LYME TOWN REPORT 2017

Front cover

World War I Memorial Plaque
Twenty-eight Enlistees from Lyme, CT 1917-18,
Lyme Congregational Church Green near Hamburg Road.
Photograph by Ann Brubaker.

Annual Report

TOWN OF LYME
1665
CONNECTICUT

For Fiscal Year Ended
June 30, 2017

Dedication

This year's town report is dedicated to Ralph F. Eno Jr. who has led our town as First Selectman for over 20 years and retired at the end of the 2016 – 2017 fiscal year. Ralph dedicated himself to our town and we are immensely better off because he did.

Ralph's accomplishments were many and varied. He navigated the town through good times and bad, through hurricanes and massive snowfalls, through economic boom times and financially difficult times. Ralph always had the best interest of the town at heart and exercised the fiscal constraint that has allowed the town to flourish while holding our tax rate at the lowest level possible.

During Ralph's tenure, he led the efforts to enact pension plans for our Emergency Services volunteers as a way to thank those volunteers for their service and to act as an incentive to attract more volunteers and keep them once they had joined the services.

Ralph introduced affordable housing to the town both with the town's program as well as the creation of the Lyme Compact as a private, parallel effort to make affordable housing more available in town.

He also led the effort to rebuild our town hall and construct a new library from which the town has benefitted greatly. He completed the herculean effort to cap the landfill and create a transfer station to serve the needs of our community.

Ralph championed the efforts to acquire open space as a way to preserve the character of the town and prevent development that could have changed our town in many, possibly unpleasant, ways. His cooperation with the Lyme Land Trust and The Nature Conservancy have preserved thousands of acres of town for the future generations of Lyme.

Countless unseen hours were spent by Ralph in representing our town and other small towns at the state legislature in Hartford to assure that state actions did not create unneeded difficulties for Lyme and to try and bring common sense to a process that sometimes seems to lack such a focus. He had impacts far beyond those usually associated with a small town and represented the other small towns and Lyme in a magnificent manner.

Most importantly, Ralph left the town in terrific shape. He completed all of the really big projects before his retirement and left our finances in a very healthy position. He has left us positioned to continue improving our town without the need to raise taxes to address unattended needs. For this the new First Selectman is personally very grateful as it makes his job filling Ralph's shoes much easier. Not that any successor will be able to fill Ralph's shoes. The impact that Ralph has had will continue far into Lyme's future.

Ralph and Penny will surely be missed in town. We all wish them the very best in their retirement in Maine.

Lyme Faces World War I

Lyme was still a very small agricultural community in the early 20th century. In 1910 the population was 746, less than half the population in 1860. There were 252 houses and out buildings, 7 stores and 15 mills. Earning a living was made largely in farming, fishing, milling, quarrying, carpentry and store keeping. Motor vehicle ownership had barely begun; a telephone exchange with operator came in 1914 but no electricity until 1921, and then to only parts of town. Public education was in seven one-room elementary schools, each with a single teacher. High school was optional and available only in other towns (no high school in Old Lyme until 1926). Lyme was on the cusp of moving into a much wider world.

While war raged between Germany and France and their allies in Europe from 1914-1917, the U.S. held to an official position of neutrality toward all sides. However, U.S. public opinion ranged widely from eagerness to join the war to strict neutrality. These were contentious times.

As soon as President Wilson and the U.S. Congress declared war against Germany and its allies in April 1917, many tasks needed to be quickly addressed. Appeals and instructions from the national Council of Defense rolled out to every sector of the country, including Connecticut, asking for participation and resources. As early as February 1917 Connecticut had already undertaken a military census of all male inhabitants over the age of sixteen. The Connecticut Council of Defense established War Bureaus in Connecticut towns, including Lyme, to address the nation's concerns about food and fuel supply, public safety and financial support for the war.

For the Lyme community to understand the implications of the nation's war footing for their lives, it would have been important to have public access to current news sources. The New London Day, Norwich Bulletin and Deep River New Era carried selected war news starting in 1914. Large city and national newspapers would have arrived via Connecticut River steamships, like the "Middlesex" and "Hartford", carrying freight and passengers on daily trips between Hartford and New York, with scheduled stops in Hadlyme and Lyme (Ely's Ferry). Service members' letters to home would have held first-hand current news and personal points of view, but no strategic military detail because they were censored, just as the newspapers were.

Twenty-eight individuals, many of them born in Lyme between 1890 and 1900, are listed on Lyme's World War I Monument (on the cover). Several other individuals, either born in Lyme or having other close associations with the town, are known to be included on the honor rolls of other towns where they enlisted. Their military service was with the National Army and American Expeditionary Force, the Connecticut National Guard and the U.S. Naval Reserve. Several Lyme residents offered their volunteer service, here in the U.S. and abroad, to organizations like the YMCA that provided hospitality and social support for troops in camps and with the Red Cross Ambulance and American Field (Ambulance) Service Corps in French combat zones.

Local organizations did their part as well. Lyme Grange meeting "Lecture Hour" included presentations on war-related topics by members. The Congregational Church Ladies Benevolent Society responded to appeals for bandages and warm personal clothing with their own handwork.

By the time of the Armistice between Germany and the U. S. in November 1918, the town of Lyme – its enlisted youth, families, organizations and town officials – had done their best to understand, serve and contribute patriotically to the United States' commitment and significant role in World War I.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn Bacdayan, *Lyme Town Historian*

"Main Street, Hamburg", postcard printed in Germany pre-1917 showing L-R: Cove Road, Cove Landing store, stone ramp to Reynolds carriage/auto repair shop; Reynolds Store, Lyme Grange; the Church's arched carriage sheds; Hayden L. Reynolds' home, Hamburg Road; the Public Hall drive, and Lyme Electric Company pole.

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General Information

Office	Hours	Phone
Selectmen, Town Clerk	9:00 - 4:00*	434-7733
Building Inspector	By Appointment Tues. & Thur.	434-7733
Zoning Enforcement Officer	9:00 – 12:00 Mon. & Tues.	434-7733
Tax Collector	9:00 – 4:00, except Wed. (lunch 12:30 – 1:00)	434-8092
Assessor	9:00 – 4:00, except Thurs. (lunch 12:00 – 12:30)	434-8092
Lyme Consolidated School	8:00 – 4:00	434-1233
Public Health Nurse	By appointment	434-9003
Dog Warden	On Call	434-8239 or 434-8883
Public Library	Tues. & Thurs. 10:00 – 8:00 Wed. & Fri. 10:00 – 5:00 Sat. 10:00 – 4:00	434-2272
Brush Hill Transfer Station	9:00 – 4:00 (Mon., Thurs., Sat.) Closed Holidays	
To request 9 Town Transit Dial-A-Ride service		510-0429

*Residents may apply for voting registration during these hours

Census 1960 - 1,183
Census 1990 – 1,944
Census 2000 – 2,016
Census 2010 – 2,406

Street numbers should be displayed on all mailboxes or driveway entrances

Emergency Number – 911

- To report a fire
- Police
- To call an ambulance

Fee Schedule

Sewage Disposal System Permits
(includes application, administration, and inspection requirements)
Systems up to 1,999 gallon capacity:
New sewage system $150.00
Repair $50.00

Systems 2,000 gallon capacity or greater:
New sewage system..... $10.00 per 100 gallon capacity or part thereof
Repair $250.00

Engineer Plan Review for Sewage Disposal Systems
Sewage system less than 2,000 gpd $100.00
Sewage system 2,000-4,999 gpd $250.00
Sewage system 5,000 gpd or greater $500.00

Well Permit.....$50.00

Septic/Water Review Letter
(Septic/water review letters provide for verification of inspection of sewage disposal system condition and water supply for government or corporate subsidized property purchase programs)
Letter $50.00

Site Testing and Plan Review Subdivision
Per lot.....$150.00

Building Permits
1st $1,000 .....$15.00
Each additional $1,000 (plus .26 per $1,000 state fee).....$10.00
Permit renewal $10.00
Driveway bond for new driveways $1,000.00

Certificate of Occupancy $10.00

Planning Commission
Subdivisions – minimum (plus $60.00 State fee) 1-4 lots $200.00
Per lot – minimum per lot over 4 .....$50.00

ZBA Applications (Plus $60.00 State fee) $200.00
Zoning Application (Plus $60.00 State fee).....$25.00
Coastal Area Management Site Plan (Plus $60.00 State fee) $50.00
Percolation Test.....$10.00
Planning & Zoning Regulations $20.00
Inland Wetlands Regulations $10.00
Inland Wetlands Permits (Plus $60.00 State fee) .....fee varies

Lyme Transfer Station Pricing List

Bulky Waste
$20.00 per cubic yard. What is Bulky Waste? Anything that used to be buried in the landfill, such as construction and demo material, carpeting, plastic toys, wooden shelving, etc. Ask Attendant.

Brush - No bigger than 8" round and 8' long
Commercial Contractors (for brush)
Pickup or Trailer $10.00
Mason Dump $15.00
Stake Body $20.00
Bigger $35.00

Freon Items .....$10.00 each
(refrigerator, freezer, air conditioner, dehumidifier, water or wine cooler)

Mattresses & Boxsprings
Clean .....no charge
Wet/Dirty .....$15.00 each

Propane – bottles only
1 lb. $1.00
20 lbs. $2.00

Tires
Car Tires .....$2.00 on rim $3.00
Pickup Truck Tires .....$5.00 on rim $6.00
Check price list for large tires

Upholstered Furniture .....$15.00 each (chair, sofa, love seat)

The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to make changes, as may be in the best interest of the Town of Lyme and the operating of a Bulky Waste area.

The Planning and Zoning Commission is responsible for production, administration and enforcement of the Town's plan of conservation and development, zoning regulations and subdivision regulations. There are a number of activities that require approval by the Commission before that activity can commence. An example is subdivision of land. In this example, Commission approval is a requirement of the Town's subdivision regulations and Connecticut law. See Bernie Gigliotti for fee schedule.

Over the past several years there has been a great increase in land use activities that has required varied permits and approvals. Concurrent with reviews of these activities the Commission has been involved in producing an up to date Lyme Plan of Development, and amending its Zoning and Subdivision Regulations. These have to be in compliance with the Tidal Wetlands Act, the Inland Wetlands Act, the Federal Flood Hazard Act, the Coastal Management Act, revision to the Public Health code and mandates from the Connecticut River Gateway Commission.

The increased complexity of the approval process has placed a greater burden on the applicant. The Commission Agent, the Zoning Enforcement Agent is available for guidance in these matters.

Appeals to the Zoning Board of Appeals may be made in accordance with instructions available from the Chairman of the Board, or from the Zoning Enforcement Officers. A public hearing will be scheduled in response to properly executed appeals, accompanied by a $260 fee ($200 town, $60 state). Appeals should be received no later than the third Thursday of the previous month.

Passport applications may be processed through the Old Saybrook Post Office, 36 Main Street, Old Saybrook.

All motor boats must be registered with the State of Connecticut. Connecticut Motor Vehicle Department offices process these registrations.

Dogs must be registered during the month of June with licenses to be effective July 1st. Fees are $8.00 for altered dogs and $19.00 for all unaltered dogs.

Transfer station stickers are available at the Town Hall and must be shown at the transfer station before entering.

Copies of Zoning and Subdivision Regulations and Inland Wetland Regulations are available at the Town Clerk's office (see fee schedule).

To obtain a burning permit, you must fill out an application at the Town Hall. Permits are usually processed within 24 hours.

The Estuary Region Household Hazardous Waste Facility is located in Essex on Dump Road, Exit 4 off Route 9. It is open seasonally on selected Saturdays May through October from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM rain or shine. This special chemical waste collection service is only for residents of the Connecticut River Estuary Region towns, which includes Lyme. There is no fee. Commercial waste is not accepted. For additional information contact CRERPA at (860)388-3497 or www.crerpa.org

Joshuatown School, grades 1-8, Joshuatown Road near Joshuatown Cemetery, photo c. 1910. Teacher Musa Warner in the door. Students l-r: Raymond Tooker, unidentified, Helen Mayersick, Ann Margaret Czikowsky, Eugene Czikowski, Herbert Czikowsky, William Mayersick.

Meetings

(At Town Hall unless notified otherwise)

Board of Selectmen……1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 3:30 PM

Planning & Zoning Commission…….2nd Monday of each month at 7:30 PM

Conservation &
Inland Wetlands Commission .....3rd Wednesday of each month at 7:00 PM

Zoning Board of Appeals……3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM

Library Board (held at the library)……..……4th Wednesday of the month in January, March, May, and September and on the 1st Wednesday of the month in December. Meetings begin at 4:00 PM

Cemetery Commission……3rd Monday of each month at 7:00 PM

Rogers Lake Authority……2nd Wednesday of each month at 7:30 PM (held at Rogers Lake West Shores Clubhouse)

Regional District 18……1st Wednesday of each month at 6:30 PM (held in Board of Education Conference Room at Center School)

Open Space Committee……4th Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM

Recreation Commission……3rd Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM

Lymes' Senior Center Board of Directors……3rd Monday of each month at 2:00 PM (held at the Lymes' Senior Center)

Selectmen's Report

The fiscal year 2016/17 was a busy one and very successful. Our budget grew to $11 million and yet we were able return $373 thousand to the General Fund Balance through tight spending controls and higher than expected revenues. The budget process was able to hold the tax rate steady for next year despite pending reductions in municipal aid to the town.

During this past year, we completed the conversion of the landfill to a transfer station and capped the site. All collections will now need to be moved off-site as we can no longer bury materials. We also continued the eradication of weeds on Rogers Lake and the reports have been very good. Future efforts will be made to continue managing this situation.

We also purchased a new truck for our Publics Works crew and made the down payment on the next replacement fire engine to be delivered next year. This should complete the fire department's upgrade of the fleet without the need for another large capital expense for approximately eight fiscal years.

This year also saw the first Lyme Volunteer Fair hosted jointly by the two political town committees and the town. These groups are attempting to make the town's people more aware of the myriad of volunteer opportunities available in Lyme and the need for residents to get involved to preserve that character of the town we all have such pride in.

Most importantly, during the past year we lost to retirement our long serving First Selectman Ralph Eno. This year's report is dedicated to Ralph and his many accomplishments. His office is not the same without Rosie's presence and we invite you all to stop by and meet the new selectmen.

Respectfully submitted,
The Lyme Board of Selectmen

Hamburg Cove c. 1900, looking east. A coastal schooner is being loaded at Lord's Dock with products from Lyme wood mills, trolley and railroad ties. L-R: back of E.O. Reynolds Store, Church, front of 1887 Public Hall, rear of James L. Lord's Store and freight barn below.

Town Calendar 2018

January 1 ..... Supplemental motor vehicle taxes due - late fees due after February 1 (Tax Collector)

January 31 .....Deadline for filing blind exemption application (Assessor)

February 1 .....Filing period begins Elderly & Totally Disabled Veteran Exemption applications – income limit applies (Assessor)

February 20 .....Deadline for filing assessment appeal application to Board of Assessment Appeals (Assessor)

March .....Board of Assessment Appeals holds hearings, date to be announced – property only (Assessor)

May 15 .....Deadline for filing Elderly & Disabled applications (Assessor)

May 15 .....Filing period begins for Renters Program (Assessor)

May 15 .....Last day of payment of taxes due in July 2017 in order to avoid a tax lien (Tax Collector)

June 1 .....First day to license dog for upcoming year - licensing required annually (Town Clerk)

June 30 .....Last day to license dog without penalty (Town Clerk)

June 30 .....End of Fiscal Year

July 1 .....Property, Motor Vehicle, Personal Property Taxes due – timely payment July 1 through August 1 (Tax Collector)

August 1 .....Last day for timely payment of taxes levied on the list as of October 1, 2017 (Tax Collector)

September .....Board of Assessment Appeals meets, date to be announced - motor vehicle only (Assessor)

September 15 .....Deadline for filing Elderly Renters Program applications (Assessor)

September 30 ..... Deadline for filing Veteran's Honorable Discharge papers (DD214) or statement of current service for credit on upcoming taxes (Town Clerk)

October 1.....List of all personal property owned on this date, except real estate and registered motor vehicles – filing by Nov. 1 (Assessor)

October 1.....Deadline for filing additional Veteran exemption applications (Assessor)

October 31.....List of personal property must be filed on or before Nov. 1 to avoid 25% penalty (Assessor)

October 31.....Deadline for filing application for exemption on farm machinery, horses or ponies used exclusively in farm operation - income/ expense limit applicable (Assessor)

October 31.....Last day to file first time 490 Open Space declaration (Assessor)

November 1.....Deadline for filing personal property declaration (Assessor)

December 31 .....Deadline for filing applications for motor vehicle exemption for serviceperson stationed out of state (Assessor)

State and Town Officers

Fiscal Year July 1, 2016– June 30, 2017

Office or Commission	Official or Member	Term Begins	Term Expires
Elected			
First Selectman	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 21, 2017
Second Selectman	Parker H. Lord	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 21, 2017
Third Selectman	Steven E. Mattson	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 21, 2017
Town Clerk	Linda A. Winzer	Jan. 4, 2016	Jan. 2, 2018
Town Treasurer	William L. Hawthorne	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 21, 2017
Board of Finance	David M. Brown, Sr.	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Kathryn R. Wayland	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Herbert Ross	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Matthew Sharp, *Chairperson*	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Peter Evankow	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	Judith H. Duran	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
Board of Finance Alternates			
	Jarrod M. Leonardo	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Lori Caine	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Tom Wing	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
Board of Assessment Appeals			
	Hayden Reynolds	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Harry P. Broom, Jr., *Chairperson*	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	John Kiker	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
Planning and Zoning Commission			
	Willliam T. Koch, Jr.	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Ann Rich	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	E. Hunter Ward	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Ross C. Byrne	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Kelvin N. Tyler	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Phyllis Ross	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	David Tiffany, *Chairperson*	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	*Steven Mattson		
Zoning Board of Appeals			
	Winnifred Gencarella	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Jack Sulger	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	John Kiker	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Fred Harger	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	David Lahm, *Chairperson*	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	*Ronald Wojcik		
	*Jeanne Rutigliano		

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates			
	Judith Davies	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Salvatore Caruso, Jr.	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Toni Phillips	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	*Winnifred Gencarella		
	*John Kiker		
Lyme Public Library Directors			
	Susan Cole	Nov. 22, 2021	Nov. 21, 2017
	Diane Brown	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Jack Sulger	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Judith Ulrich	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Diana Fiske	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Eugene (Chuck) A. Lynch	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Jerry R. Ehlen	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	Holly Rubino	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	George J. Willauer	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021
	*James Benn		
Lyme Members of Regional, District #18, Board of Education			
	Beth A. Jones	Dec. 1, 2013	Dec. 1, 2017
	Mary E. Powell-St. Louis	Dec. 1, 2015	Dec. 1, 2019
Registrar of Voters	Dianne Ahlberg	Jan. 4, 2017	Jan. 9, 2019
	Jane C. Boyd	Jan. 4, 2017	Jan. 9, 2019
	*Kathleen Gigliotti		
State Representative 23rd District			
	Devin Carney	Jan. 4, 2017	Jan. 9, 2019
State Senator 33rd District			
	Art Linares	Jan 4, 2017	Jan. 9, 2019
U. S. Congress 2nd District			
	Joe Courtney	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 3, 2019
U. S. Senate	Chris Murphy	Jan. 3, 2013	Jan. 3, 2019
U. S. Senate	Richard Blumenthal	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 3, 2023

Appointed

Tax Collector	Linda B. Ward	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 21, 2017
Board of Assessors			
	Debra A. Yeomans	Nov. 22, 2011	Nov. 21, 2017
	Frederick Platt III, *Chair.*	Nov. 19, 2013	Nov. 19, 2019
	Madeleine H. Mattson	Nov. 17, 2015	Nov. 16, 2021

Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission			
	Roger Dill	Nov. 11, 2014	Nov. 14, 2017
	Thomas Reynolds	Nov. 11, 2014	Nov. 14, 2017
	Paul Armond, *Chairperson*	Nov. 10, 2015	Nov. 13, 2018
	Patrick Crowley	Nov. 10, 2015	Nov. 13, 2018
	Priscilla Hammond	Nov. 10, 2015	Nov. 13, 2018
	Beverly Crowther	Nov. 8, 2016	Nov. 11, 2019
	Ben Kegley	Nov. 8, 2016	Nov. 11, 2019
Conservation and Inland Wetlands Commission Alternates			
	Steven Kurlansky	Nov. 11, 2014	Nov. 14, 2017
	Susan Hessel	Nov. 8, 2016	Nov. 11, 2019
Cemetery Commission			
	Ann Evans	April 15, 2015	April 15, 2018
	Kim Kanabis	April 15, 2015	April 15, 2018
	Marilyn Warren	April 15, 2015	April 15, 2018
	Diana Boehning	April 15, 2016	April 15, 2019
	Thomas Davies	April 15, 2016	April 15, 2019
	Christine Plikus	April 15, 2016	April 15, 2019
	Gordon M. Krusen, *Chairperson*	April 15, 2017	April 15, 2020
	Tina Kozlowski	April 15, 2017	April 15, 2020
	Bruce Stark	April 15, 2017	April 15, 2020
Town Counsel	Kenneth M. McKeever		
Sanitarian	George P. Calkins		
Zoning Enforcement Officer & Inland Wetlands Agent			
	Bernard Gigliotti		
Building Official	Ronald Rose		
Building Code Board of Appeals			
	vacancy	Nov. 30, 2012	Nov. 30, 2017
	vacancy	Nov. 30, 2013	Nov. 30, 2018
	vacancy	Nov. 30, 2014	Nov. 30, 2019
	Francis Roche	Nov. 30, 2015	Nov. 30, 2020
	Roger Mayotte	Nov. 30, 2016	Nov. 30, 2021
Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission			
	Christian Peltenburg-Brechneff	Jan. 23, 2013	Jan. 23, 2018
	Susan Tyler	Jan. 23, 2014	Jan. 23, 2019
	Harry (Skip) Broom, Jr.	Jan. 23, 2015	Jan. 23, 2020
	E. Russell Learned, *Chairperson*	Jan. 23, 2016	Jan. 23, 2021
	Lisa Holmes	Jan. 23, 2017	Jan. 23, 2022

Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission Alternates			
	Iain R. Horwath	Jan. 23, 2013	Jan. 23, 2018
	Thomas Richardson	Jan. 23, 2013	Jan. 23, 2018
	vacancy	Jan. 23, 2013	Jan. 23, 2018
	vacancy	Jan. 23, 2013	Jan. 23, 2018
	vacancy	Jan. 23, 2013	Jan. 23, 2018
Rogers Lake Authority			
	Tom Mondelci	June 1, 2015	June 1, 2018
	Robert Roach	June 1, 2016	June 1, 2019
	Dennis Overfield	June 1, 2017	June 1, 2020
	*Michael Sicord		
Recreation Commission			
	Trudy Burgess	Jan. 15, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018
	Heidi Meyer	Jan. 15, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018
	Carmela Monte	Jan. 15, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018
	Jason Thornton, *Chairperson*	Jan. 15, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018
	Robert Cope	Jan. 15, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018
	vacancy	Jan. 15, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018
	vacancy	Jan. 15, 2017	Jan. 15, 2018
Estuary Transit District			
	Susan Tyler	Feb. 1, 2016	Feb. 1, 2020
Affordable Housing Committee			
	Mac Godley		
	Isabel Roberge, *Chairperson*		
	Phyllis Ross		
	Tina West		
Tree Warden	Lars D. Anderson	July 1, 2017	June 30, 2019
Burning Officer	Gary Weed		
Emergency Management Director			
	John Evans		
Emergency Management Deputy Directors			
	William Firgelewski		
	Joshua Adams		
	André Yeomans		
Cable Advisory Council			
	Brian Bowes		
CT Gateway Commission			
	Emily Bjornberg	July 1, 2016	June 30, 2018
	J. Melvin Woody, *Alt.*	July 1, 2016	June 30, 2018

