



ANNUAL REPORT 2018-2019

Old Lyme, Connecticut

The Open Space Commission is a town government agency responsible for acquiring and managing town-owned open space, which now totals about 1,000 acres. (The Old Lyme Land Trust is a private organization that similarly acquires and preserves open space, which now totals about 1,100 acres).

The town purchased the 300-acre McCulloch Family Open Space in September 2019. The property was first assembled by Warren McCulloch and his wife, Rook, in 1929. He was a neurophysiologist of international stature and considered one of the founders of artificial intelligence; she was the daughter of a wealthy linen importer. Their son David, one of the sellers of the property, was a founder of the open space movement in Old Lyme, contributing to the first town plan and helping to establish an open space board in town. His sister Jean raised prize-winning Morgan horses on the farm.

Long-time residents of town or visitors who have enjoyed open-barn events or even taken riding lessons at the McCulloch Farm may be happy to know that descendants of Rook and Warren McCulloch still live on portions of the farm that were not sold to the town. A private horse-boarding facility operates on their property.

With thanks to Greg Futoma, Open Space Commission

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Front Cover: *A stately tree on the 300-acre McCulloch Family Open Space*

Back Cover: *Reflective pond on the McCulloch Family Open Space*

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Selectwoman's Report

Bonnie Reemsnyder
First Selectwoman

In early 2018, the board of the **Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library** reached out to the town about the need for renovations and updates in many areas of the library, including the mechanicals, electrical, and layout of the library. The renovations, which would not change the footprint of the library, were estimated to cost \$3.1 million, and the town was asked to help by funding \$1.75 million. The Library Building Committee members and town representatives met several times to discuss the project, and at a Special Town Meeting on July 23, 2018, the voters approved the appropriation of the requested funds to support the renovations. The renovations are scheduled to be completed in Fiscal Year 2020.

The **Midsummer Festival**, which took place on July 27 and 28, was once again a great success. For the most part, the weather was pleasant, but by the time we got to Saturday night, the Old Lyme Town Band had to wrap up early because of some sprinkles. Of course, even a little sprinkle is not good for their instruments, but the crowd hung in until dark in the hopes of seeing a great show. Unfortunately, as dark set in, the skies opened up, sending everyone home just before the fireworks lit up the sky. It was a bit of a letdown, but for those brave enough to stay and watch, it was a beautiful show!

With the help of a **\$30,000 grant from the State Historic Preservation Office**, the town hired Heritage Consultants to conduct a Historic Resource Survey. Town Historian John "Ned" Pfeiffer, Jim Bechtel, and Edie Twining served on a committee to oversee the survey, which was completed by the spring of 2019. The survey documented 200 historical homes in Old Lyme, and will serve as further protection in the future from threats such as trains, I-95 expansion, etc. Special thanks to the committee for their diligence and input on the final product!

The town was notified in the summer of 2018 that it had been awarded a **Local Bridge Funding Grant**, which would cover 50 percent of the cost of replacing not one, but two bridges in Old Lyme. The **Mile Creek Road Bridge** over the Black Hall River is scheduled to be replaced in the spring of 2020, and at a cost of over \$1

million, a 50-percent grant is certainly helpful. In addition, the **Grassy Hill Road Bridge** near Boston Post Road, which is considered functionally obsolete, also qualified for a grant. The actual construction schedule is yet to be determined, but the design of the bridge will be completed in Fiscal Year 2020 as well. Securing grants when they are available is an important factor in keeping our mill rate low and allows us to responsibly address our infrastructure needs as a small town.

We were also delighted to hear that the town was awarded a **Community Connectivity Grant** in the amount of \$400,000 for the construction of sidewalks on Hartford Avenue in Sound View, from Bocce Lane to Route 156. This grant pays for 100 percent of the construction costs, though the town will fund the design of the project, which would be in the range of \$30,000. Another great win for Old Lyme!

While the **Annual Town Meeting** was held on **January 28, 2019** to approve the Annual Report for FY 2017, we were not able to announce our Citizen of the Year until the Special Town Meeting on April 16, 2019 due to scheduling conflicts. At that meeting, **Robert Doyen** was named **Citizen of the Year for 2018** in honor of his many years serving on the Harbor Management Commission and the Old Lyme Volunteer Fire Department. We were proud to celebrate his volunteerism and dedication to the Town of Old Lyme.

The **Halls Road Improvements Committee** continued its work with the Yale Urban Design Workshop (YUDW) to focus on the improvements to Halls Road. At a public information meeting on December 6, 2018, there were many questions from those attending, which prompted the committee to refocus its efforts on communication and outreach to provide clarity for the project. Committee members offered to present to various organizations, which were accepted by many, including the Duck River Garden Club, the Senior Center, etc. In addition, an Open House was scheduled in June 2019 to allow people an opportunity to come in and see conceptual renderings of what Halls Road might look like and to solicit individual input. Both

Selectwoman's Report *(continued)*

the presentations and the Open House were well received, and there was some great positive input from a diverse group of individuals and businesses on what people would like to see on Halls Road.

Supporting this effort, the **Economic Development Commission** began working with the CT Economic Resource Center (CERC) on developing a survey of businesses and residents, as well as providing a Municipal Training Workshop for board and commission members. The workshop was an opportunity for members from a variety of boards to share information and look for ways to communicate and collaborate. It was well attended and well received by the attendees. The survey results will serve as guide to the will of the community in how assure that Old Lyme remains vibrant and relevant. Thank you to the EDC for stepping up to the plate.

State and National Elections were held at Cross Lane Fire House on November 6, 2018. Ned Lamont was elected Governor of the State of Connecticut, and our state representatives remained the same for our districts. The following January, our Resident Trooper Kazimera Morse was selected by Lt. Governor Susan Bysiewicz to be her driver/escort. For the next few months, Trooper Thomas Kelo, an Old Lyme resident, covered our town as interim Resident Trooper

until a replacement was chosen. In April, **Resident Trooper Greg Hunter** was assigned as our new trooper. We wish Trooper Morse the best of luck and a special thank you to her for her work in Old Lyme. Also, thank you to Trooper Kelo for his diligence and welcome to Trooper Hunter!

The **Annual Town Budget Meeting** was held on Monday, May 20, 2019 at the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School to vote on the proposed \$38,912,287 budget for fiscal year 2019. The budget passed, resulting in a slight increase to the mill rate, which went from 21.91 to 22.41. As usual, the board of finance worked closely with the selectmen to bring in a fair and conservative budget for the new fiscal year.

Finally, the end of the year brought good news in the agreement for the town to purchase the 300-acre **McCulloch Property** off of Whippoorwill Road and the retirement of a dedicated and well-loved citizen, Gary Yuknat, who provided our trash and recycling collection services for over thirty years. Of course, Gary's retirement was good news for him, but a bit sad for so many of us who know him. Our new provider for FY 2020 and beyond will have big shoes to fill (and a big Santa outfit to fill as well). Best wishes on retirement to **Gary Yuknat** of Old Lyme Sanitation, and *thanks for the memories!*

Elected Officials

	Term Expires
First Selectwoman, Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D).....	Nov. 2019
Selectwoman, Mary Jo Nosal, (D).....	Nov. 2019
Selectman, Christopher Kerr (R).....	Nov. 2019
Town Clerk, Vicki Urbowicz (R)	Jan. 2022
Town Treasurer, Timothy C. Griswold (R).....	Nov. 2019
Tax Collector, Judith Tooker (R)	Nov. 2019
Board of Finance	
Andrew L. Russell, Chairman (R)	Nov. 2021
Janet Sturges (R)	Nov. 2019
David Woolley (D).....	Nov. 2021
H. Perry Garvin III (R)	Nov. 2023
Bennett J. Bernblum (D).....	Nov. 2023
J. David Kelsey (R)	Nov. 2019
Board of Finance Alternates	
Adam Burrows (D)	Nov. 2019
Judith Read (R)	Nov. 2019
Anna Reiter (D).....	Nov. 2019
Board of Assessment Appeals	
George Finley (D).....	Nov. 2021
Roderick M. White (R).....	Nov. 2019
Timothy C. Griswold (R).....	Nov. 2021
Planning Commission	
Harold L. Thompson, Chairman (R)	Nov. 2020
Robert McCarthy, Vice Chairman (D).....	Nov. 2022
Steven Ross (R)	Nov. 2019
Todd Machnik (R)	Nov. 2021
Edgar Butcher (D)	Nov. 2018
Jonathan Curtis (D)	Nov. 2023
Regional Board of Education	
Erick Cushman (R).....	Dec. 2019
Diane Linderman (D)	Dec. 2021
Jean Wilczynski (D)	Dec. 2021
Rick Goulding (D)	Dec. 2021
Stacy Winchell (R)	Dec. 2019
Michelle Roche (D).....	Dec. 2019
Martha Shoemaker (D)	Dec. 2021
Mary Powell-St. Louis, Lyme.....	Dec. 2019
Stacy Leonardo, Lyme	Dec. 2021
Registrars of Voters	
Catherine Carter (R).....	Jan. 2021
Marylin Clarke (D)	Jan. 2021

Elected Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Zoning Commission

Alan Todd (U)	Nov. 2022
Gil Soucie (D)	Nov. 2019
Jane Cable, Chairman (D)	Nov. 2020
Jane Marsh (R)	Nov. 2021
Paul Orzel (U)	Nov. 2023

Zoning Board of Appeals

Nancy Hutchinson, Chairman (U)	Nov. 2019
Kip Kotzan (D)	Nov. 2021
Marisa Hartman (D)	Nov. 2020
Dan Montano (R)	Nov. 2022
Stephanie Mickle (D)	Nov. 2023

Zoning Board of Appeals Alternates

Marisa Hartman (D)	March 2018
Stephen Dix (R)	Nov. 2019
Tom Schellens (R)	<i>(Resigned Feb. 2019)</i> Nov. 2019
Stephanie Mickle (D)	<i>(Through April 2019)</i> Nov. 2019

Appointed Officials

	Term Expires
Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council	
Catherine Frank (R).....	Jan. 2021
Russ Gomes (R)	Jan. 2021
Commission on Aging	
Karen Veselka (OLVNA)	(standing)
Cynthia Taylor (Municipal Agent).....	(standing)
Phyllis Shepard-Tambini (R)	Jan. 2020
Cliff Johnson (R)	Jan. 2019
Joan Bonvicin (D).....	Jan. 2021
Dorothy McAndrew (R)	Jan. 2019
Stephanie Lyon-Gould (Sr. Ctr. Dir.)	Ex Officio
Connecticut River Gateway Commission	
Peter Cable, Delegate (D).....	July 2020
Suzanne Thompson, Alternate (R).....	July 2020
Conservation Commission	
George James (R)	Jan. 2021
Tom Sherer, Chairman (D)	Jan. 2020
Maureen Plumleigh (U)	Jan. 2021
Maureen Haseley-Jones (D).....	Dec. 2018
Peter Cable/Suzanne Thompson.....	Ex Officio
Economic Development Commission	
Robert Jose (R)	April 2019
Joseph Camean (R).....	Jan. 2023
Susan Howard Cihocki (R).....	Jan. 2019
John Stratton (R).....	Jan. 2020
Heather Gagnon, Chair (D).....	Jan. 2019
William O'Meara (R).....	Jan. 2022
Justin Fuller, Co-Chair (U)	Jan. 2019
Gregory Symon (R)	Jan. 2020
Howard Margules, Co-Chair Jan. 2019 (D)	Jan. 2021
Ethics Commission	
<i>Membership is in a state of flux and will be corrected at the January 27, 2020 Annual Meeting.</i>	
Board of Assessment Appeals Alternates	
Peter Hunt (D)	Jan. 2020
Emergency Management Director	
David Roberge.....	Jan. 2019
Estuary Transit District	
John Forbis (D)	Jan. 2021

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Term Expires

Flood and Erosion Control Board

Steve Ross (R)	Jan. 2020
Gary Smith (R).....	Jan. 2020
Todd Machnik, Chairman (R).....	Jan. 2020
Steve Martino (D).....	Jan. 2021
Donald Willis (U).....	Jan. 2021
David Roberge.....	Ex Officio

