:				
Social Services Agencies	6,150	6,150	6,150	-
VNA	72,000	72,000	72,000	-
Total Health Services	78,150	78,150	78,150	-
Senior Citizens' Activities:				
Estuary Transit District	16,365	16,365	16,365	-
Estuary Services	25,000	25,000	24,919	81
Senior Center	128,248	128,248	119,502	8,746
Total Senior Citizens' Activities	169,613	169,613	160,786	8,827
Other Nonprofits	413,000	413,000	413,000	-
Sanitation:				
Municipal Refuse Collection	898,168	874,768	874,275	493
Recycling	29,310	12,310	10,428	1,882
Household Hazardous Waste	18,000	33,400	33,324	76
Transfer Station	252,241	282,441	282,413	28
Total Sanitation	1,197,719	1,202,919	1,200,440	2,479

**TOWN OF OLD LYME
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL (CONTINUED)
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022**

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Chartered Beach Associations	\$ 71,700	\$ 71,700	\$ 71,700	\$ -
Total Chartered Beach Associations	71,700	71,700	71,700	-
Regional School District No. 18	27,006,352	27,006,352	27,006,352	-
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Debt	430,000	430,000	430,000	-
Interest on Debt	36,750	36,750	36,695	55
Total Debt Service	466,750	466,750	466,695	55
Capital Outlay:				
General Government	156,200	156,200	139,519	16,681
Public Works	15,000	15,000	14,950	50
Public Safety	268,950	283,250	169,473	113,777
Public Works Roads and Projects	20,000	233,000	231,787	1,213
Total Capital Outlay	460,150	687,450	555,729	131,721
Total Expenditures	36,585,450	36,832,750	36,272,588	560,162
OTHER FINANCING USES				
Transfers Out:				
Firefighters' Equipment	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Bus Barn	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Capital Nonrecurring - Revaluation	35,000	35,000	35,000	-
Town Building Improvement	5,000	24,000	24,000	-
Halls Road Improvement	-	45,000	45,000	-
Road Improvement Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	-
P&R Capital Fund	247,000	247,000	247,000	-
Public Works Capital Fund	103,000	103,000	103,000	-
Sanitation and Recycling	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Info Tech	63,000	63,000	63,000	-
Land Acquisition	75,000	75,000	75,000	-
Total Other Financing Uses	1,630,000	1,694,000	1,694,000	-
Total Expenditures and Other Financing Uses	<u>\$ 38,215,450</u>	<u>\$ 38,526,750</u>	<u>\$ 37,966,588</u>	<u>\$ 560,162</u>

TOWN OF OLD LYME
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET (CONTINUED)
JUNE 30, 2022

ASSETS	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	Halls Road Improvement	Total	
Cash	\$ 207,460	\$ 58,406	\$ 412,060	\$ 608,672	\$ -	\$ 250,104	\$ 616,093	\$ 166,244	\$ 64,322	\$ -	\$ 2,383,361	\$ 2,961,263
Receivables:												
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,862
Leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,197
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	38,900	38,900	50,843
Total Assets	\$ 207,460	\$ 58,406	\$ 412,060	\$ 608,672	\$ -	\$ 250,104	\$ 616,093	\$ 166,244	\$ 64,322	\$ 38,900	\$ 2,422,261	\$ 3,071,165
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND FUND BALANCES												
Liabilities:												
Accounts Payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 4,644
Due to Other Funds	-	4,553	-	-	-	-	144,592	-	17,004	-	166,149	397,888
Total Liabilities	-	4,553	-	-	-	-	144,592	-	17,004	-	166,149	402,532
Deferred Inflows:												
Leases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	64,984
Fund Balances:												
Committed	207,460	53,853	412,060	608,672	-	250,104	471,501	166,244	47,318	38,900	2,256,112	2,604,068
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(419)
Total Fund Balances	207,460	53,853	412,060	608,672	-	250,104	471,501	166,244	47,318	38,900	2,256,112	2,603,649
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflow of Resources, and Fund Balances	\$ 207,460	\$ 58,406	\$ 412,060	\$ 608,672	\$ -	\$ 250,104	\$ 616,093	\$ 166,244	\$ 64,322	\$ 38,900	\$ 2,422,261	\$ 3,071,165

TOWN OF OLD LYME
NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

	Special Revenue										Total
	Social Workers' 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 and Recycling Fund	
REVENUES											
Charges for Services	-	\$ 7,553	\$ 76,806	\$ 7,667	\$ -	\$ 4,329	\$ 19,619	\$ 17,563	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 133,537
Investment Income	52	33	177	22	12	29	95	2,154	-	7	2,581
Contributions	7,381	1,390	-	800	-	-	26,500	-	-	-	36,071
Other Revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,780	4,780
Total Revenues	7,433	8,976	76,983	8,489	12	4,358	46,214	19,717	-	4,787	176,969
EXPENDITURES											
Current:											
General Government	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,330	-	-	1,330
Boards and Commissions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,497	-	5,497
Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Parks and Recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Public Safety	-	4,644	-	9,295	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,939
Fire Services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Police Services	-	-	76,912	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76,912
Health Services	8,526	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	8,526
Senior Citizens	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,911	-	-	-	31,911
Sanitation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	8,526	4,644	76,912	9,295	-	-	31,911	1,330	5,497	-	138,115
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(1,093)	4,332	71	(806)	12	4,358	14,303	18,387	(5,497)	4,787	38,854
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)											
Transfers In	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000	-	1,000	2,000
Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(42,420)	-	-	(42,420)
Proceeds from sale of equipment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(41,420)	-	1,000	(40,420)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY)	(1,093)	4,332	71	(806)	12	4,358	14,303	(23,033)	(5,497)	5,787	(1,566)
and Balance - Beginning of Year	60,432	34,939	33,248	25,988	13,827	32,982	109,415	(173)	9,965	28,480	349,103
END BALANCE - END OF YEAR	\$ 59,339	\$ 39,271	\$ 33,319	\$ 25,182	\$ 13,839	\$ 37,340	\$ 123,718	\$ (23,206)	\$ 4,468	\$ 34,267	\$ 347,537

Lymes' Youth Service Bureau (LYSB)

Mary V. Seidner
Director

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

LYSB has seen a steady increase in requests for counseling services since the pandemic began, particularly among younger children. LYSB's behavioral health services for youth and families are provided at low-cost (or no cost), are affordable and convenient. No one is turned away for inability to pay. American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding has allowed for expanded access to community-based mental health services. Both the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme have granted a portion of their ARPA funds to LYSB, which will be used to expand mental health services for the next four years. LYSB received a grant from Old Lyme (\$114,000) and a grant from Lyme (\$25,800). These funds will allow LYSB to increase the number of individual therapy appointments and offer support groups, skills groups, family counseling, and other mental health resources.

The Lyme-Old Lyme Prevention Coalition is group comprising community leaders, parents, teachers, and students that 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. The coalition meets monthly online and welcomes 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/prevention. The Lyme-Old Lyme Mentoring Program matches adult mentors from the community with students in grades 3-8. Mentoring can improve attitude and school attendance, promote self respect, and build skills for the future. The mentoring program currently has 50 mentor/mentee matches; we are looking for more mentors and encourage interested citizens to contact LYSB to learn more.

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

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

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Aspiring Young Engineers at LYSB's summer Engineering Camp

Lymes' Youth Services Bureau *(continued)*



Youth leaders panel at LYSB's Community Forum on youth substance use and mental health (*left to right*): Frank Sablone, Maverick Swaney, Brendan O'Brien, Victoria Gage, Alyssa Spooner, McLean Signora, Elle Myers, and Lyla Powers



LYSB's Board Chairmen. Outgoing Chair Erik Olsen and incoming Chair Ryan Lee

LYSB 2021-2022 Board of Directors

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LYSB's elementary after-school club

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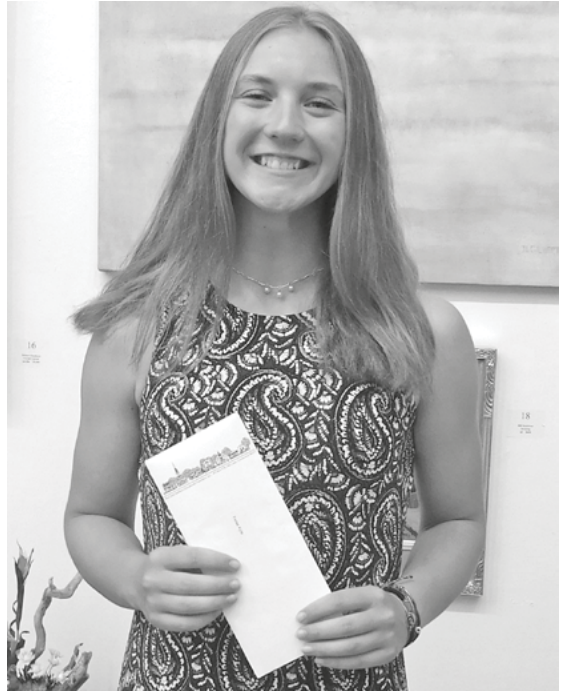
As the COVID restrictions lessened and we all recovered from their turbulence, the MacCurdy Salisbury Foundation continued providing local students with financial aid to help continue with their education after high school. The Foundation, started by Evelyn MacCurdy Salisbury in 1893, provides grants - based on need - to students from Old Lyme and Lyme.

The Foundation's Annual Meeting was held in the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall on September 9, 2021. At the meeting, officers elected for a one-year term were President Rowland Ballek, Vice President Mary Seidner, and Secretary/Treasurer Judith Read. Keven McGlinchey and Tom Richardson were elected to the Board of Directors for a three-year term.

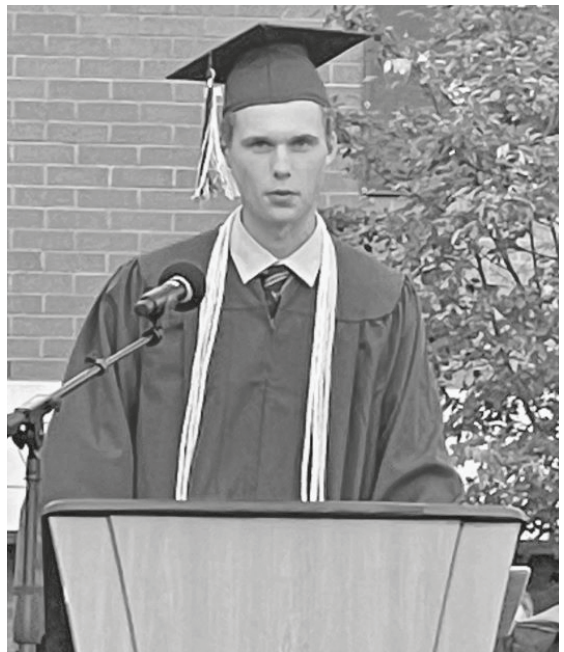
At the Board of Directors meeting held on May 17, 2022, twenty-three graduating seniors, plus three more students who are currently enrolled in college, received a total of \$123,500 for the 2022-2023 school year. This sum is in addition to the \$295,300 awarded to students continuing in the program.

Foundation awards are based on the financial assistance that a student requires. If students maintain a satisfactory grade level and remain residents of Old Lyme or Lyme, the awards will continue for the four years of their undergraduate studies.

After an absence of two years because of the Coronavirus, the Foundation held its annual reception on May 31, 2022, at the Lyme Art Association for those high school graduates receiving grants for the first time. In addition, a \$500 award in honor of W.E.S. Griswold Jr., Foundation President from 1965-1992, went to Class Valedictorian Felse "Alli" Kyle, who will be attending Yale University. Another \$500 award in honor of Willis Umberger, who was Secretary/Treasurer from 1966-1986, went to Class Salutatorian Nikolai Stephens Zumbaum, who will also be attending Yale University.



Class Valedictorian and Griswold Award Winner Felse "Alli" Kyle from Old Lyme



Class Salutatorian and Umberger Award Winner Nikolai Stephens-Zumbaum from Lyme

Old Lyme Animal Control

Lynn Philemon
Animal Control Officer

Kim Lambert
Animal Control Assistant

This year at Old Lyme Animal Control we have had many owner surrenders as well as stray or abandoned pets, especially dogs. Please, if you need help placing your pets, call us — do not abandon them to fend for themselves. If we are unable to take the animal, we can help find proper placement or possibly help you keep your pet.

We have also had a large number of wildlife calls. One concern that we frequently get is seeing wildlife out during the daytime. Seeing a nocturnal animal such as a raccoon or fox out during the day does not necessarily mean that the animal is sick or a danger to anyone. Many times, they are out looking for food for their young or themselves. We see them more often at times because we are moving into areas that they live in. Please call us with any concerns and do not take it upon yourself to remove or otherwise interact with them.

We are still actively working on a situation here in town with a group of unaltered cats. We try very hard to keep the cat population down.

Please remember that under CT state law cats and dogs must be vaccinated, CT statute 22-339 (b). The fine for an unvaccinated pet is \$136.00

Dogs must be licensed with the town after the age of six months, CT statute 22-349. The fine for an unlicensed dog is \$75.00

We have impounded quite a few roaming dogs, sadly some have not made it. Please keep your pets leashed for their own safety when they are not in a fenced yard.

We have had numerous complaints from neighborhoods concerning barking dogs and people not picking up after their dogs. Please remember to be courteous.

There has been some confusion about our hours. The shelter is manned seven days a week and we are on call 24/7. For routine business call 860-434-1605 ext 244. For emergencies call 860-510-1255

If you would like to come view any animals that we have, please call ahead.

We are very blessed to have such generous residents here in town who help with donations.

If you would like to donate, please call us or visit our Facebook page, Friends of Old Lyme Animal Control, to view our Amazon Wishlist.