Senior Center Board of Directors			
	Diana Seckla	July 1, 2017	June 30, 2018
	Gary Weed	July 1, 2017	June 30, 2018
	Ruth Young	July 1, 2017	June 30, 2018
Lower CT River Valley Regional Planning Commisison			
	vacancy	May 1, 2017	May 1, 2019
	vacancy, Alt.	May 1, 2017	May 1, 2019
Municipal Historian			
	Carolyn Bacdayan		
Public Health Nurse	Interim Healthcare		
Veterans' Service Contact Person			
	David Lahm		
Water Pollution Control Authority			
	J. Carter Courtney	July 1, 2013	June 30, 2018
	J. Melvin Woody	July 1, 2016	June 30, 2021
	David Cook	July 1, 2017	June 30, 2022
Lyme Volunteer Fire Company Chief			
	James Leatherbee III		
Town Marine Officer			
	Robert F. Roach		
Trustee, Fire Co. Incentive Program			
	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.		
	Matthew Sharp		
Municipal Agent for the Elderly			
	Kathy Tisdale		
Director of Health	Dana Cavicke., M.D.	Oct. 27, 2014	Oct. 27, 2018
Dog Warden	Donald Griffith		
Eastern Regional Tourism District Board of Directors			
	Stephen Gencarella	Sept. 1, 2014	Aug. 31, 2017
Mental Health Catchment Area Council			
	vacancy	April 30, 2017	Apr. 30, 2019
	Linda Camarra	April 30, 2017	Apr. 30, 2019
Open Space Committee			
	Barbara David	June 1, 2016	June 1, 2018
	vacancy	June 1, 2016	June 1, 2018
	George Lombardino	June 1, 2016	June 1, 2018
	vacancy	June 1, 2016	June 1, 2018
	Paul Armond	June 1, 2017	June 1, 2019
	Anthony Irving	June 1, 2017	June 1, 2019
	Parker Lord	June 1, 2017	June 1, 2019
	Lucius Stark	June 1, 2017	June 1, 2019
	*Lisa Niccolai		
	*Steven Mattson		

Eight Mile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee			
	Anthony Irving		
	Parker Lord		
Eight Mile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee Alternate			
	Paul Armond		
Pension Advisory Committee			
	Ralph F. Eno, Jr.	May 4, 2017	May 4, 2018
	John Friday	May 4, 2017	May 4, 2018
	Steven E. Mattson	May 4, 2017	May 4, 2018
	Matthew Sharp	May 4, 2017	May 4, 2018
	*Tom Childs		
Justices of the Peace	David Michael Adams, Jr.	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Charlotte Beers	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Emily Bjornberg	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Christie Christensen	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Daniel A. Hagan	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Fred William Harger	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Patricia A. Harris	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Isabel S. Roberge	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Jack F. Sulger, Jr.	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Eleanor B. Sutton	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	Karen Thomas	Jan. 3, 2017	Jan. 4, 2021
	*Anthony J. Sullivan		
Fire Marshal	David Roberge		
Social Services Director	Kathy Tisdale		
Open Space Coordinator	Wendy Hill		
Harbor Master	L. Thomas Reynolds		
Democratic Town Committee	Dianne Ahlberg		
	Carolyn Bacdayan		
	Emily Bjornberg		
	Susan Cole		
	Sue Hessel, *Vice Chairperson*		
	John Kiker, *Chairperson*		
	Mary Ann Kistner, *Secretary*		
	Jarrod Leonardo, *Treasurer*		
	Madeleine Mattson		
	Steven E. Mattson		
	LeRay McFarland		
	Toni Phillips		
	Phyllis Ross		
	Claire Sauer		
	Judith L. Ulrich		
	*Ronald Wojcik		
	*Mary Ellen Caruso		

Republican Town Committee	Rowland Ballek. *Chairperson*
	Thomas Boyd
	Judith Davies, *Vice Chairperson*
	William J. Fiske
	Donald C. Gerber
	Priscilla Hammond
	Jonathan Jewett, *Treasurer*
	William T. Koch
	David Lahm
	Mary E. Powell-St. Louis
	Hayden Reynolds
	Isabel S. Roberge
	Matthew A. Sharp
	David J. Tiffany
	John J. Tiffany, II
	Mark Wayland
	Linda A. Winzer, *Secretary*
	*Ralph F. Eno, Jr.

*Indicates member sometime during fiscal year, but not at close of fiscal year

Lyme Grange #47, Sterling City Road, c.1900. It is a chapter of the national Grange, a family-centered fraternal organization, dedicated to improving the quality of life and opportunities for rural communities. It drew many active members after its charter was granted in 1897.

Summary of Expenditures
7/1/16 – 6/30/17

	Appropriation	Expenditures	Variance
EXPENSES			
General Government			
Selectmen's Office	76,968.00	74,048.90	-2,919.10
Town Clerk	53,952.00	52,171.48	-1,780.52
Board of Finance	3,800.00	3,200.00	-600.00
Tax Collector	44,812.00	47,725.80	2,913.80
Assessor's Office	59,506.00	55,856.34	-3,649.66
Revaluation	15,000.00	0.00	-15,000.00
Town Treasurer	9,702.00	9,701.52	-0.48
Election Expenses	23,259.00	18,444.10	-4,814.90
Board of Assessment Appeals	250.00	159.50	-90.50
Planning & Zoning Commission	13,000.00	8,585.95	-4,414.05
Zoning Board of Appeals	5,000.00	2,058.22	-2,941.78
Zoning Officer	35,320.00	35,319.08	-0.92
Harbor Maintenance	6,000.00	6,071.10	71.10
Conservation Commission	13,000.00	8,262.30	-4,737.70
Pollution Control	1,457.00	1,456.25	-0.75
Probate Court	1,500.00	1,330.00	-170.00
Auditor's Expense	27,300.00	27,300.00	0.00
Town Counsel	18,000.00	8,379.50	-9,620.50
Town Report	7,000.00	5,779.54	-1,220.46
General Insurance	82,650.00	82,360.40	-289.60
Workmen's Comp	26,599.00	22,012.00	-4,587.00
Health Insurance	181,153.00	157,738.02	-23,414.98
Employer Medicare and FICA	50,914.00	51,834.77	920.77
Retirement	44,892.00	44,024.32	-867.68
Town Hall Expense	13,120.00	13,646.51	526.51
Heat & Fuel	34,500.00	36,455.45	1,955.45
Affordable Housing	750.00	0.00	-750.00
Welfare Director/Elderly	7,991.00	7,990.80	-0.20
Transportation District	2,989.00	2,989.00	0.00
Hadlyme Historic District	500.00	0.00	-500.00
Campus Utlities	45,000.00	51,976.46	6,976.46
Campus Maintenance	41,008.00	36,311.92	-4,696.08
Public Safety			
Fire Marshal	5,670.00	4,959.08	-710.92
Fire Company	56,580.00	55,786.10	-793.90
VSECI	44,014.00	44,014.00	0.00
Complex Maintenance	14,800.00	18,118.00	3,318.00
Public Safety Utilities	22,000.00	17,461.67	-4,538.33
Police	20,000.00	8,555.70	-11,444.30

Emergency Management	16,000.00	18,074.89	2,074.89
Building Inspector	23,788.00	23,393.10	-394.90
Hazardous Waste	11,000.00	6,084.00	-4,916.00
Public Safety Pension	83,380.00	67,190.86	-16,189.14
Highways			
Superintendent	67,047.00	67,950.98	903.98
Town Crew	140,066.00	144,659.89	4,593.89
Town Crew Benefits	22,252.00	22,188.57	-63.43
Town Aid Roads Maintenance	180,144.00	179,107.32	-1,036.68
Local Road Maintenance	76,956.00	26,414.58	-50,541.42
General Maintenance	47,500.00	46,966.14	-533.86
Snow and Ice Removal	60,000.00	64,012.55	4,012.55
Street Lighting	3,250.00	2,926.31	-323.69
Street Signs	3,500.00	1,478.00	-2,022.00
Garage Expense	1,000.00	420.00	-580.00
Superintendent Expense	4,250.00	4,250.00	0.00
Tree Warden Expense	1,465.00	1,270.00	-195.00
Sanitation			
Landfill Costs	81,623.00	81,380.73	-242.27
Tipping Fees	55,680.00	48,580.48	-7,099.52
Sanitarian	26,472.00	26,471.40	-0.60
Recycling	30,900.00	27,479.45	-3,420.55
Conservation of Health			
Health Officer	750.00	750.00	0.00
Visiting Nurses	4,000.00	6,603.56	2,603.56
Vital Statistics	75.00	0.00	-75.00
Welfare			
TVCCA	1,000.00	1,000.00	0.00
Women's Center	500.00	500.00	0.00
Family Service	3,454.00	3,454.00	0.00
Regional Mental Health	116.00	116.00	0.00
Soup Kitchen	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Library			
Library Staff Salary	115,715.00	113,029.08	-2,685.92
Books & Magazines	19,984.00	20,520.86	536.86
Supplies	4,500.00	5,199.44	699.44
Licenses & Databases	7,175.00	5,577.60	-1,597.40
Audio/Visual	4,636.00	4,848.02	212.02
Program	4,000.00	4,998.04	998.04
Newsletter, Postage & Book Sale	3,763.00	4,270.47	507.47
Dues, Travel & Miscellaneous	3,699.00	3,987.28	288.28
Benefits	24,813.00	24,856.81	43.81

Recreation			
Hartman Park	1,500.00	843.98	-656.02
Park Maintenance	13,000.00	9,792.50	-3,207.50
Recreation Commission	18,000.00	14,009.84	-3,990.16
Rogers Lake Commission	40,245.00	30,428.91	-9,816.09
Town Woods Property	34,551.00	28,760.99	-5,790.01
Miscellaneous			
Miscellaneous	4,000.00	2,733.99	-1,266.01
Council of Small Towns	725.00	725.00	0.00
Soil Conservation	1,421.00	1,421.00	0.00
Data Processing	45,478.00	44,970.08	-507.92
Contingent Account	6,000.00	4,645.33	-1,354.67
8 Mile River Cemetery	7,300.00	5,522.40	-1,777.60
Lyme Cemeteries	5,300.00	3,120.46	-2,179.54
Dog Fund	5,000.00	5,000.00	5,000.00
CRERPA	6,505.00	6,504.23	-0.77
CRERPA Seniors	10,969.00	10,969.00	0.00
Lyme Youth Services	27,000.00	27,000.00	0.00
Elderly Housing	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00
Literacy Volunteers	500.00	500.00	0.00
CCM	1,339.00	1,339.00	0.00
Lymes' Senior Center	21,426.00	22,823.75	1,397.75
Open Space Reserve Fund	50,000.00	55,800.00	5,800.00
Secter	843.00	842.10	-0.90
Education			
Education	6,727,035.00	6,727,035.00	0.00
General Obligation Bonds			
Interest	71,167.00	71,166.67	-0.33
Principal	350,000.00	350,000.00	0.00

	Appropriation	Expenditures	Variance
CAPITAL EXPENSES			
Public Safety			
Fire Truck Lease	192,500.00	116,722.00	-75,778.00
Fire Company Equipment	60,500.00	50,496.55	-10,003.45
Hadlyme Firehouse	6,000.00	1,697.96	-4,302.04
Firehouse/Garage	16,255.00	14,216.54	-2,038.46
Sanitation			
Site Improvement	1,000,000.00	888,879.34	-111,120.66
Highways			
Highway Equipment	2,500.00	381.14	-2,118.86
Town Truck	176,633.00	171,132.33	-5,500.67

Miscellaneous			
Local Capital Improvement	175,000.00	175,000.00	0.00
Vital Records Restoral	4,000.00	4,055.70	55.70
Emergency Management	15,000.00	27,151.29	12,151.29
Lymes' Senior Center	15,367.00	13,018.00	-2,349.00
Town Woods Development	2,000.00	0.00	-2,000.00
Library Capital Equipment	6,439.00	6,906.95	467.95
TOTAL EXPENSE	**11,368,907.00**	**10,980,706.22**	**-388,200.78**

Board of Finance

For the year ended June 30, 2017, the mil rate remained unchanged from the previous year, at 18.25. While this remains one of the lower mil rates in Connecticut, it has increased significantly (from 13.55), over the last five years. This steady mil rate climb is due largely to the decrease in grand list valuations (decrease in Lyme home values), reduced assistance from the state, and increased education costs along with Lyme's portion of such. At this point, however, we feel these impacts have settled, and the goal of the Board of Finance is to prevent further mil rate increases in the foreseeable future.

The town's audit report is available at town hall. The tax collection rate is very close to 100%, the auditor's opinion is clean and the town is in strong financial condition.

Our budget process begins in mid-January. We meet at town hall, generally on Thursday nights at 6:30. The schedule is posted at town hall and the town's website, and attendance and comments from town residents are welcomed.

Respectfully submitted,
Matthew Sharp, *Chairman*

Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

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 non-profit agencies, and therefore relies on the generous support of the community for nearly one half of our budget. We are grateful to the Town of Lyme for their municipal support and we enjoy collaborating with the town and schools on a variety of programs.

LYSB continues to collaborate with our local prevention coalition *Community Action for Substance Free Youth* (CASFY). This group is comprised of community leaders, parents, teachers, and students that advocate and support our youth through education, communication, and participation. CASFY's goal is to reduce substance abuse among the youth of Lyme and Old Lyme and to positively affect the culture of student life. We meet on the 1st Tuesday of the month at LYSB at 7:00 p.m. and welcome attendance from any members of the community. Results from the recent Youth Survey and more information about CASFY are available on the LYSB website www.lysb.org.

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

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

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

LYSB Board of Directors

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Arleen C. Sharp, *Parent Resource Supervisor*

Oxen cart at the top of Lord Hill, Lord Creek Farm, Hamburg Road. Oxen remained important in Lyme for farming, wood hauling and house moving well into the 20th century.

Friends of Whalebone Cove

This has been a busy and productive year for FOWC in carrying out the work of protecting Whalebone Cove. Since its launch two years ago, FOWC has grown to 70 members and has a mailing list of more than 120 individuals and conservation groups interested in protecting the Cove.

This year FOWC took positive, tangible steps on the journey to protecting the Whalebone Cove Refuge.

Documenting Invasive & SAV Plants

First, FOWC sponsored a summer intern to identify and locate invasive aquatic surface plants on the Cove, and that survey is complete.

Second, FOWC assisted the Connecticut Audubon Society's Estuary Center in its survey of submerged aquatic vegetation (SAV) in the Cove.

Going forward, we hope to continue to monitor invasive plant species and, in coordination with US Fish & Wildlife, to execute a plan to control and hopefully remove them. Under consideration is a proposal to conduct a survey of the invasive species on the land portion of the Refuge and the identification and location of any waste piles and to develop plans for the remediation of both for review by US Fish & Wildlife.

FOWC Questionnaire on Public Use

Third, we conducted a survey of Cove neighbors and FOWC members to ask their opinions on future public access and use of the USFWS Refuge property. The survey questionnaire had a high response rate (more than 50%), indicating an avid interest in the future pubic use of the Cove.

New Wildlife Refuge Signs

Finally, in October, FOWC placed two signs provided by US Fish & Wildlife at strategic locations adjacent to the channel in the Cove to encourage respectful behavior by boaters and others enjoying the Cove. We believe they have had a positive impact but will continue to monitor activity.

Again, as you can see, we have been and continue to be active in our long-term commitment to preserving and enhancing the value of the Whalebone Cove Refuge to all those who love it and will use it.

Summary Of The Budget
For The Year Ending June 30, 2018

	Actual 2015-2016	Adopted 2016-2017	Proposed 2017-2018
BEGINNING FUND BALANCE	$1,147,550	$1,521,092	$1,367,315
Current year surplus estimate			178,000
REVISED BEGINNING FUND BALANCE			$1,545,315
REVENUES			
Taxes, Interest & Leins	9,270,625	9,349,758	9,386,172
All Other Revenues	874,184	1,850,372	1,498,439
TOTAL REVENUES	10,144,809	11,200,130	10,884,611
EXPENDITURES			
Operating Expense	9,285,585	9,646,713	9,873,858
Capital Expense	578,016	1,707,194	1,323,286
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,863,601	11,353,907	11,197,144
ENDING FUND BALANCE	1,521,092	1,367,315	1,232,781
INCOME DETAIL			
General Property Taxes	$9,196,676	$9,323,058	$9,366,172
Tax Refund and Rebate	-23,895	-3,300	-10,000
Interest & Lien Fees	97,844	30,000	30,000
TOTAL TAXES, INTEREST & LEIN FEES	$9,270,625	$9,349,758	$9,386,172
Mooring Permits	$5,680	$2,500	$2,500
Building Permits	59,740	45,000	50,000
Conveyance Tax	55,701	45,000	50,000
Other Licenses & Permits	6,890	4,500	4,500
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS	$128,011	$97,000	$107,000
ZBA Fees	$1,200	$1,000	$750
P&Z Fees	2,850	1,000	1,000
Waste Disposal Fees	2,567	21,200	10,000
Town Clerk Fees	18,465	20,000	18,000
Refunds & Rebates	6,078	2,000	3,000
Miscellaneous	21,793	12,000	10,000
Affordable Housing	3,120	3,500	3,500
Park & Rec Fees	2,870	4,000	3,000
Visiting Nurse Receipts	0	275	275
TOTAL FINES, FEES & CHARGES	$58,943	$64,975	$49,525
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE			
Town Aid Roads	180,114	180,114	180,020
Education Equal. Grant	139,702	0	0
PILOT State Prop/C&H	0	0	0
Emergency Management	22,536	15,000	37,015

Tax Relief-Homeowners	18,711	20,000	17,500
Tax Relief-Veterans	444	330	400
Miscellaneous Grants	21,785	650,000	585,000
Local Cap. Improv. Prog.	51,529	25,766	47,237
Supplemental Municipal Aid	11,911	8,364	8,286
Tel. Access Grant	9,223	9,000	9,000
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL REV.	$455,955	$908,574	$884,458
Cemetery Trust Funds	$0	$10,000	$10,000
Interest on Investments	11,636	7,500	15,000
Eight Mile Cemetery	10,000	0	0
Cap Non-Recurr. Fund	50,000	695,089	0
Hartman Park Fund	3,000	1,500	1,500
Open Space Fund	0	0	370,000
TOTAL REVENUE FROM TOWN MONEY	$74,636	$714,089	$396,500
Town Hall/Library	$103,044	0	0
TOTAL OTHER REVENUES	$103,044	0	0
LPL Foundation Support	$40.000	$42,000	42,000
Library Trust Fund Use	7,000	17,000	12,856
Fundraising & Gifts	1,710	2,100	2,500
State Funding & Grants	1,379	1,337	300
Fines, fees & misc.	3,506	3,297	3,300
TOTAL LIBRARY REVENUES	53,595	65,734	60,956
TOTAL REVENUES	10,144,809	11,200,130	10,884,611
EXPENSE DETAIL			
Selectman's Office	$65,941	$76,968	$78,629
Town Clerk's Office	51,490	53,952	56,184
Board of Finance	3,200	3,800	3,800
Tax Collector's Office	40,898	44,812	49,865
Assessor's Office	50,395	59,506	60,772
Revaluation	0	15,000	15,000
Town Treasurer	9,485	9,702	9,924
Election Expenses	17,249	23,259	22,091
Board of Assessment Appeals	154	250	250
Planning & Zoning Comm.	22,284	13,000	13,000
Zoning Board of Appeals	4,883	5,000	5,000
Zoning Officer	34,506	35,320	36,152
Harbor Maintenance	5,041	6,000	5,000
Conservation Commission	18,776	13,000	13,000
Pollution Control	1,456	1,457	1,457
Probate Court	1,330	1,500	2,076

Auditor's Expense	26,200	27,300	27,900
Town Counsel	17,086	18,000	18,000
Town Report	5,782	7,000	6,750
General Insurance	80,354	82,650	82,650
Workmen's Comp.	22,012	26,599	22,800
Health Insurance	147,054	181,153	211,299
Retirement	39,609	44,892	39,283
Town Hall Expense	60,036	13,120	12,750
Heat & Fuel	41,751	34,500	31,036
Affordable Housing	0	750	750
Elderly	7,796	7,991	8,191
Transportation Dist.	2,847	2,989	3,140
Hadlyme Hist. Dist.	0	500	500
Campus Utilities	0	45,000	49,062
Campus Maintenance	0	41,008	39,258
Open Space Commission	0	0	1,500
FICA	48,980	50,914	54,379
Data Processing	46,111	45,478	43,220
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	$872,706	$992,370	$1,024,668
Fire Marshal	4,584	5,670	5,700
Fire Company	54,133	56,580	62,200
VSECI	43,637	44,014	45,929
Complex Maintenance	24,809	14,800	15,692
Public Safety Utilities	17,776	22,000	20,000
Police	9,959	20,000	20,000
Emergency Management	19,253	16,000	15,250
Building Inspector	22,614	23,788	23,900
Hazardous Waste	9,198	11,000	10,894
Public Safety Pension	67,611	83,380	77,602
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	$273,574	$297,232	$297,167
Superintendent	66,687	67,047	69,386
Town Crew	123,481	140,066	164,891
Town Crew Benefits	19,230	22,252	4,000
Town Aid Roads Maint.	251,043	180,144	181,016
Local Roads Maintenance	0	76,956	58,293
General Maintenance	44,481	47,500	45,000
Snow & Ice Removal	48,975	60,000	60,000
Street Lighting	2,693	3,250	3,000
Street Signs	35	3,500	3,500
Garage Expense	571	1,000	1,000
Superintendent Expense	4,250	4,250	4,250
Tree Warden Expense	1,270	1,465	1,465
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	$562,716	$607,430	$595,801
Landfill Costs	62,041	81,623	101,395
Tipping Fees	46,838	55,680	52,700
Sanitarian	25,826	26,472	27,134
Recycling	29,848	30,900	31,650
TOTAL SANITATION	$164,553	$194,675	$212,879

Health Officer	750	750	750
Visiting Nurses	3,305	4,000	14,135
Vital Statistics	0	75	75
T.V.C.C.A.	1,000	1,000	1,000
Women's Center	500	500	750
Family Service	3,500	3,454	4,799
Reg. Mental Health	116	116	116
Soup Kitchen	500	1,500	1,500
Lyme Youth Services	24,500	27,000	25,000
Elderly Housing	1,500	1,500	1,500
Literacy Volunteers	500	500	500
CRERPA Seniors	10,447	10,969	11,517
TOTAL HEALTH & WELFARE	$46,618	$51,364	$61,642
Library staff	113,211	115,715	117,697
Books & magazines	19,796	19,984	20,600
Supplies	6,033	4,500	4,800
Computer/IT expense	5,080	0	0
Licenses & Databases	5,732	7,175	7,500
Utilities & telecommunication	21,083	0	0
Building maintenance & refuse	14,885	0	0
Audio-Visual	3,521	4,636	4,800
Program	5,027	4,000	4,200
Newsletter, postage & booksale	3,119	3,763	4,000
Dues, travel & misc	1,864	3,699	2,600
Benefits	23,447	24,813	34,049
TOTAL LIBRARY	$222,798	$188,285	$200,246
Hartman Park	441	1,500	1,500
Park Maintenance	11,313	13,000	13,988
Recreation Commission	15,235	18,000	16,450
Rogers Lake Commission	47,685	40,245	34,312
Town Woods Property	28,685	34,551	33,180
L/OL Senior Center	22,864	21,426	26,671
TOTAL RECREATION	$126,223	$128,722	$126,101
Miscellaneous	2,609	4,000	4,000
Council of Sm. Towns	725	725	725
CT River Cons. Dist.	1,421	1,421	1,421
Contingent Account	2,407	6,000	6,000
8 Mile River Cemetery	8,471	7,300	7,350
Lyme Cemeteries	3,537	5,300	5,300
Dog Fund	0	5,000	5,000
CRERPA/River Cog	5,505	6,505	6,659
CCM	1,339	1,339	1,339
Secter	842	843	843
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	$26,856	$38,433	$38,637

	Actual 2015-2016	**Adopted 2016-2017**	**Proposed 2017-2018**
District #18 Expense	6,559,697	6,727,035	6,900,233
TOTAL EDUCATION	$6,559,697	$6,727,035	$6,900,233
General Obligation Bonds Interest	79,844	71,167	62,101
General Obligation Bonds Principal	350,000	350,000	350,000
TOTAL REDEMTION OF DEBT	$429,844	$421,167	$412,101
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSE	$9,285,585	$9,646,713	$9,869,475
CAPITAL EXPENSE			
Office Equipment	0	0	0
TOTAL GENERAL GOVERNMENT	0	0	0
Fire Truck Lease	0	192,500	56,600
Fire Company Equipment	52,429	60,500	68,600
Hadlyme Firehouse	0	6,000	0
Emergency Management	23,413	15,000	37,015
TOTAL PUBLIC SAFETY	$75,842	$274,000	$162,215
Site Improvement	41,109	1,000,000	0
TOTAL SANITATION	$41,109	$1,000,000	$0
Bridges	0	0	0
Highway Equipment	124,133	2,500	2,500
Firehouse-Garage	0	16,255	0
Town Trucks	24,043	176,633	24,045
TOTAL HIGHWAYS	$148,176	$195,388	$26,545
Open Space	50,000	50,000	0
Local Capital Improvement	175,000	175,000	175,000
TOTAL TOWN MONEY SAVING	$225,000	$225,000	$175,000
Town Hall Improvements	122,686	0	0
Vital Rec. Restoral	3,146	4,000	4,000
L/OL Senior Center	5,569	15,367	4,500
Town Woods Development	145	2,000	126
Library Capital Equipment	1,315	6,439	900
Land Acquistion	0	0	950,000
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS	$132,861	$27,806	$959,526
TOTAL CAPITAL EXPENSE	622,988	1,722,194	1,323,286
TOTAL EXPENSE	$9,908,573	$11,368,907	$11,192,761

Respecively submitted by the Board of Finance, Town of Lyme, Matthew Sharp, *Chairman,* Katherine Wayland, *Clerk.* The audited financial report for the year ended June 30, 2016 is available at town hall.

Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Coordinating Committee

2018 will mark the tenth anniversary of Wild & Scenic designation. So as we reflect on the previous year's accomplishments, we continue to look towards the future as we strengthen partnerships in the protection of the outstanding resources of the Eightmile River Watershed. A welcome surprise for 2017 has been an important boost in the federal funding allocated to the Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Watershed. The Committee currently has a small grant program with funds available for outreach and education programs and it will be expanding funding opportunities in larger increments for local organizations and municipalities for activities that address the watershed management recommendations.

The Eightmile River Wild & Scenic Coordinating Committee (ERWSCC) is comprised of representatives of the three core watershed towns (Lyme, East Haddam and Salem), the three local Land Trusts, Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, The Nature Conservancy and the National Park Service. ERWSCC, with help from a number of other community partners, has an impressive level of accomplishment to report. A few highlights below for the 2016-2017 year are noted below:

- **An Award:** The Goodwin Trail Committee, which is coordinated by ERWSCC, was honored to be presented the 2017 *Excellence in Conservation Organization Award* at the annual Land Conservation Council Conference, in recognition of the all the efforts to bring the trail to fruition. The Trail Committee also participated as a workshop presenter.
- **Mapping Stream Temperatures:** With the support of some very dedicated board members, ERWSCC successfully launched 10 stream temperature HOBO loggers in the watershed in the spring of 2017 as part of a cooperative project with the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection. The loggers take hourly temperature readings, giving us the range of stream temperature over a 24 hour period. The data is also used to figure out average summer temperatures and then classify and map stream segments as cold, cool or warm streams to focus habitat management efforts.
- **Ongoing Monitoring Efforts:** ERWSCC completed its fourths summer of monitoring baseline water quality data in 9 locations in the watershed, working with summer interns. Establishing baseline data is an important tool for future trend comparisons. Working with the Lyme Land Conservation Trust and the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, ERWSCC continues to manage the underwater video system at Moulson Pond Fishway and provide financial support which allows the hiring of an individual who reviews the video feed and documents species counts. ERWSCC also continues to collaborate with Three Rivers Community College to conduct annual stream bioassessments for benthic macroinvertebrates, which are used to assess stream habitat health.
- **Outreach and Education:** RiverFest 2106 was a huge success and was a great opportunity for citizens to connect with community organizations to raise awareness in protecting local resources. Other ERWSCC programs in the 2016-2017 timeframe included a popular presentation by Mystic Aquarium entitled *Amphibians as Ecological Indicators,* a follow-up to the previous FrogWatch training program. ERWSCC was pleased to participate in the Lyme Elementary School Curiosity Shoppe Program doing a *Bats, Bats, Bats* presentation and have a *Creepy-Crawly Touch Tank* exhibit at Lyme Land Conservation Trust's Family Day event. 2017 marked ERWSCC's third year of free summer family programs at the Devil's Hopyard State Park which included *Fascinating World of Insects, Birding for All Ages* and *Living Waters.*
- **Review of State Plans:** ERWSCC routinely reviews and comments on state proposals including Stream Flow Mapping, Drought Management and Integrated Water Planning efforts, among other plans. ERWSCC was successful in convincing the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection to include the full watershed (rather than just the Western Branch of the Eightmile River) as one of two watersheds in the state for Priority for Protection Planning efforts.
- **Preserved Lands Mapping:** Every two years ERWSCC conducts updated preserved lands mapping which helps focus efforts for conservation and recreational planning. The mapping is shared with each town and also the state. It is helpful to highlight developing greenways as land preservation progresses and previous mapping was a key catalyst for development of the Goodwin Trail.

We look forward to another year working with our local communities to protect the Outstanding Resource Values of the Eightmile River Watershed.

Patricia Young
Program Director

Lyme Garden Club

The Lyme Garden Club, a member of National Garden Club, Inc., New England Garden Clubs, Inc. and the Federated Garden Clubs of Connecticut, was established in 1930 as a non-profit organization for educational and charitable purposes. The Club Mission is to unite its members in an active personal interest in the cultivation of plants and to encourage and maintain the highest standards of excellence in conservation, civic improvement and all branches of horticulture.

To that end, in 2006 the Lyme Garden Club began a project to beautify our already scenic Highway 156 and other town properties with a yearly planting of daffodil bulbs. Each spring the blooms brighten sites along Hamburg Road, the Blood Street triangle, town cemeteries, the Town Campus and other town properties. Garden Club members also maintain town gardens at the Lyme Library, the Town Hall,

Lymewood and the Lyme Fire Company. In 2013 the club undertook a massive project to develop and refine landscape plans for the renovated Town Hall and the new Library. The landscaping was installed in 2014-2015 and is being monitored, weeded, watered and maintained. Herb gardens on either side of the new Lyme Library entrance were installed which acknowledges the original herb garden designed by Betty Cleghorn. At the town hall, entry gardens were established with varied plant interest throughout the seasons. In addition to the spring and fall clean-ups at these sites, members volunteer to weed and water these areas as needed from May to October. A "green" was created between the town hall and library and a meadow is being developed at the library. The meadow is still very much a work in progress. The grounds are being organically fertilized and treated which is environmentally safe for all.

In addition, to the horticulture work, members march in the July Fourth Cove Road Parade, decorate tables for the yearly Firemen's Steak Dinner, create weekly displays for the library desk and fashion evergreen swags and wreaths to adorn town building and cemeteries at winter holiday time. Further, for the past six years, The Lyme Garden Club has supervised and judged the Flower Division of the Hamburg Fair.

Fundraising efforts at the Lyme Farm Market offer garden related items made by members, member plants , various flowering bulbs and birdseed combinations. The profits help fund not only civic beautification and our monthly programs, but also support state and local projects. This year The Lyme Garden Club sent donations to CT Agriculture Experimental Station, Lyme Farmers Market, Common Good Gardens, Harkness Memorial State Park Gardens, Lyme Fire Company, Inc., McCurdy-Salisbury Education Foundation and Lyme Veterans Group.

Monthly meetings, usually held on the second Tuesday of the month at the Lyme Fire Company Hamburg Station in the morning, offer programs on the environment, conservation, horticulture and related topics. Anyone with an interest in gardening and "digging in the dirt" is invited to attend our programs and become part of the membership. For more information about The Lyme Garden Club please contact Lori Cane at lori@caines.com or Marie Martin at rieriem44@gmail.com.

Lyme Parks and Recreation

For a small town Parks and Recreation program it is important for us to bring our community together by providing healthy, fun, and exciting programs and events. This couldn't happen without all the dedicated members of our committee. We have added on a few new members to help create new events for our community to enjoy together. We are happy to welcome Bob Cope and Emily Reynolds. With young children, Emily will continue the connection to Lyme school and help spread information through social media. Bob, who also has a young family and a great connection through his wife Sue to the Land Trust is helping connect our committees to bring events and fun, family activities to our surrounding parks and trails.

Thank you to Heidi Schumacher and her girls, Bob Cope, Carmella Monte, the band Two for the Show, and the Town Grange for making the annual 4th of July picnic a continued success. There are several others I would like to acknowledge for their services: Don Bugbee, Linda Winzer, District 18, Trudy and Todd Burgess, Ralph Eno, Steve Mattson, and all the parents who volunteer to coach and assist. Without all of you these programs would not be possible. In addition we would like to thank the Lyme library. It has become a wonderful location for us to host programs and we are looking forward to seeing what new programs we can bring to community there.

As the needs and interests of families change, we would love to hear some ideas of what families are looking for these days. We now have a new Facebook page (Lyme Park and Recreation) and instagram to help share town events and programs. We will also be posting a survey page to get some valuable feedback from our community. Please like our page and share any parks and rec activity photos you may have.

This year we held many successful programs like soccer, basketball, swimming, and art. The Old Lyme summer camp was a success again, giving the opportunity for the kids in both Lyme and Old Lyme to come together before they reach middle school. Summer swim lessons, soccer, and arts and crafts also had another successful year. Free Swim night at the East Lyme Aquatic Center continues to be a big hit, running the first and third Saturday's of every month From 5:00 – 7:00 pm, November through April. We are currently working on adding more programs to involve adults this coming year and some community activities for families to enjoy together. Look for information about how you can get involved with things like an ice rink and a fit trail.

We would love to hear from anyone who may be interested in joining our committee or serve your community, as well as new ideas to build on the great programs we already have. To contact us the email address is (kristenthornton@aol.com). The address will provide a means of forwarding signup sheets, answering questions, and planning our programs in a more timely and efficient manner. Please like us on facebook to get updated information about activities and cancellations. Feel free to post ideas, photos from our activities, or any great information that might be of interest to our community. We are looking forward to the opportunities this service will provide. All new programs are also posted on the town website and District 18 community page for easy access. Thanks to all for being a part of another successful year with Lyme Park and Recreation. We are looking forward to an exciting new year with lots of community events and programs.

Sincerely,
Jason Thornton

Lyme Veterans Memorial Committee

The Lyme Veterans Memorial Committee is an all-volunteer organization dedicated to honoring and supporting those from our town who have served our country. The Committee sponsors two main events each year on Memorial Day and Veterans Day by conducting ceremonies at the Lyme Veterans Memorial.

The members of the Committee are Richard "Red" Anderson, Donald Babcock, James C. Beers, Andrew Brennan, Thomas Davies, Richard Dominy, John Evans, Ron Fickett, David Garfield, Parker Lord, and Bruce Stark. Rich Dominy replaced Jim Beers as chair on January 1, 2017.

The 2016-17 fiscal year was much quieter than the previous one, which featured the rededication of the recently moved Lyme Veterans Memorial to a central location on the Lyme green. The primary speaker at the Veterans Day program for 2016 featured town historian Carolyn Bacdayan who gave a short history of the Eagle Monument on the hill opposite the Town Hall. As has been true for a number of years, First Selectman Ralph Eno was master of ceremonies, the last time he served in this capacity. In keeping with tradition, the names of the four Lyme men and women currently serving in the military were read and a last salute was rendered to six veterans who have died in the last year. Joan Priest, minister of the Old Lyme Congregational Church, offered the invocation and benediction. One feature of the ceremony is the tolling of the bells in Lyme Town Hall at 11:00 AM on November 11, 2016.

The Committee also held a small soggy Memorial Day Service on Monday, May 29, 2017 at 9:00 AM.

A new initiative undertaken by the Lyme Veterans Committee this past year consists of offering the opportunity for residents to order honor bricks for veterans who either come from Lyme or have relatives living in Lyme. The first twenty-one bricks will be installed by Veterans Day 2017. Those wishing to honor a veteran in their family should obtain an application form from a member of the Committee, complete it, and enclose a check for $50.00 to pay for the brick.

In May each year, the Veterans Committee with the support of the Lyme Cemetery Commission places American flags paid for by the Town of Lyme on the graves of almost 350 Lyme veterans in time for Memorial Day. The three people most responsible for this activity are Jim Beers, Tom Davies, and Bruce Stark. They take care of twenty-four Lyme cemeteries and Jim Leatherbee does the two Hadlyme ones.

The Committee honors Lyme veterans every Memorial Day and Veterans Day.

Lyme Planning & Zoning Commission

The Lyme Planning and Zoning Commission met eleven of the twelve months of the 2016-2017 year concluding a light schedule overall. Two docks were approved along with various amendments to the applications. Successful completion of the Special Permit Process, which includes a Public Hearing, is required in the Town of Lyme before any dock may be constructed. During the open period of a public hearing, all interested parties are encouraged to attend and participate in the application review process. Two free split applications were approved with stipulations which allowed the estates of the owners to pass legal buildable lots on to heirs. One application was approved to allow the demolition and re-construction of a new house within the Gateway Zone on the inner Hamburg Cove. Finally, the commission initiated two enforcement actions to correct illegal cutting of vegetation within the 100' setback from tidal wetlands. It is important for Lyme Residents to remember that State and Local regulations severely limit the cutting of vegetation and other activities that can take place near watercourses in the Town of Lyme. If you have questions simply contact the Zoning Enforcement Officer at the Lyme Town Hall for a quick overview of the regulations.

Planning and Zoning Meetings are generally held the second Monday of each month at 7:30 in the Lyme Town Hall Conference room. Meetings are all noticed to the public in compliance with Connecticut State Statutes.

Respectfully submitted,
David Tiffany, *Chairman*

Open Space Preservation, Management and Maintenance

The Open Space Committee is an appointed Town advisory board that aspires to identify and evaluate open space acquisition opportunities throughout the Town and make recommendations to the Board of Selectmen. The Town's existing open spaces are managed and maintained by the Open Space Coordinator, a part time Town position that was established in 2005. The Open Space coordinator regularly attends Open Space Committee meetings. Both entities coordinate their activities through the Board of Selectmen.

Open Space Committee

The Lyme Plan of Conservation and Development (revised every ten years) is used to guide the Committee. The last Plan of Conservation and Development survey was conducted town-wide in 2014 and was approved in November 2015. The report can be viewed on the Town of Lyme website. This plan establishes the ecological, aesthetic, cultural and recreational values that the residents of Lyme have identified as being important to the protection of the town's conservation identity. Certain characteristics such as size, location, ecological or cultural significance, natural features, (scenic vistas,

geology etc.) suitability for multiple use (such as the ability to accommodate an affordable housing lot) and recreational potential are considered when the Open Space Committee evaluates the desirability of a parcel. The committee will explore all possible avenues for partnership in funding the acquisition of a desirable property. When the Committee determines that an initiative to purchase or otherwise protect a property is properly structured, feasible and in the best interests of the Town, it works as an advocate to bring the initiative before the Town's leadership and ultimately to you, to vote on at a Town Meeting.

The Town's Open Space Reserve Fund was established to provide for open space purchases. Its balance at the end of the fiscal year 2016 - 2017 can be found in the Treasurer's Report. Annual budgeted contributions from the Town build up this fund, so that it will be of a size to make a purchase, or help with a purchase, should the need arise.

Discussion continued concerning plans for Selden Landing, a 2.5 acres Town property on Selden Road with CT River access via Selden Cove. The property is open to the public for access to a lovely view of the cove. Further development is required to provide a driveway to the cove edge and to create a structure to aid in small craft launching capabilities.

This year, the open space committee brought forward the opportunity for the town to acquire the 250-acre Johnston property on Rte. 82, which straddles three watersheds including the western portion of the Eightmile River watershed. The Town of Lyme Plan of Conservation and Development identified this parcel as a priority for protection in 2001. Community conservation leaders have worked for decades to make sure that when the Johnston's were ready to sell the property they would consider conservation before subdivision. (The parcel contains approximately 2700 feet of road frontage; Lyme zoning requires 50 feet of road frontage to create a developable lot.) In Lyme, the Johnston property is a puzzle piece that abuts numerous open space parcels that form a block of over 1700 acres running from river to ridgetop on the west side of the Eightmile River watershed. The southern side of the property abuts the Pleasant Valley Preserve and the Jewett Preserve. Existing trails could easily be expanded to include the Johnston Property to create an impressive network of trails. The property connects thousands of acres of open space in Lyme, East Haddam and Salem, and the Eightmile River watershed creating a valuable corridor for wildlife. The property also includes Lyme's highest point at 465 feet.

With the financial support of the Lyme Land Trust, the Town of Lyme has applied for a grant from the Connecticut State Department of Energy and Environmental Protection's Open Space and Watershed Land Acquisition Grant Program. The grant could potentially fund up to 60% of the purchase price of $1,450,000.00. The Nature Conservancy has pledged to pay $25,000. During the town meeting on May 18, 2017, the citizens of Lyme voted to use money in the Open Space Reserve Fund towards the purchase price.

Members of the Committee this year were: Paul Armond, Barbara David, Anthony Irving, George Lombardino, Parker Lord, Steve Mattson, and Lucious Stark. Open Space Coordinator Wendolyn Hill and Eightmile River Steward of the Nature Conservancy, Liz Robinson, regularly attended meetings. When business required it, the committee met monthly on the last Tuesday of the month at 7PM at the Town Hall. George Lombardino was appointed as the representative of the Lyme Land Trust to replace Lisa Niccolai.

Open Space Coordinator

Wendolyn Hill is the Town's Open Space Coordinator, who is responsible for ensuring that the town-owned preserves and open space are protected, maintained, and managed in close cooperation with the Town of Lyme Open Space Committee, the Lyme Land Conservation Trust (LLCT) and other conservation groups.

From July 2016 through June 2017 the Open Space Coordinator focused on managing and maintaining the town of Lyme's Open Space, including leading walks on the town-wide properties and educating the public about ecological issues, documentation, keeping maps up-to-date and available, maintaining trails and signage, and managing invasive plant species. In addition, the Coordinator continued to administer the hunting program for both the Town of Lyme and LLCT. A new town-wide map showing all the trails of Lyme was created.

Hunting Program

The Town of Lyme and the Lyme Land Conservation Trust have developed a systematic and consistent process for granting consent for hunting on selected Town and LLCT properties. The hunting program was fully subscribed for all the available properties and seasons. Hunters received consent to hunt deer with bow, rifle, or muzzleloader; and to hunt turkey and goose with bow or shotgun.

Open Space Management / Maintenance

Volunteers, who often participate in regular work parties, provided much needed and appreciated support for the Open Space management and maintenance of Lyme's Open Space.

Czikowsky Hill Preserve

This 96-acre Preserve was obtained in March 2010. It is co-owned by the Town of Lyme and TNC and is further protected by a Conservation Restriction held by the LLCT. Pedestrian access that does not result in noticeable human disturbance is allowed; hence the Preserve has no trails or parking area. The upper and lower field were mowed to maintain the meadow habitat for bluebirds and other wildlife, and to keep invasive plant species under control.

Hartman Park and the Philip E. Young Memorial Preserve

The maps of these preserves are combined as the Lyme Corner Trails. John and Kelly Bill Hartman donated the 302-acre Hartman Park, located on the east side of Gungy Road, to the town of Lyme in 1988. Ruth Young donated the 82-acre Philip E. Young Preserve in memory of her son Philip to the town of Lyme in June 2012. The field in the northern area of Hartman Park is mowed annually to maintain the meadow habitat for bluebirds and other wildlife, and to keep invasive plant species under control.

Jewett Preserve

This 434-acre preserve was created in October 2004. This Preserve is owned and managed jointly by the Town and TNC under a Management Plan. Tom Bischoff, under contract with the Town and TNC, mowed the field in the Preserve, continuing to reduce the number of autumn olive and other invasive shrubs. There is ongoing work to control invasives on the property.

Mt. Archer Woods/Eno Preserve

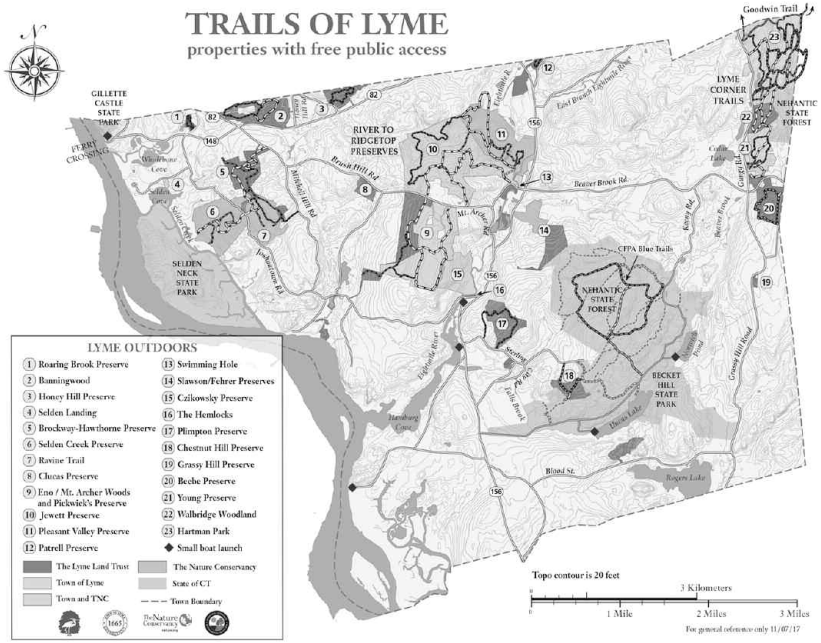
Mt. Archer Woods is a 275-acre Town-owned property. The Lyme Land Conservation Trust owns the abutting hundred-acre Chauncey Eno Preserve. Brantley Buerger is the volunteer steward of Mt Archer Woods. He contributes many hours to keeping the parking area clean, and keeping the trails maintained and cleared of downed trees.