Harbor Management Commission

Steve Ross, Chair (R)	Jan. 2022
Robert Doyen (D)	Jan. 2019
Michael Magee (U)	Jan. 2022
John MacDonald (R)	Jan. 2020
William Harris (D).....	Jan. 2020
Tom Meyer (R)	Jan. 2021
George Finley (D).....	Jan. 2021
Mark Beatty (U)	Jan. 2021
Robert Falaguerra (R)	Jan. 2022
Jeffrey Meinke (U)	Jan. 2022
Harry S. Plaut, Harbormaster (R).....	Ex Officio
Michael Mackey, Deputy Harbormaster (U).....	Ex Officio

Historic District Commission

John Forbis (D)	Jan. 2019
Barbara S. Traskos (D)	<i>(Deceased April 9, 2019)</i> Jan. 2020
John Noyes (U)	Jan. 2020
Dini Mallory (R)	Jan. 2021
Cynthia Taylor, Chairman (U)	Jan. 2022
John Pfeiffer, Town Historian	Ex Officio

Historic District Commission Alternates

Jeff Cooley (D)	Jan. 2022
Cynthia Taylor (U)	<i>(Until 12/18)</i> Jan. 2018

Inland Wetlands Commission

Evan Griswold (R)	Jan. 2022
Tom Machnik (R)	Jan. 2021
Rachel Gaudio, Chair (U).....	Jan. 2020
Gary Gregory (U).....	Jan. 2020
Robert DePianta (D)	Jan. 2020
William McNeil (R).....	Jan. 2021

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

Justices of the Peace: 1/3/2017-1/4/2021 *(Elected at caucus or through application)*

William U. Archer (D)	Doris C. Johnson (R)	Daria M. Phelps (D)
Peter M. Bauchmann (U)	Victoria K. Lanier (R)	Harry Plaut (R)
John A. Bysko (R)	Leslie J. Massa (R)	Doris A. Recor (U)
Jane E. Cable (D)	Brendan P. McKeever (R)	Bonnie A. Reemsnyder (D)
Nancy L. Campbell (D)	Maurizio Nicheli (R)	Ruth Dillon Roach (D)
Christopher Carter (R)	Mary Jo Nosal (D)	Mervin F. Roberts (R)
Barbara McBride Doyen (D)	Agnes Q. O'Connor (D)	Jennie Anne Rubera (R)
Jason C. Gagnon (U)	Christopher F. Oliveira (R)	John D. Seckla (U)
Timothy C. Griswold (R)	Frank S. Pappalardo (R)	Michellee K. Speirs (U)
Monique Heller (R)	Lawrence I. Peterson, Jr. (D)	Judith A. Tooker (R)

Term Expires

Ledge Light Health District

Thomas Gotowka (R)	Jul. 2020
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Lyme's Senior Center—Board of Directors

Ruth Young (Lyme)	
Gary Weed (Lyme)	
Diana Seckla (Lyme)	
Dorothy McAndrew (R)	Jul. 2019
Doris Johnson (R)	Jul. 2021
Susan Campbell (U)	Jul. 2019
Joan Bonvicin (D).....	Jul. 2020
Kathy Lockwood (D).....	Jul. 2020
Jeri Baker, Chair (D)	Jul. 2021
John Cody (R)	Jul. 2022
Donald Abraham (D).....	Jul. 2020
Jacqueline Roberts (D).....	Jul. 2021

Open Space Commission

Amanda Blair, Co-chair (D).....	Jan. 2019
Evan Griswold (R).....	Jan. 2020
William Dunbar, Co-chair (R).....	Jan. 2021
Peter Cable (D)	Jan. 2019
Bruce Baratz (U)	Jan. 2019
Gary Gregory (U).....	Jan. 2020
Gregory Futoma (D).....	Jan. 2020

Parks and Recreation Commission

Glynn McAraw (R).....	Jan. 2020
Robert Dunn, Chair (R) ..	Jan. 2020
Nigel Logan (R)	Jan. 2020
John Flower (U)	Jan. 2021
Mary Ellen Garbarino (R).....	Jan. 2021
Missy Colburn Garvin(U).....	Jan. 2022
Tim Gavin (U)	Jan. 2022
Don Bugbee, Parks and Rec. Director.....	Ex-Officio

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
Pension Committee	
Gil Soucie (D).....	Jan. 2021
Jean Wilczynski (D)	Jan. 2021
Kathleen Hall, Employee Rep.....	Ex-Officio
Planning Commission Alternates	
Donald Willis (R).....	Jan. 2020
Alexander Klose (D)	Jan. 2020
Barbara Gaudio (U)	Jan. 2020
Deputy Registrars	
Jackie Miano (R).....	Mar. 2019
Rogers Lake Authority	
Tom Baehr (D)	Feb. 2019
Jenell Janes (R)	Jan. 2020
Robert Recor (U)	Jan. 2021
Richard Smith (U).....	Jan. 2019
Tom Mondelci, Lyme	
Dennis Overfield, Lyme, Chairman	
Michael Sicord, Lyme	
Shellfish Commission	
Mervin F. Roberts (R)	Jan. 2020
John Seckla (U)	Jan. 2021
Todd Machnik (R)	Jan. 2020
Sound View Commission	
David Kelsey (R)	Jan. 2021
Harry Plaut (R)	Jan. 2022
Joanne Reis Lishing (D)	Jan. 2022
Frank Pappalardo, Chairman (R)	Jan. 2020
Michaelle Pearson (D)	Jan. 2020
Sound View Commission Alternates	
Frank Maratta (R).....	Jan. 2020
Jackie Miano(R).....	Jan. 2020
Sandra Ziemba (D)	Dec. 2018
Judith Read (R)	Jan. 2020
Regional Agricultural Council	
Baylee Drown (U)	Jan. 2025
Town Counsel	
Suisman Shapiro	Jan. 2020
Town Historian	
John Pfeiffer (D)	

Appointed Officials *(continued)*

	Term Expires
Tree Commission	
Joanne DiCamillo, Chairman (U).....	Jan. 2020
Anne Bing (D).....	Jan. 2022
Emily Griswold (R)	Jan. 2022
Joan Flynn, M.D. (U)	Jan. 2022
Michael Gaffey (D)	Jan. 2020
Tree Warden	
Thomas Degnan	Ex Officio
Water Pollution Control Authority	
Dmitri Tolchinski (R)	Jan. 2022
Donna Bednar (D).....	June 2019
Frank Chan (D)	Jan. 2022
Richard Prendergast, Chair (R).....	Jan. 2021
Andrea Lombard (R).....	Jan. 2021
Douglas Wilkinson (U)	Jan. 2021
Robert McCarthy (D).....	Jan. 2021
Sal Cancelliere (D)	Jan. 2019
Joseph Carpantino (D).....	Jan. 2019
Water Pollution Control Authority Alternates	
Steve Cinami (R)	Jan. 2020
James Birge (U)	Jan. 2021
Water Pollution Control Authority Hearing Panel	
Robert DePianta (D)	July 2019
Zoning Commission Alternates	
Harvey Gemme (U).....	Jan. 2020
Stacy Winchell (R).....	Jan. 2019
Katherine Klose (D)	Jan. 2020

Town Staff

Animal Control Officer	.....	Lynn Philomen
Assistant Animal Control Officers	.....	Leah Russell, Caleb Sapia, Audrey Ulmer
Assessor	.....	Melinda Kronfeld
Administrative Assessment Technician	.....	Maribeth Fraser
Building Department -Administrative Assistant	.....	Kathleen Hall
Building Official	.....	Mark Wayland
Emergency Management Director	.....	David Roberge
Finance Director	.....	Nicole Stajduhar
Assistant to Finance Director	.....	Amy Jensen
Fire Marshal	.....	David Roberge
Health Department Administrative Assistant	.....	Patricia Myers
Health Department, Sanitarian	.....	Ledge Light Health District
Land Use (Inland Wetlands, Planning, Zoning, Zoning Board of Appeals)		
Zoning and Inland Wetlands Enforcement Officer	.....	Keith Rosenfeld
Land Use Administrator	.....	Kim Groves
Zoning Enforcement Technician (Certified)	.....	Kim Barrows
Parks and Recreation Director	.....	Donald Bugbee
Selectman's Office - First Selectwoman	.....	Bonnie Reemsnyder
Selectman's Office -Executive Assistant	.....	Catherine Frank
Selectman's Office – Manager	.....	Michele E. Hayes
Senior Center Director	.....	Stephanie Lyon-Gould
Senior Center Assistant	.....	Cheryl Parsons
Social Services Coordinator	.....	Jennifer Datum
Tax Clerk	.....	Toni O'Connor
Tax Collector	.....	Judy Tooker
Town Clerk	.....	Vicki Urbowicz
Assistant Town Clerk	.....	Courtney Joy

Resident State Trooper: TFC Gregory Hunter

Town Police: Wayne Collins, Sal Milardo, Dominic Solari, Jay Rankin, Kevin Roche, Sam Barnes

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Works Superintendent – Edward Adanti

Recycling Coordinator – Donald Rutty

Ben Carroll	Richard Gocka
Scott D'Amato	Brian Lorentson
Paul Fiore	Robert Perry
Lawrence Galbo	Donald Saunders

Election Results – State Primary August 14, 2018

Democrat

Governor

Ned Lamont – 575*

Joe Ganim – 54

Lieutenant Governor

Susan Bysiewicz – 459*

Eva Bermudez Zimmerman – 162

Treasurer

Shawn Wooden – 375*

Dita Bhargava – 231

Attorney General

William Tong – 325*

Paul R. Doyle – 69

Chris Mattei – 227

Republican

Governor

Mark Boughton – 115*

Timothy M. Herbst – 94

Steve Obsitnik – 89

Bob Stefanowski – 181

David Stemerman – 108

Lieutenant Governor

Joe Markley – 211*

Jayme Stevenson – 109

Erin E. Stewart – 235

United States Senator

Matthew Corey – 407*

Dominic Rapini – 116

Treasurer

Thad Gray – 184*

Art Linares – 365

Comptroller

Kurt Miller – 299*

Mark Greenberg – 231

Attorney General

Sue Hatfield – 446*

John Shaban – 100

*Denotes Party endorsed candidate

Election Results – November 6, 2018

Governor and Lieutenant Governor

Democrat – Ned Lamont & Susan Bysiewicz, 1,961
Republican – Bob Stefanowski & Joe Markley, 2,054 *
Libertarian – Rodney Hanscomb & Jeffrey Thibeault, 9
Other – Mark Stewart Greenstein & John Demitrus, 4
Other – Oz Griebel & Monte E. Frank, 220

Representative in Congress

Democrat – Joe Courtney, 2,671 *
Republican – Danny Postemski, Jr., 1,449
Libertarian – Daniel Reale, 24
Green – Michelle Louise Bicking, 37

State Senator

Democrat – Martha E. Marx, 1,863
Republican – Paul M. Formica, 2,326 *

Comptroller

Democrat – Kevin Lembo, 2,144 *
Republican – Kurt Miller, 1,900
Libertarian – Paul Passarelli, 25
Green – Edward G. Heflin, 35

Secretary of the State

Democrat – Denise Merrill, 2,232 *
Republican – Susan Chapman, 1,859
Libertarian – Heather Lynn Sylvestre Gwynn, 29
Green – S. Michael DeRosa, 29

Question 1:

Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to ensure (1) that all moneys contained in the Special Transportation Fund be used solely for transportation purposes, including the payment of debts of the state incurred for transportation purposes, and (2) that sources of funds deposited in the Special Transportation Fund be deposited in said fund so long as such sources are authorized by statute to be collected or received by the state?
Yes: 3,196 *; No: 321

*Indicates Old Lyme Results

U.S. Senator

Democrat – Christopher S. Murphy, 2,435 *
Republican – Matthew Corey, 1,732
Libertarian – Richard Lion, 16
Green – Jeff Russell, 15