Old Lyme Cemetery Association (OLCA)

Carolyn Wakeman
President

The Old Lyme Cemetery Association (OLCA), a non profit organization founded in 1860, administers and maintains eight burying places in Old Lyme. The Duck River, Laysville, Point o' Woods, and Griswold cemeteries continue to receive burials. The historic Meetinghouse Hill cemetery on Johnnycake Hill Road and the small family cemeteries on Buttonball Road, Mile Creek Road, and River Road are no longer active.

Old Lyme's burial sites trace the town's history from the time of its colonial settlement. The oldest surviving gravestone stands in the original one-acre burying place beside Duck River and commemorates the death in 1676 of

Lt. Renold Marvin, a large landowner and local militia leader for whom the Lieutenant River was likely named. Gravestones in the Meetinghouse Hill cemetery date from 1696 and in the Laysville cemetery from 1751. Today the town's burying places, which welcome visitors from 7:30 am to dusk, offer scenic spaces for contemplation and remembrance and serve as outdoor museums of history and art.

The OLCA embarked on an ambitious project in May 2021 to restore neglected and damaged gravestones in the earliest section of Duck River Cemetery. Over the past year dedicated volunteers have cleaned 107 grave markers, straightened, repaired, and excavated

Old Lyme Cemetery Association (OLCA) *(continued)*

68 additional monuments, and mended 9 stones that were broken or detached from their pedestals. Ruth Shapleigh-Brown from the Connecticut Gravestone Network and Michael Carroll from Restoring History, along with Parker Lord and Bill DeNow from Lyme, have expertly guided those efforts. Inscriptions and engravings created by some of Connecticut's most accomplished gravestone carvers but long obscured by lichen and staining can now be read and appreciated.

The OLCA launched a website in June 2022 that documents the restoration project, traces cemetery history, and lists notable burials. The website also posts news updates and provides resources for locating graves and information about burial services. An ongoing series Stories in Stone offers glimpses of forgotten residents who helped create the town we inherit today. In the coming months a digital mapping project will make available additional details about the location of graves at Duck River.

The OLCA welcomes volunteers. More information about the town's cemeteries and about volunteer opportunities can be found on oldlymecemeteries.org



Map of Old Lyme cemeteries

Board of Directors: Steven Ames, Timothy Griswold, Marcia McLean, Edward Pinn, Carolyn Wakeman, Robert Whitcomb

Project Director & Webmaster: Liz Frankel

Design Consultant: Lisa Renason

Sexton: Leonard Jones



Spring at Duck River cemetery

Old Lyme Conservation Commission (OLCC)

Tom Sherer

Meetings: First Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Town Hall

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, and aids in the coordination of land development in relation to preserving our natural resources and remaining open land and sustaining recreational property. The commission meets at the town hall at 6:30 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month and welcomes the public to attend. The town web page provides meeting minutes and agendas: <https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/conservation-commission>

Longtime OLCC member George James retired from the commission this past year. We collectively offer our thanks to George for his diligent efforts to preserve and protect our natural resources and for his many years of service to the town. The commission is very pleased to welcome new members Nicole Kabel, Traci Russell, Madalyne Longfellow, and our student volunteer in training, Thomas Kabel.

Increasing Awareness Regarding Environmental Issues

The OLCC continues to provide Old Lyme residents with information and resources relating to our local and state environment. The commission has submitted quarterly articles to the Old Lyme *Events* magazine to keep residents abreast of local environmental issues. It creates and distributes instructional materials that provide information to assist residents in making safe and effective choices regarding household chemicals and lawncare products. Each year, the commission provides an educational public library display on a variety of issues. Over the course of this past year, the commission has focused on articles highlighting topics such as vernal pools, the Connecticut River Watershed, and the importance of alewives as a measure of the health of our local ecosystems.

Working on Important Town Issues

Commission members have undertaken water and radon testing to begin assessing these issues that are of concern to the local community. A database has been established and the OLCC

hopes to have completed initial mapping by the end of the year. The mapping will provide a useful resource and an educational tool for town residents.

The OLCC continues to work with the both the Town of Old Lyme and Old Lyme's Harbor 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, canoes, etc. To bring attention to this issue and the goals of the OLCC, the commission organized a booth at the Old Lyme Midsummer Festival.

This past year, the OLCC has worked with high school volunteers and the Land Trust to install owl and bat houses in town preserves. In addition, the commission has worked with our high school student volunteer in training on the issue of drought planning. Thomas Kabel has presented to the commission drought preparedness and water conservation strategies and the commission is discussing ways of educating the community on methods of water conservation and the effects of droughts to be proactive against future occurrences.

Coordinating With Other Environmental and Conservation Groups

The OLCC is closely working on Old Lyme's participation in the "Samplepalooza" event. This event is spearheaded by the Connecticut River Conservancy (CRC) but enlists the help of environmental officials and volunteers in New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, and Connecticut; it involves coordinating multiple teams of volunteers and professionals who will take water samples from multiple locations covering more than 1,000 river miles across the Connecticut River drainage basin. Samples will be tested for nutrients, chloride, and other water-quality parameters to help determine the amount and impact of these pollutants. The commission also is working to receive support from Connecticut Conservation and DEEP to create a designated watershed area. This relates to CT Sustainability's guidelines to provide watershed education and maintain a watershed program.

Old Lyme Conservation Commission (OLCC) *(continued)*

To promote alewives research and water testing, the commission has monitored installation of a fish counter and water testing as part of a study conducted by Yale and UCONN on the alewife populations of Black Hall Pond and Rogers Lake. Yale researchers stated that they have caught some of the largest alewives on record from the pond, indicating that the alewife population of Black Hall Pond has been landlocked for a long period. The importance of alewives is that they are a measure of the health of the ecosystem, and the very low 20-percent return rate of Connecticut's alewife population may have a negative effect on the environment.

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 Hain's Park that serves as an educational template for lake-area residents and to all residents of Old Lyme. This past year, the commission refurbished the beloved heron sign at Hain's Park

Looking Forward

In the summer of 2023, the OLCC plans to continue spreading benthic mats at Hain's Park Barrier Garden at Rogers Lake. Also, this coming 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. Also in 2023, the OLCC hopes to coordinate further with the CT DEEP in a project to restore alewives to Black Hall Pond. The commission hopes also to have water and radon testing information available in 2023 along with initial mapping results.

Join Us

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

Old Lyme Fire Department

Kevin Coyle
Secretary

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. Old Lyme Fire Department is celebrating its 100th anniversary in 2023.

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 292 emergency situations during the past year. The department currently operates three fire stations, nine pieces of fire apparatus, and three marine units. Approximately forty-three active volunteers logged over five thousand hours of emergency duty. Department training officers conduct an ongoing in-house training program. Outside instructors are employed when necessary and members are encouraged to attend federal, state, and regional training sessions.

The department makes a great effort to be prepared to meet a variety of challenges. Firefighters never know if the next call will be an automobile accident with injuries, structure fire, rescue emergency, brush or forest fire, storm-related emergency, or hazardous material incident. As in past years, more than fifty percent of the 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.

We ask that you assist us by making certain that your home is equipped with working smoke and carbon monoxide detectors as well as an up-

to-date fire extinguisher. Please ensure that your house number is visible from the street in both directions to clearly direct emergency vehicles to your home.

Fire apparatus are large vehicles and we have encountered some difficulty in making access to private driveways. Please make sure your driveway is of adequate width and free of low-hanging branches. Members of the department would be happy to advise you if necessary.

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. The generosity to the Firefighters Fund has allowed the Old Lyme Fire Department to finalize the purchase of a new fully outfitted Ford command vehicle to be donated to the Town of Old Lyme. Also, electronics have been improved on the marine unit and technology has been added to the meeting room to enhance training capabilities.

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.

Old Lyme Fire Department *(continued)*

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>	Ken Swaney
	John Duddy
	Matt Kakos
<i>Lieutenants</i>	Mat Merrill
	Jessica Rand
	Jared Flagg

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 (HDC)

Dini Mallory & John Noyes
Co-chairs

Meetings: First Mondays except August, 9 a.m., Memorial Town Hall

The Old Lyme Historic District Commission meets at 9:00 a.m. on the first Monday of each month except August in the town hall. Our charge is to maintain the historic integrity and aesthetic character that is the result of over 350 years of town visions and achievements.

We strive to be partners with those who reside as well as work and have businesses within our lively district. Our job as stewards of the Historic District is to help guide change so that it is in keeping with past styles and traditions.

To be most effective, projects should be reviewed at the planning phase. Owners or residents must provide information to the commission if they are proposing exterior changes to a building or other structure (including fences, driveways, walkways, HVAC units, or signs). If a project is simple maintenance and there is no change in materials, style, or location, it is a "Like for Like" improvement that will not require a Certificate of Appropriateness (CofA) application. We now have a form that offers guidance in determining if a project is "Like for Like." Please email us at historicdistrictcommission@oldlyme-ct.gov if you have questions about your project or the process or need any forms. Documents may be dropped off at the town hall, mailed, or submitted electronically via email. Both CofA and "Like for Like" forms may be downloaded from the Historic District Commission website (<https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/historic-district-commission>), obtained at the town hall, or requested by email.

Every CofA application requires a public hearing, which must be advertised and may involve a site visit from commission members as well. The Historic District Handbook, available at the town hall or on the commission website, explains the process.

The commission considered for approval a record thirty-one projects in the Historic District from July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022. Several approved projects will highlight the varied history of Old Lyme and the Historic District:

- The placement of more Witness Stones calls attention to the lives of enslaved people in the district
- The Lafayette marker, now installed on the town green located near the First Congregational Church, commemorates General Lafayette's 18th- and early 19th-century connections to Old Lyme.
- A National Votes for Women Trail marker, not yet installed, will honor Katharine Ludington, a prominent suffragette and a founder of the League of Women Voters.

The commission has completed work on adding the Historic District boundaries as an overlay to the town map in the GIS system. This map will be posted on the HDC's website. Future plans include adding links on the map to information about historic houses. The annotated map will be of use to scholars, visitors, and residents.

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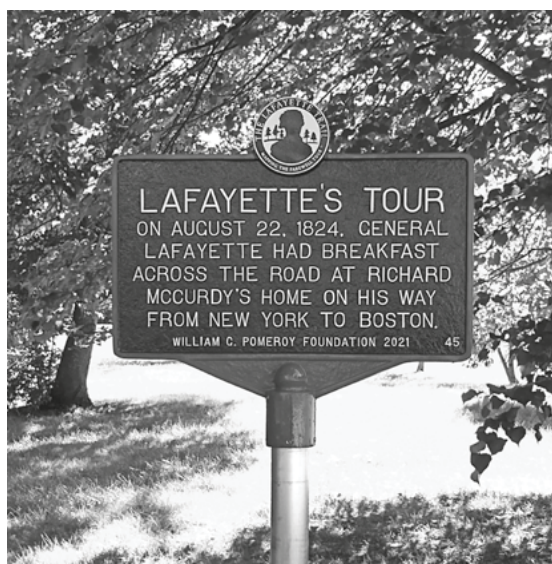
Old Lyme Historic District Commission (HDC) *(continued)*

Four long-time members of the commission – Jeff Cooley, John Forbis, Cynthia Taylor, and Dr. John (Ned) Pfeiffer – retired this year. Jeff Cooley served on the HDC for eight years, contributing his enthusiasm and valuable insights from his perspective as the owner of the Cooley Gallery and a long-time town resident. John Forbis served on the commission for fifteen years, seven as Vice Chair. He was a member of the Town Hall Building Committee and the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center and was involved in the region's Estuary Transit District. Cynthia Taylor grew up in Old Lyme and lives in the Historic District. She served on the HDC for five years and was chair for two years. Dr. John (Ned) Pfeiffer retired after six years on the HDC, five as chair, followed by three additional years as an active consultant to the commission. Ned's contributions to the region's archaeological and colonial history have done much to shape our understanding of our unique part of New England, and his knowledge as Old Lyme's Municipal Historian has enriched the HDC. Thank you, Jeff, John, Cynthia, and Ned, for your many years of service to Old Lyme. Your dedication and expertise will be missed.

The HDC has an 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 or on the commission's website.

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



The new Lafayette marker, installed on the town green, located near the First Congregational Church

Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc.

John Pote
Chairman

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

During the fiscal year of 2021-2022, we welcomed the return of many of our traditional activities. Of special note is the success of our appeal to our generous membership for the capital support to have our building painted. Our receipt of the CT Cultural Fund Operating Support Grant from the CT Humanities was also welcomed and notable.

We participated in the Halloween festivities on Lyme Street and continued with our highly anticipated Fall Plant Sale (October) and Holiday Book Sale (December). Our popular lecture series, presented virtually in the fall, raised money for our Carol Noyes Winters Scholarship Fund. Despite an anticipated drop in donations, the series was maintained as a service to the

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

community and retained its popularity with the *James Family Letters*, presented by Elizabeth Petry, and a presentation by Dr. John Pfeiffer on *The Nehantics*. Through the leadership of James Meehan and support of local businesses and organizations, we were also able to launch our annual *Then & Now* Calendar in November. Thanks to the stewardship of Katie Balocca and Ann Marie Jewett, our lecture series returned to an in-person event with a presentation by Paul Halferty of Lilywork Artisan Tile on the *History of Artisan Tile* and one by James Meehan on the *History of the Stars and Stripes* in 2022.

We again supported Old Lyme community activities such as the Town Band and Ice Cream Social, Lyme Art Academy's Holiday Enchantment, Memorial Day Parade and Observance, and Make Music Day in June. Edie Twining continues to work her magic with mini-exhibits such as *Bird Holiday*, *McCulloch Farm*, and *Shad Fishing* at the post office, library, and town hall.

Two of our stalwart groups of volunteers continue to perform tasks that allow the society to carry out its mission. The Tuesday Morning Work Crew, continuing with their expert craftsmanship, have completed the break room project and refurbished a storage area. The volunteers in the Archives, with Alison Mitchell as the lead, have been actively engaged in accessioning materials and responding to inquiries.