Selden Landing

The field on this 2.5-acre parcel is maintained as a meadow and is mowed annually by Tom Bischoff.

Maps of the Lyme Corner Trails, Jewett, Mt Archer Woods, as well as other trails in Lyme are available at the Lyme Town Hall, the Lyme Public Library, and at www.lymelandtrust.org.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara David, *Open Space Committee*
Wendolyn B. Hill, *Open Space Coordinator*



Lyme Public Hall Association and Lyme Historical Archives

The Lyme Public Hall Association is committed to preserving and promoting Lyme's history, culture, and community. Located in the heart of Hamburg on Route 156, the historic Hall has become a center of community activity through its offering of a variety of programs.

Housed in the Lyme Public Library is the Lyme Local History Archives, a safe climate-controlled repository for treasured historic paper materials donated by town residents. The Local History Archives continues to thrive under the capable stewardship of volunteer archivist and town historian Carolyn Bacdayan, and she responds to visits and inquiries from hundreds of people each year. The Archives are open Tuesdays 2 – 5 pm, Thursdays 10 am – 1 pm, or by appointment. For more information, to donate items or to volunteer, call Carolyn Bacdayan at 860 598-9760.

A variety of programs were offered in 2017. An Earth Day talk on Connecticut birds was a popular offering. To celebrate the centenary of the U S. entry into World War I, speakers presented information on the roles of women doctors from Connecticut and stories from newspapers around the state. The annual Open House of the Lyme Local History Archives also focused on photos, letters, and other documents from this wartime period.

The annual meeting of the Lyme Public Hall is held the second Thursday in June. Everyone is invited to attend the community potluck supper and the presentation that follows. In 2017, the annual meeting program featured Jim Beers' presentation on the "Cherub Carvers" of headstones in Lyme's cemeteries. Other annual events included the town wide Spring Clean-Sweep on Earth Day weekend, the Annual Tag Sale fundraiser in August, and the popular Chowder Dinner in November.

The Lyme Public Hall is available to rent for meetings and events by organizations or private individuals. The Association is run entirely by volunteers and depends solely upon member's dues, donations, and the Hall's fundraisers to maintain the building and to carry on its activities. New members are always welcome. If you are interested in joining or volunteering in any way, please call (860) 434-1929 or visit our website at www.lymepublilchall.org.

Hundreds of hours of volunteer time are donated to the Hall and the greater community each year by the Board of Directors and Association members. Officers and Directors for 2016-2017 were: William Denow (President), Leslie Lewis (Vice-President), Bethany Clark (Secretary), Jerry Ehlen (Treasurer); Kathy Tisdale, George House, Lisa McCarthy, Judy Archer, Bill Archer, Doris Rand, Jim Beers, and Richard Jones.

Respectfully submitted,
Leslie Lewis, *Vice-President*

Lyme Cemetery Commission

Lyme cemetery activity in the year of Fiscal 2017 was highlighted again by the dedicated work of Parker Lord and his hardy volunteers in the "Ancient" (over 100 years old) cemeteries, rehabilitating –in some cases resurrecting– deteriorated/damaged memorial headstones and flush memorials, walls and fences, and hosting volunteer work parties. Congratulations are also due for the various cemetery "Stewards" each of whom oversees the condition and maintenance of their cemetery.

Once again we wish to reiterate with the importance of having the full spectrum of cemetery information available online, available in lieu of, or in preparation for, a visit or phone call. Information for Visitors to Lyme Cemeteries on the Town Cemeteries website has been updated to September 1, 2017, with a new editable format, and some revisions and added material. Section V, Eight Mile River Cemetery Rules & Regulations will be added in due course.

The monumental Archives Excel spreadsheet of headstone information provides an online list of every recorded gravesite in the Town of Lyme. The linkage of this material for access through the Town of Lyme website constitutes a one-stop long-range source of a huge amount of cemetery detail, history, customs, regulation, and procedure. It offers to all those who inquire about a deceased relative "supposed to be buried in some cemetery in Lyme" the opportunity to confirm from afar not only whether such relative is indeed buried in one of the 27 cemeteries in the current Town of Lyme, but also–just as important– whether he/she is buried in one of the many additional cemeteries in portions of the adjacent towns of East Haddam, Salem, East Lyme, and Old Lyme, which prior to 1855 were included in the much larger area of the original Town of Lyme established in 1667.

Section IV of the website Items for Consideration by Persons Contemplating Purchasing Burial Plots at Eight Mile River Cemetery contains a great amount of information intended to enable prospective parties to avoid inefficiencies and misunderstandings that have arisen in the past.

Access routes:

(a) for general information: townlyme.org → "Town Departments" → "Cemeteries of Lyme" → "link" → "Information for Visitors" / Section IV "Items for Consideration by Persons Contemplating Purchasing a Burial Plot at Eight Mile River Cemetery"

(b) for direct access to Archives Excel spreadsheets: lymepublichall.org → "Lyme Local Historical Archives" → "Headstones and Cemeteries".

All are reminded that Eight Mile River Cemetery (Lyme's only active cemetery) may be closed when snow/ice conditions warrant, to prevent damage to headstones and shrubbery from "blind" intrusion and attempted plowing, and avoid liability exposure for injuries due to treacherous footing.

Ongoing praise to Jim Beers, Tom Davies, Bruce Stark, and Jim Leatherbee for their continuing hard work placing and maintaining flags at Veterans' graves throughout the town.

The extra effort to adjust the holders to display the flags at uniform height has already drawn compliments. Henceforth, the flags will be removed in early winter each year. Among the new flag holders are those distinguishing Revolutionary War, War of 1812, and Civil War veterans.

In Fiscal 2017 at Eight Mile River Cemetery there were 3 plots sold, and 13 interments. The current price of a standard burial plot is $600, cremains plot $300 — well below the area norm. Paper copies of the Rules & Regulations are available at the kiosk in the cemetery, and the Town Clerk's Office. Contact the Chairman at 860 434-1564 or the Co-Chairman at 860 434-4311 for further information.

The current Cemetery Commission members are Diana Boehning, Tom Davies, Ann Evans, Kim Kanabis, Tina Kozlowski, Gordon Krusen (Co-Chairman), Christine Plikus, Bruce Stark, and Marilyn Warren (Co-Chairman & Secretary)

Respectfully submitted,

Gordon Krusen, *Co-Chairman*

Vital Statistics

DEATHS
JULY 2015 – JUNE 2016

John Joseph LaVoie	Born May 11, 1956 Died July 26, 2016
Rita Meyers	Born May 25, 1920 Died August 5, 2016
Ashley Saunders	Born April 8, 1954 Died August 16, 2016
James Andrew Brown	Born January 31, 1943 Died August 31, 2016
William F. Lawlor	Born August 11, 1938 Died September 15, 2016
Elaine Lowry	Born June 1, 1927 Died September 20, 2016
John Warren Giaconia, Sr.	Born October 20, 1922 Died September 28, 2016
Kris Allen Teixeira	Born May 11, 1957 Died October 15, 2016
Dr. Glenn A. Bassett	Born December 19, 1930 Died October 26, 2016

Helen Cole Wildermuth	Born October 19, 1925 Died October 29, 2016
Patricia Deming Collins	Born March 31, 1937 Died November 12, 2016
Helen Younger	Born August 2, 1930 Died November 13, 2016
Matthew R. Isenburg	Born September 30, 1927 Died November 14, 2016
Andrew Pfeiffer	Born August 17, 1917 Died November 19, 2016
Gloria Hintz Tigano	Born April 27, 1924 Died November 18, 2016
Bethany C. Dupuis	Born July 27, 1984 Died November 27, 2016
Rudolph George Wood-Muller	Born March 10, 1928 Died December 1, 2016
Sandra Sherburne Johnson	Born December 2, 1926 Died December 12, 2016
Janet Lee Hartley	Born November 9, 1950 Died December 13, 2016
Jane Ingalls Davison	Born July 23, 1926 Died December 26, 2016
John T. Hart	Born May 8, 1925 Died January 13, 2017
Marita K. Rand	Born August 19, 1935 Died February 13, 2017
Maryann Cook	Born February 7, 1942 Died March 3, 2017
Rose Katherine Cushman	Born April 28, 1927 Died March 10, 2017
John A. Tracy	Born November 10, 1938 Died March 29, 2017
Nancy F. Worthington	Born January 28, 1951 Died April 19, 2017
Edward J. Musil	Born January 26, 1944 Died April 20, 2017
Robert Thomas Dill	Born March 6, 1955 Died April 23, 2017
Nina Resnick Lombardino	Born August 27, 1958 Died May 30, 2017

Mary Agnes Cavicke	Born September 25, 1936 Died May 31, 2017
Sophie Mulka Jeffers	Born June 28, 1925 Died June 11, 2017

MARRIAGES
JULY 2016 – JUNE 2017

Anthony Ferrucci, Jr. to Heidi Padilla	July 23, 2016
Dimitar Lazarevski to Jin Christina Choe	July 31, 2016
Daryl W. Nadeau to Bonnie L. Bessette	August 6, 2016
Thomas Harold Richardson to Heather Aley Austin	August 13, 2016
Keith R. Courtney to Doris E. Bromson	August 21, 2016
Christopher John McGowan to Emily Roisin Remensperger	August 27, 2016
Jack Weiss to Marcey Carter Moscovitch	August 27, 2016
David Allen Virostick to Tina Ann Raucher	September 6, 2016
Aaron M. Beck to Shaunna Marie Lugo	September 9, 2016
Kevin Horton to Megan Elizabeth Mulrooney	September 10, 2016
David Thomas Facchini to Kimberly Marie Coiro	September 10, 2016
Fiore Mastroianni to Grace Mary Fisler	September 10, 2016
Gregory Richard Chapman to Julie Evelynn Matzul	September 17, 2016
Michael John Phillips to Heather Lynn March	September 17, 2016
Robert Scott Patterson to Karen Geraldine Tranchida	September 24, 2016
Joseph Etienne Pelletier to Tijae Jean Silva	September 24, 2016
Dominic Louis Solari to Lucy Alexandra Domenie	September 24, 2016
Austin Jeffers Lyon to Julia Katalin Deciantis	October 1, 2016
Reinaldo Cruz III to Allison Chiles Bruch	October 8, 2016
Robert Francis Kennedy, Jr. to Rebecca Rose Sullivan	October 8, 2016
Dakota Samuel Freeman to Caitlin Marie Cooper	October 8, 2016
Chandler Philip Blake to Tove Annika Vigen	October 15, 2016
James Andrew Breen to Rebecca Lee Rasmussen	October 22, 2016
Ryan Patrick Quinn to Baylee Rose Drown	October 22, 2016
Steven M. Sweeney to David A. Goetsch	November 30, 2016
Thomas E. Angers to Timothy S. Van Daff	December 16, 2016
Victor Domenick Santacroce to Gretchen Annalise Nevins	April 8, 2017
Justin Christopher Austin to Katryn Elizabeth Holcombe	April 15, 2017
Steven Joseph Savaria to Jillian Marie Bogue	April 29, 2017
Daniel Robert Friedman to Jiayu Wang	June 1, 2017
Breena Rae Salwocki to Kelsey Bentley Proctor	June 3, 2017
Hunter Garrett Hardin to Elizabeth Sarah Millman	June 3, 2017
Peter Scott Evankow to Anthony James Moir	June 24, 2017
Peter Albert Gomez to Chrystalynn Rose Collins	June 25, 2017

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

The Lower Connecticut River Valley was recognized by the Connecticut General Assembly in 1973 as one of the State's most important natural, recreational and scenic areas. In 1974, the Commission was established and became operational with membership from eight towns, two regional agencies and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection.

The Gateway Conservation Zone is 30 miles long and includes portions of its eight member towns (Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook, including the Borough of Fenwick) within view of the river. The Nature Conservancy has designated the lower Connecticut River as one of its "Last Great Places"; the river's tidelands were recognized as an "internationally significant" habitat for waterfowl under the terms of the international Ramsar Convention; the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Interior has recognized the Lower Connecticut River Valley as "one of the most important ecological landscapes" in the United States; and in 1999, the River was designated as one of 14 American Heritage Rivers by the President of the United States.

The Gateway Commission concentrates most of its attention on the protection of the valley's scenic qualities. Since its inception, the Commission has worked with others to acquire over 1,100 acres of land through purchase or donation of scenic easements, development rights and fee simple titles. The Commission continues to work on preserving land through acquisition with partners and is currently working on such preservation in the Haddam Neck area of the Gateway Conservation Zone. One such acquisition has resulted in the establishment of the 50-acre Brainerd Quarry Preserve in Haddam Neck which was purchased in partnership with the Middlesex County Land Trust.

The Commission is also empowered to adopt common zoning standards for height, setback and lot coverage, which member towns adopt and enforce within the Gateway Conservation Zone. An updated set of standards is set for adoption by the end of 2017. 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.

Members as of June 30, 2016 include: Margaret Wilson and Erroll Horner of Chester; Nancy Fischbach and Kate Cotton of Deep River; Harvey Thomas and Crary Brownell of East Haddam; Claire Matthews and Jerri MacMillian of Essex; Susan R. Bement of Haddam, J. Melvin Woody and Wendy Hill of Lyme; Peter Cable and Suzanne Thompson of Old Lyme; Madeline Fish and Belinda Ahern of Old Saybrook; Raul de Brigard of RiverCOG; and David Blatt of the Connecticut DEEP (Commissioner's Representative). Fenwick Borough has been designated an ad hoc member and is represented by Borough Warden Fran Adams.

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

Municipal Agent for the Elderly

The role of the Municipal Agent for the Elderly is to disseminate information to elderly persons and assist them in learning about the community resources available to them. Listed below are the agencies and phone numbers most often requested by senior citizens in Lyme:

INFOLINE (dial 211) This is a telephone information, referral, advocacy, and crisis helpline. INFOLINE is free, confidential, and available 24 hours a day every day.

CTHelpNet.org (www.CTHelpNet.org) There are numerous state agencies, federal agencies and private organizations that provide information on elder care for Connecticut's senior citizens. Trying to find the appropriate agency or organization for a particular need may at times be difficult. CTHelpNet.org was created to help you navigate through the maze of information on elder care. In the table of contents you will find elder care services that may be of interest to you. If you click on a particular item, you will be guided to a resource that may help you. CTHelpNet.org continually monitors the elder care field and updates the website as needed.

Interim Healthcare (860-434-9003) Visiting nursing service is provided to the Town of Lyme by Interim Healthcare. A nurse from Interim Healthcare is at the Lymes' Senior Center every Friday from 12:00 PM – 1:00 PM for Lyme residents.

Estuary Council of Senior Clubs (860-388-1611) www.ecsenior.org Call for the following services: meal site reservations, homebound meal delivery, claims filing assistance, identification cards, information and referral, regular transportation to medical appointments and dial-a-ride to other community destinations.

Senior Resources (formerly Eastern CT Area Agency on Aging) (860-887-3561) www.seniorresourcesec.org Offers the CHOICES Program which provides older adults with health insurance counseling, information and referral to senior services, and eligibility screening for general state and federal benefits programs.

Thames Valley Council for Community Action (TVCCA) – Energy Assistance (860-889-1365) www.tvcca.org Administers the Connecticut Energy Assistance Program (CEAP), the State Appropriated Fuel Assistance (SAFA) Program, and Contingency Heating Assistance Program (CHAP) to help low income households pay their heating bills.

Lymes' Senior Center (860-434-4127) Lunchtime meal site, programs such as exercise, Tai Chi, computer instruction, card playing, pool table, creative writing, bingo, art lessons, jigsaw puzzle corner, outdoor lawn games.

Lymewood (860-434-2120) Elderly housing.

Department of Social Services Elderly Services Division: Referral Line (1-800-218-6631) www.ct.gov or call DSS Middletown office (860-704-3100) Services include Alzheimer's Programs, Medicare Assignment Program (ConnMAP), Conservator of Estate Program, Conservator of Person Program, Eldercare Locator Service, Information and Referral, Nursing Home Ombudsman Office, Prescription Drug Assistance (ConnPACE), Medicare Savings Programs (QMB, SLMB, ALMB).

Connecticut Legal Services, Inc. (860-456-1761) Provides free legal services to seniors with great social and/or economic need.

Grandparents as Parents Support Program (GAPS) (860-887-3561) The DSS Elderly Services Division has developed a network of over 120 agencies, individuals and organizations that are providing service or assistance to grandparents and relatives who have taken on the responsibility of parenting.

Protective Services (1-888-385-4225 or 860-704-3046) If you suspect or believe that an elderly person age 60 or older is a victim of abuse, neglect (including self-neglect) or exploitation, contact Protective Services.

Connecticut Pharmaceutical Assistance Contract to the Elderly Programs (ConnPACE) (1-800-423-5026) The Department of Social Services operates the ConnPACE program, which pays the cost of prescription drugs, after a $12 co-pay per prescription for people 65 and older. Effective January 1, 2008, incomes must be under $23,700 for single persons, or under $31,900 for married couples. Applications are available at the Lyme Town Hall or online at www.connpace.com.

SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) 1-866-974-SNAP www.ct-foodstamps.org This is the former Food Stamp Program. Beginning July 1, 2009, eligibility requirements change making it easier to obtain Food Stamp assistance. The website includes a SNAP Benefit Online Calculator to help you determine if you are eligible, or call the number listed for assistance.

State Elderly Tax Relief Program The basic qualifications for this program are that you own the property for which the credit is sought and be at least 65 years of age by the end of the calendar year. Qualifying income for the 2007 Grand List was $29,800 single and $36,500 married. All income statements must be provided. Application may be made between February 1st and May 15th. Contact the Assessor's office with any questions (860-434-8092).

Lyme Elderly Tax Relief Program The basic qualifications for this program are that it be your principal residence and you have five years of residency as of the first day of October prior to the filing period. Applicants must be 65 years of age by October 1st. Qualifying income may not exceed $40,000 if single or $47,500 if married/civil union. No taxes due to the Town of Lyme may be in arrears. Application may be made between February 1st and May 15th. Contact the Assessor's office with any questions (860-434-8092).

Heat Advisory Information The State of Connecticut has recommended that local municipalities establish Cooling Centers for vulnerable residents when heat advisories are issued. The location of the Cooling Center for affected Lyme residents is the Lymes' Senior Center, 26 Townwoods Road, Old Lyme. Should a heat advisory be issued, elderly residents are urged to check the following for announcements regarding opening of the local Cooling Center: WFSB-3, WTNH-8, WVIT-30 television; lymeline.com; Comcast Public Access Channel 14; Municipal Website. When in operation during heat advisories, the Cooling Center will be open until 8:00 PM. Contact the Lymes' Senior Center (860-434-4127) or the town hall (434-7733) with questions.

As your Municipal Agent for the Elderly, I am available to hear your questions, comments, concerns, or ideas. Feel free to call me during regular business hours at 860-434-1920 and I will be happy to assist you.

Respectfully Submitted,
Kathy Tisdale, *Municipal Agent for the Elderly, Lyme*

Pvt. William Czykowski, National Army

Pvt. William Czykowski, National Army

Pvt.Theodore Schnirring, Aviation, Army

Pvt. Julian G. Ely, Medical Department, Army

Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission

The mission of the Hadlyme Ferry Historic District Commission is to preserve and protect the historic architectural character and the rural cultural landscape within the Historic District. The goals of the Commission are to foster preservation, restoration and renovation; to relate new buildings to existing ones in an appropriate manner; to prevent compromise of the historic composition of the area; to maintain the rural character of the area; to maintain and enhance what is historic and significant; to encourage excellence in design; and to maintain the desirability of historic houses as homes for today.

The commission's handbook includes the history of Hadlyme, the mission, goals and duties of the Commission, design guidelines, rules and procedures, and an application for a Certificate of Appropriateness, which is also available on the Town's website. There is no fee to apply, but an application is necessary for any exterior work, other than painting, done in the District.

There was one application during this reporting period, which was approved.

Respectfully Submitted,
Lisa Holmes
Clerk, and local CLG contact

Lyme Ambulance Association, Inc.

The mission of the Lyme Ambulance Association (LAA) is to assist in sustaining and improving the overall wellness of Lyme residents. Still going strong after 41 years, our dedicated volunteers continue to serve the community primarily through our ambulance services, but also through dissemination of information designed to reduce the call for emergency services. Our two ambulances and a crew of state-certified volunteer responders are on call 24/7.

Over the past year (July 2016 – June 2017), our volunteers and ambulances answered 202 emergency ambulance calls. Our responses covered 25 motor vehicle accidents, 29 fall-related incidents and 20 mutual aid calls for assistance in East Haddam; we also provided rehab to firefighters on fire scenes. Additionally, as in past years, our crews staffed local events including the First Aid booth at the Hamburg Fair in August, where we offered free glucose testing and blood pressure screenings. We also provided stand-by medical support for the Lyme Land Trust's "Tour de Lyme" bicycle rally as well as for a Hunters' Pace event at Lord Creek F arm.

Our web site, www.lymeambulance.org, continues to provide useful information such as briefing for potential volunteers, health & safety tips, and announcements of upcoming events. Our popular class, "Hands-On CPR for Friends and Family", was

offered several times and benefited 25 attendees. It can't be stressed enough how important this life-saving technique is for survival, if started within the first couple of minutes. We also held our second annual Square Dance and BBQ, where young and old alike shared a great time (special thanks to Dianne Embree and her committee for initiating this event!). We appreciate the generous support and recognition shown through donations and attendance.

We thank all who were able to donate to our organization this past year. The Lyme Ambulance Association is an independent, self-supporting, non-profit organization distinct and separate from the Lyme Fire Company and the Lyme town government. Without support from the community we would not be able to cover the rising costs of ambulance maintenance, insurance, supplies, crew equipment and training.

The success of Lyme Ambulance can be attributed to our volunteers, who exemplify the community vision and volunteer spirit unique to Lyme's small town quality of life. Please consider volunteering! In addition to community support through donations, we are always in need of more emergency responders, especially folks available for daytime response when we receive 60% of our calls. Recruitment and training are available year-round for medical technicians (EMT, EMR), drivers and support staff. We invite anyone interested to attend one of our monthly Operations meetings (Sept-June, second Sunday of the month, 6:00 pm at Hamburg Station). For more information, please call Ed Vidou at 860- 575-8025, or call Chief Tom Darna at 860-434-7042.

