



LYME FIRE COMPANY, Inc.

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Subject: Cancellation of the Lyme Fire Company 2020 Steak Dinner

Dear Lyme Fire Company Supporters and Neighbors:

The Lyme Fire Company normally holds its annual fundraising “Steak Dinner” in the fall. This has been a favorite community event and tradition for many years and brings our whole town together for a special evening. This annual fundraising event is a critical element of our internal operating budget and reduces our fiscal dependency on the municipality.

Unfortunately, we have had to make the difficult decision to cancel the 2020 Steak Dinner event for several reasons related to the pandemic:

- We value the safety of our community and it is difficult to hold a large event in a confined space.
- Our two fire stations in Hamburg and Hadlyme are municipal buildings administered by the Selectmen. These buildings continue to be reserved for key first responder functions and essential operations and remain off limits to the public.
- The Town’s first responders have focused their energies and efforts on modifying operations because each response puts our members at risk without the benefit of always knowing whether we are in contact with a potentially infectious environment. This is a difficult and fatiguing process, sustained for many months (while also responding to recent, significant storm damage). Our success is a testament to the dedication of our volunteers.

Our mission is to protect the community. We did not want to hold an event that could put any of our friends and family at risk.

We are well aware of the fiscal challenges and significant impacts of the pandemic on our community and nation. We will gratefully accept discretionary donations, but do realize that everyone may not be able to be as generous as they have been in the past.

We thank you for your years of support and have included a return envelope for your convenience. Lyme Fire Company is a 501c3, not-for-profit, volunteer organization.

Hopefully 2021 will bring relief, good health, hope, and prosperity. We look forward to sharing our station and hospitality with you next year.

Sincerely yours,

John Evans
Fire Chief #C75
Lyme Fire Company, Inc.