Treasurer

Democrat – Shawn Wooden, 2,175 *
Republican – Thad Gray, 1,891
Libertarian – Jesse Brohinsky, 31

State Representative

Democrat – Matt Pugliese, 1,890
Republican – Devin R. Carney, 2,292 *

Attorney General

Democrat – William Tong, 2,052
Republican – Sue Hatfield, 2,057 *
Green – Peter D. Goselin, 44

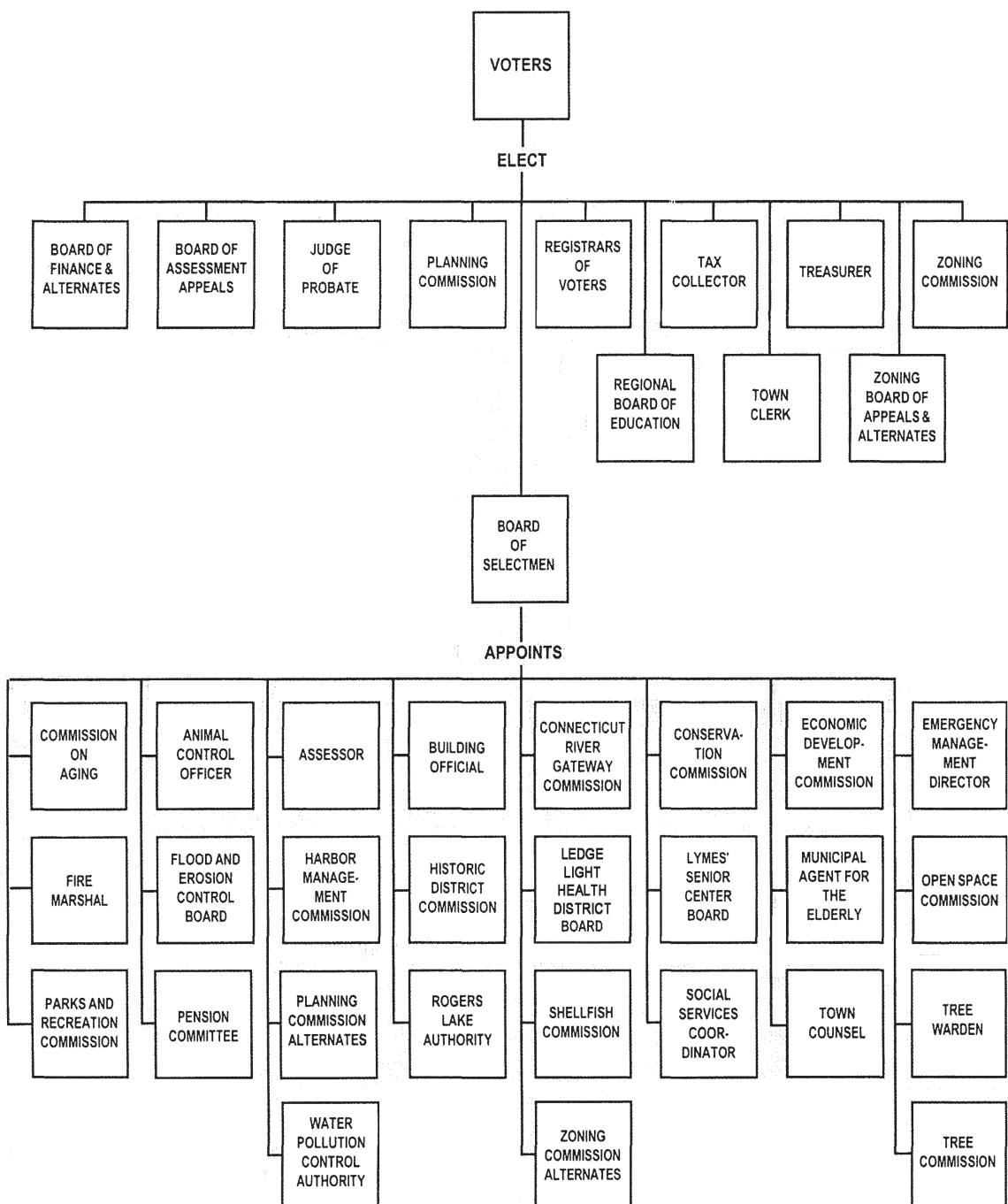
Judge of Probate

Jeffrey A. McNamara, 4,043 *

Question 2:

Shall the Constitution of the State be amended to require (1) a public hearing and the enactment of legislation limited in subject matter to the transfer, sale or disposition of state-owned or state controlled real property or interests in real property in order for the General Assembly to require a state agency to sell, transfer or dispose of any real property or interest in real property that is under the custody or control of the agency, and (2) if such property is under the custody or control of the Department of Agriculture or the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, that such enactment of legislation be passed by a two-thirds vote of the total membership of each house of the General Assembly? Yes: 3,034 *; No: 417

Organization Chart



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

U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal

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Marriages July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Elise Springer & Glenna Robin Price.....	July 1, 2018
Carleton John Birk & Rhonda Lee Baker (Haddam)	July 6, 2018
Robert Gregory Holub & Corinne Mary Merjave.....	July 6, 2018
Thomas Michael Richard & Jacqueline Thorne LaRonde	July 7, 2018
Nicholas Denis Gagnon & Amanda Lee Miller.....	July 7, 2018
Ian Matthew Altvater & Lauren Pearl Lamourine	July 15, 2018
Troy Karlin Holden & Nora Katherine Demenus	July 16, 2018
Joseph Soren Conderino & Catherine Clare O'Brien	July 21, 2018
William Harold Weedon III & Carolyn Adele Murtha	July 28, 2018
Ardasher Abdurashidovich Khashimov & Katherine Anne Long.....	July 30, 2018
Kyle Travis Choisy & Jillian Wolcott Phelps (Clinton)	August 3, 2018
Timothy Michael Goss & Stacy S. Boisseau	August 4, 2018
Alexander Harold Leighton & Rianna Nicole DiBartolo-Cordovano	August 4, 2018
Aaron Francis Baldwin & JingYa Tao	August 18, 2018
Mark Davis & Ashley Glenn Miller	August 18, 2018
Michael Christopher Sevigny & Chelsea Ashtin Binkowski.....	August 18, 2018
Pierre Michel Descollines & Sarah Louise Fernandes.....	August 24, 2018
Shawn D. Dickinson & Arlene Yvonne Farrelly	August 25, 2018
Ryan Christopher Welch & Bridget Anne Chase (Essex).....	September 1, 2018
John N. Metaxas & Lisa F. Walsh	September 1, 2018
James William Walsh & Marissa Lyn Brodie	September 1, 2018
John Joseph Dean & Nicole Dianne Mariani	September 2, 2018
Michael Day Sargent, Jr. & Kelly Erin Smith	September 7, 2018
Erik Anderson & Samantha Nicole Lynde	September 8, 2018
Johnathon Richard Stutz & Winona Rachelle Keeney	September 8, 2018
Brian Donald Pendleton & Portia Eleanor Kimbis (Waterford)	September 8, 2018
Jonathan Christopher Cote & Sofya Politi	September 8, 2018
Luke deRoode Whitmore & Mara Shaw Fischer.....	September 15, 2018
Glenn David Speer & Kathleen Marie Nelson.....	September 15, 2018
Daniel Joseph Feeney & Jennifer Melissa Swiatowicz (East Lyme)	September 15, 2018
Brandon David Ryerson & Kimberly Gayle Anderson (Wethersfield)	September 16, 2018
William Thomas Kacheris & Alexandra Wilhelmina Arute.....	September 22, 2018
James Hamilton Jewett & Amanda Marie Barone.....	September 22, 2018
Jonathan Taborda & Katrien Frances Vanstaen.....	September 29, 2018
Alexander Edward Tuneski & Joanna Lefkothea Anastasiou (Orange).....	September 29, 2018
Michael James Vezzoli & Briana Lisa Wheatley (East Haddam)	October 5, 2018
Jonathan Ross Guthart & Lisa Ann Semel	October 6, 2018
Joseph Michael Granata & Tricia Jean Chapman.....	October 7, 2018
Morgan Elizabeth Parsons & Erin Noreen McIntosh.....	October 13, 2018
Nathan Richard Melanson & Danielle Christine Maciag (South Windsor)	October 14, 2018
Christopher Fowler Beaudro & Claire Helene DePalma.....	October 14, 2018
George Thomas Hayes III & Kaitlin Elizabeth Quish	October 20, 2018
Padriac Michael White & Emily Jean Scott	October 20, 2018
Adam Douglas Gratton & Aldith Mechalia St. Marthe.....	October 20, 2018
Michael Flavian Walsh & Cammi Ann Modlesky (Clinton)	October 21, 2018
Matthew Michael Hross & Alison Melissa Gouette	October 21, 2018
Edward Eugene Vidou & Kayla Danielle Van Voorhies (Farmington).....	October 21, 2018
Michael Raymond Haugen & Linsey Anne Taylor.....	October 27, 2018
Matthew Steven Flammini & Fallon Katherine Keating	October 27, 2018
Ryan Paul Marra & Jaqueline Susan Campbell (Clinton)	November 17, 2018

Marriages July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 (continued)

Henry Walker Egloff & Jennifer Lauren Fisher.....	November 20, 2018
Conor Hallahan Stanley & Katie Taylor Byrnes.....	December 15, 2018
Adam Easton Kirk & Melissa Ann Johnson.....	December 16, 2018
Nicola Alessandro Meinardi & Kathleen Marie Baldassarre	December 21, 2018
Charles E. Trombley, Jr. & Tracey Lynn Maheux.....	March 22, 2019
Jose L. Cajamarca & Greicy M. Martinez	April 1, 2019
Alexander Christopher Bozenhard & Taylor Jo Ballek.....	April 16, 2019
David Alexander Humeston & Hannah Joy Collins (Groton).....	April 20, 2019
Richard Lino Baldoni, Jr. & Alexis A. Yusov	April 20, 2019
George Bowen Cook, Jr. & Kayla Brittany McGlew	April 26, 2019
Max Tyler Rerrick & Anne Jacqueline Blackie.....	May 11, 2019
Steven Michael Avery & Lynda Sue Bolat	May 11, 2019
Ryan Jacob Keller & Mary Elizabeth Gionfriddo.....	May 11, 2019
Joseph A'kos Horvath & Natalie Marie Green.....	May 18, 2019
Trevor Aron Turgeon & Catherine Mary Hines.....	May 18, 2019
Corey Joseph Morelli & Andrea Stevens Kelly	May 24, 2019
John Bryan Bunn & Leslie Ann Bilello.....	May 25, 2019
Michael Ryan LaFleur & Stephanie Marie Kimball (Madison).....	May 26, 2019
Eric Charles Wade & Gretchen Emily Wortman	June 1, 2019
Zachary Richard Lavender & Caitlin Lee Campbell	June 1, 2019
Hans Michael Schaefer & Heidi Bruegmann	June 2, 2019
David Charles Williams & Kaylee Lynne Fontanella	June 8, 2019
Evan David Gross & Danielle Genevieve Caisse (East Lyme).....	June 14, 2019
Christopher Michael Ostby & Jennifer Marie Jones	June 15, 2019
John Mooney Cagianello & Sonia Cristina Alves.....	June 15, 2019
Benjamin Tyler Franke & Lindsey Elizabeth Adams	June 15, 2019
Ryan William Amspacher & Melissa Catherine Sanders.....	June 22, 2019
Thomas Logan Livingston & Meredith Lacey Spratt	June 22, 2019
David Michael Parrish II & Samantha Irene Bean	June 22, 2019
Casey Paul McCarthy & Eliisa Letourneau Savage (East Haven)	June 22, 2019
Michael Joseph Foley & Martha Jane Whittle	June 29, 2019
Lucas Christian Petersen & Gina Marie Trovato	June 29, 2019
Ryan Thomas Culley & Carrie Elizabeth Farago (Stonington)	June 30, 2019

