

**Lymes' Senior Center Board of Directors Regular Meeting
In the Old Lyme Town Hall, Old Lyme, CT
October 21, 2024**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Jane Folland, Stephanie Lyon-Gould, David Griswold, Peter Lucchese, Christina Gotowka, Mariette McCourt, Kathy Lockwood, Diana Seckla, Karen Geisler, Margaret Thach

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jeremy Crisp, Carolyn Ross, Fred Verillo

I. CALL TO ORDER: Peter Lucchese at 1:00

II. GUESTS: John Kiker, Alan Sheiness, Mary Stone, Vicky Linaire

John Kiker - February 13th is still on target for reopening. The cupola is on. The kitchen plan has been submitted to LedgeLight. The furniture may have to go out to bid.

Alan Sheiness - Communication and the concerns of the Senior Center Board are very important. The Friends of Lymes' Senior Center is a separate entity governed by their own board. There has been no circumvention of anything. The Friends Board is convinced the \$25,000 for the AudioVisual system is an appropriate expenditure. Lines of communication were broken. Peter Lucchese had previously requested that he and Jane Folland be invited to the next Friends November meeting and Alan Sheiness confirmed the invitation.

Diana Scekla thanked Alan for coming to present this to the Senior Center Board.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS: Jeri Baker

I have come to support John and Alan. The Building Committee had a sizable contingency which became beneficial for the kitchen. Everything is going along beautifully. We can only authorize what we have to spend. AudioVisual is both audio and visual, lots of wiring and new computers. There has to be a totally new system installed for code compliance.

IV. MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 Meeting Paula Emery

Corrections: Carolyn Ross was absent. Public Comments: None. Directors Notes, Line 3, Diffley. Discussion on UR Community Cares, Inc.: Line 5 Delete towns already successfully using the URCC Software. Add East Hampton and Clinton are successfully using the URCC Software, Killingworth is still trying to get this program off the ground. Motion to accept the minutes with corrections was put forth by Diana Seckla seconded by Margaret Thach. Motion Carried.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jane Folland

Report dated September 14, 2024 - October 18, 2024

VI. COMMUNICATIONS: None

VII. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Director's Notes: Stephanie Lyon-Gould

Membership as of 9/16/24 1065

Upcoming Important Program Dates:

Holiday Luncheon in Nov is Friday, Nov 22 (no lunch on Thursday)

Holiday Luncheon in Dec is Friday, December 20 (no lunch on the 18th)

Medicare 2025 Informational Session Tues Nov 19th at 1pm (Jane Folland to cover)

Makeup for Mature Women November 12th at Lyme Library 1:00-3:30pm

Lotus Flower Lantern Craft Workshop November 26th 1pm (OL Town Hall)

Lesser-known shipwrecks with Bowtie Historian Nov 6th at 1pm

Historical Lecture with Mallory Nov 25th at 1pm Sarah Winchester and the mystery Winchester house

Old Lyme Town Band Holiday Concert Sunday, December 8th at 2pm - Christ the King Church

A new Approach to writing condolence letters December 3rd at 1pm

Yankee Swap 12:45 pm Dec 17th CTKC

Lyme Village Voices Dec 11th 1pm at CTKC

Veterans Holiday Breakfast Dec 18th at 9:45am

Ugly Sweater Contest Dec 24th at 12pm

Stephanie requested funds for the following:

\$25 expenditure for ugly sweater contest prize on December 24th. Diana Seckla put forth the motion, Christina Gotowka seconded. Motion carried..

Christina Gotowka put forth the motion to fund up to \$800 for Seniors in Need Holiday Program.

David Griswold seconded. Motion carried.

Facilities Report: None

VIII. OLD BUSINESS:

Update on the UR Community Cares, Inc. Program for Lyme and Old Lyme: Peter Lucchese/Mariette McCourt

The process of gathering volunteers has been going well. We have four volunteers, with five additional willing to sign up. Mariette is going to churches to request that information on the program be placed in the church bulletin. Stephanie Lyon-Gould has a list of seniors who can use the services.

Friends Of Lymes' Senior Board, Funding: Peter Lucchese

The \$25,000 check written to the town for the new AudioVisual System was lost in transit and a stop payment was issued. In light of this development, Peter Lucchese posed a question to the members of the board - what would your feelings be if Friends wrote a check and left it up to the Senior Board to apply it or not to the A/V system? After much discussion, David Griswold put forth the motion to send the following to the Friends of Lymes Senior Center board: "We are extremely grateful for the most generous \$25,000 donation and we are in agreement that the money be spent for the AudioVisual system which supports our programming." Christina Gotowka seconded. All in favor. Motion carried.

IX. NEW BUSINESS:

Program Ideas/Suggestions: Tabled until the next meeting.

Other New Business: None

X. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm. Kathy Lockwood put forth the motion, Diana Seckla seconded. Motion Carried.

Next Regular Meeting: November 18, 2024 at the Old Lyme Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Emery
Recording Secretary