Archives Volunteers 2021-2022, James Brewster Noyes Award

At our Annual Meeting in June we specifically honored Michaelle Pearson, who is stepping down as a trustee after eleven years of dedicated and unselfish membership on the board in every capacity, including as co-chair. The highlight of the meeting was to present the James B. Noyes Award as Volunteer of the Year and the Carol Noyes Winters Scholarship Award. The Noyes Award was presented to the Volunteers in the Archives and the scholarship award was presented to William Larson, LOLHS graduate.

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.



James Meehan delivers "History of the Stars and Stripes" Lecture.

Old Lyme Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC)

Rachael Gaudio Labrie <https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/inland-wetlands-and-watercourses-commission>
Chairwoman *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 apply to the IWWC. The commission's staff within the Land Use Office in Memorial Town Hall can provide application materials and explain the application process and answer any related questions. This will help applicants avoid unintentional violation of both state and local regulations. Applicants are also required to retain professionals and contractors who are aware of state and local regulations and their requirements. For additional guidance, the Old Lyme IWWC Regulations can be found on the town's website.

This past fiscal year, the commission returned to in-person meetings and remained busy as projects continued at pandemic-year levels. The IWWC held ten site walks and heard three enforcement actions. Eighteen regular permits were approved, including three for the Open Space Commission. Seven administrative permits were issued. 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 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Town Hall. The agenda and minutes are posted on the town website.

Old Lyme Land Trust (OLLT)

Lea Harty
Trustee

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Established in 1966 as a private nonprofit corporation, the Old Lyme Land Trust (OLLT) has grown to own over 1,100 acres, making it the largest landowner in town. Townspeople and visitors of all ages enjoy its fourteen publicly accessible preserves. Each preserve has a distinctive character and together they offer hikes spanning the range from easy to moderately difficult. The trust is pleased to provide opportunities for recreation and connecting with the natural world.

OLLT 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 system. It manages its holdings with substantial help from preserve stewards and other volunteers. Among the many activities and enhancements this year were the creation of a new trail on the Lay-Allen Preserve; bench installations; trail re-blazing to reduce hiker confusion; continued work on establishing a stand of milkweed; stream crossing repairs; and invasive plant removal.

OLLT offers educational and enriching events, many in collaboration with other groups in town. We also host guided hikes and an annual kayak regatta. Learn about upcoming events from our website, our annual newsletter *Tributaries*, local news outlets, and flyers around town.

In response to property damage and threats to the environment and patron safety, we regrettably had to close the Watch Rock Preserve on summer weekends. While unfortunate, this step has been effective in stemming vandalism, littering, and other incidents.

OLLT is an all-volunteer organization governed by a board of trustees. Funding comes from memberships, donations, foundation awards, local businesses’ community programs, 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.

We invite members and nonmembers 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. We also welcome volunteers with other skills and interests that can benefit the trust.



Volunteers opened the new Lay-Allen Preserve trailhead on Bayberry Ridge Road.



A bench overlooking the Lieutenant River was installed on the Lohmann-Buck-Twining Preserve in memory of long-time steward Hank Golet.



In addition to offering hiking trails on dry land, the Boggy Hole Preserve protects wetlands that provide habitat for plants and animals suited specifically to this environment. Volunteers are needed to help with upkeep and improvements at this preserve slated for the fall 2022 season.

Old Lyme Open Space Commission

Amanda Blair, Evan Griswold
Co-Chairs

www.oldlyme-ct.gov/open-space-commission
OpenSpaceCommission@oldlyme-ct.gov

Meetings: Second Wednesday of the month except August, 5:00 p.m., Memorial Town Hall



Commission members and land stewards install bench in Champlain North Open Space.

At the Old Lyme Open Space Commission's 2022 annual meeting, Amanda Blair and Evan Griswold were elected as co-chairs and Gregory Futoma as secretary. Several commission personnel changes occurred: Peter Cable and Steven Calcagni declined reappointment, and Claudio Denoya and Anne Redfield were appointed as full members. Two new members were appointed:

- Michael Aurelia is an emeritus certified professional wetland scientist with extensive experience in protecting and regulating wetlands and watercourses at the state and municipal level.
- Fred Behringer is a scientist and business owner and has a strong background in plant science.

The town agreed to purchase 35.14 acres of forested land located at 41-1 and 41-4 Whippoorwill Road for use as open space, to be connected to the existing Ames Open Space land. The purchase price was \$400,000, and the commission applied to the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection for a \$200,000

grant to offset the expense. The purchase was approved by the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance, and the Planning Commission. Obstacles thereafter posed by recorded subdivision documents proved impossible to overcome, and the town withdrew from the purchase.

At a town meeting in March 2022, an amended conservation easement was approved for McCulloch Family Open Space. The revisions had previously been approved by The Nature Conservancy, Connecticut's Attorney General, and Superior Court to allow construction of parking areas, among other items. This legally concluded the town's acquisition of and conversion of the McCulloch family farm into open space.

At a town meeting in May 2022, a 5.72-acre parcel located at 18-2 Short Hills Road, offered to the town in association with the Planning Commission's approval of a subdivision, was accepted as open space. The land-locked parcel will be merged into McCulloch Family Open Space.

Old Lyme Open Space Commission *(continued)*

Meetings and discussions were held regarding the use of town property at 36-1 Buttonball Road as a possible kayak/canoe launch site and wildlife observation area. The parcel was deeded to the town in 2002 under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission, Open Space Committee. That agency later decided not to pursue plans for water access. A committee of Board of Selectmen, Open Space Commission, Harbor Management Commission, and Inland Wetland Commission representatives was being organized at fiscal year-end to review property options.

The commission renamed the town's eight-acre Eklund Pond property "Ferry Landing" to reflect the area's historic location as an 18th century Connecticut River ferry crossing. As part of its mission to preserve natural lands, the commission voted to make the site a wildlife refuge and to undertake its first habitat restoration project. The property's riparian and wooded upland terrain and seven-acre freshwater pond is deteriorating due to growth of invasive vegetation. The commission was granted \$7,500 by the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut and \$2,000 from the Board of Finance to support the restoration. Additional funding will be sought as the project moves forward.

Repairs to a spillway at McCulloch Family Open Space's "Jimmy's Pond" were made, and a flow regulation device or "beaver deceiver" was installed at Bartholomew Open Space to address flooding issues.

A hand-hewn visitor bench constructed of wood harvested on open space land was installed at Champlain North Open Space overlooking the Barbizon Oak.

The commission worked with the town's Affordable Housing Commission to develop two building envelopes acquired as part of the McCulloch farm purchase as affordable housing. The commission, at its own expense, explored the land's suitability for housing construction with percolation testing, surveying, and an assessment from Ledge Light Health District.

A "Beavers & Birds" conservation project on Ames Open Space, funded by grants from The Rockfall Foundation and Hartford Audubon Society, was completed. Wildlife cameras were installed and videos posted on the commission website. "National-park" style educational signs were installed along with visitor benches. Andrea Fenton presented at The Rockfall Foundation's September 2021 annual conference.

The commission was approached by a family considering a property purchase regarding the possible equestrian use of McCulloch Family Open Space property trails. The proposal was under consideration at the fiscal year-end.

As part of a continuing public outreach effort, the commission sponsored four "hikers' happy hours" with the Old Lyme Land Trust and the Old Lyme Inn.

Old Lyme Parks and Recreation

Don Bugbee
Director

Winnie Edmed
Assistant 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 860-434 1605 ext 235. The E-mail address is parkrec@oldlyme-ct.gov and there is a Parks and Recreation web page that can be linked from the Town of Old Lyme's website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov). All Parks and Recreation information is on the website and programs are listed by season. Information is listed on our Facebook page as well. Registration for all Parks and Recreation programs is now available via our on-line program called RecDesk.

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 youth and adult 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, aftercare camps, adult and youth basketball, adult volleyball, yoga, zumba fitness, basketball camps, soccer camps, and tennis camps. Hains Park is the home for all rowing activities in the spring, summer, and fall.

The plans for making general improvements to Hains Park are continuing. The parking lot was expanded to include space for an additional ten to twelve vehicles. Other improvements in the planning stages are to be a pavilion, sidewalks to make all areas ADA compliant, and replacement of the playground equipment. The replacement of the Cross Lane basketball and tennis courts is also in the planning stages. It is hopeful that pickleball courts will be added to the tennis court area.

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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khuffman@oldlymelibrary.org

Statistical Snapshot

Total Circulation: 49,539
Programs: 273 programs with 4,230 attendees
Computers: 8 public computers
 were used 1,984 times
Registered Borrowers: 3,862
Reference Transactions: 1,760
Collections: 40,978 physical and
 37,000+ digital items

The Year in Review

Library services and activities continued to be impacted by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic throughout the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Thankfully, public health restrictions eased and the library was able to fully resume in-person services in the spring of 2022. Here's a sampling of milestones and special accomplishments for the fiscal year:

- **Center School PreK Returns to the Library!:** We were thrilled to welcome the Lyme-Old Lyme Center School Preschoolers back to the library for monthly story times in October 2021.
- **Community Room Reopens:** Community members and organizations were able to reserve the community room for public events beginning in early February 2022. Between February and June, the Community Room was reserved thirty-four times. Similarly, the new study rooms continued to be very popular, especially with the after-school crowd. The study rooms were reserved more than 900 times during the 2021-2022 fiscal year.
- **Tales of the Phoebe:** In February 2022, the library unveiled a series of short, educational and entertaining videos highlighting the library's early history: *The Error of Her Ways*, highlighting Phoebe Griffin Noyes; *The Best Son-in-Law Ever*, highlighting Charles Ludington; and *The 19th Amendment*, highlighting Katharine Ludington.
- **In-Person Events Resume:** The library officially resumed indoor, in-person events for the general public in May 2022. A selection of virtual programs continued to be offered through summer 2022.
- **Founders' Day:** In June, the library celebrated its 124th anniversary with a Renewal Project celebration and reception on the patio with live music. Plaques honoring the Renewal Campaign leadership donors were unveiled and the third installment of *Tales of the Phoebe* premiered.
- **Phoebe's Native Garden:** Work on the new garden continued. In October 2021, Seacoast Design installed the north-south paver walkway, and in May 2022 they returned to complete the necessary hardscape in anticipation of final plantings slated for summer 2022. To encourage enjoyment of the outdoor spaces, new benches were installed throughout the site in fall 2021.
- **Collaborations:** The success of the library is owed, in part, to the support of and partnerships with other local organizations throughout the year. This year, partners included, but were not limited to, Public Art for Racial Justice Education, Old Lyme Land Trust, Lyme Library, Old Lyme Arts District, Lyme Academy of Fine Arts, Lymes Creative Arts, Sustainable Old Lyme, Healthy Futures, The Crosby Foundation, Lymes' Senior Center, Lyme Art Association, Witness Stones Old Lyme, Duck River Garden Club, Lyme-Old Lyme School District, Lymes' Youth Services Bureau, Old Lyme Historical Society, Lyman Allyn Art Museum, Essex Library, and Old Saybrook High School.
- **Grant Funding:** The library was fortunate to be awarded grants for the following initiatives: fiber internet installation and access via the Connecticut Education Network, funded by the State Library of CT; mobile air filters and outdoor lockers, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act administered by the State Library of CT; and a book bike, funded by the American Rescue Plan Act administered by the Town of Old Lyme.

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

- **Community Surveys:** A committee of staff and trustees continued work on developing a new long-range plan to be unveiled in early 2023. To inform this work, the committee asked for community feedback via public surveys in fall 2021 and spring 2022.
- **Policy Updates:** Library staff updated or developed, with board approval, a variety of policies, including *Study Room Policy*, *Meeting Rooms Policy*, *Bulletin Board Policy*, *Collection Development Policy*, and the *Employee Handbook*.
- **Staff Training:** In addition to attending a wide variety of continuing education webinars, staff received in-person CPR and first aid training and began developing new safety procedures and plans.

2021-2022 Library Staff

Linda Alexander, Katie Balocca, Julie Bartley, Nike Desis, Kristine Ferguson, Katy Klarnet, Katie Huffman (Director), Evelyn Morgen, Kathy Sharp, Jessica Steding, and Mary Talbot.

2021-2022 Board of Trustees

The 2021-2022 Library Board of Trustees consisted of eighteen members: Kirsten Sicuranza (President), Ken Biega (Vice President), Jane Cable (Secretary), Thomas Britt (Treasurer), Jamie Alpha, Wil Bradford, Mary Dangremond, Susan Fader, Sondra Griswold, Barbara Hack, Wen He, Blair McBeth, Heather Richardson, Skip Sibley, Roger M. Smith, Eddie Vautrain, Tara Ward, and Markus Warlitz. The Board of Trustees meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, excepting December and July.

Old Lyme Police Department (OLPD)

Matthew Weber

Resident State Trooper

The Old Lyme Police Department provides traditional and nontraditional law-enforcement services to our community. It is currently staffed by one resident state trooper, four full-time patrol officers, three part-time patrol officers, one administrative assistant, and one K-9 narcotics/patrol dog.

The town of Old Lyme contracts with the Connecticut State Police that provide the Resident State Trooper. In addition to the Resident Trooper, the town of Old Lyme has access to the state radio system, reporting system, additional patrol services, and many more assets. Because of this contract with the Connecticut State Police, anybody can go to Troop F in Westbrook, CT to check the criminal log for any arrests and/or reports. Criminal press releases can also be found at Troop F.

The OLPD has been responsible for investigating several different motor vehicle and criminal incidents, along with numerous nontraditional police service calls. With the drastic influx of residents in the beach population during the summer months, the department is assisted by the Old Lyme Ranger Program. This program is supervised by Corporal Wayne Collins. During these summer months, the town employs ten non-sworn rangers, who provide traffic direction, beach security, beach patrol, parking lot monitoring, and several other beach-related services.