Deaths July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019

Richard E. Grogan (Hartford)	July 4, 2018
Frank Cucurello, Jr. (Waterford)	July 4, 2018
Lillian Adeline Haglund	July 6, 2018
Richard B. Rogers (Essex)	July 14, 2018
David G. Birkic (Branford)	August 1, 2018
Steven Newton Davis (Seattle, WA)	August 3, 2018
John N. Ciarcia, Jr. (Westbrook)	August 4, 2018
Joseph Anthony Ciccaglione, Jr. (Hartford)	August 9, 2018
Peter Chisholm Dowling (Middletown)	August 10, 2018
Willis Howard Stepp III	August 12, 2018
Beatrice Gold	August 13, 2018
Susan M. Woody (East Lyme)	August 16, 2018
Allen Lloyd Klibanoff	September 4, 2018
Diana Trumble	September 14, 2018
Cheryl Ann Czarnaty Shirley (Branford)	September 19, 2018
Emily Gail Roberts	September 25, 2018
Vivian Joan Zolotas (Niantic)	September 26, 2018
Joseph George Cleary, Jr. (Middletown)	October 1, 2018
Helen F. Searle	October 1, 2018
Grace Valentine Janeff (Waterford)	October 2, 2018
Eleanor Barbara Rickel	October 6, 2018
Jeremy S. Iaia	October 19, 2018
Ronald F. Foose	October 26, 2018
Norton Pinzer (New Haven)	October 29, 2018
Dorothy Lois Saunders	October 30, 2018
Barbara Lee Gregory (Middletown)	October 30, 2018
Mary A. Misiaszek (Niantic)	October 31, 2018
Skyler Harris Jenkins	November 6, 2018
William J. Nelson	November 8, 2018
Catherine A. Decker	November 9, 2018
Erin Jo McSweeney (New London)	November 11, 2018
Patrick L. Cotter (New Haven)	November 17, 2018
Alison Ratner (New London)	November 21, 2018
Dr. William John Hostnik (Groton)	December 1, 2018
Joseph Donald Colwick (New London)	December 8, 2018
Robert Erwin Chester (New Haven)	December 15, 2018
Alan Jay Holmes (New Haven)	December 15, 2018
Mildred Jean Jackson (Niantic)	December 16, 2018
George Thomas Najarian (Middletown)	December 25, 2018
John D. MacDougall	January 2, 2019
Lena Vezzoli (New London)	January 3, 2019
Howard McKee (Middletown)	January 7, 2019
Mitchell Green	January 9, 2019
Ugo P. Vezzoli (New London)	January 9, 2019
Salvatore J. Osso, Jr. (Middletown)	January 12, 2019
Harry Mulford Jewett III	January 26, 2019
Bertram S. Dean, Sr.	January 28, 2019
Gale (Pete) G. Neilsen	February 1, 2019
Madeleine Carla Cotter	February 6, 2019

Deaths July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019 *(continued)*

Mary Ellen Carfi (New London)	February 13, 2019
Anne D. Kinsella.....	March 5, 2019
James Raymond Howe (New Haven)	March 8, 2019
Joan Ryan (Niantic)	March 14, 2019
Ann Marie Tyler	April 2, 2019
Mark A. Tyler	April 2, 2019
Irving Charles LaMay (New London)	April 5, 2019
David Roy Ornberg (Westbrook)	April 6, 2019
Ronald Meredith Smith (New London)	April 6, 2019
Barbara S. Traskos (New London).....	April 9, 2019
James F. Ward, Sr. (Old Saybrook)	April 10, 2019
Barbara Ford Wernick (Old Saybrook)	April 10, 2019
Albert L. Jeffers (New Haven).....	April 12, 2019
George Griggs III	April 21, 2019
Elizabeth K. Sullivan (Westbrook)	April 28, 2019
Mary A. Kirkland (Niantic)	April 28, 2019
James G. Keenan	May 11, 2019
Patricia W. Gilman (Middletown).....	May 11, 2019
Joan Sasha Finn (Niantic).....	May 15, 2019
Ettore J. Avena (New London)	May 17, 2019
Benjamin Lester Jones, Jr. (New Haven).....	May 18, 2019
Paul Howard Nelson	May 24, 2019
Dr. Russell A. Giordano (Waterford).....	May 29, 2019
Neil Lewis Feinberg	June 9, 2019
Robert Alan Martin (New Haven)	June 11, 2019
Frederick F. Cavanaugh (New London)	June 17, 2019
Lawrence Merle Merrill, Sr. (Branford).....	June 17, 2019
Patricia Irene Angus	June 19, 2019

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Committee

Jennifer Datum
ADA Coordinator

Meetings: Alternate months

The Town of Old Lyme ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) Committee meets every other month. Our notice under the Americans with Disabilities Act is published on the town website, along with our meeting minutes.

Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication or a modification of policies or procedures to participate in a program, service, or activity of the Town of Old Lyme should contact ADA Coordinator Jennifer Datum at 860-434-1605 Ext 228 as soon as possible but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event. The ADA does not require the Town of Old Lyme to take any

action that would fundamentally alter the nature of its programs or services or impose an undue financial or administrative burden. Questions, concerns, requests for additional information regarding the ADA, or complaints that a program, service, or activity of the Town of Old Lyme is not accessible to persons with disabilities should be directed to Jennifer Datum as well.

Two of the projects we have been working on are assistive listening devices that can be used in Memorial Town Hall's meeting room when the sound system is on and a beach mat for White Sands Beach that will make getting from the parking lot to the water easier for those with mobility issues.

Assessor

Melinda R. Kronfeld, CCMA I
Assessor

The rise in motor vehicle registrations and residential new construction influenced the growth of the 2018 Grand List, showing a slight increase from \$1,582,068,844 in 2017 to \$1,585,659,738 in 2018.

The anticipated 2019 town-wide revaluation data collection began at the start of the summer and will continue until completed. Watch for updates and mailings through January 2020.

Deadlines for exemptions, filing deadlines, and other points of interest from the assessor's office can be found on our website. Watch for quarterly updates with current deadlines printed in the Old Lyme Events.

Mickie Fraser, AAT
Administrative Assessment Technician

Our office is open from 9 A.M. to 4 P.M. Monday through Friday. Mickie Fraser, Administrative Assessment Technician, is happy to answer your questions at 860-434-1605 x 219. Melinda Kronfeld can be reached at extension 218. Both can be contacted by email at assessor@oldlyme-ct.gov.

Board of Finance

Andy Russell
Chairman

We understand the majority of our tax income comes from homeowners' property tax; we are mindful of the fact that our residents are stretched financially and the demands that are on them. Your Old Lyme Board of Finance continues to be very conservative as the availability of funds from Hartford continues to disappear.

The financial report for the 2019 FY year that ended on June 30, 2019 shows that we collected over \$327,000 more in taxes than budgeted, thanks to our taxpayers and our tax collector, Judy Tooker. Our total revenues were \$757,543 higher than anticipated. Intergovernmental revenues from the state were more than budgeted. Thanks to our Town Treasurer Tim Griswold and Finance Director Nicole Stajduhar's management of our funds, our investment income was \$187,490 higher than budgeted.

We also spent \$471,495 less than budgeted. The savings were realized from many areas of the budget, including a savings of over \$49,000 on our insurance line and just under \$68,000 in savings from our boards and commissions. We thank our town employees, boards and commissions, and Nicole Stajduhar. We continue to strive to keep the recommended fund balance for us to maintain our strong bond above the recommended 15 percent of our total town budget, including our share of Region 18's budget. As of June 30, 2019 we are at \$9,008,689, or 25 percent of our budget.

We invested over \$400,000 in our town roads as a part of our regular budget. We continue to support through budgeting the maintenance and replacement of our equipment and buildings at Public Works, Police, and Fire Departments.

We have some larger projects we are anticipating that include replacing and repairing bridges on Mile Creek Road and on Grassy Hill Road. We have added insulation and converted to LED lights in our firehouses and town hall to make them more energy efficient. We are completing an upgrade to our radio systems in town and investing in making sure our computer systems are up to date so we are protected from outside attacks and have a strong recovery program. We also have budgeted funds to maintain the Senior Center.

We schedule purchases of larger capital items and projects with funds from multiple years to soften the impact to taxpayers. The most significant items in this category are our fire trucks, our roads, and Open Space. We budgeted the final monies to purchase two replacements fire trucks that will be delivered late in 2019; we have been setting aside funds for this purchase over the last six years. We have a rolling replacement program for our fire apparatus. Our volunteers do a great job maintaining the vehicles so we get twenty years of service from them. Total replacement is necessary at that time because it becomes difficult to get replacement parts for them.

Our thanks need to go to board secretary Michele E. Hayes and our town report editor, Michele Dickey.

As chairman of the Board of Finance, I would like to thank my fellow members of the Board of Finance, our Board of Selectmen, and town employees for their help with the budget process. I would also like to invite you to join us during the budget process; our regular meetings are the third Tuesday of each month, and we meet every Tuesday during February and March.

Building Department

Mark Wayland
Building Official

Building Permits Issued

from 7/1/2018 to 6/30/2019

4	Permits -	Accessory Buildings	\$22,150.00
25	Permits -	Additions	\$711,542.00
2	Permits -	Additions/Alterations	\$407,000.00
73	Permits -	Alterations	\$3,665,350.00
6	Permits -	Demolition.....	\$0.00
214	Permits -	Electrical	\$467,592.00
11	Permits -	Foundation	\$3,609,998.00
7	Permits -	Garage	\$315,140.00
154	Permits -	Heating, A/C.....	\$1,002,694.00
12	Permits -	New Residence.....	\$0.00
193	Permits -	Plumbing	\$286,206.00
3	Permits -	Pools.....	\$112,125.00
151	Permits -	Repairs.....	\$2,239,329.00
10	Permits -	Replace Fuel Tanks.....	\$136,800.00
2	Permit -	Satellite Antenna	\$55,000.00
18	Permits -	Temporary Structures	\$70,475.00
1	Permit	Tenant Improvements.....	\$10,000.00
4	Permits -	Wood Stoves	\$0.00
		Total Cost of Permits Issued.....	\$13,101,401.00
		<i>Total Number of Permits Issued.....</i>	889
		<i>Total Fees Received During Fiscal Year</i>	\$129,107.00
		<i>Total Cost of Permits Issued</i>	\$13,101,401.00

Citizen of the Year – 2018

The Board of Selectmen names **Robert Doyen** The Town of Old Lyme's Citizen of the Year

What does our 2018 Citizen of the Year have in common with Eunice Kennedy Shriver, Susan Saint James, and Walt Disney's Black Beauty? These celebrities came to Old Lyme for the Special Olympics in 1994 - the same year that Bob Doyen was first appointed to the Harbor Management Commission.

A 25-year member of Harbor Management, Bob has served that Commission as both Treasurer and Vice Chair. His appointment to Harbor Management was a perfect fit. As Bob explains on his realtor website, "Having grown up on Fishers Island, the move to areas along the Connecticut shoreline and the Connecticut River was a natural one. The River and Sound have a tremendous amount to offer, be it fishing, boating or beaches. You couldn't ask for a better place to live."

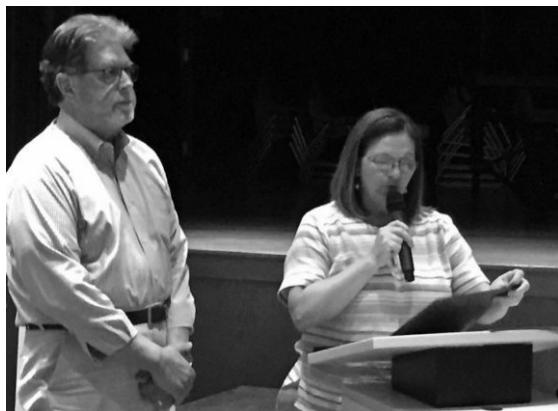
Bob joined the Old Lyme Volunteer Fire Department in 1988 and has held the offices of Lieutenant and Purchasing Agent for the department. An active Apparatus driver, Marine operator and Pump operator, he assists in training new Apparatus drivers and Marine operators.