An important note: if someone in your household needs special assistance in case of an emergency situation (hurricane, winter storm), please register that information with the Town Hall by completing the form found at the back of this booklet.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Smith, *President*

2016-17 Board of Directors

Officers
Andrew Smith, *President*
Deb Lees, *Secretary*
Tom Darna, *Chief of Service*
Adam McEwen, *Treasurer*

From the Operations Group
Paul Ahnell
Ron Rose

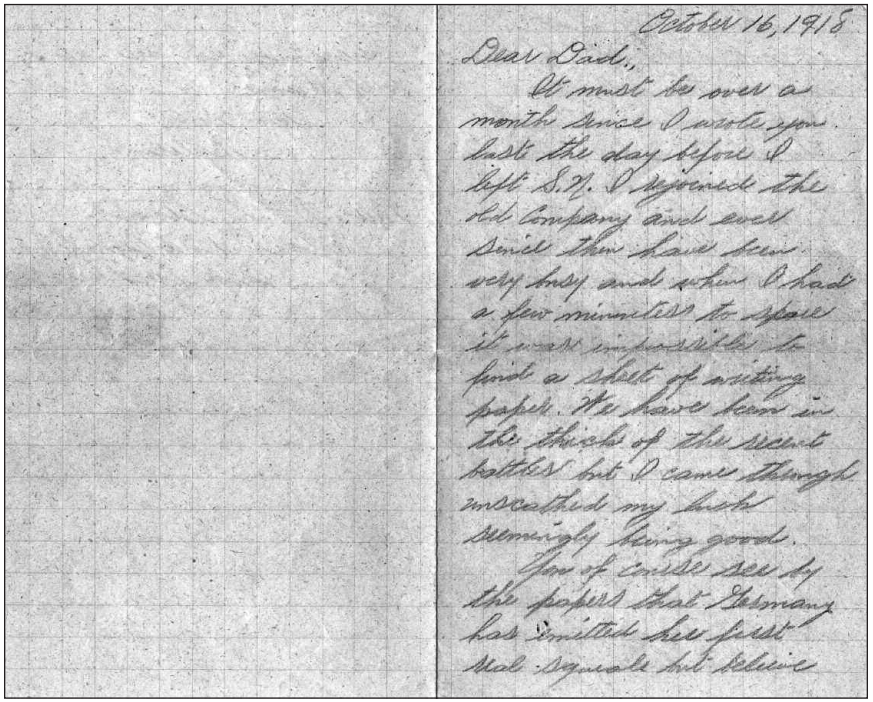
From the Community
Diana Fiske
David Roberge
Dan Henderson
Kristen Shea
Steve Lazrove
Bob Webster
Sirgen Orzech

Ex officio: Ralph Eno, *First Selectman;* Jamie Leatherbee, *Fire Chief*

2016-2017 Operations Crew

Paul Ahnell, *EMT, Driver*
Ed Balfour, *EMT, Driver*
Heidi Bill, *EMT*
Sherry Block, *EMT*
Judy Brault, *staff*
Tom Darna, *EMT, Driver, Chief of Service*
Alan Cone, *EMR, Driver*
Carter Courtney, *EMT, Driver*
Beverly Crowther, *Secretary*
Jerry Ehlen, *EMR, Supplies*
David Erhart, *EMR*
John Falstrom, *staff*
Will Firgelewski, *EMT, Driver, Asst. Chief of Service*
Rick Lacey, *EMR, Driver*
Ed McCusker, *Driver*
George Mooney, *EMR*
Allen Petri, *EMT*
Kelly Smith, *EMR, Driver*
Everett Steiner, *EMT*
Gabriele Thibodeaux, *EMR, Driver*
Ed Vidou, *EMT, Driver*
André Yeomans, *EMT*

N.B. Special thanks for their service to Diana Fiske and Steve Lazrove, who stepped down from the Board in June. Ariana Eaton and Carrie McCarthy were elected in June to fill open positions and Bob Webster has stepped up as Vice President.



October 16, 1918

Dear Dad,

It must be over a month since I wrote you last the day before I left S.Y. I rejoined the 1st Company and ever since then have been very busy and when I had a few minutes to spare it was impossible to find a sheet of writing paper. We have been in the thick of the recent battles but I came through unscathed my luck seemingly being good.

You of course see by the papers that Germany has emitted her first real squeak but believe

Pvt. William G. Stark's letter to "Dad", Oct.16,1918, saved by the Stark family. Letters to friends and family during World War I were important for sharing service members' experiences and longings for home.

Estuary Transit District

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

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

9TT's four deviated fixed routes serve the main corridors of the region and provide connections to public transit providers serving the surrounding regions. In addition, 9TT provides door-to-door service throughout all nine towns of the Estuary region as well as the towns of Durham, East Haddam, and Haddam through its Dial-A-Ride service. All 9TT services are open to all persons with no age or disability restrictions.

9TT's services are subsidized by federal, state and local funding. This allows for inexpensive fares of $1.75 for deviated fixed routes and $3.50 for Dial-A-Ride. 9TT also receives a Title III grant through the area agency on aging which allows area senior citizens to ride any ETD service on a donation basis in lieu of the fare. More than 100,000 passenger trips we provided during the fiscal year, more than doubling the annual trips provided just seven years ago. Though 9TT has continued to grow senior ridership, 80% of all trips are made by persons below 60 years of age, and over half of all trips are employment related.

9TT saw a decrease in funding from the state of 2% in the fiscal year. This reduction will impact levels of service provided. 9TT was also notified that it was successful in obtaining funding for new fixed-route service between Madison and Middletown. The service will begin in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The district was able to conduct a needs assessment and site selection for a new operating and maintenance facility for the district. This is the first step in obtaining a permanent facility after over 35 years of service to the shoreline community.

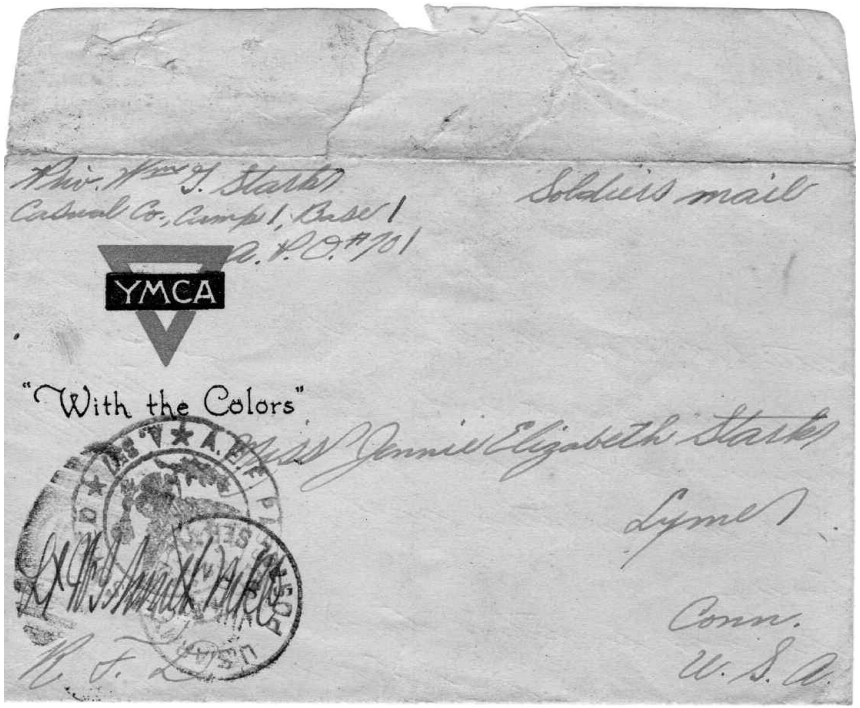
9TT's successfully transitioned from rural to urban funding from the Federal Transit Administration. This has resulted in significantly more administrative responsibilities along with the largest one year capital allocation in the district's history. This new funding source will provide continued access to capital projects that were not previously possible.

Board of Directors

Name	Town
Noel Bishop	Westbrook
Joan Gay	Killingworth
Susan Tyler	Lyme
John Forbis *Treasurer*	Old Lyme
Roland Laine	Old Saybrook
Peter Bierrie *Vice-Chairman*	Essex
Angus McDonald	Deep River
Leslie Strauss *Chairman*	Chester
Virginia Zawoy *Secretary*	Clinton

Administrative Staff

Name	Position
Joseph Comerford	Executive Director
Jamie Bohli-Cormier	Operations Manager
Halyna Famiglietti	Finance Manager



Aerogram to Miss Jennie Elizabeth Stark, Lyme, Conn RFD from Priv. Wm G. Stark. Stationery and writing materials were provided in YMCA hospitality and rest centers at military camps. Note U.S. Army Postal Service mark and two signed censorship stamps.

Lyme Fire Company

Our Volunteers - Members of Our Community Serving Our Community

Dear Lyme Neighbor,

The Lyme Fire Company continues to serve our community with an all-volunteer group of responders and administrative personnel. Our top priorities as we look to the next year and beyond is to continue to recruit new members and work in collaboration with the Town of Lyme in managing our fiscal needs effectively while also looking for new forms of funding through grants and increased donations. The Lyme Fire Company Inc. is a not-for-profit 501c3 organization and your donations are tax deductible. We also encourage targeted donations where a member of the community can meet the firefighters in person and understand the importance of the donated funds and how it might be used for critical equipment or essential training. In the past, a donation from a member of our community paid for our "Jaws of Life", the essential rescue tool for rescuing people in motor vehicle accidents.

This year the Engine 2 (formerly Y-21) truck committee responsible for purchasing a new Class A engine, is overseeing the final details and production of our new fire truck. We anticipate final delivery and acceptance in February 2018. This new fire apparatus will allow us to retire our 1989 Middlesex/International engine, currently located in the Hadlyme fire station.

In our continued effort of having properly trained first responders, we have had many members take classes such as Fire Fighter 1, and will be graduating a class of eleven Emergency Medical Responders (EMR), continuing advanced training at the National Fire Academy in Emmitsburg, MD, Fire Cadet training at the Connecticut Fire Academy and other essential courses that provide important skills. The Fire Company has internally funded these programs and is looking to also solicit targeted donations to support essential Firefighter training that has seen a significant increase in costs due to new requirements and reduced State funding.

On behalf of the Fire Chief, officers and members of the Lyme Fire Company and Auxiliary, thank you for your continued support and generosity. We wish you a prosperous and safe 2018 and please practice fire safety at home by making sure your smoke or fire alarm has fresh batteries or is serviced annually. Also, if possible, please make sure your house number is clearly marked making it easier and faster for our town's first responders to be able to come to your aid.

Line Officers		Administrative Officers	
Fire Chief	James Leatherbee	*Foreman*	Pete Adams
Deputy Fire Chief	John Evans	*Secretary*	Tom Davies
Assistant Chief (Hamburg)	Joshua Adams	*Treasurer*	Kristina White
Assistant Chief (Hadlyme)	Jason Zelek		
Captain (Hamburg)	Edward Vidou		
Captain (Hadlyme)	Sam Adams	*Captain Fire Police*	Bill Firgelewski

Respectfully submitted,
Pete Adams, *Foreman, Lyme Fire Company, Inc.*
foreman@lymefireco.org

Volunteer Opportunities

Lyme is what it is due in large part to the countless volunteers who give countless hours doing what needs to be done. With the size of our town being what it is, there are not many paid programs or services. Much of what we have and benefit from is a direct result of the kindness and generosity of others. Listed below, in no particular order, are some of the volunteer opportunities available to all. If you participate in a volunteer organization that is not listed here, my apologies in advance for the omission. Please let me know and the group will be included in next year's list. Whether you are a long time volunteer, a first timer, or new resident looking for a way to get to know your neighbors, take a moment to look over this list. Perhaps there is something that interests you, a group or organization that might benefit from a skill or gift that you possess. If you have difficulty in locating a contact person or phone number for any group, let me know and I will do my best to put you in touch with them. And while you're reading, please take another moment to pause and reflect on the various organizations and the many, many people who make them work. They deserve our gratitude and heartfelt thanks for helping to make Lyme the kind of community we are proud to call home.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Tisdale

WITHIN THE TOWN OF LYME

Lyme Public Library
Lyme School PTO
Lyme Fire Company
Lyme Fire Company Auxiliary
Lyme Ambulance Association
Lyme Public Hall Association
Hadlyme Public Hall Association
First Congregational Church of Lyme
Grassy Hill Congregational Church
Lyme Grange #147
Hamburg Fair Committee
Lyme Cub Scouts/Boy Scouts
Lyme Daisies/Brownies/Girl Scouts
Lyme Garden Club
Lyme Affordable Housing
Lyme Public Library

WITHIN THE LYME/OLD LYME COMMUNITY

Lymes' Senior Center
Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools Volunteer Program
Shoreline Soup Kitchen/Food Pantry
High Hopes Therapeutic Riding
Lymes Youth Service Bureau
First Congregational Church of Old Lyme
Christ the King Church
Saint Ann's Episcopal Church
Florence Griswold Museum
Lyme Academy of Fine Arts
Literacy Volunteers – Valley Shore
Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library
VFW Post 1467
American Legion Post 41

Board of Assessors

October is the assessment date throughout Connecticut. **Lyme's town Tax Code for all registered motor vehicles 075.**

Filing Periods:

January 31 - Deadline for filing application for blind exemption.

February 1 - Filing period begins for Elderly & Totally Disabled Homeowners, and Additional Veteran Exemption (Income limit applies).

February 28 - Disabled Veterans must submit statement from V.A. showing disability rating of 10% or more annually for exemption. Not required if applicant is 65 or 100% permanently disabled, and V.A. statement previously filed.

May 15 - Deadline for filing Elderly and totally Disabled Owners application. Filing period begins for Elderly Renters Program (Income Limit Applies).

September 15 - Deadline for filing Elderly Renters Program.

September 30 - Veterans claiming exemption for first time must file DD214 (Honorable Discharge) with Town Clerk.

October 1 - Deadline for filing Additional Veterans Exemption Application (Income limit applies).

October 31 - Filing Deadline for Exemption on Farm Machinery, Horses, or Ponies used exclusively in farm operation (Sec 14-1): Income / Expense Limit applicable.

November 1 - Open Space Classification filing deadline.
Filing deadline for Personal Property Declaration on all unregistered motor vehicles, machinery, farming /mechanic tools, horses, ponies, asses (not used infarming), commercial furniture / fixtures / equipment, farm machinery, leased equipment, and all other tangible goods. Failure to file will result in a 25% penalty.

Filing deadline for Application for Tax Exempt Status for charitable and certain other organizations (quadrennial filing).

December 31 - Filing deadline for Application of Motor Vehicle Exemption for serviceperson stationed out of state.

Please note that any appeals of assessment must be made in writing to the Board of Assessment Appeals by February 20th.

The State of Connecticut mandates that each Town conduct a revaluation of all real property every five years, and that the Town complete a physical revaluation of all real property every ten years. Since we went through a statistical "reval" five years ago, it is now time for Lyme to again go through the process of a physical revaluation in 2018. We have hired a firm, Vision Appraisal Technology, to assist in this process.

That firm is given information on property changes derived from building permits issued at Town Hall. With that and other information about market conditions in hand, Vision then prepares preliminary, revised appraisals of all the property in Town.

Since the State of Connecticut requires that the revaluations be reviewed by a total of three parties, the Town also hires an independent appraisal consultant. That consultant will work with Vision Appraisal technology and the Town Assessor to "fine tune" the assessments based on specific local factors which might affect value - such as, any unique characteristic of a development or portion of the Town.

A great effort is made to assure that all appraisals are done fairly and accurately during the cost / market study, after which all property owners are notified of any changes in their assessment. Along with the new assessment figures, the taxpayers are also provided with information on whom to contact should there be any questions about those assessments.

Finally, as always, I want to thank Debra Yeomans for her courteous and diligent work throughout the year in the assessor's office. The Assessor's Office is open 9 to Noon, and 12:30 to 4:00, and is closed on Thursdays.

Respectfully submitted;
Frederick J. Platt 111, *chairman*
Debra Yeomans
Madeleine Mattson

Pvt. Harold Clark, Infantry, Regular Army

Cable Advisory Council

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

Since 2010 the Council has awarded 19 scholarships to graduating seniors from member towns planning to enter a communications program or a communications related field after high school graduation.

Scholarship awards were presented in June 2017 to Olivia Schumacher and Natalie Rugg, both Lyme-Old Lyme High School graduates and Hannah Belleville from Salem, an East Lyme High School graduate. This year we also extended eligibility to former recipients and presented a scholarship to 2016 winner, Allison Marsh, as well. Congratulations to all!

Programs at the Lymes' Senior Center, recorded using equipment purchased through a 2015-16 Cable Advisory Council grant, began airing on Comcast Public Access Channel 14 this year. We awarded a similar grant to the OL-PGN Library this year and look forward to seeing library programs begin airing on the Pubic Access Channel soon.

The Comcast Public Access Studio on Halls Road in Old Lyme is available for use by individuals and non-profit organizations from any of the towns represented by the local Council. Free training on studio equipment is provided by the Public Access Coordinator, Lynn Perry. Please call Lynn at 860-434-0643 for more information.

I serve as Lyme's Area Cable Advisory Council Member and Treasurer of the Council. I was appointed by the Board of Selectmen. A vacancy exists for a volunteer to represent Regional School District #18. The Superintentendent's Office of The Regional District Board of Education would make that appointment.

I encourage interested residents of the member towns to contact me at 860-434-3223 with any questions, comments or concerns.

Respectfully submitted,
Brian Bowes

Report of the Tax Collector

Below is a comparison of Tax Collection figures based on the 2015 Grand List total net assessment of $520,487,150 before changes, and the Motor Vehicle Supplement List of $2,880,502.

Item	Budget Estimate	Actual Collections	Collections Above Estimate
Taxes	$9,323,058	$9,474,539	$151,481
Interest	30,000	68,071	38,071
Total	**$9,353,058**	**$9,542,610**	**$189,552**

The current year collection was $9,386,998 which represents 99.10% of the total $9,472,210 due on the 2015 Grand List.

The Tax Collector's Office is open 9:00 – 12:30 and 1:00 – 4:00 every day except Wednesday. During the collection period in July, it remains open Monday – Friday until 4:00 p.m.

We want to remind any resident who feels he may need more time meeting his tax obligations to please call or stop by the tax office to inquire about making payment arrangements. Communication with our taxpayers is essential and we will strive to work with them to obtain our goal of collecting the maximum amount of receivables while converting previously delinquent taxpayers into current taxpayers.

NOTE: When you renew your Motor Vehicle registrations, please review the mailing address. A number of residents have registered their vehicles at their street address, but they only receive mail at a post office box. The Dept. of Motor Vehicles requires both addresses, and they supply us with the mailing address.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Ward, *Tax Collector*

Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments

RiverCOG, one of Connecticut's nine Councils of Governments, is governed by the chief elected officials of its 17 member towns: Chester, Clinton, Cromwell, Deep River, Durham, East Haddam, East Hampton, Essex, Haddam, Killingworth, Lyme, Middlefield, Middletown, Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Portland, and Westbrook. The RiverCOG is responsible for planning of regional land use, transportation, emergency preparedness, environmental conservation, economic development, and homeland security. RiverCOG also provides regional services such as household hazardous waste collection.

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

Fiscal year 2017 was an unexpectedly eventful year for RiverCOG. We welcomed a new staff planner, Jon Curtis. Curtis joined us from Philadelphia, where he worked at the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation and earned a master's degree in city planning from the University of Pennsylvania. Curtis was hired to lead the creation of RiverCOG's first Regional Plan of Conservation and Development.

Nevetheless, USDOT had other plans for Jon Curtis. His first project was coordinating RiverCOG's response to a proposed regulation that would force the reorganization of the nation's metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) along

irrelevant geographies. Coming only two years after the successful merger of RiverCOG's predecessor MPOs, RiverCOG was in a unique position to use its experience with an organizational merger to inform USDOT on its proposed regulation and help the nation's other 404 MPOs estimate the costs associated with a regulation that would mandate MPO mergers and dissolutions. The information provided by RiverCOG to USDOT was successful in delaying the implementation date of the regulation to allow for a legislative fix for the issues the regulation would create, particularly in Connecticut. The delayed regulation was finalized in January and was subsequently repealed by Congress and the President this past spring. In October 2016, RiverCOG was awarded an Honorable Mention for Outstanding Coordination by the Association of Metropolitan Planning Organizations for its work on the USDOT MPO reform regulatory process.

RiverCOG was also significantly involved in the NEC Future environmental assessment of the North East Corridor rail line from Washington, DC to Boston, MA. The final environmental impact study identified a preferred alternative that included a new 50-mile rail bypass from Old Saybrook, CT to Kenyon, RI. This bypass would cross the Connecticut River, and its unique estuary, landing in the middle of the Old Lyme historic district. The bypass would eventually veer north of New London, stopping at a new Mystic / New London station in Stonington. RiverCOG supported the efforts of Old Lyme to ensure that the Federal Railroad Administration understood the potential impact of this proposal to the affected towns and to have them remove any recommendations until a comprehensive study of the impacts could be done with the involvement of the states, towns, and members of the public. The final Record of Decision for NEC Future removed the proposed bypass and instead recommended a rail capacity study from New Haven to Providence to be run by the states of Connecticut and Rhode Island.

RiverCOG continued a legacy of legislative engagement with the state and federal government on the behalf of our member municipalities. In January 2017 we held our annual legislative COG meeting at the Capitol in Hartford with the region's legislators. RiverCOG staff attended a number of hearings on proposed legislation and provided testimony on bills regarding highway tolls, COG transportation investment planning, and a municipal option for property transfer fee for open space preservation.

Other regional planning projects from fiscal year 2017 included:

- Creation of a regional inland flooding model to be used by municipalities to predict potential areas of flooding risk
- Comprehensive ridership count of bus passengers on all runs operated by 9 Town Transit and Middletown Area Transit
- Creation of a new four year regional Transportation Investment Plan (TIP) for federal highway and transit funding
- Completion of a Case Statement and Shared Services Study for the regions land trusts, cooperating via RiverCOG's Land Trust Exchange
- Kicked off public outreach and research for a new Regional Plan of Conservation and Development
- Started an implementation phase of the GrowSmart economic growth strategy focused on investigating the establishment of a regional development agency

RiverCOG also worked to further regional services and sharing including exploring ways of using staff to provide shared municipal land use services. RiverCOG hosted conversations regarding regionalization of transit services, building officials, and health districts. RiverCOG supported municipal advocacy against a CT Department of Health proposal to regionalize town health departments and directors, providing input on the impacts of such proposal.

Under state statute, RiverCOG through its Regional Planning Committee (RPC), reviews proposed zoning text and map changes that affect property within 500 feet of municipal boundaries and subdivisions which touch or cross town lines, as well as, municipal plans of conservation and development. The RPC includes a representative and alternate from each municipal Planning Commission in the region. The RPC is working with staff on the first Regional Plan of Conservation of Development for the Lower Connecticut River Valley Region. This plan will be a regional land use policy document that guides regional efforts. The Regional Plan is expected to be completed in 2018.

RiverCOG hosts and staffs various regional initiatives and commissions including: the Connecticut River Gateway Commission, the Shoreline Basic Needs Task Force, the Land Trust Exchange, the Coast Guard Auxiliary, the Regional Agricultural Commission, and other groups as space and time permits.

RiverCOG also investigated moving to Haddam during the fiscal year. Lease discussions for the Haddam property were not completed in time to allow for a move by the end of RiverCOG's lease for its current office space in Essex. RiverCOG chose to instead remain in its current offices for an additional year.

Pvt. Arthur M. Beebe, Infantry, National Guard

Lyme Public Library

The Lyme Public Library remained a comfortable and popular place for residents to meet, work, and study in the 2016-2017 FY. Our meeting rooms are in greater demand, the number of library users is increasing, and the library programs are well attended.

However, state funding issues continued to have a major impact on Connecticut's public libraries in FY 2016-2017. The delay in the implementation of the new statewide catalog and interlibrary loan system, and ongoing problems with the statewide delivery system (deliverIT CT) resulted in making interlibrary loan materials much more difficult to obtain. Some public libraries stopped providing interlibrary loan services altogether, and backlogs in the delivery system caused major delays in receiving materials. As a result, the number of interlibrary loan materials we were able to obtain for our patrons declined by 17%. On the flip side however, the number of items the Library loaned to other libraries increased by 5% because of the Library staff's dedication to maintain interlibrary loan services and the lack of a backlog suffered by many consortium libraries. With the new reQuestIT CT statewide interlibrary loan system set to ramp up in 2017-2018, we hope some of the problems with the interlibrary loan system will ease.

