

Lymes' Senior Center Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Lymes' Senior Center, Activity Room

26 Town Woods Road, Old Lyme CT 06371

December 15, 2025

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Peter Lucchese, Christina Gotowka, Kathy Lockwood, Diana Seckla, Mary Stone, Karen Geisler, Jeremy Crisp, Jane Folland, Mariette McCourt, Fred Verillo, Shaun Mastroianni

MEMBERS ABSENT: Stephanie Lyon-Gould, Margaret Thach

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

II. GUESTS: None

III. MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 17, 2025 MEETING, Paula Emery

Motion to accept the minutes as read was put forth by Christina Gotowka, seconded by Diana Seckla. Motion carried.

Peter wished to have the following added to the minutes: With regards to the statement that Jeri Baker made during our October 2025 BOD meeting – “Jeri indicated that she had also presented the new (Friends) logo to Martha Shoemaker and she approved (it).

Just to get the facts straight, after the BOD (October) meeting Monday, I met with Martha and discussed the Friends logo and asked her if (she) you spoke with her (Jeri) regarding the logo, and if she had approved it. Martha advised me that she did not discuss the logo with (Jeri) you prior, nor did she approve the logo, and had not seen it until I showed it to her. Martha also said to me ‘Why would I get involved’ in an approval of the logo.”

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Jane Folland

Report dated November 1, 2025 - November 30, 2025

V. COMMUNICATIONS: None

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Director's Notes: Jane Folland for Stephanie Lyon-Gould

1233 current members. November Program Attendance 2,608 program visits. Ruth Young, who helped fundraise for the first senior center and also served as the President of the Board of Directors for many years passed away this month at 99. We will be making her a brick in the spring to go into the Memorial Garden. If you would like to help deliver Senior in Need bags and gift cards, please let us know. We will be setting up deliveries for December 24th at 9:30am. Please see the newsletter for upcoming programs. January newsletters will be available at the Senior Center the week of December 22nd.

Facilities Report: Jane Folland for Stephanie Lyon-Gould

The dishwasher is being addressed for minor issues by the distributor. Lights that were going up automatically after being dimmed have been fixed by the original installers. The Eagle

Scouts have been preparing the ground for the stage area and will notify the center when they can proceed further with the stage.

VII. OLD BUSINESS: Peter Lucchese

Peter asked the board to think about what more can be done at the Volunteers Luncheon to show appreciation for our very dedicated volunteers. Diana mentioned that the Friends letter for donations will go out in February.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS: Peter Lucchese

A vibrant discussion started around bringing attention to the new Center through publicity in area publications; involving more 55+ seniors in programs; providing new programs on grief, loss, loneliness; reintroducing the reach out by phone to seniors as during Covid; reaching out to local middle/senior high schools for participation at the center reaching across the generations; expanding on Seniors in Need program beyond just the holidays; introducing board games, such as chess which could provide multigenerational involvement and much more. Peter suggested this topic could be explored in more detail at the January meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm. Mary Stone put forth the motion, Christina Gotowka seconded. Motion Carried.

Next Regular Meeting: January 19, 2026 at 1:00 at the Senior Center.

Respectfully submitted,

Paula Emery
Recording Secretary