Bob Doyen's 30+ years of service have earned him a reputation in the Fire Department for his willingness to pitch in whenever he is needed. He has been a member of the Old Lyme Volunteer Fire Department's Apparatus Committee (responsible for designing the specifications and purchasing new apparatus) throughout his tenure with the department. That committee is responsible for developing the specifications for new apparatus for the department.

We thank Bob Doyen for his lengthy service to our community as we proudly name him an Old Lyme celebrity -- our 2018 Citizen of the Year.



Old Lyme's 2018 Citizen of the Year is Robert Doyen, shown with wife, Barbara, and First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder (Photo by Mary Jo Nosal, courtesy of LymeLine.com)



First Selectwoman Bonnie Reemsnyder reads the proclamation announcing Bob Doyen as Citizen of the Year for 2018 (Photo by Mary Jo Nosal, courtesy of LymeLine.com)

Connecticut Audubon Society

Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center

Alisha Milardo
Director

www.ctaudubon.org
Email: rtpec@ctaudubon.org

The Connecticut Audubon Society's Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center (RTPEC), named for the internationally and locally renowned artist and scientific illustrator, works to conserve the coastal and estuarine environment of southeastern Connecticut, specifically the Connecticut River Estuary. This mission is carried out through science-based education, research, and advocacy programs that educate and inform the public and encourage conservation of the diverse ecosystems of the region, its habitats, and its wildlife. RTPEC's goal is to maximize public engagement by providing programs and expertise that advance a broader understanding and awareness of environmental issues that can serve as a catalyst for conservation action and advocacy.

In 2019, Alisha Milardo was named as the new center director, succeeding Eleanor Robinson, who served as center director since 2016. Ms. Robinson returned to the RTPEC board, of which she was a founding member.

The RTPEC's environmental education programs use the latest scientific equipment and are aligned to the Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS). In RTPEC programs, students observe, measure, record data, and illustrate their findings in a specially prepared science journal. They study animal and plant adaptations, climate and weather, wetland ecology, and earth and land systems. Classes and subjects are tailored to the specific needs of each school and each class. During the 2018-2019 school year, the number of students who participated in a RTPEC program reached 2,300.

RTPEC is proud to host our Connecticut River Lecture Series offering free lectures from renowned experts in environmental science, art, and literature fields. Now in our fifth year, we have reached a milestone of 2,945 attendees! The 2019 lecture series presented a historical perspective on how climate events have affected our forests and trees, how to protect wildlife habitats, and a look at some familiar birds inhabiting our ecosystem.

This year we introduced a six-week summer camp, located out of the Lyme-Old Lyme High School for children ages five through eleven.

Campers explored different habitats; investigated animal adaptations; and discovered the amazing world of insects, birds, and amphibians using different scientific tools, equipment, and technology.

Facilitating Scientific Research is another priority of the RTPEC. Currently we are undertaking a multi-year project researching Submerged Aquatic Vegetation (SAV) in the estuary. The study, conducted by interns from Mount Holyoke College and Connecticut College under the direction of a Connecticut Audubon Society biologist, is collecting data within the CT River Estuary to update a twenty-year-old survey and identify native and invasive plant species.

In fall 2018, scientists from the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the University of Massachusetts Amherst, with assistance from the RTPEC, initiated the first-ever count of tree swallows. Using Goose Island in Old Lyme they hope to develop a model that will enable an accurate count of the birds' nearby roost.

Additionally, we run seasonal adult and family programming including our monthly Birding Basics walk, guided trail and shoreline hikes, teacher-naturalist led kayak paddles and more!

Program Statistics:

- 2,300 total students served from 10 Middlesex and New London County schools
- 1,598 members of the public served through family and adult programming
- 2,945 total attendees of the Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Lecture Series
- 4 college interns conducted research on aquatic plants in the estuary
- 6 research scientists from 4 universities and NOAA on RTPEC Scientific Advisory Board

Connecticut Audubon Society

Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center *(continued)*



Stream study with Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Explorers summer camp



Swallow study in 2019 off Goose Island, Old Lyme

Connecticut River Gateway Commission

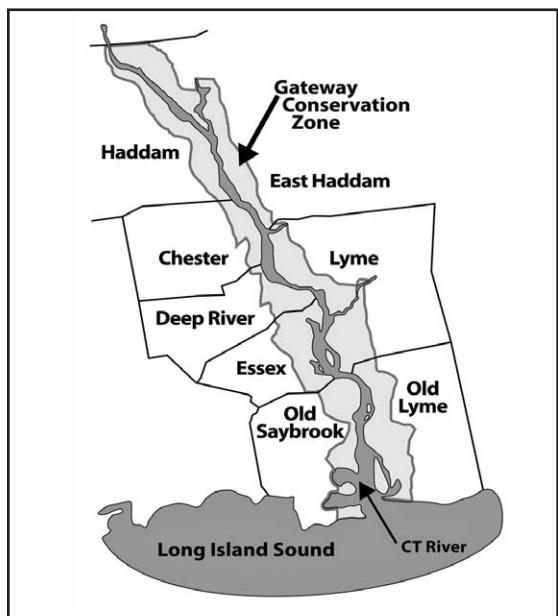
Peter Cable and Suzanne Thompson
Old Lyme Representatives

Meetings: 4th Thursdays at 7 P.M., RiverCOG Office, Essex
www.ctrivergateway.org

In 1974 the Connecticut General Assembly recognized the natural, recreational, and scenic importance of the Lower Connecticut River Valley by establishing the Connecticut River Gateway Commission with membership from eight towns, two regional agencies, and the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection. The commission manages the Gateway Conservation Zone, which includes portions of the eight commission towns (Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Haddam, Essex, Lyme, Old Lyme, and Old Saybrook, including the Borough of Fenwick) within view of the river and is roughly thirty miles in length.

The Nature Conservancy has recognized the lower Connecticut River as one of its “last great places,” and the river’s tidal flats were identified as an “internationally significant” habitat for waterfowl under the terms of the international Ramsar Convention. In addition 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

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The Connecticut River Gateway Commission is responsible for regulating development through local zoning regulations within the conservation zone around the Connecticut River.

Connecticut River Gateway Commission *(continued)*

declared one of fourteen American Heritage Rivers by the President of the United States.

Much of the Gateway Commission's work focuses on protection of the river valley's scenic virtues. Through its establishment the commission has the power to adopt common zoning standards for building setback, height, and lot coverage, which member towns adopt and enforce within the Gateway Conservation Zone. The commission reviews and acts on zoning and regulations changes and variance applications affecting land within the Conservation Zone referred to it by member town boards and commissions. Zone changes or regulations changes proposed within the Conservation Zone cannot become effective without Gateway Commission concurrence. In addition, since its inception the commission has worked with other land protection groups to acquire over 1,000 acres of land through purchase or donation of scenic easements, development rights, or fee simple titles.

A significant Gateway Commission event in fiscal year 2019 was adoption, effective in October 2018, of revisions to the Connecticut River Gateway Commission Standards, the last such revision being the 2004 amendments to the standards originally adopted in 1973. Another significant commission event was the election, at the October 2018 annual meeting, of Suzanne Thompson, Old Lyme Commission representative, as chair of the commission.

Connecticut River Gateway Commission meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of the month at the offices of River COG in Essex. All meetings start at 7 p.m. unless otherwise specified. For more information contact River COG Deputy Director and Gateway staff J. H. Torrance Downes at 860-581-8554 or at tdownes@rivercog.org. Contact and meeting information can also be found on the web at www.ctrivergateway.org.

Economic Development Commission

Justin D. Fuller and Howard Margules
Co-Chairs

Meetings: First Wednesdays, 5 p.m., Memorial Town Hall
[https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/economic-development-commission](http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/economic-development-commission)
EDC@oldlyme-ct.gov

It has been an exciting year for the Economic Development Commission (EDC). With the unanimous support of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance, we began a comprehensive study of the current economic conditions and trends that impact Old Lyme. The EDC received funding in the 2018/2019 budget to conduct a survey of town businesses and residents and hold two strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats (SWOT) workshops. The EDC also requested and received funding in the 2019/2020 budget to conduct a more detailed feasibility study of the town's economic condition.

The EDC is committed to working openly and collaboratively with all stakeholders, especially town residents and local business owners, in a manner that will maintain and strengthen the local economy while preserving the charm and

character of Old Lyme and protecting the town's natural and cultural resources.

The EDC is working with the Connecticut Economic Resource Center (CERC), a nonprofit corporation and public-private partnership that has a proven track record of helping towns across Connecticut strategically improve their economic conditions.

Municipal Economic Development Training

The collaboration with CERC officially kicked off on April 10, 2019, when the EDC and CERC hosted a free municipal training seminar to answer questions about economic and community development. This free municipal economic development course was designed to help public officials better understand economic development. The EDC and First Selectman's

Economic Development Commission *(continued)*

office encouraged representatives from all town boards, commissions, and committees to attend. Slides from the training are available on the EDC's website.

Survey of Town Residents and Businesses

With the support of the EDC, CERC developed, administered, and analyzed a survey of local businesses and town residents. The purpose of these surveys was to obtain feedback about the perceived economic condition of the town and obtain information that will help guide a future economic development strategy for the town.

The survey was available from July through September, and over 630 residents and 100 businesses responded. The EDC appreciates everyone who took the time to complete the survey. The survey results will be posted on the EDC's website and will be a significant part of the town's economic development strategy.

SWOT Workshops

The goal of the SWOT analysis was to obtain input from a diverse group of stakeholders about the town's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats. A summary of the key take-aways is available on the EDC's website.

Feasibility Study

The analysis will address the entire community with a specific focus on the best options for the Halls Road District as the main commercial corridor.

The project will consist of the following:

- Project Initiation Meeting
- Regional Industry Analysis
- Supply Chain Analysis
- Analysis of Demographic Trends
- Retail Analysis
- Estimation of Housing Demand
- Interpretation of Economic and Industry Trends
- Identification of Industry Opportunities
- Feedback Collection
- Finalization of Findings and Report

"Smart-Growth" Economic Development Strategy

The EDC will use this data to develop a "smart-growth" economic development strategy.

Economic development is the process by which the economic well-being and quality of life of the local community are improved. Economic development does not necessarily mean "growth." The EDC wants to encourage businesses, individuals, and public agencies to continue investment in the community.

The plan will include broad, long-term strategies that set overall direction and objectives for economic development-related activities and investment. It will also provide recommendations that reflect the feelings of residents and local businesses, support entrepreneurial activities, and encourage investment to create an even more vibrant town. The proposals will build upon our strengths and take advantage of opportunities while suggesting ways to address our current weaknesses and future threats.

The report will be publicly available and submitted to the Board of Selectmen and the Planning Commission for consideration in the development of the 2020 Plan of Conservation and Development (POCD).

The EDC is very excited about these ongoing research activities and all the work that lies in store for 2019/2020. The EDC meets at Memorial Town Hall on the first Wednesday of each month. For more information, please visit the EDC's website: <https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/economic-development-commission>.



The EDC hosted a Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) workshop on September 21, 2019, with local business owners, community organizations, and residents. Along with the data from the survey, the SWOT results will be used to inform a "smart" economic development strategy for the town.

Emergency Management

David W. Roberge
Director

Mother Nature gave us a break here on the shoreline again this year with less-than-average snowfall. We had a smaller number of storms, and we weathered through them with no major impacts to the community.

Again this year, the Town of Old Lyme was the recipient of grants totaling \$60,000.00 from the Nuclear Safety Emergency Fund. These funding sources continue to provide for additional response equipment and emergency operations center improvements.

Other projects continue to move forward, including our radio communications upgrades. These improvements will enhance interoperable communications between all town public safety departments, allowing communications along a single bandwidth for improved communications.

We are still expanding our data files for local residents who might have "Special or Functional Needs" in the event of a localized emergency incident. Persons who might have potential mobility problems or transportation needs or might be dependent upon electricity for life support are encouraged to register with this office. A Special Needs Registration Form is included again on the last page of this year's annual report. If you or someone you know in town might be in need of special assistance, please take a moment and complete the form and return it to this office. All information received is maintained confidential.