In addition, State Grants to Public Libraries were indefinitely halted, and funding for borrowIT CT, deliverIT CT and the Connecticut Library Consortium (CLC) remains uncertain. The Library saves over $40,000 per year from discounts negotiated by the CLC, and Lyme library patrons are able to borrow from any public library in Connecticut under the borrowIT CT system. Any further cuts or elimination of these programs could have a measurable impact on the Library's ability to maintain current service levels.

Usage

The number of valid cardholders was up 2% for the year. Book/ebook circulation held steady and audio book circulation was up slightly. DVD circulation was down, most likely as a result of competition from streaming services such as Netflix and Amazon. Meeting room use was also up 4%.

Children's Programs

Children's programs at the library continued to focus on promoting literacy, a love of reading, and instilling skills that children need to succeed in life. Children's Librarian Barbara Carlson worked with the media specialists at Lyme Consolidated School to promote Summer Reading and the Nutmeg Books programs, and she coordinated with Kristen Thornton and Kendall Perkins to provide arts and science programs throughout the school year and through the summer. The impact of these programs was evident when Lyme resident Amanda East, who participated in Kristen Thornton's Open Studio class, was accepted at the art school of her choice upon graduating from high school and told us that Kristen's program and mentoring were invaluable to her. Also during the year, with a grant from the Cerimon Fund, the library was able to purchase wavy benches for the Young Adult section, purchase an

early learning workstation for preschoolers, and commission local artist Kristen Thornton to paint a woodland themed mural in the children's room.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Lyme Public Library continued to be an important source of support for the Library throughout the year by sponsoring adult programs, hosting book sales, and donating needed items to the Library. Among the programs were informational programs (managing stress and clutter, The White House and the U.S. Presidency, Up Close with Raptors, Water Babies, Victorian Fashions, Russian Art and Culture of Fabergé), author programs (Jim Benn, Beatriz Williams, Jeff Benedict, Sydney Williams), concerts (CT State Troubadour Kate Callahan and Marc Black's music of the 50s and 60s), and Appetizers for the Holidays. For the first time, the Friends offered a Sunday afternoon film series during the winter months. In addition, the Friends operate an ongoing book sale in the Book Nook area of the Library and held several pop-up book sales throughout the year, and a 2-day book sale in our program room during the month of June.

Community Support

We continue to be grateful for the support of the community. We extend our appreciation to the Board of Selectman, the Library Board, the Board of Finance, and community organizations and businesses such as the Friends of the Lyme Public Library, Lyme Garden Club, the Lyme Land Conservation Trust, the Lyme Consolidated School, Lyme Public Library Foundation, The Lyme Old Lyme Lions Club, and The Cerimon Fund.

Pvt. Leslie Cone, Naval Reserve

LVVS.ORG

LITERACY VOLUNTEERS VALLEY SHORE CT, INC.

This fiscal year was a momentous one: We developed and published a new website, with a new domain: https:// lvvs.org. We began a concerted effort toward using more online reporting tools, which made our operations more efficient and less costly. We conducted two Tutor Training Workshops and turned out 36 new tutors. Our tutors logged 6,960 tutoring hours and 1,290 preparation hours in service to more than 100 students, even as our list of students waiting to be tutored continues to match the number of new tutors we train, almost one to one. And, for the first time, we had a student, Elizabeth Ramirez, as a featured speaker at our Annual Meeting on July 19.

As a result of those and other numbers, our work remains cut out for us: As of 2015 (the most recent available reporting year), 10 percent of Connecticut residents don't possess a high school diploma or equivalent. More than 50 percent of Connecticut adults function at the two lowest levels of literacy. In New Haven, 57 percent of the adult population is functionally illiterate. In New London, the rate is 50 percent. That gives the 11 towns we serve between those cities a rate of functional illiteracy over 50 percent.

There's more: According to https://taxfoundation.org, the total federal income tax paid in 2014 was $1,374,379,000. Yet, according to https://literacypolicy.org, the total WIOA Title II federal and state grant allocations for literacy in 2015 were just $1,151,622. In addition, Connecticut is operating without a budget, at present. That means, in addition to the fact that municipal allocations have been cut, municipalities may have to ante up in the State's efforts to narrow its operating deficit.

Accordingly, all of us who serve this community have to help each other, to pool and conserve resources, and to complement each other's services in whatever ways we can. That's why we've begun working with the Ivortyton Library to collect books for emerging adult readers. It's why we've begun working with the Killingworth Library to share books for our respective book sales. It's why we've begun working with Breakwater Books in Guilford and R.J. Julia in Madison to promote each other's goods and services. It's why we continue to expand our efforts to help adult students to improve their abilities to speak, to listen, to read, and to write in English.

And it's why, with your help and the help of so many others in the community, we continue to create the future — one student, one tutor, and one word at a time.

Hadlyme Hall Garden Club

The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club's primary mission is the beautification of four public gardens that are all located within the Lyme community. The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club plants and maintains the circular garden island at the crossroads of Rte. 82 and Ferry Road. The club also maintains the planters in front of the Lyme Firehouse, planters at the Hadlyme Ferry landing as well as the gardens at the Hadlyme Public Hall and the triangle garden at the intersection of Joshuatown and Ferry Road.

The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club is committed to continuing the popular outreach program to provide community involvement opportunities to the youth of the Hadlyme community. The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club engaged the services of Lyme-Old Lyme High School senior, Georgia Welch for the 2017 summer season. Georgia provided key community services by maintaining a watering schedule of Hadlyme's community garden spaces. Ms. Welch will be awarded a gift of $500 for her year commitment to this important community service at the Lyme-Old Lyme High School commencement in June 2018.

Here is a highlight of our educational programs and garden tours this past year, 2017:

April – Garden Club member Karen Wiswell, gave a lecture of the multi-talented 18th century botanical artist, Mary Delany. Delany invented the art of colored-paper collages to create floral works of art.

May - Garden club member, Linda Elgart spoke to club members about pruning and deadheading of plants after a long winter season. Her lecture was followed by the popular spring plant swap between members.

June – Jeff Woodward of Woodward Greenhouses (Chaplin, CT) taught a delightful seminar and workshop in succulent wreath making. Members went home with beautiful and decorative wreaths that they created that evening.

August – Our annual summer picnic was held on the grounds of the beautiful Hamburg Cove Yacht Club.

September – Members attended the fun and educational bonsai workshop given by Victor Eng from Bonsai Gardens of Connecticut (Manchester, CT). All members had a chance to create a bonsai tree to take home with them.

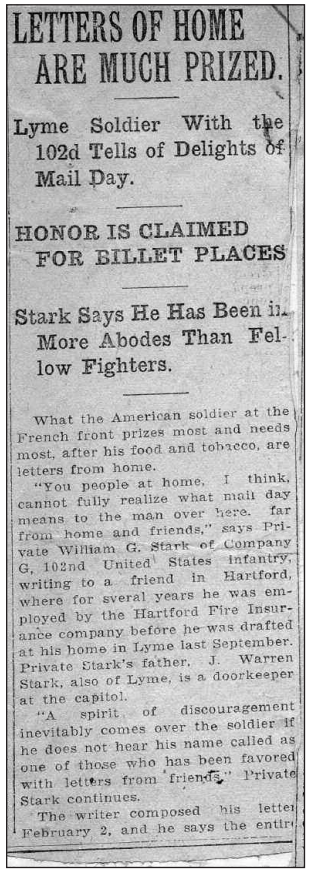
October – This meeting involved a road trip to Acer Gardens (Deep River, CT). Garden center owner, Bill Harris presented an educational program on creating winter interest in the garden.

Memoriam – The Hadlyme Hall Garden Club notes the passing of club member, Jane Lewis. Jane, who passed away at her home in August, 2017, was an extraordinary gardener. She was always generous with her flowers, garden grown vegetables and her time supporting many of the club's endeavors. She will be greatly missed by all the members of our garden club.

Our holiday fund raising efforts continue with the popular sales of our fresh pecans from Georgia. Our 2016 pecan sales occurred at the Hadlyme Hall Art Show,

East Haddam Grange Holiday Show, the Chester Winter Market and the Hadlyme Country Store. These sales along with many supportive club members, the club made over $1,250 to fund our community garden activities.

The garden club 2017 membership comprises of 30 Hadlyme community members. For information regarding garden club membership, please contact Paula Emery, President & Membership Chair, at 860- 389-1949.



LETTERS OF HOME ARE MUCH PRIZED.

Lyme Soldier With the 102d Tells of Delights of Mail Day.

HONOR IS CLAIMED FOR BILLET PLACES

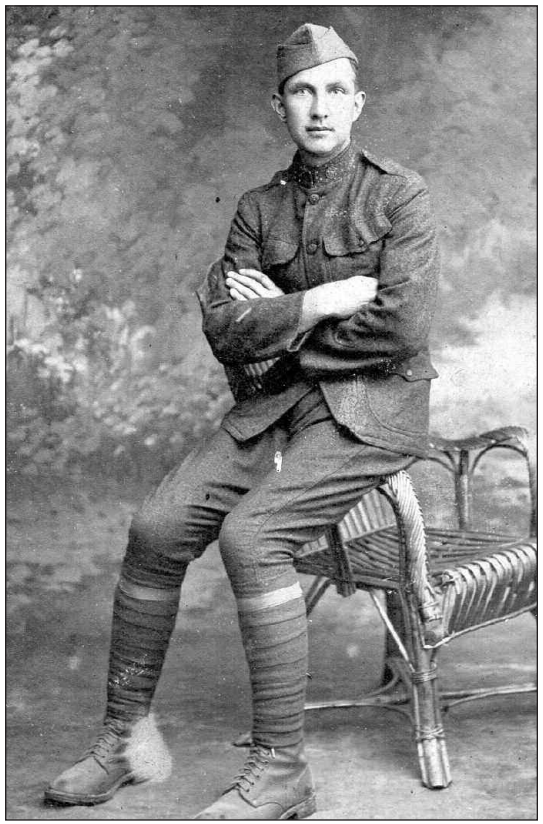
Stark Says He Has Been in More Abodes Than Fellow Fighters.

What the American soldier at the French front prizes most and needs most, after his food and tobacco, are letters from home.

"You people at home, I think, cannot fully realize what mail day means to the man over here, far from home and friends," says Private William G. Stark of Company G, 102nd United States Infantry, writing to a friend in Hartford, where for sveral years he was employed by the Hartford Fire Insurance company before he was drafted at his home in Lyme last September. Private Stark's father, J. Warren Stark, also of Lyme, is a doorkeeper at the capitol.

"A spirit of discouragement inevitably comes over the soldier if he does not hear his name called as one of those who has been favored with letters from friends," Private Stark continues.

The writer composed his letter February 2, and he says the entir



Pvt. William G. Stark, Infantry

Excerpt from an article from the Hartford Times containing a letter written by Pvt. William G. Stark to a friend after landing in France after a two week trip on a transport ship in November 2017 and about two and a half months at a base camp – What the American soldier at the French front prizes most and needs most, after his food an tobacco, are letters from home. "You people at home, I think, cannot fully realize what mail day means to the man over here, far from home and friends" says Private William G. Stark of Company G, 102nd United States infantry…A spirit of discouragement inevitably comes over the soldier if he does not hear his name called as one of those who has been favored with letters from friends."

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Board met twice out of the 12 months during this reporting period. This is a sharp decrease over last year when the Board met six times. There were two appeals filed for the 2016 - 2017 fiscal year. Both applications for variances were denied as the applicants failed to meet the criteria of a hardship as required under state statute. For the past ten years the Board has had light activity that was most likely attributable to the downturn in the local housing market.

However while this year the board's work load saw a significant decrease this should not be seen as indicative of the health of the town's housing market in general. As noted in the past, the Zoning Board of Appeals is often considered the court of last resort for Lyme residents desiring to undertake home improvements or construction but because of compliance issues with town zoning regulations are unable to do so. It is the right of any property owner to seek relief from the appeals board in the form of a variance if he or she believes their rights are being unduly restricted.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets on the third Thursday of each month in the town hall conference room. Meetings begin at 7:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
David M. Lahm, *Chairman*

MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

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

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

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

MacCurdy Salisbury Fund as originally requested by Evelyn in her will written over 100 years ago.

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

The Foundation held its annual reception for this year's high school graduates who were receiving grants on June 2, 2016 at the Lyme Art Association in Old Lyme. Attending the reception were students, parents, school administrators and Foundation Board Members. Included in the numbers above are the 16 students graduating this year from Lyme and Old Lyme and 2 students already enrolled in college who were awarded grants at the reception totaling $70,900 for the coming school year.

The Foundation also presented two $500.00 awards at the reception; the W.E.S. Griswold Valedictorian Award to Maria Boyle who will attend Harvard University and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award to Ryan Harty who will attend Carnegie Mellon University. Bill Griswold was President of the foundation from 1965 to 1992 and Willis Umberger was Secretary/Treasurer of the Foundation from 1966 to 1986.

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

Rowland Ballek, *President*

Left to right: Foundation Secretary/Treasurer Ned Perkins, Class of 2017 Salutatorian Laura Lee Wayland from Lyme, Class of 2017 Valedictorian Natalie Rugg from Old Lyme and Foundation President Rowland Ballek at the Foundation's Awards Reception on June 8, 2017

Region 18 (Lyme/Old Lyme) Public Schools

During the 2016-2017 school year, the Lyme-Old Lyme Schools excelled in a variety of different areas. It is with great pride that we share this annual report with the citizens of Lyme and Old Lyme.

Again this year, the Lyme-Old Lyme Schools were recognized on both the state and national level further solidifying the notion that we provide exceptional academic programs commensurate and oftentimes superior to both public and private schools throughout Connecticut.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School's results on the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), which was given in the spring to all juniors free of charge as the state mandated assessment, placed us as one of the top districts in the state and certainly the top district in our immediate area. These results were supported by programming that provided all eleventh grade students with free SAT preparation.

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

In preparing our students for the future, Lyme-Old Lyme High School fully transitioned to a digital environment with the addition of school issued laptops for all students. Combined with our new learning management system, Canvas, our students and staff are prepared to meet the challenges of 21st century learning.

We continue to provide our students, staff, and communities with state of the art facilities. While not exactly glamorous, we began the process of replacing our three campus oil tanks, converted almost all light fixtures to LED technology, and have utilized other cost saving measures to reduce the burden of facilities costs in our educational budget. In order to provide a more comfortable learning environment for all, we plan to install air conditioning in all classrooms throughout the district.

In the area of finance, the towns approved a $33,634,271 budget for the 2016-17 school year representing a 0.49% increase over the adopted budget for the current year. This was the lowest budget increase on record for Region #18. While the increase was exceptionally low, it was achieved through savings that did not impact any of our existing programs or services. The budget supports our commitment to continued adherence to class size guidelines, a reduction of staff to account for an enrollment decline at the elementary level, continuance of all existing academic and extracurricular activities, adjustments for anticipated changes in the special education population, adequate funding for maintenance and repair of buildings and grounds, a scheduled replacement of technology and equipment, and program improvements that are consistent with high academic and operational standards.

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

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

L-OL students hard at work.

The Estuary Council of Seniors

The Estuary Council of Seniors, Inc. (ECSI) is a non-profit regional senior center located at 220 Main Street in Old Saybrook with congregate café sites in Killingworth, Lyme/Old Lyme and Old Saybrook. Since 1974, the ECSI's mission has been to promote quality of life, community involvement, and independent living for people aged 50 and over. Last year the ECSI provided over **71k** nutritious meals including over **51k** home delivered Meals On Wheels, and over **21k** congregate meals, **385** rides to medical outpatient appointments outside the nine-town Estuary Region. Also, **1,701** individuals received free preventative health screenings, and participated in social and exercise programs.

In addition to our essential senior services, ECSI is a fun place for mature residents to exercise, dance, play cards, go on trips together, get a massage or facial, hear an interesting lecture, attend an art exhibit, get a haircut, take a painting class, join a book club or writers group, volunteer, shop at the Thrift Shop, use our fitness center, or just sit and enjoy our beautiful view. ECSI has a lovely, large facility that welcomes senior residents of the Estuary. All in all we had over **104,229** visits to our center in the reported timeframe for meals, activities, support and fun.

During the reporting period for the Town of Lyme, the Estuary served **6** residents a total of **265** home delivered meals and an additional **30** residents joined us for **1,013** congregate meals. Our Emergency Medical Outpatient Transportation provided **2** individuals with **3** rides to medical appointments. We had over **1692** visits by a total of **161** people overall to the center from residents of Town of Lyme

ECSI is funded in part by contributions from the generosity of the nine towns in the Estuary Region, Senior Resources Agency on Aging with Title III funds made available under the Older Americans Act, grants, donations, and fund raising efforts. I would like to thank the Town of Lyme for your continued support of our programs. For information and schedules of our services and programs, please call 388-1611 weekdays from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. and Saturday 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. or visit our website at www.ecsenior.org. If you do not already receive our monthly newsletter, please call us and we'll be happy to add you to our mailing list or send it electronically. The newsletter is also downloadable from our website. We are pleased to continue to serve the residents of Town of Lyme and be an integral part of services for seniors in the Estuary Region.

Sincerely Yours
Stan Mingione, *Executive Director*

The Lyme–Old Lyme Education Foundation

"Supporting Excellence in Our Schools and Community"

The Lyme–Old Lyme Education Foundation is an independent, nonprofit, 501(c)(3) charitable organization, established in 2006 to enhance education for all ages and sectors of our community. We are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors from Lyme and Old Lyme.

Our mission is to create or enhance valuable educational programs above and beyond those traditionally provided by the Lyme–Old Lyme Public Schools. We align our work with the District's strategic planning process in order to encourage innovative and effective learning opportunities for students of all ages, from pre-school to senior citizens.

LOLEF raises and distributes funds to improve and expand enrichment programs, support innovative teaching and learning, and build educational partnerships between our students and our community. To date, LOLEF has raised and distributed over $180,000 to fund new curricula throughout our community.

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

Major LOLEF grants of 2016–17:

- **"Science in Nature,"** taught through Old Lyme's Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center, provides 3rd, 4th and 5th-graders at Mile Creek and Lyme Consolidated Schools the opportunity to use real scientific equipment in field studies at the nearby Mile Creek and Eight Mile River Preserves. They are taught to make observations about environmental factors and wildlife habitation. This program also introduces their teachers to Next Generation science standards.
- **STEM Curriculum at Lyme–Old Lyme Middle School:** Students are discover Science, Technology, Engineering and Math curriculum in grades 6, 7, and 8 through introductions to chemical engineering, environmental landscaping, bio-engineering and green engineering. The Foundation also funded a grant for a 3-D Printer and the coordinated curriculum in architectural engineering, wood production, and technical writing.
- Students in all grades can discover the world through a **Google Expeditionary Technology classroom.** Twenty sets of virtual reality gear enable students and their teachers to explore a wide variety of subject areas such as biology, anatomy, the physical sciences, history and geography. This "classroom" serves all our schools and is suitable for all ages.

Community Fundraising Events in 2016–17

Bound for the Sound Road Race
5k, 10k and 1 Mile Fun Run. Held each September

Warren Miller Ski Film. Held in December

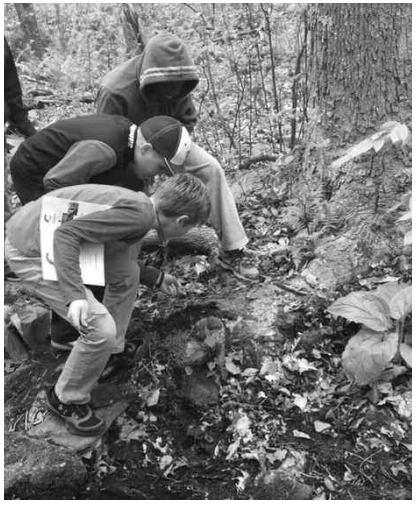
Annual Community Appeal

Contributions in any amount are gratefully accepted and are fully taxdeductible:

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

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

Mary Stone, *President*
Sheila McTigue Ward, *Secretary*
Robert Roach, *Vice-President*
Daniel Hagan, *Treasurer*



"Science in Nature" – Students examine and identify plants in the Eight Mile River Preserve before describing and drawing observations in their journals.

Lyme Conservation Commission *acting as the* Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Agency

During Fiscal Year 2016-2017, the Agency met every month to review 12 applications. Six of the applications sought to construct septic systems in the regulated area. One application was considered to be a "Significant Activity" as defined in the Agency's regulations and a public hearing was held to address that application. Other applications sought to control invasive species, construction of a fishing shack and reconstruction of a garage that was destroyed by fire. All applications this year were approved, some with minor conditions.

Respectfully submitted,
Paul A. Armond, *Chairman*

Class Officers

Callie Kotzan, *President*
Matthew McCarthy, *Vice President*
Graham Aird, *Secretary*
Jacob Olson, *Treasurer*
Sophie Edson, *Class Historian*

Candidates for Diplomas

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

Graham Miller Aird λ ω
Patrick Tooker Ames
Philip John Arruda
Spencer David Avery
Grace Elizabeth Basler λ ω
Abigail Elizabeth Berger λ ω
Margaret Grace Berger λ ω
Byrnes Buckley Berglund
Avery Baer Bikerman ω
Mary Ava Bolles
Lauren Julia Boulay ω
Garrett Alexander Burdick
Ethan Foley Bushy
Shelby Dominique Bussolotti
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Brooke Marie Courtney
Sydney Lynn Cowell λ ω
Adam George Czarnecki λ ω
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Maria Rose Donato λ ω
Alexandra Marie Duddy λ ω
Cole Edward Dushin λ ω
Meredith Helen Duxbury
Sophie Emilia Edson λ ω
Alexander Owen Edwards ω
Devin Jacob Edwards
Olivia Margaret Ellis
Victor Robert Farrell
James Ralph Fogle
David Jake Foster ω
Hunter Joseph Friel λ ω
John Chauncey Gibson
Julie Erin Golebiewski
Ion Christian Ramos Gordon
Alexandra Lockwood Gourlay λ ω
Everett Dolan Grethel
Brennan Marshall Griffin ω
Anthony Leon Gryk
Hannah Shea Guenther λ ω
Aliza Eve Hackling
Quinn Steven Hallahan
Rachel Elizabeth Hayward λ ω
Hayden Riley Hendrik ω
Nickolas Daniel Herrera
Emma Jean Hoyt ω
Ian Graham Humphreys
Lily Qing Yu Iannitti λ ω
Benjamin Ryan Jackson
Cairo Alexander Jenkins
Dimitrios Jones
Matthew John Kane ω
Christopher Douglas Kirk
John Corey Knepshield λ ω
Brianna Renee Knight
Callie Wills Kotzan λ ω
Tessa Alexandra Kroes λ ω
Patrick Trainor LeRoi
Joseph James Lester
Jack Christopher Machnik
Haley Alexis Mahon λ ω
Norman Michael Main
Daniel Frank Marinelli ω
Matthew Kenneth McCarthy λ
Megan Brighton McCarthy
Aidan Peter McHugh ω
Daniel Patrick Melchreit
Francesca Vanni Melluzzo
Anna Mae Mesham λ ω
John Braxton Miller

Julia Rae Morrison ω
Julian Howard Muller III λ ω
Allison Paige Murphy λ ω
Kevin Colburn Murphy ω
Kiran Durgesh Nadkarni ω
Bailey Jane Nickerson
Caleigh Marie O'Neil λ ω
Peyton Hempstead Ogden
Jacob Forder Olson λ ω
Ethan Brett Owen
Dean Stanley Palenski
Jenna Rose Peduzzi
Austin Jay Pritt
Lauren Murray Quaratella λ ω
Daniel Thang Comerford Reid λ ω
Olivia Wood Reneson λ ω
Ava Kristine Restrepo
Caeli Anne Rice λ ω
Camron John Roberts λ ω
William Rae Roberts λ ω
Natalie Jane Rugg λ ω
Kadison Colwell Russell
Brittany Anne Santiago
Matthew Vincent Sapere III
Lauren Tiffany Schillawski
Olivia Meyer Schumacher λ ω
Skyelar Elizabeth Shaw ω
Peter Wesley Shoemaker
Rachel Francesca Sielbeck
Marissa Renee Smith λ ω
Jacob Robert Stack
Cody Matthew Stalls
Noelle Christina Stanland λ ω
Everett Burghard Steiner
Ava Rose Sullivan
Tanner John Sutton
Mackenzie Alyssa Swaney λ ω
Sara Elizabeth Urbowicz ω
Rachael Elizabeth Coe Vandette
Jordan Michael Warecke
Sophie Warlitz λ ω
Laura Lee Wayland λ ω
Brendan Tyler Wright λ ω
Jeffrey Guo Zhang λ ω

Rogers Lake Authority

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

Rogers Lake comprises 265 acres and is 66 feet deep. The water draining into the lake comes from 4, 819 acres of which 4,472 acres are natural wooded or wetlands.