With the ever-changing environment in law enforcement, it has become more difficult to fill sworn police officer positions. Recently the town opened up the employment process in an attempt

to hire new recruits to attend the Connecticut Police Academy located in Meriden, Connecticut. These recruits would fill the two vacant full-time positions. Since 2004, the town of Old Lyme has not sent a newly hired officer to the academy. In recent years the town has sought to hire retired officers from surrounding police departments and has decided that new recruits would be more beneficial to the town.

Aside from the traditional law-enforcement services as described above, our officers partake in multiple community events. Such events often are collaborated with the Lyme Youth Service Bureau and include food drives, drug take-back collections, school events, youth programming, and more,

All of us at the OLPD are excited to be heading in a new direction with more highly trained and dedicated officers!

Resident State Trooper Matthew Weber
Corporal Wayne Collins
Corporal Dominic Solari
Officer Samuel Barnes
Officer Steven Hackett
Officer Matthew Ward
Officer Paul DeCrosta
Officer Kershen Bissette
Administrative Assistant Pamela Parker
K-9 Tazz

Anyone looking for part time summer employment as an Old Lyme Ranger and is 18 years of age or older should inquire at the Old Lyme Police Department located at #294 Shore Road.

Old Lyme Solid Waste and Recycling Committee

Maryellen Basham & Jim Ward
Co-chairs

Meetings: 2nd Mondays, 6:00 p.m., Memorial Town Hall
www.oldlyme-ct.gov/solid-waste-recycling-committee

Did You Know? The average amount of solid waste generated per Old Lyme resident from July 2018 through June 2021 was between 813-891 pounds. That's a number we need to reduce!

Old Lyme's Solid Waste and Recycling Committee (OLSW&RC) was newly reconstituted in January 2022. The committee meets at 6 p.m. on the second Monday of every month at Old Lyme's Memorial Town Hall. Meeting agendas and minutes are posted at www.oldlyme-ct.gov/solid-waste-recycling-committee. Here you also will find information about Old Lyme's transfer station, hazardous waste, how to order new trash and recycling bins, what can and cannot be recycled, committee members' names and contact information, the committee's charge, and links to other resources.

The committee's initial focus has been to improve our community's recycling of materials. What residents recycle directly impacts the price the town pays for waste and recycling.

To obtain the best pricing of waste disposal for the town and taxpayers, recyclable materials going into our green recycling bin must be CLEAN, EMPTY, and UNBAGGED. NO PLASTIC BAGS OF ANY TYPE ARE ALLOWED IN OUR GREEN RECYCLING BINS. Our waste and recycling hauler, CWPM, reminds us these plastic bags get caught in the conveyor belts of recycling sorting equipment.

Also, BLACK PLASTIC CONTAINERS (food take-out containers or flowerpots) CANNOT go into the green recycling bins. The sorting equipment cannot detect this color. See the "What's In and What's Out" list on the website.

The committee is committed to providing ways for the town residents to reduce their waste. We encourage participation in the Trex® Challenge, a program that recycles plastic films and bags. Region 18 schools have participated in the program for many years, earning awards for the amount of plastic film collected. Drop off your clean and dry plastic film in the collection boxes at the schools, Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, and Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall.

Future projects the committee is considering include composting of food waste and collection bins for unusable clothing and textile materials that cannot be donated for further wear or resale. The committee is always looking for new ideas on how to encourage recycling, so please come and join us at a meeting to share your thoughts. And, if recycling and waste reduction is something you are passionate about, the committee would love to have you help! Our "educational debut" is scheduled for the coming Midsummer Festival in July at the Florence Griswold Museum. In the works are an interactive "Take the Recycling Quiz" to test the recycling knowledge of visitors along with fun crafts and stickers with an earth-friendly motto for children.

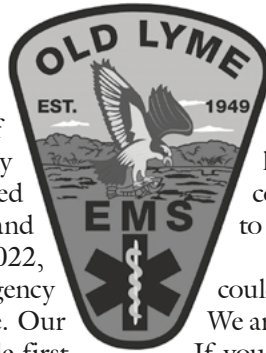
Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc. (OLSEVAA)

Sean O'Marra
President

The Old Lyme Ambulance Association is composed of volunteers and paid emergency medical professionals and is dedicated to helping our neighbors, visitors, and businesses in the community. In FY2022, our members responded to 818 emergency calls for help in and around Old Lyme. Our members' primary mission is to provide first-rate emergency medical care and transportation to nearby hospitals to anyone who needs it. Crews not only treated patients suffering from a variety of medical and traumatic conditions but also provided aid at structure fires and marine rescues, and occasionally were called to respond and assist other towns in the region. In addition to emergencies, we are often asked to provide medical stand-by at large community events such as fireworks shows, the Midsummer Festival, and the Lyme/Old Lyme High School graduation, to name a few.

Our second mission is training. Old Lyme ambulance provides monthly training to our members at the Cross Lane Fire/EMS Station. Emergency medical responders require regular training to maintain their skills and CT State certifications. This training may be conducted by our own personnel trained as Emergency Medical Service Instructors or through guest instructors, which our training chief frequently coordinates. Over the past year we have been fortunate to have received training from experts at the Department of Social Services, Amtrak, and the Ledge Light Health District on topics relevant to the population of Old Lyme.

In addition to in-house training for our members, the Old Lyme Ambulance is proud to provide no-cost training to community groups and residents. One initiative our members started back in 2019 is to deliver Stop the Bleed Training to the Lyme-Old Lyme communities. We continue our partnership with Lyme-Old Lyme Schools with the goal of training all the seventh-



through twelfth-grade students in life-saving bleeding control skills during health class. Additionally, we work collaboratively to bring hands-only CPR to middle schoolers.

The Old Lyme Ambulance Association could not function without its volunteers. We are in need of new or returning members!

If you are an individual who is interested in learning new things and helping the community, we would love to have you join our team. We invite you to learn more about us and to join us at the Cross Lane station on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 p.m. You can also visit our website at olems.org, email president@OLEMS.org, or call 860-434-0089 for information on what we do or how to join. We simply could not do our job without the dedicated individuals who make up this organization and we could really use your help.

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. As a reminder, please check your house to be sure the street number is visible from the road. If we can't see it, we may be delayed when you need us most! Thank you all for your generous and continued support throughout the year.



Old Lyme Tree Commission

Joanne DiCamillo
Chair

Meetings: Third Thursdays, except August; 4 p.m., Memorial Town Hall

The Old Lyme Tree Commission planted three new trees in April to celebrate Arbor Day. On a chilly but bright spring morning, Morningstar Nursery from Rhode Island delivered the trees to the North Green, where the landscape crew from River End Landscape was waiting to unload them, remove the shipping materials, prepare the planting holes, and set them into the ground.

Eventually, these trees will enhance the green's landscape with their beauty and color:

- *Nyssa sylvatica*, **Black Gum** — a beautiful native tree with glossy green foliage in summer that turns scarlet, yellow, and orange in the fall and produces small black berries, which birds love.
- *Prunus sargentii*, **Columnar Cherry** — an ornamental tree, will grow in a vase-shaped form, with shiny, dark green foliage, reddish-brown bark, and masses of pink blossoms in May.
- *Syringa reticulata*, **Japanese Tree Lilac** — a small ornamental tree with cherry-like bark and large plumes of white flowers in June.

Selecting the trees for our community requires thoughtful research, whether planting in the parks or along our streets. The colors, scents, shade, and the magnificent vistas they provide are aesthetics that we all enjoy, together with the equally vital benefits of carbon storage, stormwater absorption, and energy conservation. And just as important as the aesthetics are the resiliency and adaptability, finding species and cultivars that can tolerate heat, drought, compacted soils, and de-icing salts; trees that can endure the increasing frequency of storms with heavy precipitation and high winds, especially in a changing climate.

Following a tree's removal, the commission carefully considers a diverse list of species to replace it. Would "like for like" (the same species) be appropriate? Was the last tree adaptable to its site, was it attacked by insects, or susceptible to disease and sensitive to drought? Was old age a factor? Selecting the right tree for that site, the soil preparation, and proper planting techniques are all crucial to the longevity of the new tree.

The young trees we plant today will thrive only if they continue to be healthy. Watering and good aftercare are vital for their wellbeing. These are critical components that will enable the trees to become stronger and to develop a full, healthy canopy at maturity. It will be about twenty years until they provide the cooler, greener, and pleasant environment that can benefit our community in the future.

Activity for 2020-2021 fiscal year:

- Planting: The commission planted three new trees on the North Green.
- Removals: The Tree Warden approved twenty-six trees for removal.
- Trimming and fertilizing: The Tree Commission trimmed ten trees and fertilized one tree.
- Communications: We responded to the residents who sent twenty-eight emails with concerns about trees to the Tree Commission via the town's website.

We thank the community for your support and help with keeping our trees healthy and safe.

TO ALL TOWN RESIDENTS, PERMIT REQUIRED:

You must apply for a permit to trim, remove, or plant trees or shrubs on the town's right-of-way adjoining your property. The application is available in person at town hall or online

www.oldlyme-ct.gov



Members of the landscape crew from River End Landscape

Old Lyme Tree Commission *(continued)*



Old Lyme First Selectman, Tim Griswold (second from right) stands with members Joan Flynn, Fred Behringer, and Joanne DiCamillo as they spread mulch around the new cherry tree.

Members missing from the photo: Michael Gaffey, Emily Griswold, Anne Bing

Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association, Inc. (OLVNA)

Cindi Taylor

Executive Director

Founded in 1922, the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association provides health services to the whole community. For many years our town nurse has held office hours at the Lymes' Senior Center for Lyme and Old Lyme residents. No fees are charged for these visits. For residents who are sick or convalescing at home, the nurse can make free monthly visits for health assessment or promotion. The visiting nurse can also coordinate skilled care (paid for by Medicare/Medicaid/private insurance) through our partner agency, the Visiting Nurse Association of Southeastern Connecticut.

Throughout the last year Town Nurse Denise Piersa has continued to provide these traditional services. In response to the pandemic, office hours were shortened, and residents were asked to schedule appointments before visiting. Nurse Piersa also accommodated those residents who preferred to meet with her outside or rely on phone calls.

On October 16, 2021, we held our second 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, the Old Lyme Fire Department, and Old Lyme

Emergency Management. By late morning we had administered 371 vaccines.

In the spring, we were glad to continue our tradition of giving scholarship awards to distinguished high-school graduates who plan to study healthcare. For 2022, the winners were Nicolette Hallahan, Lauren Creagan, Abigail Manthous, and Mackenzie Bussolotti. Nicolette Hallahan also won the Mary Hubbard Noyes Memorial Scholarship to pursue healthcare studies. Congratulations to all of you!

As the summer began, we celebrated our 100th anniversary by displaying poster boards summarizing the history of our association and our community.

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. Visitors and potential directors are always welcome to attend.

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.oldlymenvna.org/>. You can also email us at oldlymenvna@gmail.com.

Planning Commission

Harold Thompson
Chairman

The Planning Commission normally meets on the second Thursday of each month, except for the month of August. The meetings are held at Memorial 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 planning commission is responsible for updating the Town's Plan of Conservation and Development. Subdivision Regulations are revised as deemed necessary, and special documents such as an ordinance is approved by a town meeting. The commission is also required to act on any zoning referrals;

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 engage 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.

Region 18 – Lyme-Old Lyme Schools

Ian Neviaser

Superintendent of Schools

The 2021-22 school year began with many COVID-19 protocols still in place, yet also brought a welcome return to a full calendar of athletics, concerts, and after-school activities reflective of years past. By the end of February, masks were no longer required, and our schools saw a return to near normalcy.

Our strategic plan, which outlines expectations and goals in the areas of curriculum, human resources, facilities, and community, was updated with input from teachers, administration, the Board of Education, and community members. Academic excellence, quality curriculum, and attracting and retaining exceptional teachers remain key components of the plan. The strategic plan may be found on our website at www.region18.org.

The Board of Education commissioned a study to assess the state of its PK-8 facilities in the summer of 2021. The study, conducted by QA+M Architecture, reviewed existing conditions, conducted an assessment and evaluation of buildings, and projected future budget cost estimations. In 2022, the Board of Education continued to review numerous options for



Graduation day at Lyme-Old Lyme High School



Congratulations Lyme-Old Lyme High School Class of 2022!

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Region 18 – Lyme-Old Lyme Schools *(continued)*

necessary repairs and updates to facilities while seeking community input through a series of public meetings and presentations. A referendum for Lyme/Old Lyme voters will be scheduled for the fall.

In August, our schools received the results of highly anticipated state-wide achievement data. This standardized testing information provided valuable information in understanding how our schools fared due to the pandemic. While most

schools in Connecticut saw an overall decline in scores, Lyme-Old Lyme Schools achieved scores that are some of the highest we have seen in the past five years and were on par with pre-pandemic testing. These strong results are a testament to the decision to remain in-school full time during the 2020-21 school year and to the excellent teachers, dedicated administration and staff, and, most importantly, to the support of the Lyme and Old Lyme communities.



Celebrating Valentine's Day at Center School



Ice cream to celebrate the end of the school year at Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School



Reading a book while "camping" in the library at Mile Creek School



Making Adirondack chairs at Lyme-Old Lyme High

Registrars of Voters

Catherine Carter (R), Marylin Clarke (D)

Registrars

The Registrars of Voters' office is located on the mezzanine level of Memorial Town Hall. Regular public hours are Monday 1 to 4 p.m.

The General Municipal Election was held on November 2, 2021. The Regional School District 18 Budget Referendum was held on May 3, 2022. Both voting sessions were held at the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School.

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

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

Electors with disabilities may be eligible for permanent absentee ballot status so that absentee ballot applications for each election (and primary) can be mailed directly by the town clerk's office. Either the registrars' office (ext 226) or the town clerk (ext 220) can assist with details.