In addition you can now follow Old Lyme Emergency Management on Facebook and Twitter for important information and storm updates.

Estuary Transit District (ETD)

Joseph Comerford
Executive Director

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

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

ETD's five deviated fixed routes serve the main corridors of the region and provide connections to public transit providers serving the surrounding regions. In addition, ETD

*Meetings: 3rd Fridays of alternate months, 9:30 A.M.,
Estuary Transit District*

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 ETD services are open to all persons with no age or disability restrictions.

ETD's services are subsidized by federal, state, and local funding. This allows for inexpensive fares of \$1.75 for deviated fixed routes, \$.85 for people with disabilities, and \$3.50 for Dial-A-Ride. Students of participating state colleges and universities may ride any deviated fixed route for free with a UPass. ETD 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. Nearly 100,000 passenger trips we provided during the fiscal year.

During the fiscal year, ETD began new deviated fixed-route service between Madison and Middletown along Route 81. This includes the towns of Clinton, Killingworth, and Higganum and Middlesex Community College

Estuary Transit District (ETD) *(continued)*

and connections to CT Transit New Haven, CT Transit Hartford, and Middletown Area Transit.

ETD also began a taxi voucher program for seniors and people with disabilities. The program allows participants half-priced taxi trips to anywhere in Connecticut. Wheelchair-accessible taxis are also available as part of this program.

In January, ETD received the district's first large transit buses. These buses will provide additional capacity on the Old Saybrook to Madison bus route and improve on-time performance. To accommodate these vehicles, ETD will begin providing ADA paratransit service in FY 2019-2020, which will provide door-to-door transportation along this route to those unable to use the route due to a disability.

Beginning in May of 2019, ETD began a pilot Microtransit service in Old Saybrook, Westbrook, and Essex under the XtraMile brand. XtraMile provides on-demand service within the service area to passengers who schedule the bus through a smartphone app or by phone, with no advance scheduling required. The service area was designed to connect the Westbrook and Old Saybrook train stations to residential areas and employers in the region. The pilot will run free of charge through November 2, 2019.

After completing a needs assessment and site selection for a new operating and maintenance

facility in FY 2017-2018, plans were put on hold. ETD is now working with the Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments on a study of the countywide transit needs to determine the best model for providing public transit in the seventeen-town region going forward. This study began in early 2019 and is expected to be completed in April 2020. As part of this study, there will be multiple public outreach events occurring during FY 2019-2020 to assist in formulating a plan for the future of public transit in the region.

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Facilities Management

Phil Parcak

Facilities Manager

During this fiscal year many of the town-owned and operated facilities have done away with outdated incandescent and fluorescent lighting, resulting in an improved work environment and a substantial savings in electrical cost to the town. These have resulted in rebates to the town as well.

Facilities that were converted to LED Lighting include the following:

1. Memorial Town Hall
2. The Department of Public Works facility
3. The Lyme's Senior Center
4. Fire houses at Lyme Street, Boughton Road, and Cross Lane

The town also connected the police station to the now-available public water system. Other work at this facility included washing and painting the exterior, updating HVAC systems, replacing windows, and repairing and/or replacing deteriorated roofing.

Cross Lane Firehouse received new overhead doors, and a new heat pump to both cool and heat the open training area was installed. The balance of this facility will receive new HVAC during the upcoming year, and a new thirty-year roof will be installed.

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Facilities Management *(continued)*

At Hanes Park new restroom facilities are planned. The committee has the design work and utility upgrades in the works, and plans have also been submitted for review. Once the design is finalized, the old restroom building will be demolished and the new, more efficient and accessible restrooms will be constructed.

Included in their scope of work are provisions for accessible route and handicapped parking location. The new restroom facility will be situated so that the entrance will be more visible to park patrons from the boathouse, beach area, and playground.

Fire Marshal

David W. Roberge
Fire Marshal

Minimal damage from the effects of fire were experienced this fiscal year. There were no losses of life or major property losses.

Building inspections for commercial and public buildings continue annually to ensure compliance of their occupants. The annual fire safety inspections of occupancies prescribed by the Fire Code as set forth in Chapter 541 of the Connecticut State Statutes continues along with plan reviews of new commercial construction projects in town. We anticipate continued cooperation from the property owners

and contractors to ensure full compliance with provisions of the Code.

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

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

Florence Griswold Museum

Rebekah Beaulieu
Director

David Dangremond
President

“Transformational” is not a word to be overused. But what happened on the grounds of the Florence Griswold Museum in 2018 was indeed worthy of that adjective. In the fall, site work began on the *Robert F. Schumann Artists’ Trail*. Before the end of the year, invasive trees had been removed and sites for a stormwater garden, bioretention area, event lawn, and the footprint where artist Childe Hassam’s studio once stood had been excavated. In March, it was full steam ahead to finish the project by the end of July. Crews completed earth shaping of the bioretention basin; installed the boardwalk, the Hassam studio footprint, and overlook deck; and laid the half-mile of paths. In total, 242 trees, 452 shrubs, 1,705 bulbs, 2,642 groundcovers, and 8,808 meadow grasses were planted, and a combination of bluebird boxes, songbird boxes, bat boxes, owl boxes, and an osprey nest stand were installed. Our goal is to create habitat for native species and entice a plethora of songbirds, birds of prey, pollinators, and other native fauna. Targeted avian species include barred owls, pileated woodpeckers, cedar waxwings, eastern wild turkeys, American kestrals, scarlet tanagers, snowy egrets, and many others. Like no other time in the museum’s history, visitors have been given the means to experience the artistic, cultural, and ecological history of our site, marking a renewed commitment to the essential character of the natural landscape in our institutional identity. The establishment of the Artists’ Trail further defines the museum as a leader of interdisciplinary and forward-thinking museum interpretation.

During 2018, our exhibitions crossed media, styles, and time periods. *“Art and New England Farm”* used paintings, drawings, and photographs from the mid-nineteenth century to the present day to trace the challenges of farming in New England. *“Paper Trail: American Prints, Drawings, and Watercolors”* followed the “paper trail” of acquisitions and gifts made to the museum over its long history to examine how artists’ approaches to process, including drawing,



Contemporary artist inspired on Artists’ Trail. Photo by Ian Dobbins

etching, painting, and lithography, connect and speak to each other over time. Contemporary artist and Lyme resident Jack Lahav posed timely questions about iconic identities through his nearly seven-foot-tall paintings of more than thirty famous figures for the exhibition *“The Great Americans: Portraits by Jac Lahav.”* For *“Fragile Earth: The Naturalist Impulse in Contemporary Art,”* the museum commissioned four leading contemporary artists to create new work that incorporated and responded to the natural world.

This summer marked the twentieth anniversary of the opening of the Kelly Bill and John W. Hartman Education Center. Kelly and John were passionate about serving the community and wanted to create a space where children and adults could explore the visual arts. We are forever grateful to the Hartman family for supporting this most vital of experiences at the Florence Griswold Museum.

We are pleased to share that our engagement figure increased 5 percent in 2018, growing to just over 80,500 visitors and outreach recipients. The museum staff and trustees are committed to sustaining our momentum and maintaining the highest standards of professionalism as we share the site’s offerings with our ever-expanding audience from around the corner and throughout the world.

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Florence Griswold Museum *(continued)*



Florence Griswold Museum Artists' Trail Opening July 22, 2019 (Photos by Ian Dobbins)

Harbor Management Commission

Steven A. Ross
Chairman

John MacDonald
Vice-Chairman

Harry Plaut
Harbormaster

*Meetings: Second Tuesday of the month, except January, February, and August at 7 P.M.
Memorial Town Hall*

A look back along the waters of Old Lyme:

The Harbor Management Commission (HMC) of Old Lyme was one of the first adopters of a harbor management plan under CT Legislative Act 1984 that authorized municipalities to do so. The plan helps protect the environmental aspects of our harbors and coastal waters. Included in the plan are guidelines for the use and enjoyment of protected harbors and waterways. The plan also contains a review of the potential development of structures along the boundaries of Old Lyme's water frontage. The higher goals of the plan are environmental

safekeeping; public safety; orderly access to harbors, beaches, and natural resources; and maintenance of riparian rights and regulation of mooring fields.

The plan offers guidelines and encouragement for improvement of existing waterfront facilities and welcomes initiatives for creation of new waterfront facilities.

A major focus for the HMC is the oversight and guidance of the Old Lyme Harbormaster (Harry Plaut). The Harbormaster's duties include executing a mooring plan that maintains mooring safety circles and identifies mooring balls with the name of owner and weight of

Harbor Management Commission *(continued)*

anchor. The Harbormaster can issue citations for noncompliance of HMC mooring rules, such as placement of mooring without permit or for noncurrent mooring equipment inspections. The Harbormaster also maintains, for the HMC, two town-owned “guest” moorings in the Calves Island mooring field that can be used free of charge for up to two nights. The Harbormaster also works with law-enforcement agencies including the OLPD and CT DEEP (Dept. of Energy and Environmental Protection) concerning violations of safety precautions, emergency boating situations, and abandoned boats.

The HMC, in concert with the CT DEEP, the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE), and other regulatory agencies, is a participant in the procedural review and approval of waterfront structures such as walkways, platforms, piers, docks, and floats. This zoning-like function is part of the regulated development along our coastal shorefront. Numerous permits are processed each year. HMC ensures that applications for permits meet the standards set forth in the Harbor Management Plan and Dock Standards. Recently the HMC revised the Harbor Management Plan to include an amendment to the Dock Standards by adding a variance procedure; the change recognizes that Dock Standards are to be maintained but may grant minor variances for improved safety and special water conditions.

The HMC processes and issues permits for moorings; records mooring-equipment inspections that are required on a four-year basis; and maintains a list of mooring inspectors, which is made available on the HMC town web site (*oldlyme-ct.gov*).

The HMC collects annual fees of twenty-five dollars per mooring. This past year 144 mooring permits were issued. New this past year was the issuance of red “2019” mooring ball stickers to be placed on the mooring ball to signify that the private mooring had been permitted. This change was not applicable to commercial moorings.

The HMC is responsible for the Town Dinghy Dock located on Ferry Road between CT DEEP and Old Lyme Dock Company. The HMC ensures it is maintained, installed, and hauled. The committee also has oversight of the two boat racks at Pilgrim Landing to make sure they are used in the prescribed manner and are

maintained. The HMC and the town crew clean up the area adjacent to the racks. The HMC has approved and will fund the installation of a kayak rack at this location next year.

In past years the HMC has spearheaded projects to improve the waters and water access in Old Lyme. A significant achievement recently was obtaining funding in 2016 for the dredging of the Black Hall and Four Mile Rivers, with Steven Ross and Ned Farman as primary contacts. This project, which resulted in improved access to commercial marinas and public access to these waterways, was completed at no cost to the town.

The HMC is currently pursuing the improvement of the Lieutenant River west bank access point at Halls Road and the old Route 1 Bow Bridge abutment. The project concept includes an ADA-accessible viewing pier on the west bank. The project is led by Steven Ross, HMC Chairman, and is awaiting funding opportunities by the CT Port Authority SHIPP Grant program. This project is in the planning stages.

This year the HMC has organized a subcommittee led by HMC member Mike Magee to investigate, plan, and implement a kayak accessibility plan for Old Lyme that includes improved access points for kayaks, kayak rack storage, and handicapped access features where feasible. Kayak Committee recommendations are expected in 2020.

The entire Harbor Management Plan and Dock Standards can be found on the town web site under the heading of the Harbor Management Commission. The HMC agendas and meeting minutes are posted there as well, along with links to Mooring Permits, Mooring Inspection Forms, Mooring Inspectors, Dock Standards, and Variance Procedure. The HMC is grateful for the efforts of members Tom Meyer and Teri Lewis, who updated and improved the HMC forms and information on the town web site.