The Rogers Lake Authority is comprised of three representatives from Lyme and three representatives from Old Lyme. They can be contacted at rogers-lake-authority@googlegroups.com. A web site is maintained at http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/Pages/OldLymeCT_Bcomm/rogers_lake/index.

There has finally been a dramatic improvement in the fight to control the invasive weeds in Rogers Lake as a result of the herbicide treatments. Two treatments were performed during the last fiscal year. One treatment was performed July 5, 2016, and a second treatment was done on June 8, 2017. The DEEP permit allows for a third treatment in the spring of 2018 and that is funded. The plan is to obtain additional guidance from DEEP for the 2018 treatment. The herbicide treatment specifically targets the invasive weeds Fanwort and Variable Leaf Milfoil. The RLA participated in the pre and post treatment surveys, and observed the herbicide treatment. Water testing was performed in one deep and one shallow well for pre and post treatments for both herbicide applications and no traces of the herbicide were found. A CT DEEP grant funded 50% of the 2016 herbicide treatment.

The quality of the water remains very good as can be seen with the absence of algae blooms. While 2016 was a very dry year with little rain, 2017 has been a complete opposite and there were still no algae blooms.

One of the RLA's primary concerns is boating safety on the lake. The police and DEEP have been called multiple times to deal with town and state violations. The major offenders have been the Jet Ski operators. If you observe any unsafe activities on the lake, immediately call the DEEP at 860-424-3333 or 911.

To help promote safety on the lake, the RLA provided three certification classes. The first class was a Safe Boating / Personal Watercraft / Safe Waterskiing Endorsement course on March 25, 2017. The other two courses were CPR certificate classes held July 23, 2016 and May 13, 2017.

There have been a number of changes to the representation on the RLA. Leadership of the RLA has been changed to two co-chairmen, being Dennis Overfield and Dick Smith. The RLA would like to thank Rob Roach, Mike Sicord, and Liz Sunshine for their years of service on the RLA, and welcomes Nicole Krol and Toni Phillips.

The RLA is a member of the Connecticut Federation of Lakes. This organization held two conferences, one in September, 2016 and a second with 120 attendees in April, 2017. The take home from attending these conferences is that Rogers Lake is healthy and has fewer issues to deal with compared to other lakes in Connecticut, and is proactive in dealing with our issues. Both conferences provided a wealth of information that was applicable to Rogers Lake.

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

The drawdown of the lake that occurred from November to March of each year is being discontinued. The purpose of this drawdown was to try and kill the invasive weeds in the shallow areas. With the lack of extended cold periods during the winter, and findings from other lakes, the drawdown only allowed the weeds to establish at deeper depths.

Fishing tournaments continue to be conducted on the lake from early spring through the fall. Permits for fishing tournaments are permitted through the DEEP.

DEEP stocked fish in the lake multiple times in the spring. Rogers Lake is considered one of the State's top trout trophy lakes.

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

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

Lyme Land Conservation Trust

2017 Was the Land Trust's Fiftieth Anniversary

Fifty years ago our Founders had a vision that Lyme need not succumb to the kind of rampant and uncontrolled development that had blighted so many other communities—some close at hand. They hoped that Lyme could retain its quiet, rural, scenic and historic character. They incorporated the Land Trust in 1966 as a means of working towards that end. Our Annual Meeting this year was held on May 26, fifty years to the day after the Land Trust's first Annual Meeting in 1967. In celebration we held a town-wide anniversary party at our Grassy Hill Preserve near the iconic Congregational Church at the top of Grassy Hill Road. There was a band, a barbeque, a raffle and a wine and beer tent. A good time was had by all.

Below you will read about our purchase last year of the beautiful Brockway-Hawthorne property, 82 acres of land just south of Hadlyme Four Corners. We also created a small parking area and trails that will provide access to the most beautiful features of the Preserve.

The PBS documentary on the Land Trust and, more broadly, conservation in Lyme, aired on CPTV on January 14, 2017, and 100 other PBS stations broadcast it nationwide. Introduced by the actor, Sam Waterston, it reflects the success that the board members, staff and volunteers of the Land Trust, working with the Town, the State and our other conservation partners, have had in realizing the vision of our Founders.

Visionaries LLC, the not-for-profit that produced the PBS film, has worked with the Land Trust to create a companion film we call "The Rest of the Story." It contains interviews with a number of people who were important contributors to the Land Trust's success over time as well as footage that could not be included in the original film. Both films can be seen on our website: lymelandtrust.org.

The balance of our report delves more deeply into our accomplishments last year.

Preservation

Over the past year, the Land Trust has added three properties to the conservation rolls. One was an anonymous gift of nearly 11 wooded acres in close proximity to protected parcels off Joshuatown Road. Another was a gift of a 40-acre conservation easement by the Griffin family near the Grassy Hill Church, adjacent to Nehantic State Forest and other protected lands. The third was a Land Trust purchase of the Brockway-Hawthorne Preserve from Bill and Anna Hawthorne. With its connection to other open space parcels and trails, this property is one of the building blocks in a nearly 1,000-acre forested block running from Brush Hill Road to Selden Neck and the Connecticut River.

Funding for the purchase came from a grant by the State and another from the Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut. Importantly, over 50 Lyme residents donated a total of over $225,000. The property had been in the Hawthorne and Brockway families for many generations, and Bill and Anna wished to see it protected in perpetuity as a legacy that would benefit future generations.

Stewardship

The Stewardship Committee, with the help of more than 30 volunteers, monitors

all 103 Land Trust properties and conservation easements and maintains over 35 miles of trails. Volunteer stewards walk the properties and file reports on our online database. The strong support of volunteers also makes it possible to keep trails clear and well marked. Working with the Town of Lyme, The Nature Conservancy, and many volunteers, the Land Trust continued to develop new preserves and upgrade and add new trails.

Last year we improved the Ravine Trail by moving the entrance to a more pedestrian-safe location on Joshuatown Road, across the street from the Selden Creek Preserve parking lot. A new section of the red trail there, combined with the new yellow trail, creates a moderately easy loop, and a new blue trail off the yellow trail offers a fairly easy 0.6-mile round-trip to a breathtaking overlook.

We also developed the Brockway-Hawthorne Preserve for public access. Volunteers created a trail system that traverses its diverse and beautiful terrain and connects to the existing Ravine Trail and Selden Creek Preserve network. Volunteers from Dominion built three new bridges. An off-street parking area has been constructed and trail maps have been prepared.

Protecting and providing sanctuary for wildlife is an important objective of the Land Trust's preservation activities. Private landowners, the Land Trust and the State have agreed to harvest mature trees on adjoining properties over an extended period in order to create an environment suitable for species, such as the endangered New England Cottontail, that depend upon young forest. This fast shrinking habitat is also beneficial to more than 50 species of greatest conservation importance, including ruffed grouse, American woodcock, wood turtle, and blue-spotted salamander.

Working with the Town of Lyme, the Land Trust developed an overall map of the Town that shows all properties with free public access, including all the trails. New maps and brochures of the Beebe Preserve and Chestnut Hill Preserve are now also available. Maps are available on our web page, lymelandtrust.org, at the Lyme Town Hall and the Lyme Public Library.

Financial Condition

Compared to the same period last year, Operating Revenues increased 41% while Operating Expenses had a modest increase of 7.7%. We have been able to increase our revenues through our principal fundraising event, the Tour de Lyme (8% increase) and through our annual membership drive (20% increase). We have also benefited from substantial donations from Board Members and from generous donors in Town. Our President's Circle, consisting of families that donate $1,000 or more annually to the Land Trust, has now grown to over 50 members.

The Land Trust's overall financial condition continued to improve last year as reflected in the report on the Philanthropy Committee below.

Philanthropy Committee

This year saw major progress in realizing our goal of ensuring the financial stability of the Land Trust in perpetuity, a critical performance parameter considering that our stewardship obligations for the 100 plus properties we have under management run in perpetuity. We have exceeded our goal of creating an endowment fund of $1,000,000 (including promised bequests), and have revised our goal upward. We are also working on our goal of adding $500,000 to our Templeton Brown Acquisition Fund.

To meet our Fiftieth Anniversary endowment goal, pledges were structured around planned gifts—no cash today, payment later from estates. The $1,200,000 in pledges included will and IRA/401K beneficiary designations, and charitable gift annuity purchases.

Events

Throughout the year, the Lyme Land Trust hosts events to promote awareness of our natural surroundings. We often work in partnership with the Town of Lyme and other groups. This spring, we provided outdoor adventures through "Curiosity Shop," a program for students in grades K-5 at the Lyme Consolidated School. Students explored Banningwood Preserve, Clucas Preserve, and the fish ladder at Mt. Archer Road.

Many special events were held to celebrate the Land Trust's Fiftieth Anniversary. At our Annual Meeting in May, we honored retiring First Selectman Ralph Eno for his dedication to conservation and his leadership in the Town's partnership with the Land Trust in preserving open space. On the Fourth of July weekend, our exhibit at the Lyme Public Hall included displays on the history of the Trust and on Lyme's preserves and trails, the Eightmile River Wild and Scenic Watershed, and photographs from the Land Trusts Photo Contest.

Creative expression inspired by nature was the theme of other events, including last year's Fifth Annual Paint-Out Exhibit, co-sponsored by the Lyme Art Association, which featured paintings of the Hamburg Bridge Historic District. The eleventh annual Land Trusts Annual Photo Contest reception was held this past March. The contest is a cooperative effort by the Land Trusts in Lyme and several adjacent towns.

Pvt. Elmer Blackwell, Light Field Artillery, Regular Army

Lymes' Senior Center

Lymes' Senior Center serves our Senior Community ages 60 & over & offers a variety of educational, art classes, health programs, exercise programs, entertainment, special programs, games, baby boomer activities, hiking, lunches, day trips, cruises, and overnight trips and much, much more. Lymes' Senior Center is open from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday with some evening and weekend programs. Please check the monthly newsletter or our NEW website www.seniorcenterct.org for specific times. Newsletters get sent to all members. Membership is $5.00 a year. Please feel free to contact Stephanie Lyon- Gould, Director, at (860) 434-1605 ext. 240 or stop by this beautiful facility and grounds if you have any questions.

Listed below are just some of the highlights of the 2016-2017 Year:

New Programs and Services added this year

- PiYo Class (Pilates/ Yoga Class)
- Beginner Country line dancing classes
- Memory Screening
- CPR and AED demonstrations
- Mah- jongg
- Women's Support Group
- Gentle PiYo Class
- Ballroom/ Latin line dancing classes
- Senior Police Academy
- Foot care clinics
- Chess lessons/ Competitive play

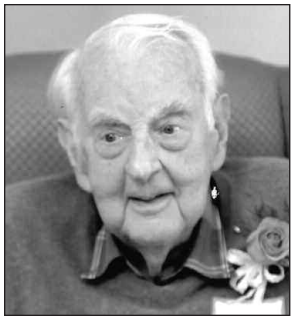
Program Statistics

11 exercise and dance classes a week
8 games a week (ie card, domino, Wii bowling, bingo, chess)
5 special luncheons throughout the year
3 art classes/ art workshops a week
20 day trips/5 overnight trips and cruises throughout the year
21 health programs/lectures throughout the year
20 historical/educational lectures throughout the year
29 musical programs throughout the year
11 computer classes

Services offered at the center; hearing clinics, haircuts, foot care clinics reflexology, flu shots, blood pressure clinics, nursing advice, aarp safe driving classes.

2016-2017 Board of Directors

Sue Campbell - *President*
Ruth Young - *Vice President*
Nancy Campbell - *Treasurer*
Dot McAndrew - *Secretary*
Diane Blackwell
Diana Seckla
Mary Miles
Johnny Cody
Ann Griffith
Gary Weed
Doris Johnson
Geri Baker
Joan Bonvicin
Kathy Lockwood



Thank You Jim Noyes – We Owe you a Debt of Gratitude!

Jim Noyes, you played an integral part in the development of the Lymes' Senior Center. You were instrumental in finding a site for the center & choosing an architect. You served on the building committee, helped build the center, and served on our first Board of Directors.

According to accounts from those who worked along side you, you were a master scavenger. The counter tops in the center came from a stash of materials you had saved from some of your other jobs. You were frugal and the carpentry hours you and the other hammer swingers donated made the project possible.

Along with Walt Soquist, Francis Ross and Ralph Eno, you hung doors, installed window/door trim, made the backsplash for the kitchen sinks and framed the opening for the range hood. You worked with Walt to trim the pilasters for the side porch and front door overhang.

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

Municipal Elections

WARNING - STATE ELECTION (NOVEMBER 8, 2016)

The Electors of the Town of Lyme are hereby warned to meet at their respective polling place in said town on Tuesday, November 8, 2016, for the following purpose:

1. To cast their votes for Presidential and Vice-Presidential electors, United States Senator, Representative in Congress, State Senator, State Representative, Registrar of Voters.

Notice is hereby given that the location of the polling place is as follows:

Voting District	Location of Polling Place
1.	Lyme Town Hall 480 Hamburg Road Lyme, CT 06371

Voting tabulators will be used. The polls will be opened at six o'clock in the morning (6:00 a.m.) and will remain open until eight o'clock in the evening (8:00 p.m.).
The Lyme Town Hall will be open for election purposes only on Election Day.

Dated at Lyme, Connecticut, this 27th day of October, 2016.

Linda A. Winzer, *Town Clerk, Town of Lyme*

ELECTION RESULTS - STATE ELECTION (NOVEMBER 8, 2016)
Electors and citizens met at the Lyme Town Hall to cast their votes on Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Moderator: Pat Harris; Checkers: Diana Lord, Sherry Block; Booth Tenders: John Kiker, Ann Rich; Demonstrators: James Witkins, Janice Witkins; Ballot Clerk: Penny Eno; Absentee Ballot Counters: Elizabeth Lawlor, Carolyn Bacdayan; Registrars of Voters: Kathleen Gigliotti, Dianne Ahlberg

Presidential Electors for

Hillary Clinton/Timothy Kaine	Democratic	1,019
Donald Trump/Michael Pence	Republican	567
Gary Johnson/William Weld	Libertarian	73
Jill Stein/Ajamu Baraka	Green	28
Andrew D. Basiago/Karen D. Kinnison	Write-In	0
Paul E. Blumenthal/Patrick Blair	Write-In	0
Robert L. Buchanan/Jason A. Washington	Write-In	0
Darrell L. Castle/Scott N. Bradley	Write-In	0
Jeffrey A. Cooper/Mikael C. Meyer	Write-In	0
Darryl Cummings/John Romanoff	Write-In	0
Kevin Deame/Steven Long	Write-In	1
"Rocky" Roque De La Fuente/Michael Steinberg	Write-In	0
Ronald Evans/Jason M. Fitch	Write-In	0
Cerunda Fox/Roger Kushner	Write-In	0
Tom Hoefling/Steve Schulin	Write-In	0
Jeffrey John Klojzy, Jr./Thomas A. Lemay	Write-In	0
Laurence Kotlikoff/Edward Leamer	Write-In	0
Gloria La Riva/Eugene Puryear	Write-In	0
Joseph Maldonado/Douglas Terranova	Write-In	0
Evan McMullin/Nathan Johnson	Write-In	3
Marshall Schoenke/James Creighton Mitchell, Jr.	Write-In	0
Peter Skewes/Michael Lacy	Write-In	0
Mike Smith/Daniel White	Write-In	0
Jeffrey Anthony Wu/Jeffrey Michael Wu	Write-In	0

United States Senator, Congressional District 2

Richard Blumenthal	Democratic	1056
Dan Carter	Republican	548
Richard Blumenthal	Working Families	74
Richard Lion	Libertarian	10
Jeffery Russell	Green	17

Andrew Rule	Write-In	0
John M. Traceski	Write-In	0

Representative in Congress, Congressional District 2

Joe Courtney	Democratic	1038
Daria Novak	Republican	532
Joe Courtney	Working Families	82
Daniel Reale	Libertarian	17
Jonathan Pelto	Green	20
Elizabeth F. Traceski	Write-In	0

State Senator, Senatorial District 33

Norm Needleman	Democratic	887
Art Linares	Republican	727
Art Linares	Independent	46
Colin D. Bennett	Green	23

State Representative, Assembly District 23

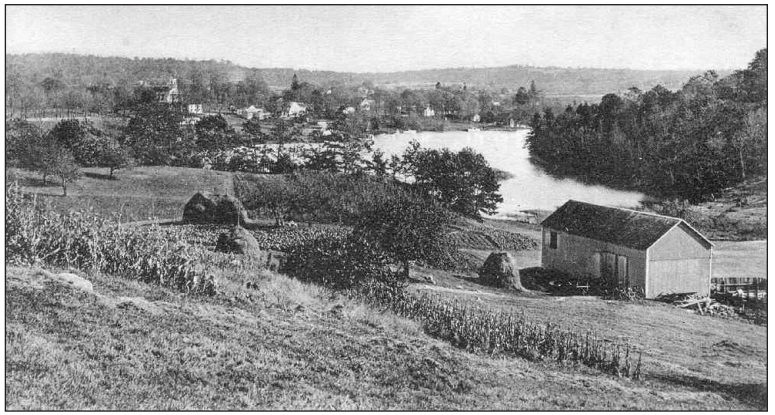
Devin R. Carney	Republican	981
Devin R. Carney	Independent	202

Registrar of Voters

Dianne F. Ahlberg	Democratic	967
Jane C. Boyd	Republican	674

Total Number of Names on Official Check List at start of day	1898
Total Number of EDR (Election Day Registrations) & Ballots Issued	16
Total Names on Active List at end of day (including restored inactive)	1934
Total Number of Names Checked as Having Voted	1748
Regular Absentee Ballots Issued	166
Rejected Absentee	5
Federal Ballots Only (unregistered citizens overseas – hand counted)	8
Overseas (hand counted)	18
Rejected Overseas	0

Recorded: Town Clerk



The Czikowski farm on Joshuatown Road and the village of Hamburg beyond, post card, c. 1930. The family purchased the land after moving to Lyme from New York City in 1900.

LYME'S WELCOME A JOYOUS TIME

(Special to The Day.)

LYME, Aug. 11.—Last Friday afternoon after one of the most perfect days of this summer, the largest crowd that Hamburg ever saw, excepting on Fair days, gathered to welcome home her heroes.

It was a huge success in every way. Her soldiers could not be beat in manly vigor and the town was fortunate in not having a gold star, although some of the boys were in the very worst of the fighting. One was 140 days under shell fire; two were gassed but are now in good health again, and tip the scales to 180 pounds.

A few could not be present, but those who were thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Under an able committee all arrangements were perfected. Both the Grange and public halls had been artistically decorated by Mrs. William Marvin, Miss Inez Peck and Jan Irvine. Mrs. James Lord with her able assistants had the supper room in readiness for seating about 100 at a time.

Hadlyme did its bit as usual by sending a truck-load of good things making it possible to nicely serve the 400 who were seated at the supper tables during the evening.

At 6 o'clock the soldiers were seated in front of the honor roll. Rev. Gerbert Wilson delivered an interesting address of welcome. While the orchestra played the school children led by Miss Inez Peck marched with Liberty and Uncle Sam at the head. They were followed by the rest in different "welcome" and "victory" decorations. It was a pretty sight. They marched around the soldiers and waited in the street while Charles M. Peck, chairman of the War Relief bureau, presented the boys with their honor certificates and spoke of the town's appreciation of their brave services. Then the march was formed once more by the children, followed by the soldiers to the Grange hall. Here the children formed a circle and the soldiers marched through to a bountiful spread. Each boy had his parents or "the only girl" to help make it lively. After supper, under the light of a beautiful moon, they went to the public hall and danced until one o'clock, all reporting a fine time. Many out-of-town people attended from Deep River, Essex, New London and Old Lyme.

Hadlyme helped raise funds for the occasion by giving a fine entertainment, while the south end gave liberally by personal donations. As everyone was generous, the committees were not limited in their endeavor to make the welcome home one perfect day.

A New London Day report of "Lyme's Joyous Welcome Home" celebration, August 11, 1919. It was held in Hamburg on the Church front lawn and in the Grange and Public Hall. From the New London Day, August 1919.

This Roll of Honor was designed, constructed, painted and erected by Lyme citizens to be in place by the veterans' "Welcome Home" celebration in August 11, 1919. It was replaced by the stone monument with plaque, seen on the cover, in 1930.

Hadlyme Public Hall Association

Our mission at Hadlyme Public Hall is to provide a place for residents of Hadlyme and surrounding communities to meet. We are proud to be one of the few remaining unaffiliated Public Halls in the State of Connecticut, and proud to serve our community.

Our membership is faithful to the preservation of our hall property and its activities. In 2017 our dedicated board of directors planned, and with membership help, provided a Spring Italian themed dinner in March, a Chicken Barbeque in June, a Harvest Dinner in October, our annual Thanksgiving Weekend Arts and Crafts Show and a Holiday Music evening with the Eight Mile River Band.

Maintenance of the hall is managed by an active Building Committee that works to preserve the original character of the building. The hall space is provided for community meetings on a range of subjects. Hall rentals provide space for private family gatherings, as well a local organization meeting space.

The Association Membership consists of 130 member families. The revenue raised from dues, hall functions, rentals and donations provides the resources to sustain the organization and the facility. The hall is managed by a board of twelve Directors. It can accommodate up to 120 people on two levels and has a full kitchen. It is available for rental from March through mid December. Current information about the hall and scheduled activities can be found on our website, hadlymehall.com.

The Hall is also the home of the Hadlyme Hall Garden Club, a group that is dedicated to maintaining the gardens at the triangle at the center of the village, at the post office, at the Fire House, at the junction of Ferry and Joshuatown Roads, as well as at the Hall and the Ferry landing.