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

A state-mandated canvas of electors is conducted each January through March in order to maintain an accurate list of active electors. A mailing requesting a response is sent to those electors who have changed mailing addresses either within town or out-of-town/state as well as to those who have not voted in Old Lyme elections during the four prior years. Registered voters as of June 30, 2022 are as follows:

Republicans	1,684
Democrats	1,925
Unaffiliated	2,320
Other	97

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 municipalities: Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook. RiverCOG is responsible for planning regional land use, transportation, emergency preparedness, environmental conservation, economic development, and homeland security.

FY22 officers for RiverCOG are Anthony Salvatore (Cromwell), chairperson; Timothy Griswold (Old Lyme), vice-chairperson; Laura



Francis (Durham), secretary; and Carl Fortuna (Old Saybrook) treasurer. Town Manager David Cox (East Hampton) and First Selectman Robert McGarry (Haddam) also join the RiverCOG officers on the Executive Committee.

Two large planning projects in this fiscal year were finalizing and adopting the Regional Plan of Conservation and Development (RPOCD) and creating the first Regional Housing Plan (RHP). Additionally, in the spring of 2022, work began on a Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS).

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In FY22 RiverCOG staff completed an update of the Regional Natural Hazard Mitigation Plan that includes individual annexes for fifteen municipalities.

RiverCOG's Regional Planning Committee (RPC), or its delegated staff, reviews proposed zoning text and map changes that affect property within 500 feet of municipal boundaries and subdivisions that touch or cross town lines as well as municipal plans of conservation and development. This fiscal year we reviewed sixty inter-municipal zoning regulation referrals from our member municipalities and adjacent towns.

RiverCOG continued to host and staff the nonprofit Gateway Commission, which, has served the towns of Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme, and Old Saybrook for forty-nine years as the guardian of the scenic and ecological values of the Lower Connecticut River.

RiverCOG supported the health of the Connecticut River by educating communities about invasive species and monitoring and removing harmful plants. Through Senator Blumenthal's office we worked again this year to bring federal funding to bear for 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 host and staff the Lower Connecticut River Land Trust (LCRLT). This nonprofit entity's members include the communities and land trusts of the region. Work was begun on a regional project to promote the open spaces and trails of the region and to raise funds for the stewardship needs of its member communities and land trusts.

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.

RiverCOG continues to offer Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) and paper shredding collections from April to October for the region. An increase of 6 percent totaling 2,871 households made the HHW 2021 season better than ever. The four paper shredding events totaled 39,600 pounds of paper collected. That was an 18-percent increase in the amount of paper collected for the year.

The RiverCOG hosts Connecticut's only Regional Agriculture Council (RAC). A two-year Farm Viability Grant from the Department of Agriculture made it possible to purchase no-till equipment for regional farmers.

RiverCOG serves at the area's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and is involved in many transportation-related projects through state and federal funding. In FY22 we completed the Regional Transportation Safety Plan and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan and coordinated with CTDOT on the update of the locally coordinated Human Services Transportation Plan. The MPO also was approved to study a link between the Airline Trail and Farmington Canal Trail.

Other regional planning projects from fiscal year 2022 include the following:

- Hosting compost bin/rain barrel sales
- Recognition of the state's nine planning regions as county-equivalents for federal purposes
- GIS creation of town digital elevation models from the 2016 lidar-based contours
- Continued work with CTDOT on LOTCIP, TAP, and other types of projects throughout the region, such as the following:
 - Merger of Estuary Transit District with Middletown Area Transit. This merger became official on July 1, 2022
 - East Haddam swing bridge walkway and Haddam roundabouts
 - Middletown Route 9 at Miller/Portland St.
 - Route 9 CCTV installation
 - Municipal traffic counts
 - ADA and Title VI compliance measures

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, Old Lyme*

To report unsafe activity on lake, call DEEP at 860-424-3333 or 911.
Patrol boat can be reached at 860-227-4285.

Lyme and Old Lyme should be very proud of the two Olympic rowers who competed in the Tokyo Summer Olympics and started their rowing careers on Rogers Lake. For our lake to have two of the eight Olympic rowers in the boat says volumes on the caliber of the town's rowing program. The RLA recognizes Liam Corrigan and Austin Hack on their achievement. In addition to the rowing activity, there were dozens of permitted fishing tournaments, a Sunfish Regatta, and an Irish Currach regatta held on the lake throughout the year.

An invasive aquatic plant species survey was performed by SWCA Environmental Consultants during the summer of 2020, and there continued to be a dramatic reduction in invasive species throughout the lake. The recommendation was that management of the invasive plants could be accomplished with hand pulling. Hand pulling was performed in July.

The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station has decades of data on the aquatic vegetation in Rogers Lake and performed a two-week whole-lake aquatic plant survey. The report identified five invasive aquatic weeds in small areas around the lake, but otherwise the quantity of invasive aquatic weeds was greatly reduced. In fact, seven new native aquatic plants were observed for the first time. The recommendation was to treat the invasive aquatic weeds before they had a chance to spread further.

As part of the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) permitting process for the herbicide treatment of the invasive aquatic weeds, a repeat study was performed to determine the impact of the herbicide on the endangered Eastern Pond mussel. The study showed that with the major reduction in the invasive aquatic weeds the Eastern Pond mussel is thriving, and their habitat area has expanded.

The one concerning finding from the Eastern Pond mussel survey is that the invasive Asian Clam was identified. This invasive was found at Hains Park and on Whale Island. Funding was approved late in the budget process to further study this invasive in 2022.

DEEP personnel indicated that the RLA ordinance needed updating as there were instances where a specific line item conflicted with Connecticut boating rules. DEEP has final approval of any ordinance changes. The last time Article IV (Use of Rogers Lake) ordinance was updated was May 1990. Since that time there have been significant changes in boating activity on the lake and the need to address safety issues. Work was started to support potential changes by compiling data from lakes of similar size to Rogers Lake. Further work on the ordinance was put on hold due to public dissent on one line item in the ordinance.

The RLA is a member of the Connecticut Federation of Lakes. Members of the RLA attended several lake symposiums throughout the year.

The RLA continues working with Yale University and the Connecticut DEEP Fisheries Division with their efforts in reintroducing alewives back into the lake. DEEP continues to stock alewives so that they will spawn in the lake. There has been a change in offshore fishing harvesting of small fish and it is thought to have a serious impact on the number of alewives returning to spawn along the Northeast United States coast.

In an ongoing effort 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.

One of the RLA's primary concerns is boating safety on 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 Rogers Lake Authority is composed of three representatives from Lyme and three representatives from Old Lyme. The RLA can

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Rogers Lake Authority *(continued)*

be contacted via email at rogerslakeauthority@oldlyme-ct.gov. A website is maintained at <https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/rogers-lake-authority>. All the reports referenced earlier can be found on this webpage.

Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles has commissioned a “Save Our Lakes” license plate, with the proceeds from this registration

going directly for grants in support of Connecticut lakes.

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

Social Services

Jennifer Datum

Social Services Coordinator

Throughout the year, the social services department continued to assist residents 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. Also together with the Lymes’ Youth Service Bureau, I again assisted in summer lunch distribution in the summer of 2021 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 residents in need. I assisted 96 households with a total of 111 people this year.

Senior Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program

In the summer of 2021, I distributed coupon booklets to be used at local farmers’ markets to income-eligible residents who are elderly or disabled. 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.

Energy Assistance

Energy Assistance for the winter season of 2021-22 continued to be a helpful program to residents struggling to pay for oil, propane, or electricity to heat their homes. This federal program is administered locally through TVCCA. Town residents who meet financial

guidelines can apply for the program through my office at the town hall if they prefer, or they can apply directly through TVCCA. I processed fifty cases, including individuals and families. Due to the increase in the cost of both oil and electricity in early 2022, I noticed an increase in first-time applicants this year.

Renters’ Rebate

The Renters’ Rebate program is a state reimbursement program for elderly or disabled low-income residents who rent in town. In 2021, I assisted forty residents in applying for this benefit for the 2020 year.

American Rescue Plan Committee

The American Rescue Plan Committee was created by the Board of Selectmen in September 2021. I was appointed to the committee, and the group worked diligently for several months and made its recommendations regarding the allocation of ARP funds to the Board of Selectmen in June of 2022.

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 by individuals and from local agencies such as the Community Foundation, the LIONS Club, and the Fire Department Auxiliary is used to help low-income residents, often on fixed incomes, who are struggling to pay their bills and need one-time assistance. Examples of

such assistance include emergency fuel delivery, 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 \$1475. The Coronavirus Relief Fund also continued to give 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 Service Bureau, the town nurse, and the Old Lyme VNA to help serve all residents.

Schedule & Contact Information

I work part time. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call my office at 860-434-1605 ext 228.

Sound View Commission (SVC)

Frank Pappalardo
Chair

*Meetings: Fourth Thursdays, 7:30 p.m., Memorial Town Hall, Oct.-April
Shoreline Community Center, 39 Hartford Avenue, Sound View, May-Sept.*

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

The Sound View Commission, established in 2011, serves as the designated advisor to the Old Lyme Board of Selectmen regarding the Sound View area 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 post-COVID life resumed to normal, Sound View saw a resurgence of activity. Visitors were able to enjoy a number of Thursday night concerts presented by the SVC.
- The State Community Connectivity Grant awarded to Old Lyme was in full motion. After final designs were approved for sidewalks along the upper portion of Hartford Ave. and Shore Rd., contractor bids came in below the \$400,000 grant budget. This allowed us to also fund a decorative street post on Hartford Ave. and

a bus-stop area with landscaping, bike rack, repair station, and shelter. The terms of the award specified fund's use for connectivity, such as sidewalks, bike paths, and public transportation. Substantial project completion occurred in May with several small tasks remaining for the summer and fall.

- Discussions happened with members of the Economic Development Committee. Subsequently, the Sound View Commission supported the formation of the Gateway Committee, designed to address the development along Shore Road from Cherrystones/ Gulf Station to the police station. A special Selectmen Gateway Committee was appointed, with members from all areas of Old Lyme invited to participate. Several initial ideas suggested included a zoning change to allow for more feasible development.
- A Sound View Advisory Subcommittee was formed to address the method and implementation of SVC recommendations, with public safety, beach hours, and

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Sound View Commission (SVC) *(continued)*

parking as key topics. Among the members attending frequent meetings were Old Lyme Police, the Resident Trooper, selectmen, and the presidents of Old Colony Beach and Miami Beach Associations. Results included the following:

- Town parking lot hours extended to 9 a.m. – 9 p.m.
- Number of parking spots reserved for Old Lyme residents increased to fifteen
- Parking rate changes:
- OLPD Corporal Wayne Collins, Rangers, and Resident State Trooper Weber presented an informative report regarding the police management of Sound View and surrounding area. The presentation was open to the public.

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. Commission members are Frank Pappalardo (chair), Michaelle Pearson (secretary), Harry Plaut, Joann Reis Lishing, Frank Maratta, Paul Orzel (alternate), Jackie Miano (alternate), and Marisa Calvi-Rogers (alternate).

Sustainable Old Lyme Team

Cheryl Poirier
Chair

Charlotte Lyman
Vice Chair

Maureen Plumleigh
Secretary

Regular Meetings: First Thursdays, 5:30 p.m., Memorial Town Hall, Mezzanine Conference Room
<https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/sustainable-old-lyme-team>
SustainableOldLyme@gmail.com

The Sustainable Old Lyme Team is proud to report that the Town of Old Lyme achieved the top certification level currently given by Sustainable Connecticut. Old Lyme achieved its “Silver” recognition following the team’s August 2021 application for recognition of Old Lyme’s efforts to create a sustainable and resilient municipality in eleven key categories. The eleven categories include well-stewarded land and natural resources; vibrant and creative cultural ecosystems; inclusive engagement, communication and education; and thriving local economies, among others.

Old Lyme municipal organizations whose initiatives contributed to this honor included the following:

- Planning Commission: 2020 Plan of Conservation & Development
- Open Space Commission: 2020 Open Space Plan
- Affordable Housing Committee (now Commission): 2021 Findings & Recommendations

- Selectman’s Office & Emergency Management: Communications Strategy
- Selectman’s Office: Participation in Arts District Partnership and overall
- Economic Development Commission: 2019 SWOT Analysis Workshops
- Historic District Commission: Approval of the Witness Stones Plaques on Lyme Street
- Community Connectivity Grant Committee: Complete Streets (sidewalks, bicycle lanes, crosswalks) in Sound View and its Gateway Town Historic Resource Asset Inventory
- Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools: Clean Energy by 2030 Commitment
- Town Hall Facilities Department: Efficient Exterior Lighting at Senior Center
- Town Hall FOIA Training for Commissioners and Board Members
- Town Hall No Smoking Policy at Town Outdoor Facilities
- Municipal support of arts and cultural programming

Sustainable Old Lyme Team *(continued)*

In addition to these sustainable efforts, the Sustainable Old Lyme Team implemented new initiatives to meet the certification requirements, including the following:

- *Pollinate Old Lyme!* Town-wide educational program on native plantings and invasive species that affect pollinators, highlighting town properties with pollinator landscapes
- Lymes Creative Arts: With the Town of Lyme and LYSB, summer arts programming for middle and high school students
- A Walk Audit of Lyme Street: Assessing how well our older residents can enjoy walking on Lyme Street (re: sidewalks, benches, etc.)
- Solid Waste Reporting: Determining and then sharing on the town website the Residential Solid Waste (“trash”) Old Lyme residents throw away per person annually.

Sustainable Connecticut held up twelve of Old Lyme’s thirty-five action submissions as “Success Stories,” which are benchmarks of excellence for other municipalities to consider, including the following:

- Optimizing for Equity with EDC SWOT Workshops, Sustainable Old Lyme Walk Audit, and Lymes Creative Arts
- Developing an Open Space Plan
- Enhancing Pollinator Pathways
- Mapping Tourism & Cultural Assets
- Supporting Arts & Creative Culture
- Integrating Sustainability into the Plan of Conservation & Development
- Inventorying and Assessing Historic Resources
- Implementing Complete Streets
- Providing Effective Community Communications
- Collaborating with other Municipalities (Town of Lyme)

- Reporting Materials Management Data to Reduce Waste
- Showcasing Innovative Programs: R18 Carbon Free Pledge & the Witness Stones Project

The Sustainable Old Lyme Team wishes to thank the boards and commissions who contributed to the monumental task of documenting these varied efforts that lead to a thriving community.