The HMC is in frequent contact with the CT DEEP, CT Harbor Management Association, and CT Port Authority. HMC meetings are open to the public. The standing committee is composed of nine members and three alternates. Openings for alternate members are filled by the board of selectmen from candidates who have applied to be on the board.

Ledge Light Health District

Stephen Mansfield REHS, MPH
Director of Health

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

Environmental Health

LLHD inspects food service establishments to ensure they are compliant with the Connecticut Public Health Code (PHC) and are following good food safety practices. These establishments are inspected based on the risk associated with their level of food preparation activities. LLHD also inspects temporary events where food is served to assure proper food safety practices are being followed and inspects public pools and cosmetology, day care, and lodging establishments to ensure these entities are taking measures to protect the public health.

Our environmental land use staff of five sanitarians, who have more than eighty-five years of combined land use experience, conduct soil testing and plan reviews, groundwater monitoring, and construction inspection activities for building lots served by onsite septic systems and/or wells.

Communicable Disease Prevention

LLHD holds annual free flu vaccination clinics for all ages and provides free vaccinations for new parents, grandparents, and caregivers of infants to protect against Pertussis (whooping

cough) and is now offering free Hepatitis A vaccinations to at-risk populations at shelters, soup kitchens, and needle exchange programs. LLHD provides support to schools and long-term care facilities during reported outbreaks to help prevent the spread of illness. We also provide yearly educational opportunities for infection control personnel in long-term care facilities and schools. We meet monthly with Infection Preventionists from area long-term care facilities to provide education and guidance.

Preparedness Activities

LLHD is a regional leader in emergency preparedness; Director Stephen Mansfield currently represents the public health sector on the Regional Emergency Preparedness Planning Team and is the chair of the DEMHS Region 4 Health Care Coalition (HCC). In addition, he is the preparedness lead and a board member of the Connecticut Association of Directors of Health and is one of three public health representatives on the Connecticut Conference of Municipalities' (CCM) Public Health Committee.

Health Education & Community Outreach

LLHD engages and supports the communities we serve in health education, health promotion, and health policy development activities in a variety of ways. These efforts draw on scientific, evidence-based best practices to ensure that the programmatic processes involved make efficient use of taxpayer dollars while achieving measurable and desired changes in our population's overall health and resilience. LLHD works diligently to secure external funding to support these activities and supplement our municipal members' contributions.

Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce



Rich Shriver
President

Meetings: Third Wednesday evenings, locations vary
<http://www.VisitOldLyme.com>

The Lyme-Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce (LOLCC) meets on the third Wednesday of each month for networking among business professional in our towns at dinners or “Business After Hours” events. Our mission remains unchanged in its focus to be a vibrant organization actively supporting, promoting, and advocating for local business and tourism through community outreach.

President Rich Shriver has sought this year to continue to grow and improve the chamber’s service to the business community and the community at large. Increasing the business community’s connection to the local nonprofit entities, the local schools, and the local governments through the Economic Development Commissions has been this year’s focus.

The LOLCC was a proud partner in the newly-formed Old Lyme Arts District, which hosted the 2018 Old Lyme Midsummer Festival. During the year we held our monthly dinners or “Business After Hours” events at a variety of locations, including the Bee & Thistle Inn; the Hideaway – with a presentation by the owner of the Chocolate Shell; ThreeTrees, LLC – which hosted a talk by the Lyme-Old Lyme Education Foundation; APC Driving; Exencial Wealth Advisors; Dock 11 Café; and Greenhouse Beauty.

We co-hosted “Business Breakfasts” with the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut (“State of the Shoreline”), Lyme-Old Lyme High School (“Economic Development”), and Community Connections (“How Connecticut’s Budget Woes Affect Your Organization”). We held another successful Holiday Dinner at the Old Lyme Inn featuring the Lyme-Old Lyme High School’s Select Singers, and our Annual Dinner at the Old Lyme Country Club was a great success. We also hosted the kick-off event for “Light Up Old Lyme,” which consisted of a Tree-Lighting and Community Carol Sing at the end of November.

The chamber was proud to continue its long tradition of presenting scholarships to local high school students. These awards were presented at the Annual Dinner by State Representative Devin Carney (R-23rd) and State Senator Paul Formica (R-20th). We were delighted that Leslie Traver, LOLHS Business Department Chair, was also able

to attend the dinner. The recipients of the LOLCC 2019 Business leadership Award was awarded to LOLHS senior Alex Montville, while LOLHS senior Penelope Small was awarded the LOLCC 2019 Scholarship for Promise and Achievement in the Arts. Also honored at the meeting were the four 2019 Business Students of the month: Raymond Doll, Brady Sheffield, Jeffy Joshy, and Kamber Hamou. These awards represent the next chapter of the “N. Rutherford Sheffield Memorial Award for Entrepreneurial Promise and Achievement,” established for Lyme-Old Lyme High School juniors in 1999 as a way to honor Mr. Sheffield, a member of the chamber for over fifty years who was highly regarded in our Lyme-Old Lyme community.

The LOLCC Scholarship program has awarded over \$35,000 in scholarships since its inception. The Chamber Scholarship Fund is supported through donations to CMRK clothing donation bins in Lyme and Old Lyme: at the Lyme Firehouse, behind the Bowerbird, at 51 Boston Post Road, and on Route 156 at Shoreline Mowers. The chamber also accepts direct monetary donations to support the scholarships. Details of our scholarship program are available in the LOLHS guidance office and on the chamber’s website.

At the Annual Dinner, Rich Shriver was elected president. Other officers elected, effective June 1, 2019 are Joann Lishing, Secretary, and Tim Griswold, Treasurer. The Board of Directors comprises Dan Henderson, Heather Gagnon, Suzanne Thompson, Laurie Walker, and Jean Wilczynski. At the dinner, President Shriver thanked outgoing board members Gene Chmeil and Doug LoPresti for their support and service.

We always welcome new members to the chamber, so if you are thinking about becoming a member, please come to any meeting as a visitor. We welcome the opportunity to demonstrate just how much membership at \$50 per year has to offer and the numerous ways it can benefit your business. For information about meetings, members, and chamber-sponsored events, visit the chamber website at www.VisitOldLyme.com, and please remember to Buy Local to support all of the businesses in our community.

Lyme-Old Lyme High School

Forty-Sixth Annual Commencement • June 13, 2019

Candidates for Diplomas

Teresa Elisabeth Rosie Allan $\lambda \pi \omega * \ddagger$	Aoife Marie Hufford $\lambda \omega *$	Julia Marie Reynolds
Grace Margaret Ames	Riley May Jacobson	Alexander Jeffrey Riggs
Kendall Michelle Antoniac ω	Mya Lynn Johnson $\lambda \omega$	Jenny Yana Ritchie $\lambda \omega$
Kathryn Sean Atkinson $\lambda \omega \times * \ddagger$	Warren Quonochontaug Jones	Eaven Rivera *
Lewis David Avery	Andrea Rose Kathe	Antonio Manuel Rogers
Madison Olivia Babcock	Jess Talbot Kegley *	James Patrick Rollins
Jacqueline Patricia Barry $\lambda \omega$	Ciara Nicole Klimaszewski $\lambda \omega *$	Quintin Robert Romeo ω
Catherine Marie Battalino $\lambda \pi \omega *$	Michael Matthew Kolesnik	Nicholas Francis Roth $\lambda \omega$
Lauren Ann Birk ω	Sarah Faye Kroes	Sadie Elizabeth Rubitski
Casey Madison Blue $\lambda \pi \omega *$	Savannah Marie Krulikowski	Olivia Leigh Rugg $\lambda \omega$
Mackenzie May Blue $\lambda \pi \omega *$	Jillian Mariah Kus	Noah William Rumm ω
Gary Jonathan Bocian	Sophie Anne Elizabeth Kyle ω	Kellie Marie Sablone $\lambda \pi \omega *$
Jack Ryan Bocian	Henry Alexander Lahm	Caroline Anne Sagristano $\lambda \omega * \ddagger$
Claire Constance Britton $\lambda \pi \omega *$	Elyza Spencer Learned $\lambda \omega$	Ashley Brookes Santiago
Paige Catherine Britton $\lambda \pi \omega *$	Joshua William Liefeld $\omega *$	Anna Ruth Sather $\lambda \omega * \ddagger$
Jocelyn Miracle Campbell	Hunter Thomas Looney	Jacob Elijah Schauder
Abigail Brooke Carlson	Peter Seamus Macadam $\omega *$	Robert Louis Sedlatschek ω
Liam Asher Clark ω	John Thomas Manthous $\pi \omega *$	Justin Colby Shaw
Tyler Wilson Clark ω	Lilah Rose McAndrew	Peter Daniel Sherman
Ann Marie Cote $\lambda \omega *$	Danielle Marie McCarthy $\lambda \omega *$	Maxwell Alexander Sielbeck
John Joseph Coughlin	Brynn Elizabeth McGlinchey $\lambda \pi \omega * \ddagger$	James Liam Slusarz
Lily Marilyn Cox $\omega *$	John Joseph McLaughlin	Penelope Jeanne Small ω
Thomas Martin Creagan	Christopher Arthur Montazella	Neil Richard Smith
Noah Barkley Crolius	Alexander Robert Montville	Sean Thomas Spina
Jacob Logan Curtis	Hannah Nichole Morrison $\lambda \omega \times \ddagger$	Eli Robert St. Germain
Miles Timothy Cutler-Stamm	Nicholas Noah Myers ω	Griffin Rex Standish
Emma Carolyn Danes $\lambda \pi \omega * \ddagger$	Leah Marie Neithamer	Carson Selden Swope $\pi \omega *$
Britney Jean DeRoehn $\lambda \omega *$	Nancy Savannah Noelle Nickerson	Adam Syed ω
Corey Paxton Drummond $\omega \ddagger *$	Emily Anne O'Brien $\lambda \pi \omega * \ddagger$	Emily Xinpeng Tan $\lambda \omega \ddagger$
Grace Anne Edwards ω	Sydney Machnik Ogden	Harleigh Eliza Thomas
Marlena Julianne Elmoznino *	Jacob Thomas Olsen $\lambda \omega$	Ethan Gabriel Tracano
Andy Gabriel Espinal	Thomas William Pennie $\lambda \omega$	Caroline Anna Wallace
Olin Burns Frederiks $\lambda \omega$	Katherine Duyen Reid $\pi \omega *$	Colleen Elizabeth Walsh $\omega \pi * \ddagger$
Evan James Getz	Caitlin Marie Restrepo	Alexander Clay Williams $\lambda \omega \ddagger$
Zachary Thomas Gidius $\omega *$		
Grace Ann Gilbert $\omega *$		
Emily Nicole Grenier ω		
Kylie Erva Hall $\lambda \pi \omega \times * \ddagger$		
Colin Emanuel Hallahan $\lambda \pi \omega *$		
Exavier Jaxon Hanlon-Panko		
Sarah Katherine Hayward $\lambda \pi \omega * \ddagger$		
Haley Rose Heath ω		
Destiny Lynn Heil		
Christian Rene Herrera		
Dylan Steven Hettick-Harlow		
Kate Niamh Hickie $\lambda \pi \omega *$		
Liam Francis Holloway ω		

λ Member National Honor Society, Silver Honor Cord

π Member Spanish Honor Society, Silver Honor Cord

ω Academic Letter Recipient, Gold Academic Distinction Cord

\times Seal of Biliteracy, Gold Academic Distinction Cord

\ddagger National Merit Scholar, Gold Academic Distinction Cord

\ddagger AP Scholar, Gold Academic Distinction Cord

Lyme-Old Lyme High School (continued)

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Lyme-Old Lyme Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1467

Ed Shyloski

National Aide-de-Camp to the VFW Commander-in-Chief

www.vfw.org

Meetings: 4th Mondays except Dec.-Feb., 6 P.M., Lymes' Senior Center



Ed Shyloski '66 (holding flag) and fellow trustees and officers from VFW post 1467 in Old Lyme, Conn. Photograph courtesy Ed Shyloski '66

NO BAR, JUST GOOD WORKS FOR VFW POST 1467

Ed Shyloski '66 and a "small but mighty" VFW chapter in Conn. buck convention while helping veterans in need

by Jane Dunbar

You can't grab a beer at VFW Post 1467 in Old Lyme, Conn. You can't join a round of poker, either. You can't even get inside the building. There *isn't* a building. But if you're a veteran in need, you know exactly where to find members like Ed Shyloski '66. Just pick up the phone, and the 73-year-old Vietnam veteran and former post commander will be there, ready to help.