We thank all our members, visitors and friends for their support. All people in the area are encouraged to join our membership. With your support we will continue to provide this unique gathering space for our community.

Submitted by:
Curtis J. Michael
President, Hadlyme Public Hall Association

Treasurer's Report
2016-2017

Balance, Checking Account June 30, 2016		503,371
Tax Collector:		
Taxes	9,475,836	
Interest & Fees	69,362	
	0	9,545,198
State of Connecticut:		
Capital Improvement	477,222	
Telephone Access Line Tax	9,320	
Elderly Tax Relief	17,480	
Supplemental Municipal Aid	8,343	
Education Grant	63,069	
Civil Preparedness	28,579	
State Property	0	
Boating Grant	0	
Veteran's Exemptions	446	
Other Grants	654,240	
		1,258,699
Special Revenue:		
Town Aid Road Fund	180,020	
Affordable Housing Program	4,160	
Town Library	65,420	
		249,600
Interest:		
Investments	26,525	
		26,525
Miscellaneous:		
Building Permits	129,514	
Conveyance Taxes	65,697	
Mooring Permits	5,200	
Other Permits	7,020	
Planning & Zoning	800	
Zoning Board of Appeals	400	
Town Clerk Fees	21,453	
Refunds & Rebates	4,203	
Waste Disposal Fees	7,147	
Miscellaneous	17,828	
Other Receipts	14,795	
		274,057
Total Receipts		11,857,450
		0
		0
Less: Selectmen's Disbursements		10,980,832
Balance, Checking Account, June 30, 2017		876,618

Balance in Banks

General Fund:		
Account:		
CT Short Term Investment Fund		1,000,000.00
Reserve Funds:		
Citizens Bank		6,066.53
Essex Savings Bank		8,487.19
Liberty Bank for Savings		3,268.31
Liberty Bank		0.00
Morgan Stanley - Capital Transfer		459,147.87
Morgan Stanley - Open Space Reserve Fund		369,160.78
Morgan Stanley - Library/Town Hall		0.00
Special Funds:		
Harbor Improvement Fund		0.00
Kovalenko Fund		0.00
Moulson-Ely Fund		0.00
Town Deposit Fund		0.00
Library Trust Fund		125,033.15
Nutmeg Network Grant		32,875.45
Town Aid Road Fund		
Balance, July 1, 2016		8,672.10
Add: Current Allocation	180,020.06	
Interest	3.53	
		180,023.59
Less: Expended to General Fund		180,020.06
Balance, Essex Savings Bank, June 30, 2017		8,675.63
Cemetery Trust Fund		
Balance, July 1, 2016		147,392.48
Add: Interest	71.20	
Plot Sales	1,200.00	
Less: Exp to General Fund	10,000.00	
		-8,728.80
Balance, June 30, 2017		138,663.68
Balance, June 30, 2017		
Essex Savings bank	6,244.78	
Citizens Bank	71,231.59	
Certificates of Deposit (2)	61,187.31	
Dog Fund		
Balance, July 1, 2016		3,147.65
Add: Town Clerk-Surcharge, Unaltered Dogs	102.00	
Town Clerk-Surcharge, Altered Dogs	476.00	
Town Clerk - License Fees	1,498.00	
Warden-Impoundment Fees	0.00	
Town of Lyme Appropriation	5,000.00	
Miscellaneous	142.50	
		7,218.50

Less: Warden-Salary and Fees	2,400.00	
Warden-Expenses	2,200.00	
State of Connecticut-Surcharge	558.00	
State of Connecticut-50% of Fees	767.50	
Advertising	0.00	
Dog tags, Supplies	0.00	
		5,925.50
Balance, June 30, 2017		4,440.65

Hartman Park

Balance July 1, 2016		4,676.12
Add: Contributions	4,267.00	
Less: Exp to General Fund	1,500.00	
Balance June 30, 2017		7,443.12

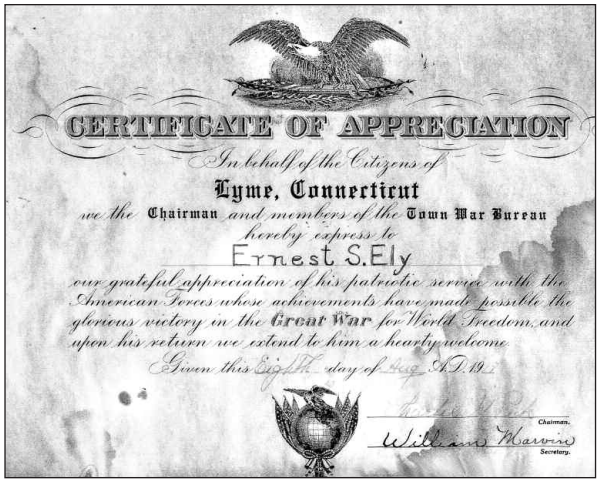
Pension Fund

Balance July 1, 2016	648,985.19
Add: Town of Lyme-Contributions	39,655.32
Gains/Losses	90,889.84
Less: Pension Payments	47,445.28
Fees	0.00
Balance June 30, 2017	732,085.07

Lyme Fire Company and Lyme Ambulance Association Incentive Program

Plan Balance as of April 1, 2016	1,279,348.64
Town Contribution	59,862.46
Fees	-8392.22
Investment Gain/Loss	158,103.11
Distributions	-95,142.04
Balance as of March 31, 2017	1,393,779.95

William L. Hawthorne, *Treasurer*


CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

In behalf of the Citizens of

Lyme, Connecticut

we the Chairman *and members of the* Town War Bureau

hereby express to

Ernest S. Ely

our grateful appreciation of his patriotic service with the American Forces whose achievements have made possible the glorious victory in the Great War *for World Freedom, and upon his return we extend to him a hearty welcome*

Given this Eighth day of Aug *A.D. 19*1

Chairman.

William Warren

Secretary.

Certificate of Appreciation presented to Ernest S. Ely "In behalf of the Citizens of Lyme and members the Town War Bureau." All of the honorees on the Honor Roll received a similar certificate during the town-wide "Welcome Home" ceremony in August 1919.

TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2017

	General Fund	Capital Nonrecurring Fund	Open Space Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents (including restricted cash of $50,000)	$ 993,064	$ 476,970	$ 369,161	$ 310,596	$ 2,149,791
Investments	1,000,000	-	-	-	1,000,000
Receivables, net:					
Property taxes, interest and liens	301,083	-	-	-	301,083
Total assets	$ 2,294,147	$ 476,970	$ 369,161	$ 310,596	$ 3,450,874
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable	$ 64,572	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 64,572
Unearned revenue - grants	-	-	-	32,556	32,556
Performance bond deposits	33,849	-	-	-	33,849
Total liabilities	98,421	-	-	32,556	130,977
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES					
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	291,838	-	-	-	291,838
Total deferred inflows of resources	291,838	-	-	-	291,838
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable	-	-	-	50,000	50,000
Restricted	-	-	-	98,247	98,247
Assigned	357,533	476,970	369,161	129,793	1,333,457
Unassigned	1,546,355	-	-	-	1,546,355
Total fund balances	1,903,888	476,970	369,161	278,040	3,028,059
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balances	$ 2,294,147	$ 476,970	$ 369,161	$ 310,596	$ 3,450,874

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Taxes, interest and lien fees:				
General property taxes	$ 9,323,058	$ 9,323,058	$ 9,465,101	$ 142,043
Tax refunds and rebates	(3,300)	(3,300)	(6,557)	(3,257)
Interest and lien fees	30,000	30,000	66,200	36,200
Total taxes, interest and lien fees	9,349,758	9,349,758	9,524,744	174,986
Licenses and permits:				
Mooring permits	2,500	2,500	5,200	2,700
Building permits	45,000	45,000	129,514	84,514
Conveyance tax	45,000	45,000	65,697	20,697
Other licenses and permits	4,500	4,500	7,020	2,520
Total licenses and permits	97,000	97,000	207,431	110,431
Charges for services:				
Zoning board of appeals fees	1,000	1,000	400	(600)
Planning and zoning fees	1,000	1,000	800	(200)
Waste disposal fees	21,200	21,200	7,147	(14,053)
Town clerk fees	20,000	20,000	21,453	1,453
Refunds and rebates	2,000	2,000	4,203	2,203
Visiting nurse receipts	275	275	-	(275)
Miscellaneous	12,000	12,000	17,828	5,828
Affordable housing	3,500	3,500	4,160	660
Parks and recreation fees	4,000	4,000	3,295	(705)
Library fines, fees and miscellaneous	3,297	3,297	1,568	(1,729)
Total charges for services	68,272	68,272	60,854	(7,418)
Intergovernmental:				
Supplemental municipal aid	8,364	8,364	8,343	(21)
Town aid roads	180,114	180,114	180,020	(94)
Education equalization grant	-	-	63,069	63,069
Emergency management	15,000	15,000	28,579	13,579
Tax relief - homeowners	20,000	20,000	17,480	(2,520)
Tax relief - veterans	330	330	446	116
Miscellaneous grants	650,000	650,000	654,240	4,240
Local capital improvement program	25,766	25,766	-	(25,766)
Library state funding and grants	1,337	1,337	245	(1,092)
Total Intergovernmental	900,911	900,911	952,422	51,511

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TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF REVENUES AND OTHER FINANCING SOURCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017
... Continued ...

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Investment income:				
Interest on investments	$ 7,500	$ 7,500	$ 26,400	$ 18,900
Total investment income	7,500	7,500	26,400	18,900
Other revenue:				
Telephone access grant	9,000	9,000	9,320	320
Total other revenue	9,000	9,000	9,320	320
Contributions:				
Library	44,100	44,100	46,608	2,508
Total contributions	44,100	44,100	46,608	2,508
Total revenues	10,476,541	10,476,541	10,827,779	351,238
Other financing sources:				
Transfers in - Capital nonrecurring	695,089	695,089	477,222	(217,867)
Transfers in - Library Trust	17,000	17,000	17,000	-
Transfers in - Hartman Park	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
Transfers in - Eight Mile Cemetery	10,000	10,000	10,000	-
Total other financing sources	723,589	723,589	505,722	(217,867)
Total revenues and other financing sources	$ 11,200,130	$ 11,200,130	$ 11,333,501	$ 133,371

TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
General Government:				
Selectman's office	$ 76,968	$ 76,968	$ 74,049	$ 2,919
Town Clerk's office	53,952	53,952	52,171	1,781
Board of Finance	3,800	3,800	3,200	600
Tax Collector's office	44,812	44,812	47,726	(2,914)
Assessor's office	59,506	59,506	55,856	3,650
Revaluation	15,000	15,000	15,000	-
Town Treasurer	9,702	9,702	9,702	-
Election expenses	23,259	23,259	18,444	4,815
Board of assessment appeals	250	250	160	90
Planning and zoning commission	13,000	13,000	8,586	4,414
Zoning board of appeals	5,000	5,000	2,058	2,942
Zoning Officer	35,320	35,320	35,319	1
Harbor maintenance	6,000	6,000	6,071	(71)
Conservation commission	13,000	13,000	8,262	4,738
Pollution control	1,457	1,457	1,456	1
Probate court	1,500	1,500	1,330	170
Auditor's expense	27,300	27,300	27,300	-
Town counsel	18,000	18,000	8,380	9,620
Town report	7,000	7,000	5,780	1,220
General insurance	82,650	82,650	82,360	290
Workers' compensation insurance	26,599	26,599	22,012	4,587
Health insurance	181,153	181,153	157,738	23,415
Retirement	44,892	44,892	44,024	868
Town Hall expense	13,120	13,120	13,647	(527)
Heat and fuel	34,500	34,500	36,455	(1,955)
Affordable housing	750	750	-	750
Elderly	7,991	7,991	7,991	-
Transportation district	2,989	2,989	2,989	-
Hadlyme historic district	500	500	-	500
Campus utilities	45,000	45,000	51,976	(6,976)
Campus maintenance	41,008	41,008	36,312	4,696
FICA	50,914	50,914	51,835	(921)
Total general government	946,892	946,892	888,189	58,703
Public Safety:				
Fire marshal	5,670	5,670	4,959	711
Fire company	56,580	56,580	55,786	794
VSECI	44,014	44,014	44,014	-
Complex maintenance	14,800	14,800	18,118	(3,318)
Public safety utilities	22,000	22,000	17,462	4,538
Police	20,000	20,000	8,556	11,444
Emergency management	16,000	16,000	18,075	(2,075)
Building inspector	23,788	23,788	23,393	395
Hazardous waste	11,000	11,000	6,084	4,916
Public safety pension	83,380	83,380	67,191	16,189
Total public safety	297,232	297,232	263,638	33,594

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TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017
... Continued ...

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Highways:				
Superintendent	$ 67,047	$ 67,047	$ 67,951	($ 904)
Town crew	140,066	140,066	144,660	(4,594)
Town crew benefits	22,252	22,252	22,189	63
Town aid road - maintenance	180,144	180,144	179,107	1,037
Local roads maintenance	76,956	76,956	26,415	50,541
General maintenance	47,500	47,500	46,966	534
Snow and ice removal	60,000	60,000	64,013	(4,013)
Street lighting	3,250	3,250	2,926	324
Street signs	3,500	3,500	1,478	2,022
Garage expense	1,000	1,000	420	580
Superintendent expense	4,250	4,250	4,250	-
Tree Warden expense	1,465	1,465	1,270	195
Total highways	607,430	607,430	561,645	45,785
Sanitation:				
Landfill costs	81,623	81,623	81,381	242
Tipping fees	55,680	55,680	48,580	7,100
Sanitarian	26,472	26,472	26,471	1
Recycling	30,900	30,900	27,478	3,422
Total sanitation	194,675	194,675	183,910	10,765
Conservation of Health:				
Health officer	750	750	750	-
Visiting nurses	4,000	4,000	6,604	(2,604)
Vital statistics	75	75	-	75
Total conservation of health	4,825	4,825	7,354	(2,529)
Welfare:				
Women's center	500	500	500	-
T.V.C.C.A.	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Soup kitchen	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
Family service	3,454	3,454	3,454	-
Regional mental health	116	116	116	-
Total welfare	6,570	6,570	6,570	-

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TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017
... Continued ...

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Library	$ 188,285	$ 188,285	$ 187,287	$ 998
Recreation:				
Hartman park	1,500	1,500	844	656
Park maintenance	13,000	13,000	9,793	3,207
Recreation commission	18,000	18,000	14,010	3,990
Rogers lake commission	40,245	40,245	30,429	9,816
Town Woods property	34,551	34,551	28,761	5,790
Total recreation	107,296	107,296	83,837	23,459
Miscellaneous:				
Miscellaneous	4,000	4,000	2,734	1,266
Council of small towns	725	725	725	-
CT river conservation district	1,421	1,421	1,421	-
Contingent account	6,000	6,000	4,645	1,355
Data processing	45,478	45,478	44,970	508
Eight-mile cemetery	7,300	7,300	5,522	1,778
Lyme cemeteries	5,300	5,300	3,120	2,180
C.R.E.R.P.A.	6,505	6,505	6,504	1
C.R.E.R.P.A. seniors	10,969	10,969	10,969	-
Lyme youth services	27,000	27,000	27,000	-
Elderly housing	1,500	1,500	1,500	-
Literary volunteers	500	500	500	-
CCM	1,339	1,339	1,339	-
Lyme/Old Lyme senior center	21,426	21,426	22,824	(1,398)
Secter	843	843	842	1
Total miscellaneous	140,306	140,306	134,615	5,691
Education:				
Regional School District No. 18	6,727,035	6,727,035	6,727,035	-

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TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
GENERAL FUND
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES AND OTHER FINANCING USES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017
... Continued ...

	Original Budget	Final Appropriated Budget	Actual	Variance with Final Budget
Redemption of Debt				
Principal and Interest:				
General obligation bonds principal	$ 350,000	$ 350,000	$ 350,000	$ -
Town truck lease	24,043	24,043	24,043	-
General obligation bonds interest	71,167	71,167	71,167	-
Total redemption of debt principal and interest	445,210	445,210	445,210	-
Capital Outlay:				
Fire truck lease	192,500	192,500	116,722	75,778
Fire company equipment	60,500	60,500	50,497	10,003
Hadlyme firehouse	6,000	6,000	1,698	4,302
Sanitation site improvement	1,000,000	1,000,000	888,879	111,121
Highway equipment	2,500	2,500	381	2,119
Firehouse garage	16,255	16,255	14,217	2,038
Town trucks	152,590	152,590	147,089	5,501
Open space	-	-	5,800	(5,800)
Vital records restoration	4,000	4,000	4,056	(56)
Emergency management	15,000	15,000	27,151	(12,151)
L/OL senior center	15,367	15,367	13,018	2,349
Town Woods development	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Library	6,439	6,439	6,907	(468)
Total capital outlay	1,473,151	1,473,151	1,276,415	196,736
Total expenditures	11,138,907	11,138,907	10,765,705	373,202
Other Financing Uses:				
Transfers out:				
Open space/reserve funds	50,000	50,000	50,000	-
Local capital improvement	175,000	175,000	175,000	-
Dog fund	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Total transfers out	230,000	230,000	230,000	-
Total expenditures and other financing uses	$ 11,368,907	$ 11,368,907	$ 10,995,705	$ 373,202

TOWN OF LYME, CONNECTICUT
REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017

Grand List Year	Uncollected Taxes July 1, 2016	Current Year Levy	Lawful Corrections		Transfer To Suspense	Adjusted Taxes Collectible	Collections				Uncollected Taxes June 30, 2017
			Additions	Deductions			Taxes	Interest	Lien Fees	Total	
2000	$ 1,530	$ -	$ -	$ 1,530 *	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
2001	2,334	-	-	-	-	2,334	-	-	-	-	2,334
2002	1,611	-	-	-	-	1,611	-	-	-	-	1,611
2003	1,903	-	-	-	-	1,903	-	-	-	-	1,903
2004	2,170	-	-	-	-	2,170	-	-	-	-	2,170
2005	1,870	-	-	-	-	1,870	-	-	-	-	1,870
2006	3,509	-	-	-	-	3,509	1,118	90	24	1,232	2,391
2007	3,821	-	-	-	-	3,821	-	718	-	718	3,821
2008	5,124	-	-	-	-	5,124	-	-	-	-	5,124
2009	5,095	-	-	-	-	5,095	-	-	-	-	5,095
2010	8,420	-	-	-	-	8,420	3,005	2,052	-	5,057	5,415
2011	15,602	-	-	124	51	15,427	9,562	6,645	48	16,255	5,865
2012	22,838	-	-	63		22,775	13,332	7,049	96	20,477	9,443
2013	42,231	-	-	119	1,117	40,995	21,967	9,409	120	31,496	19,028
2014	79,167	-	282	2,287	1,794	75,368	38,557	10,310	168	49,035	36,811
Total Prior Years	197,225	-	282	4,123	2,962	190,422	87,541	36,273	456	124,270	102,881
2015	-	9,481,536	18,432	27,758	-	9,472,210	9,386,998	31,234	108	9,418,340	85,212
Total	$ 197,225	$ 9,481,536	$ 18,714	$ 31,881	$ 2,962	$ 9,662,632	$ 9,474,539	$ 67,507	$ 564	$ 9,542,610	$ 188,093

*Uncollected taxes eliminated pursuant to Section 12-165 of the CT General Statues.

Affordable Housing

Both the Town program and the Lyme Compact had a quiet year. All the current houses continue to be occupied.

In the coming year the committee will begin researching building a house on the lot donated by the Young family. The application process for the affordable housing program gives preference to individuals or families that work/volunteer for the Town of Lyme.

We would be happy to give information to anyone that is interested in the program.

Respectfully submitted,
Isabel Roberge

Lyme Department of Emergency Management

Dear Lyme Resident,

The Lyme Department of Emergency management is staffed by four officers and twelve volunteer staff and our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is located in the lower level of the Lyme Public Safety facility. This public facility also houses the Lyme Fire Company and Lyme Ambulance Associations and their respective apparatus.

Our Mission

Lyme Department of Emergency Management is charged with protecting the community by providing a comprehensive and integrated emergency management system that coordinates community resources to protect lives, property and the environment through mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery from all natural and man-made hazards that may impact our town. Not only do we directly report to the first selectman of the Town of Lyme, we are also integrated into Region 4 of Connecticut's Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security (CT-DEHMS). The Director of Lyme Department of Emergency Management is a sworn State official, and our main duty is to serve the town, protect our community, and integrate with local, State and Federal assets during a time of emergency. As mentioned, key personnel attend routine training sessions, regional and State emergency management meetings, serve roles on a specific task force or focus group, serve on Region 18's School Safety Committee, attend school safety drills and exercises, and prepare and maintain our EOC facility in a state of constant readiness.

The Town of Lyme is also located within the ten-mile emergency planning zone (EPZ) of Dominion Power's Millstone Nuclear power generating station. Because of this proximity, there are additional measures, protocols and key technologies such as dosimetry meters, public address and siren notification systems, specialized communications equipment and bi-monthly meetings for emergency management directors held at the Millstone plant to ensure preparedness should we need to respond to a radiological event.

Command Structure During An Actual Emergency

The chief executive of local government (First Selectman) is by law in charge or in command during an emergency. The Emergency Management Director serves, during an emergency, as the chief of staff for the chief executive. His or her normal daily role is to act on behalf of the chief executive to build local readiness by developing local emergency plans, in coordination with community and businesses. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Town and EOC staff for their constant state of preparedness and vigilance. Also, a special thanks to the Mike Caplet and his team at the Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security Region 4 office, Connecticut State Police Troop F, Connecticut DEEP, Dominion, CL&P, the Lyme Fire Company, the Lyme Ambulance Association, our own Public Works Department and countless others for their important contributions during times of emergency and when we respond as one integrated team. We are fortunate to have such dedicated individuals protecting and serving the State and our Lyme community.

Sincerely yours,
John C.L. Evans
Director of Emergency Management
EMD #EM75
Town of Lyme
em75@LymeCT.gov
Region 4 RESF-1 Transportation Chair
Region 18 School Safety Committee Member

Emergency Management

In our continuing effort to make sure people with special needs are attended to in the event of either natural disasters or nuclear power plant emergencies, Lyme's Emergency Management Office is again incorporating the following form in this year's Town Report. Our Emergency Management Group wants to know about all people in town who might need special help in an emergency; so your cooperation and participation are greatly appreciated.

If you fall into this Special Needs category, please fill out the form and return it to:

Lyme Emergency Management
480 Hamburg Road
Lyme, CT 06371

Lyme Emergency Management

Date _____

If you need transportation or any other assistance during an emergency, please fill out this SPECIAL NEEDS form and mail it now. In an emergency, you would be assisted by local emergency workers.

I am hearing impaired ☐ Yes ☐ No

I have impaired vision ☐ Yes ☐ No

I am otherwise disabled ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please explain:

_____

I would need a ride in an evacuation

☐ Yes ☐ No

If you know of others who may need help, please list their names and addresses:

_____

_____

_____

_____

Name_____

Street_____

Apartment #_____ Town_____

Telephone #_____

Special directions to your house:

_____

_____

_____

I am a part-time resident ___Yes ___No

List months you are here:

_____

_____

_____

Even if you have previously sent in a card like this, you should send it in again whenever you receive a new booklet.

This information will remain confidential.

The Fire Company and Ambulance Association again request Lyme residents to post their house numbers in a clearly visible location so they may more effectively serve us in times of emergency.

Credits and Acknowledgements

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