Cheryl Poirier and Tim Griswold having received our Silver Certification from Sustainable CT at the November 30, 2021 Annual Connecticut Conference of Municipalities Annual Convention. The Silver award is a very big deal for Old Lyme; there are only 25 municipalities to reach Silver in the state and we are the only one in Southeastern CT. Cheryl is happy to share this news in the town report!

Tax Collector

Judith A. Tooker

Tax Collector

The Tax Collector's office has been very busy this fiscal year. Although we only send out one bill in July, property taxes are due in two parts, July and January, with all

motor vehicle taxes due in July and supplemental bills due in January. Our collection rate did very well this fiscal year.

Town Meetings

MINUTES OF TOWN OF OLD LYME IN-PERSON ONLY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AUGUST 16, 2021

Approximately eighteen (18) electors and citizens attended the Town of Old Lyme in-person Special Town Meeting on Monday, August 16, 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 Selectman Christopher W. Kerr and seconded by Andy Russell, to nominate Attorney Thomas McGarry to serve as moderator.

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

1. Whether to appropriate FIFTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$52,000.00) in connection with the Town's response to the COVID-19 virus during FY 2020/2021, which amount the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed to the Town by the U.S. Federal Government.

Tim Griswold motioned for Dave Roberge, Emergency Management Director for the Town of Old Lyme, to present. Seconded by Fred Behringer. So, approved.

Dave Roberge gave an overview of the expenditures and expected reimbursement to the Town from the U.S. Federal Government. From March 2020 to June 2020, \$116,381 was expended on COVID relief. Thus far, \$87,285 was reimbursed to the Town. President Biden ordered towns to receive 100% reimbursement, so there is a balance of \$29,096 to be reimbursed by the U.S. Federal Government. In the quarter July through September 2020, \$64,241 was expended and this claim will be submitted for reimbursement. A vote was taken. All were in favor with 1 opposed.

Motion Carried.

2. Whether to appropriate FORTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$42,000.00) in connection with the Police/Ranger overtime incurred as part of the Town's response to the COVID-19 virus during FY 2020/2021,

which amount the Town reasonably expects will be partially reimbursed to the Town by the U.S. Federal Government.

Dave Roberge gave an overview of the expenditures in connection with police/ranger overtime. From July 2020 to September 2020, a total of \$19,774 was spent in ranger support. Additional sums were spent for police overtime, and a claim will be submitted for reimbursement by FEMA.

Public comment: Mary Jo Nosal, Selectwoman, noted that the public did not receive a breakdown of this expenditure. Andy Russell from the Board of Finance stated that we spent more money than we budgeted for. Thus, we must go before the Town. A vote was taken. 5 were in favor. 9 were opposed.

Motion Defeated.

3. Whether to appropriate FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$40,000.000) for unanticipated expenditures made in connection with the Town's response to Tropical Storm Isaias during FY 2020/2021, which amount the Town reasonably expects will be reimbursed to the Town by the U.S. Federal Government.

Dave Roberge gave an overview of expenditures associated with Tropical Storm Isaias. Storm Isaias occurred in August 2020 and the Town initially incurred expenses of \$12,126 for emergency protective measures. Reimbursement is 75%, so the Town should receive \$9,094. Additional costs were incurred for debris removal totaling \$112,337. Seventy-five percent reimbursement of this amount equals \$84,252. Last, volunteer services valued at \$7,895 will be reimbursed at 75% or \$5,921. The total FEMA reimbursement should be \$99,267.

Public comment: Mary Jo Nosal stated that Dave Roberge did an outstanding job but believed an itemization should have been provided. A vote was taken. All were in favor. None opposed.

Motion Carried.

4. Whether to appropriate an amount not to exceed ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$163,000.00) from the Town's undesignated

Town Meetings *(continued)*

surplus to construct a new scale house building at the Town's Transfer Station.

Fred Behringer motioned for Phil Parcak, Facilities Manager for the Town of Old, to present. Seconded by Kathleen Tracy. So, approved.

Phil Parcak gave an overview of the construction of a new scale house building.

Public comment: Kathleen Tracy of Hartford Avenue, feels that people need this facility and hopes that it can be completed as soon as possible for our town employees. Fred Behringer asked if we can complete it inside the time frame and within budget. Phil said yes. A vote was taken. All were in favor. None opposed.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz
Town Clerk*

MINUTES OF TOWN OF OLD LYME IN-PERSON ONLY SPECIAL TOWN MEETING SEPTEMBER 13, 2021

Approximately seventy (70) electors and citizens attended the Town of Old Lyme in-person Special Town Meeting on Monday, September 13, 2021, at 7:30 p.m. at the Lyme/Old Lyme Middle School, 53 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectman, Timothy C. Griswold, called the meeting to order at 7:47 p.m. A motion was made by Dave Kelsey and seconded by an elector, to nominate Attorney Thomas McGarry to serve as moderator.

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

1. Whether to appropriate FORTY-TWO THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$42,000) in connection with the Police overtime and Ranger time incurred during the fiscal year 2020 – 2021, some of which was incurred in connection with the Town's response to the COVID-19 virus and which the Town reasonably expects will be partially reimbursed to the Town by the U.S. Federal Government.

Tim Griswold motioned for Dave Kelsey, Chair of the Board of Finance for Town of Old Lyme, to present. The motion was seconded. So, approved.

A hand-out was made available to the public with a breakdown of the appropriation for police/ranger services overages for fiscal year 20/21. Dave Kelsey gave an overview of the expenditures associated and the need for the appropriation of forty-two thousand dollars (\$42,000). There was some public comment. A voice vote was taken. All eligible voters in attendance voted in favor. One voter was opposed.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz*

Town Meetings *(continued)*

MINUTES OF TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL TOWN BUSINESS MEETING JANUARY 24, 2022

Approximately forty-five (45) electors and citizens attended the Town of Old Lyme Annual Town Business Meeting on Monday, January 24, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lyme Old Lyme Middle School Auditorium, 53 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectman, Timothy C. Griswold, called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m.

A motion was made by David Kelsey and seconded by an elector, to nominate Attorney Thomas McGarry to serve as moderator.

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

Timothy C. Griswold stated that Item 5 on the agenda was withdrawn.

1. To accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021, as submitted by the Board of Finance.

Tom McGarry asked David Kelsey to present the Annual Town Report.

David Kelsey presented the Annual Town Report, giving credit to Michele Dickey for doing a wonderful editing job. David Kelsey made a motion to accept the Town Report for fiscal year 2021 and Timothy Griswold seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion, and none were opposed.

Motion Carried.

2. To Approve the Sale of 11 Alpha Ave. (a Town owned Parcel in Rogers Lake West Shores).

Timothy Griswold reported that resident Roger Davis is willing to purchase this property for \$10,500. The property is land locked (Alpha Ave. is a "paper" street), and there is no access, unless through an abutting property. Mr. Davis's residence abuts the property. The sale was approved by Board of Selectmen and the Planning Commission. The Board of Finance

favors the sale. All abutters to the property were contacted but showed no interest.

Timothy Griswold made a motion to approve the sale of 11 Alpha Ave. and Martha Shoemaker seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion, and none were opposed.

Motion Carried.

3. To Approve the Appropriation Not to Exceed \$50,000.00 to Fund Improvements Related to the Sound View Sidewalk and Transportation Hub Project.

Frank Pappalardo explained that the Town budgeted \$400,000 to install sidewalks on part of Hartford Ave. and on part of Shore Rd. (Rte. 156). The Town was also awarded a \$400,000 State grant to fund eligible expenses associated with the project. Because the contractor's bid for the sidewalk work was very favorable (\$260,950) the Committee received permission from the State to add the construction of the Transportation Hub to the project.

At this time, \$364,100 of the \$400,000 budget has been spent or encumbered on the project, of which \$320,800 is grant eligible and \$43,300 is not grant eligible. To complete the Transit Hub, our engineer estimates an additional \$71,700 will need to be spent, of which \$69,400 will be grant eligible and \$2,300 will not be grant eligible. The total cost of the project is estimated to be \$435,800. The Committee recommends a contingency of \$14,200 and that increases the cost to \$450,000. This amount is \$50,000 in excess of the current budget of \$400,000 and thus, the \$50,000 appropriation is necessary.

Description	Grant Eligible	Not Grant Eligible	Total
Spent/Encumbered	\$320,800	\$43,300	\$364,100
To Be Spent on Hub	\$69,400	\$2,300	\$71,700
Subtotal	\$390,200	\$45,600	\$435,800
Contingency	N/A	\$14,200	\$14,200
Total	\$390,200	\$59,800	\$450,000

Because so much of the Hub expense will be grant eligible, (\$69,400), the Town will utilize \$390,200 of the \$400,000 grant and only \$9,800 of grant funds will need to be returned to the State. If the \$50,000 appropriation request were not approved, likely the Town would have to return about \$79,200 of grant funds and the Hub would need to be scaled back.

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Frank Pappalardo made a motion to approve the appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 to fund improvements related to the Sound View sidewalk and transportation hub project and Bonnie Reemsnyder seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion, and none were opposed.

Motion Carried.

4. To announce the recipient of the Board of Selectmen's Citizen of the Year for 2021.

Timothy Griswold read a statement on behalf of the Board of Selectman declaring that Cheryl Poirier is the Citizen of the Year for 2021. The audience applauded Cheryl on her accomplishments.

5. To approve utilizing up to \$115,000 of the American Rescue Plan Funds received by the Town of Old Lyme to fund COVID testing, distribution, and communication costs.

Item was withdrawn.

Meeting adjourned 8:04 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz
Town Clerk*

MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2022 TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Approximately one hundred (100) electors and citizens attended the Town of Old Lyme Special Town Meeting on Monday, March 21, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectman, Timothy Griswold, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

A motion was made by Matt Ward and seconded by Martha Shoemaker, to nominate Attorney Vicki Lanier to serve as moderator.

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

Attorney Lanier asked Edith Twining to present the first item on the agenda.

1. To approve the appropriation of an amount not to exceed \$45,000 to fund the preparation of a Local Transportation Capital Improvement Plan grant application, to prepare easement documentation for a pedestrian bridge and a walking trail to the Florence Griswold Museum and to fund engineering and legal services to prepare a Village District Zoning Overlay.

Ms. Twining presented the breakdown of the requested \$45,000, that was previously approved by the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance.

\$13,500 will be allocated to BSC Group to pay for the preparation of the Local Transportation Capital Improvement Plan (LoTCIP) Grant application which includes engineering drawings that will show where and how the new streetscape and safety improvements are to occur along Halls Road.

\$7,000 will be allocated to BSC Group to prepare two easements from James Graybill. One easement will provide access to the old Lieutenant River bridge abutment on his property for a future pedestrian/bicycle bridge. The second easement will be for a future trail to the Florence Griswold Museum. Both easements are great opportunities to integrate Old Lyme's business district with its Art District.

\$10,000 (Attorney William Sweeney of TCors) and \$9,000 (BSC Group) will be allocated to complete the work to create a new Halls Road Overlay Zone to support the recommendations of the Halls Road Master Plan. This will allow the old C-30s zoning to remain and create a Halls Road Overlay District (HROD) as an alternative. The HROD will allow new developments in line with the Master Plan, which could include mixed use (commercial and residential), apartments and townhomes and would encourage retail development along Halls Road to create a walkable town center.

\$5,500 will be allocated as a contingency allowance.

A motion was made by Edith Twining and seconded by Alison Mitchell to approve the item. All voted in favor of the motion, and none were opposed.

Motion Carried.

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Attorney Lanier asked Selectwoman Martha Shoemaker to present items 2, 3 and 4 on the agenda.

2. To approve the utilization of the Standard Allowance for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding reporting purposes.

Selectwoman Shoemaker explained that as our town has a population of less than 50,000 residents and the ARPA grant funds received are less than 10 million, so using the Standard Allowance would simplify the reporting of disbursed ARPA funds.

A motion was made by Timothy Griswold, seconded by Matt Ward to approve the item. All were in favor of the motion, and none were opposed.

Motion Carried.

3. To approve the funding of a request from the Ledge Light Health District in the amount of \$21,622.15 (1% of Old Lyme's American Rescue Plan funding) to help the District respond to the COVID-19 public health emergency. The funding will be paid from American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds received by the Town.

Selectwoman Shoemaker said that the Ledge Light Health District has asked all towns in its service area to contribute 1% of their ARPA funds to offset the expenses Ledge Light incurred in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

A motion was made by Mary Jo Nosal, seconded by Tom Kotowka to approve the item. All were in favor of the motion, and none were opposed.

Motion Carried.

4. To approve the funding of an amount not to exceed \$20,000 to retain the services of George E. Krivda, Jr. to administer the Town of Old Lyme's small business and non-profit American Rescue Plan grant program. The funding will be paid from ARPA funds received by the Town.

Selectwoman Shoemaker stated the ARPA Committee recommends retaining the services of George E. Krivda, Jr. to design an application for small business and non-profits to apply for ARPA funds, due to losses they incurred, and for Mr. Krivda to administer the approval of such

ARPA funds.

A motion was made by Judith Read and seconded by Howard Margules to approve the item. All were in favor of the motion, and none were opposed.

Motion Carried.

Attorney Lanier asked Amanda Blair, Chairwoman of the Open Space Commission, to present item 5.

5. To approve an AMENDED AND RESTATED DEED OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION 311.50-ACRE PARCEL, which amends a Deed of Conservation Restriction from David Sears McCulloch and Jean Adair McCulloch to The Nature Conservancy of Connecticut, Inc., its successors or assigns, dated on or about December 29, 1999 and recorded at Book 260, Page 1007 of the said Land Records, subsequently assigned to Jean A. McCulloch Farm LLC, having been approved by a judgment of the Superior Court on June 4, 2021, providing for the following specific amendments:

- a. Paragraphs 3.3 (a), (b) and (c) of the Deed of Conservation Restriction are hereby amended by adding the following at the end of each section: "except as required to construct parking in the three areas shown on the maps in Exhibit B, such parking to be made of permeable surface material and designed in consultation with the Conservancy."
- b. Paragraph 3.3 (e) is hereby amended by adding the following at the end of the section: "except for the placement of sanitary garbage pails or bins and to erect environmentally sound composting toilets as required for the responsible management and in order to protect the conservation values of the property."

To authorize and empower the First Selectman to sign, execute, receive, deliver and record, on behalf of the Town, the AMENDED AND RESTATED DEED OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION 311.50-ACRE PARCEL, and such other instruments

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and agreements as are required to carry out the foregoing resolution.

A copy of the AMENDED AND RESTATED DEED OF CONSERVATION RESTRICTION 311.50-ACRE PARCEL may be examined at the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Old Lyme during the Town Clerk's ordinary business hours.

Amanda Blair stated that the language of the Deed of Conservation Restriction must be amended to allow for three parking lots, sanitary garbage pails or bins and environmentally sound composting toilets on the above property.

A motion was made by Jeri Baker and seconded by Rick Stout to approve this item. All were in favor, and none were opposed.

Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Matt Ward and seconded by Martha Shoemaker to adjourn the meeting.

Motion adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz
Town Clerk*

MINUTES OF TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING MAY 16, 2022

Approximately thirty (30) electors and citizens attended the Town of Old Lyme Annual Budget Meeting on Monday, May 16, 2022, at 7:30 p.m. in the Meeting Hall at the Old Lyme Memorial Town 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 Martha Shoemaker and seconded by Vicki Urbowicz, to nominate Attorney Vicki Lanier to serve as moderator. Mr. Griswold asked if there were any other nominations, and there were none. He called for a vote and Attorney Lanier was voted to serve as the moderator unanimously.

Attorney Lanier asked Town Clerk, Vicki Urbowicz, to read the call of the meeting.

Attorney Lanier asked David Kelsey, Chair of the Board of Finance, to present the Fiscal Year 2023 budget.

1. To adopt the Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

David Kelsey thanked the members of the Board of Finance, as well as Nicole Leger, Finance Director for the Town of Old Lyme and Michele Hayes, Secretary to the Board of Finance, for their hard work. Mr. Kelsey then gave an overview of the 2022-2023 budget explaining the need for the increase of 0.2 mills for a mill rate of 23.50. Mr. Kelsey then asked if there were any questions or comments pertaining to the budget. Citizen Kevin McMahon asked about whether there were any veteran's tax exemptions in the proposed budget. Mr. Kelsey said there were not and that such a request would need to be presented to the Board of Selectman.

Andy Russell made a motion to accept the Budget for fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and Judy Read seconded the motion. All voted in favor of the motion, and none were opposed.

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) semi-annual installments, the first payment being due on July 1, 2022 and the second payment on January 1, 2023. Any tax in these categories under \$100.00 will be due in full in one payment in July 2022, as are vehicles on the Supplemental List due in July 2022 in one payment.

A motion was made by Judith Read to approve the proposed tax installments and seconded by Andy Russell. All voted in favor of the motion, and none were opposed.

Motion Carried.

Attorney Lanier asked Mr. Griswold to present the proposed ordinance change.

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3. The following proposed ordinance:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF OLD LYME, CONNECTICUT THAT SECTION 101-16 OF THE OLD LYME CODE OF ORDINANCES SHALL BE AMENDED BY ADDING THE UNDERLINED AND BOLDDED LANGUAGE BELOW TO IT:

1. a. Each person appointed to any of the above-described positions shall continue in office for the term for which he or she is appointed and until his or her successor is duly appointed and qualifies, except where such position is established pursuant to statute of the State of Connecticut for a definite term without provision for such continuation in office until a successor is duly appointed.
 - b. Unless otherwise specifically provided by statute and/or another Town Ordinance(s), the Board of Selectman, by majority vote, for cause, may remove any person appointed by the Board of Selectmen as a regular or alternate member of a Town board, commission or agency, including those not listed in 101-15 above, but only after the Board of Selectmen present the person with the allegations against her/him in writing and give her/him a reasonable opportunity to be heard in response to them at a proceeding of the Board of Selectmen. If requested by the person, the proceeding shall be held in open session. For purposes of this Ordinance, cause may include an unreasonable number of unexcused absences from the meetings or proceedings of the board, commission or agency of which the person is a regular or alternate member and/or of episodes of intemperate behavior towards other persons during its meetings or proceedings.
2. This amended ordinance shall become effective on the sixteenth day after

notice of its adoption is published in a newspaper having a general circulation in the Town.

Mr. Griswold stated that the way the current ordinance is written, the Board of Selectmen can appoint members to boards, commissions and agencies but there is no language in most of the existing ordinances that specifies how the Board of Selectmen may remove an appointed member of a board, commission, or agency. The purpose of this amendment is to provide a process for the removal of an appointed member of a board, commission, or agency.

Attorney Lanier then opened the floor for discussion.

Kathleen Tracy asked for the item to be reread by the moderator.

Michael Aurelia, of 4 Hillwood East, voiced concerns about the proposed amendment not being publicly discussed before this Town Meeting. He had questions such as what is the definition of "intemperate behavior," who can bring a complaint, what is the due process; how many warnings must a member or alternate be given before being removed, who evaluates the complaint, where can they appeal their removal, and what is the appeal route?

BJ Bernblum, of 9 Cutler Road, stated that he was troubled by the wording of the ordinance, and it does not address the causes and appeal process.

Dave Kelsey, of 74 Sill Lane, was sympathetic to the points brought up and suggested that the questions be brought up and submitted to the attorney who drafted the amendment.

Martha Shoemaker, of 30 Wychwood Road, stated that the amendment may need revisions and should go back to the attorney for further review.

Mark Terwilliger, of 11 River Bank Lane, voiced concerns about the possibility of members being removed based on political affiliation.

Jerri Baker, of 262 Whippoorwill Road, showed support of the comments made and suggested that the language be reviewed with transparency.

Kathleen Tracy, of 76 Hartford Ave, asked for clarification as to whether the ordinance would include elected members and alternates. She was told it would only apply to appointed members.

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Denise Savageau, of 4 Hillwood East, questioned what the definition of “intemperate” was and whether a member who is being passionate could inadvertently be considered “intemperate” and removed. She also suggested that we investigate how we go about amending ordinances in the future.

Anne Redfield, of 10 Sandpiper Point Road, stated that she thought the procedure of notice of the amendment was flawed.

Kevin McMahon motioned to have Item 3 withdrawn. Timothy Griswold seconded it. Attorney Lanier declared Item #3 was withdrawn.

Motion Withdrawn.

4. A proposal to quitclaim the Town’s interest in a 0.13-acre parcel of land located at 54 Grandview Avenue (ID 61-80) to the owners of an adjoining parcel for the sum of \$3,500.00.

Mr. Griswold made a motion to approve the sale of 54 Grandview Avenue (ID 61-80) and it was seconded by Dave Kelsey. Mr. Griswold stated that the Town owns 0.13-acre parcel of land that is land locked. Michael Hanson, an abutting owner, wishes to purchase the property. All other abutters were notified and had no interest in purchasing the property.

Kevin McMahon asked why the property was being sold for half of its appraised value.

Michael Hanson, the proposed purchaser of the property, stated that the property cannot be built upon and is inaccessible to anyone other than an abutter. He wishes to use it to add to his current property and have more room for his children to play.

A motion was made to approve the sale. Michael Hanson abstained from voting. All were in favor of the motion with one opposed.

Motion Carried.

5. A proposal that the Town formally accept title to a “Open Space” parcel located at 18-2 Short Hills Road, Old Lyme, Ct. (ID 24-16), consisting of 5.72 acres, which parcel has been offered to the Town in association with the approval by the Planning Commission of a subdivision of which the parcel is a part.

Gary Gregory motioned to accept the title to 18-2 Short Hills Road and Anne Redfield seconded the motion.

Mr. Griswold presented Item #5. He stated that the parcel in question is a land locked parcel that will satisfy the open space requirement and would add to the McCulloch property.

All were in favor, and none were opposed.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz
Town Clerk*

Michael Reiter

Treasurer

The financial results for the Town of Old Lyme year ending on 30 June 2022 were again strong. The budget for total revenues was \$37,773,850, with actual revenues of \$39,047,045 and a variance of \$1,273,195. This was due to property tax collection exceeding plan, fee for services, and other intergovernmental revenues. After accounting for budget adjustments during the year, the town's undesignated surplus increased from \$11,737,707 at the beginning of the fiscal year to \$12,943,869 at the end of the fiscal year. The undesignated surplus stands at 34.2 percent of the actual fiscal year 2022 budget; this is a very healthy surplus.

It is important to note that the town only receives roughly 2.79 percent (about \$1,089,387) 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 April 2022, there were

1,339 students in the district. 235 (17.8 percent) from Lyme and 1,088 (82.2 percent) from Old Lyme. Accordingly, based on this student count ratio, Lyme's share of the school's \$34,830,464 budget (after accounting for estimated receipts of \$182,287) will be \$5,918,777 and Old Lyme's share will be \$27,521,402.

The Town of Old Lyme has two long-term debt obligations. Existing at the close of the fiscal year was the \$885,000 remaining on the balance of the original \$4,200,000 bond used to finance the renovation of Memorial Town Hall in October 2010. The second long-term debt obligation is for the Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library renovation, with \$1,000,000 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 Leger, Finance Director; and Amy Jensen, Assistant to Finance Director, for the consistently excellent work they perform.

Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)

Rich Prendergast
Chairman

www.oldlyme-ct.gov

The town of Old Lyme's Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) volunteers have been busy in 2022.

In recent years, extensive environmental studies were completed, and in 2019, the town voted to install sewers in Sound View as a response to Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's (DEEP) Administration order. This response is a DEEP-approved solution for a community groundwater pollution problem that also increases property values. The private beach associations of Old Colony, Miami, and Old Lyme Shores are also working on installing sewers to comply with a similar DEEP consent order. (A consent order and admin order have a net effect of a legal obligation to resolve a problem.)

The Sound View neighborhood sewer status summary:

- Completed a Cost Sharing Agreement with the Private Beach Associations to lower the cost for all involved by sharing common items such as central pump station.
- Completed the Inter-municipal agreement with New London to process the effluent
- Completed the Inter-municipal agreement with East Lyme to transport effluent to New London for processing.
- Drafted the sewer ordinance and completed a public comment session to improve the ordinance. The ordinance would be a valuable guide to managing sewer issues in the future. The sewer ordinance is currently being reviewed by the town's legal advisors prior to finalizing the draft and scheduling a town-wide vote at a regular or special town meeting, preferably during the summer months.
- The Sound View Sewer engineering design is drafted and will officially start when our Clean Water Funding agreement is updated and funding starts. This agreement will provide a 25-percent grant and twenty-year loan with 2-percent interest for existing expenses and financial obligations.

Despite being requested during 2022, the construction estimates for the sewer pump house and other shared sewer items remained much higher than originally estimated and well beyond reasonable affordable levels. These increased costs are likely due to COVID-19 supply disruptions as well as other unique economic issues. The Town of Old Lyme and the private beach associations installing sewers have been seeking additional grant funding to lower the project back to originally planned affordable levels. If additional grants are not found, the project will not likely be able to continue as planned. The financial issues will have to be reviewed with DEEP to determine the next steps of compliance with the relative orders.

A lot of significant items were completed, but we face significant financial hurdles. In the coming year, more information will be distributed as we learn what options are available to us.

As a reminder, 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/> Then navigate to Old Lyme and your address.

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 (ZBA)

Nancy Hutchinson
Chair

*Regular Meetings: Third Thursday of each month,
except August & December, 6:30 p.m., Meeting Hall at 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 from decisions of the Old Lyme Zoning Enforcement Officer (ZEO) and 2) to hear appeals for “variances” from the Old Lyme Zoning Regulations. The legal standards that guide, and limit, the actions of the ZBA are derived from the Connecticut General Statutes, Land Use case law, and the Old Lyme Zoning Regulations.

A variance is an approval to use property in a manner that would not otherwise be allowed under Zoning Regulations (land-use laws) and that other landowners in the same zoning district must obey. In most instances, for a variance to be granted, the applicant must provide evidence both that an “unusual hardship” exists and that the variance, if granted, would be in harmony with the intent and purpose of the zoning regulations and not “affect substantially the comprehensive plan of zoning.” Unusual hardship in zoning case law means a demonstration that it would be unusually difficult for a landowner to comply with strict enforcement of the zoning regulations due to some peculiar condition of the property itself and that the condition does not generally affect other properties in the district. A valid hardship does not relate to the personal desires or the financial considerations of the landowner and cannot be “self-created” – due to a voluntary action of the property owner.

In a few limited situations, the ZBA may consider a legal alternative to unusual hardship. For example, the ZBA may consider whether an applicant’s proposed reduction in a legal pre-existing nonconformity adequately offsets the proposed increase in nonconformity, such that the end result would be a net decrease in nonconformity. For more information on variance requirements and processes, please review the ZBA’s “Residential Variance Application Guide,” posted on its website.

Fiscal year 2021-2022 was very busy for the ZBA, which held ten regular and two special meetings and reviewed thirty-four variance applications, three of which also included Coastal Site Plan Review applications: fifteen variances were granted, fifteen were granted with conditions, two were withdrawn following the public hearing, one was granted after a portion of the application was withdrawn, and one was continued into the following fiscal year. None of this year’s ZBA decisions were appealed, and one appeal from a prior year is ongoing.

As of June 30, 2022, the five ZBA members are Nancy Hutchinson (chair), Kip Kotzan (vice chair), Dan Montano (secretary), Stephanie Mickle and Steve Dix; the three ZBA alternates are Kathleen Tracy, Rod Clingman, and Russell Fogg. Sherry Johnston and Devin Carney also served as ZBA alternates through the expiration of their terms in November 2021.

A special thanks to all of the ZBA members and alternates, past and present, who volunteer their time in support of our community and to the Old Lyme Land Use staff for their valuable contributions and support: Dan Bourret, Land Use Coordinator/Zoning Enforcement Officer/Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer; Kim Barrows, CZET; Kim Groves, CZET; and Amy Huot, our new ZBA Clerk.



ZBA members/alternates, left to right: Kathleen Tracy, Dan Montano, Stephanie Mickle, Kip Kotzan Nancy Hutchinson, and Rod Clingman. Not shown: Steve Dix and Russell Fogg

Old Lyme Zoning Commission

Paul J. Orzel

Chairman

The Old Lyme Zoning Commission, along with other town zoning commissions in the State of Connecticut, are authorized by section 8-2 of the Connecticut State Statutes to draft regulations that define lot and building sizes, density of development, and the use of land within the town in order to “protect the public health, safety, convenience and property values.”

Of note during 2022, the Old Lyme Zoning Commission took action on two new Connecticut State Statutes. The first was to amend Section 7.8.2.5 of the Old Lyme Zoning Regulations, opting out of the Accessory Apartment Statute. This statute was considered too broad based for certain zones within the town, hence the commission voted to OPT OUT of this statute. The commission continues to work with the Affordable Housing Committee and will ensure that their mission’s goals and requirements for compliance will be accommodated. The second was to amend the Old Lyme Zoning Regulations – Section 6.1.30 – Prohibition of all cannabis establishments (sale/production/distribution) within the Town of Old Lyme as authorized by Section 148(b) of June Special Session, Public Act No. 21-1 (the “Act”). The Zoning Commission voted to prohibit all cannabis establishments, as defined in Section 1(4) of the Act, within the Town of Old Lyme.

In addition, the Zoning Commission is making final changes to the proposed Electric Vehicle Charging Station Regulation and will soon begin the process of approval. Finally, the commission continues to work with the Halls Road Improvement Commission on the establishment of a unique zoning district specific to Halls Road.

The Old Lyme Zoning Commission is composed of five elected members and three alternates. Elected members are Jane Marsh, Michael Miller, Tammy Tinnerello, Alan Todd, and Paul Orzel. Michael Peter Barnes, Sloan Danenhower, and Sherry Johnston 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 Zoning Commission meets on the second Monday of each month, except August, at 6:30 P.M. in the Old Lyme Town Hall Meeting Room. Members of the public are welcome to attend all regular meetings and public hearings.

OLD LYME ALERTS, AN EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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

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

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

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

Register online (visit *www.OLDLYME-CT.GOV* and follow the link) or complete the form below.

Mail it or drop it off at the Town Hall or the Lymes' Senior Center.

Please print clearly

Name _____

Old Lyme Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____

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

Enter 1, 2, etc.

Please print clearly below

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

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

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

OLD LYME EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION FORM

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

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

This information is voluntary and will remain confidential.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT # _____

TOWN: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION OF A RELATIVE OR FRIEND

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

SPECIAL DIRECTIONS TO YOUR HOME:

PLEASE CHECK ANY OF ITEMS WHICH MAY ADDRESS YOUR NEEDS

I am hearing impaired ☐ I use a TDD/TT device ☐

I am oxygen dependent ☐ I have impaired vision ☐

I depend upon electrically powered life sustaining medical equipment

Respirator equipment ☐ In-home dialysis ☐ Other _____

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

Wheelchair ☐ Walker ☐ Cane ☐ Other _____

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

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

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

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

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____



Old Lyme Community Information

In an Emergency situation (Medical, Fire, Police), dial911
Emergency Call Center (when activated)860-598-0120
Register for **Old Lyme Alerts** to receive emergency alerts via e-mail, text, or phone.
If someone you know would need assistance in an emergency, please complete the **Special Needs Registration** on the last page of the report and return it to the town hall.

Take the time to subscribe to our website. You can receive e-mail notifications of all **News & Announcements** as they are published. You can also request that agendas or minutes be e-mailed to you. Visit www.oldlyme-ct.gov, scroll to the bottom of the page, and click Email Subscriber in the lower right corner. Follow the instructions & you'll be able to stay on top of Old Lyme news!

2-1-1 Infoline: Dial 211 (inside CT) or (860) 203-1234 (outside CT) or visit www.211ct.org. Free and confidential access to information about basic needs, childcare services, children's health insurance, healthcare, crisis intervention, disability services, domestic violence programs, eldercare, emergency shelters, energy assistance, family counseling, financial assistance, homecare, legal assistance, senior services, substance abuse, suicide prevention, transportation, veterans' services, voting information, and more.

Churches/Places of Worship

Christ the King..... www.christthekingchurch.net • 860-434-1669
First Congregational Church..... www.fccl.org • 860-434-8686
St. Ann's Episcopal Church www.saintannsoldlyme.org • 860-434-1621
Congregation Beth El (Conservative)860-434-5297
32 Gorton Ave., Old Colony Beach *Summer Only*

Transportation

Amtrak..... www.amtrak.com • 800-872-7245
Metro North www.mta.com • 800-638-7646
Department of Motor Vehicles www.ct.gov/dmv/site/
Westbrook DMV860-263-5700
9Town Transit www.9TownTransit.com • 860-510-0429
Shoreline East..... www.shorelineeast.com • 800-255-7433

Community Contacts

Democratic Town Committee	www.oldlymedems.com
Duck River Garden Club	www.oldlymeduckrivergc.org
Florence Griswold Museum	www.florencegriswoldmuseum.org • 860-434-4452
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding	www.highbopestr.org • 860-434-1974
Lyme Academy of Fine Arts	www.lymeacademy.edu • 860-434-5232
Lyme Art Association	www.lymeartassociation.org • 860-434-7802
Lyme-Old Lyme Boy Scouts	www.troop26lymeoldlyme.org
Lyme-Old Lyme Girl Scouts	www.gsofet.org
Lyme-Old Lyme Jr. Women	www.loljwc.com
Lyme-Old Lyme Little League	sports.bluesombrero.com
Lyme-Old Lyme Lions Club	www.lymeoldlymelions.com
Lyme-Old Lyme Soccer Club	www.lolsc.com
Lymes' Youth Service Bureau	www.lysb.org • 860-434-7208
Old Lyme Historical Society	www.oldlymehistoricalociety.org • 860-434-0684
Old Lyme Land Trust	www.oldlymelandtrust.org
Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library	www.oldlyme.lioninc.org • 860-434-1684
Old Lyme Town Band	www.oldlymetownband.blogspot.com
Pet Connections	www.petconnectionsoldlyme.org • 860-434-4640
Republican Town Committee	www.oldlymerepublicans.com
Shoreline Soup Kitchens & Pantries	www.shorelinesoupkitchens.org
VFW Post 1467	PO Box 192, Old Lyme
Veterans' Services Rep (Tony Vallombroso) ...	vetsvcsoldlyme@comcast.net • 860-434-9015
Westbrook State Police, Troop F	860-399-2100

Other Information

Comcast Cable	customer.xfinity.com • 1-800-XFINITY (1-800-934-6489)
Comcast Public Access Studio	www.publicaccessstudios.com/old-lyme.html • 860-434-0643
Eversource	www.eversource.com
Customer Service: 800-286-2000 (Residential) • 888-783-6610 (Business)	
Frontier Communications	www.frontier.com
National DO NOT CALL Registry	www.donotcall.gov • 888-382-1222
Passports	Contact Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library
Post Office Old Lyme	860-434-1653
Post Office South Lyme	860-434-5361
Project Learn	www.learn.k12.ct.us • 860-434-4800

CAN I RECYCLE IT?

Check the Town of Old Lyme website:

www.oldlyme-ct.gov under **Trash & Recycling**

There you can type in the name of a waste item; we'll tell you how to recycle or dispose of it. **Remember: NO BAGS** in green single-stream recycling container!

Transfer Station

The Transfer Station is located off Four Mile River Road, near Exit 71. Free windshield stickers are required to access the FREE RECYCLING AREA. Stickers are available to those who own property or register a vehicle in Old Lyme. Present your vehicle registration in the Selectman's Office to receive the FREE sticker. The license plate number of the vehicle must match the license plate number on the sticker. Call the Selectman's Office (860-434-1605, ext. 212) or the Transfer Station (860-434-1605, ext. 242) with questions. Hours: Tues-Fri 7:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m. / Sat. 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Recycling Area

No fees for the following items (with windshield sticker):

- Small appliances (no freon) • **Mattress & Boxspring** • **Covered and non-covered electronic devices** • Fluorescent light bulbs • UPS (uninterrupted power supply) batteries; Alkalide & Nicad batteries; and related computer and electronic equipment • **Waste Oil & Motor vehicle batteries may be subject to a charge.**

Fees apply for the following:

- **Tires:** Auto no rim \$6 each, Auto w/ rim \$7 each, Light Truck \$10 each. *No Retail or Wholesale Tire Outlets.*
- **Upholstered furniture:** Large \$10 per item, Small \$5 per item; Carpet: 8x10+ \$10 per item; 8x10 or less \$5 per item; Appliances with Freon: \$10 each; Propane tanks: <20 pounds \$1, 20 pounds (grill size) \$3.
- **Bulky Waste and Demolition Debris:** Vehicles are charged by weight @ 7.5 cents per pound or \$150 per ton. Loads < 100 lbs. are charged a minimum fee of \$5. Recyclables cannot be mixed with bulky waste or demolition debris.
- **Brush** is charged on a per-load basis. \$60/ton, \$5 minimum.
- **Grass clippings** are not accepted at the Transfer Station.
- **Leaves:** Old Lyme property owner with sticker: No charge. Landscapers with leaves from Old Lyme properties: Minimum charge is \$5, or charge determined by town personnel. Residents or landscapers must empty and remove paper or plastic bags.

The Town of Old Lyme contracts for curbside collection of household trash and recycling. The town has provided one *blue automated trash container for the collection of household trash only* – no yard waste, recycling, construction debris, or hazardous waste of any kind may be placed in the blue container.

A green automated container has been provided for collection of single-stream recycling only – no yard waste, trash, construction debris, or hazardous waste of any kind may be placed in the green container. **ALL RECYCLABLES MUST BE CLEAN AND EMPTY. DO NOT BAG RECYCLABLES; THEY MUST BE LOOSE.** Containers are the property of the Town of Old Lyme and are assigned to a specific address. *Do not take them with you if you move!* You may purchase additional containers through the Selectman's Office.

Trash & recycling cans must be curbside by 6 a.m. on your assigned day. If you miss your pick-ups, you can bring your recycling to the Transfer Station. A trash container is also located at the Transfer Station for your convenience. Regular and holiday schedules are available at www.oldlyme-ct.gov under *Trash & Recycling*.

Household Hazardous Waste

The schedule of 2023 dates for **Household Hazardous Waste collections' dates & locations and paper shredding events** will be available at www.rivercog.org or call 860-581-8554; info@rivercog.org.

Town Information

TOWN OF OLD LYME PHONE DIRECTORY

The Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Town offices are closed during state and federal holidays. The same schedule applies to the office of the town clerk. Scheduled meetings of town agencies are posted in advance on the website. Public hearings are advertised in advance. Agendas and meeting minutes are filed with the town clerk and posted on the website: www.oldlyme-ct.gov.

All Town Hall Offices 860-434-1605

Fax 860-434-1400

Email selectmansoffice@oldlyme-ct.gov.

Please dial the 3-digit extension number of the department or person you'd like to reach.

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O.L. Ambulance Association..... ext 410

Fire DepartmentBoughton Road ext 318
Lyme Street ext 310
Cross Lane ext 314

Ledge Light Health District 860-448-4882

Parks & RecreationHains Park 860-434-0629
White Sand 860-434-1570
Cross Lane 860-434-7137

Municipal Agent for Elderly 860-876-0456

O.L. Visiting Nurse Association ... 860-434-7808

Superintendent of Schools 860-434-7238

Special Ed. Pre-K 860-434-0487

Mile Creek School..... 860-434-2209

Lyme Consolidated..... 860-434-1233

Middle School..... 860-434-2568

LOL High School..... 860-434-1651

Resident Parking Passes

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

Library / Passports

The Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library, 2 Library Lane, is open Monday – Thursday, 9 a.m. – 7 p.m., Friday 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Saturday 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. The library is closed on Sundays and on legal holidays. The phone number is 860-434-1684.

Visiting Nurse

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

Around-the-clock assistance is available seven days a week from the Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Association. Denise Piersa, R.N., is available at the Lymes' Senior Center from Noon – 1 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Appointments are recommended. The nurse can visit your home for free once a month for wellness checks and help with medications. Visits are paid for by the town, when referred by a doctor.

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 by reservation, grab & go meals
available at other sites, Meals on Wheels), Transpor-
tation, Food Shopping, Monthly Newsletter, Social
Worker, Gym for members only, Activities, Health-
care Services by appointment. Thrift Shop now at
889 Boston Post Road. Call for hours.

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 – Friday

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
Lawrence & Memorial 860-442-0711
Middlesex Memorial Hospital 860-358-6000
Middlesex Shoreline Clinic 860-358-3700
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
Disability Rights1-800-842-7303
Veterans' Services1-800-827-1000

Volunteer Opportunities
American Cancer Society 800-227-2345
Eastern CT Area – Senior Resources
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
Center School..... 860-434-7238
Mile Creek School 860-434-2209
Lyme Consolidated..... 860-434-1233
Middle School 860-434-2568
High School 860-434-1651
SCORE (Senior Corps
of Retired Executives) 860-388-9508
Woman's Exchange 860-434-7290