The post's motto is "No building, no bar, just good works." Shyloski helped polish the credo, and it explains why the Old Lyme post thrives, despite national trends for the VFW. Membership in the venerable veterans' organization has declined from 2.1 million in 1995 to just half that today.

To understand why VFW Post 1467 is booming, one need look no further than Shyloski. Eight years ago, the retired nuclear power executive and his wife Nancy relocated to Old Lyme. Eager to connect with his new community, Shyloski says he tried the Knights of Columbus. But he didn't find playing cards in a bar appealing.

Seeking more purposeful engagement, he discovered VFW Post 1467 and was struck by its unconventional structure. The chapter formed in 1993 without a brick-and-mortar home. Instead, members of the self-described "small but mighty" post met monthly in an Old Lyme senior center. Free from the financial burdens and legal liabilities of a canteen (VFW-speak for "bar"), members focused instead on ways to help local veterans, funding their efforts with donations collected via community based events and outreach.

Naturally, Shyloski signed up. Seeing an opportunity to leverage the chapter's unique approach, he successfully lobbied post members to tweak their motto. The resonance of their new credo helped spark membership growth that now attracts veterans from across the state.

Lyme-Old Lyme VFW Post #1467 *(continued)*

In the photo opposite:

The VFW members (left to right): Jack Sikora (deceased 10/25/18), John Donnelly, Edward Shyloski, Post Trustee Andy Brennan, Doug Wilkinson, Christopher H. Johnston (deceased 3/2/18), Post Trustee Joe Lacasse, Tim Griswold, Post Commander Dave Griswold (NOTE: all Vietnam veterans to the left), and in uniform, Post Senior Vice Commander Larry Olsen, Retired Navy CPT, and Post Adjutant James Scott, Retired Major, US Marines.

The change also captured the attention of an anonymous benefactor, who in 2014 donated \$10,000 to seed the post's flagship Vets in Need program. The initiative provides small grants for car repairs, gas money, utility bills, handicap adaptations, and even school lunch payments for veterans' kids.

Supported by a growing circle of individual donors and charitable partners, Vets in Need has provided close to \$30,000 in emergency assistance to more than 60 individuals to date.

"Every social worker in the state knows who we are," Shyloski says. So, too, do veterans themselves. Post trustees publish their contact info in the local newspaper, inviting vets to call them at home or email if they need help.

The threshold to receive help is set intentionally low, Shyloski explains. Because grants rarely exceed a few thousand dollars at most, "we take things at face value," he says. "Veterans don't ask for help unless they truly need it."

Veterans simply need to show their DD Form 214, the certificate of release or discharge from active duty. It only takes two of the post's three trustees to approve the veteran's request for assistance for help to follow.

Trustees do favor requests that empower applicants to better themselves going forward. For example, the post recently partnered with the nonprofit Work Vessels for Vets to

provide a quality used car—and reliable work transportation—for a young Navy veteran who previously struggled to survive on \$500 a month.

"It's people like you who keep us war vets going," the single mom wrote in an email. "I would love to meet you in person, tears and all."

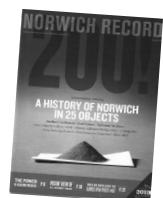
Founded in 1899, the VFW has long served as a voice for military members and their families. However, Shyloski says the perception of the VFW today is often associated with the bars that many chapters operate to fund their philanthropic endeavors.

"Right or wrong, the canteen model has cast the VFW in a particular light—one that can blind potential members to a bigger picture," he says. "When you want to serve others, but perceive your local Post as a place where aging veterans indulge in cheap beer, you probably won't get involved. You can't do good works from a bar stool."

The Old Lyme VFW post is atypical for now. Shyloski hopes some of its lessons can be shared more broadly with the national organization, one whose mission and members he strongly supports. (He currently serves as national aide-de-camp for the VFW's commander in chief.)

"We absolutely believe that our success can be a model for declining posts that are determined to survive," Shyloski says. "When you build a purposeful mission, the members and the donors will come." ■

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Lymes' Senior Center

Stephanie Gould
Director

www.seniorcenterct.org/lyme-old-lyme/

Lymes' Senior Center recently changed its population served to age 55 and over...or as we like to call it, 55 and better!! We welcomed over 26,000 people through our doors in the 2018-2019 fiscal year. We offered a variety of educational courses, art classes, health programs, exercise programs, hiking, dance classes, financial fraud and scam alert programs, entertainment, special programs, games, recently released movies, baby boomer activities, computer and streaming classes, lunches, outdoor concerts in July, day trips, cruises, 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 early morning, evening, and weekend programs. Please check the monthly newsletter or our website www.seniorcenterct.org/lyme-old-lyme/ for specific times. Newsletters get sent to all members; the membership is \$5.00 a year for members in the towns of Lyme and Old Lyme. Please feel free to contact Stephanie Lyon-Gould, Director, at 860-434-1605 ext. 240 or stop by this beautiful facility and grounds if you have any questions.



Listed below are just some of the highlights of the 2018-2019 fiscal year!

New Programs and Services added this year:

- All about the Cloud classes
- Classes on Streaming Cable TV
- Low-Impact High-Energy Dance Fitness Class
- History of Old-Time Radio Program Series
- Creative Writing and Poetry Classes
- Chinese Brush Painting Classes
- Cribbage
- The Probate Court Process & What Matters They Handle
- Holiday Dance Show put on by our Dance Classes
- Vision Screenings
- Motivational Speakers

Program Statistics

We held 187 unique programs this year! We also offered many ongoing programs and activities that meet weekly and monthly.

- 15 exercise and dance classes weekly
- 6 games and activities weekly (e.g., multiple card groups, horseshoes, Wii bowling, bocce ball)
- 5 special luncheons throughout the year
- 3 art classes/art workshops weekly
- 13 day trips/5 overnight trips and cruises throughout the year
- 17 health programs/lectures throughout the year
- 17 historical lectures/ lifelong learning classes throughout the year
- 7 Retirement, Financial and Scam Programs
- 4 Motivational Speaker Programs
- 34 entertainment programs throughout the year
- 5 computer classes, phone classes, and streaming classes
- 11 Recently Released Movie Showings
- 4 Outdoor Summer Concerts and Ice Cream Socials

Services offered at the center: hearing clinics, haircuts, foot care clinics, flu shots, blood pressure clinics, nursing advice, AARP safe driving classes, Medicare help, vision screening

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Lymes' Youth Service Bureau

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The mission of the Lymes' Youth Service Bureau (LYSB) is to empower and enrich the lives of youth and families in our community through a wide range of innovative and effective programs.

LYSB proudly serves as the primary youth-serving organization for our community, promoting positive youth development through programs and services to children and families in Old Lyme and Lyme. Founded in 1978 by a group of concerned citizens, LYSB is one of 100 Youth Service Bureaus in Connecticut. Most YSBs are municipal agencies; however, LYSB is one of only a handful of private nonprofit agencies and therefore relies on the generous support of the community for nearly one half of our budget. We are grateful to the town for its municipal support, and we enjoy collaborating with the town and schools on a variety of programs.

LYSB continues to collaborate with the *Lyme-Old Lyme Prevention Coalition*. This group comprises community leaders, parents, teachers, and students who advocate for and support our youth through education, communication, and participation. The coalition's goal is to reduce substance abuse among the youth of Lyme and Old Lyme and to positively affect the culture of student life. We meet monthly at LYSB and welcome attendance from any members of the community. Results from the recent Youth Survey and more information about our work in prevention is available on the LYSB website, www.lysb.org.

LYSB coordinates the Lyme-Old Lyme Mentoring Program, which matches adult mentors from the community with students in grades 3-8. Mentoring can improve attitude and school attendance, promote self-respect, and build skills for the future. 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

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Lymes' Youth Service Bureau *(continued)*



Family Bingo at White Sands Beach



LYSB Youth board members Emma Boardman and Jacqueline Malizia



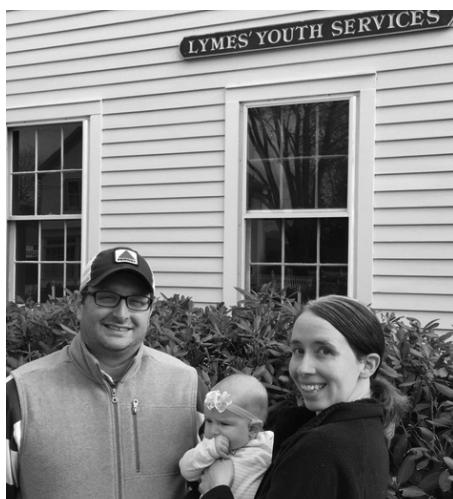
Emily O'Brien and Brynn McGlinchey hold the LYSB Banner in the Memorial Day Parade



LYSB Beach Dances for middle schoolers



LYSB's Annual Youth Art Show at the Lyme Academy



Lauren (Dickey) Girasoli with husband, Brian, and seven-month-old Cecilia in front of the LYSB following an infant and toddler playgroup similar to one Lauren attended there as an infant. The tradition continues!

MacCurdy Salisbury Educational Foundation, Inc.

Rowland Ballek
President

www.maccurdysalisbury.org

The MacCurdy Salisbury Foundation celebrated its 125th anniversary in 2018. Started in 1893 by Evelyn MacCurdy Salisbury and originally named the Old Lyme High School Association, the Foundation at first gave financial assistance to the Town of Old Lyme to help pay for teachers' salaries and school building repairs. In 1918 it made its first grants to students to help them continue their education after high school. Two grants of \$100 each were made to Old Lyme High School graduates to attend Connecticut College. Today yearly grants exceed \$300,000.

At the Annual Meeting held on September 13, 2018, Dr Matthew Cantner was elected as a member of the Foundation. Matt grew up in our Connecticut shoreline community. He received a dual degree in biology and economics at Lafayette College and his Doctorate of Dental Medicine from the University of Pennsylvania, where he stayed on for his three-year specialty training. In 2004 he joined his father, Lee Cantner, and Jim McAraw in their established Old Saybrook practice. Also introduced at the meeting was the new Regional District 18 Board of Education Representative Paula Gaudet.

At the same meeting Kevin McGlinchey and Tom Richardson were elected to the Foundation's board for three-year terms, replacing Judith Read and Jim Fairfield-Sonn, whose three-year terms had expired. Officers elected at the meeting were President, Rowland Ballek; Vice President, Mary Seidner; and Secretary/Treasurer, Ned Perkins.

The Foundation held its Annual Reception for new high school graduates receiving awards on June 4, 2019 at the Lyme Art Association. For the upcoming 2019- 2020 school year the Foundation awarded \$335,700, a record high, to 104 students from Lyme and Old Lyme who will attend colleges throughout the United States. This includes the \$104,300 in grants distributed at the event to twenty-eight graduating seniors from Lyme-Old Lyme High School and two new requests from older students continuing their education.

Foundation awards are based on the degree of financial assistance a student requires to meet his or her college expenses. Students who keep satisfactory grade-point levels will continue to receive those same awards for another three years of their undergraduate studies.

The Foundation also presented two \$500 awards at the reception: the W.E.S. Griswold Valedictorian Award to Kylie Hall, who will attend Wellesley College, and the Willis Umberger Salutatorian Award to Hannah Morrison, who will attend Oxford College, Emory University.

At the Reception President Rowland Ballek thanked the Foundation members, their Investment Committee, and the many local donors who enabled the Foundation to distribute over \$3,000,000 to student over the past eleven ears. He said, "We are fortunate to live in such unique communities that are committed to supporting education."



Class of 2019 Scholarship Award Recipients

Old Lyme Animal Control

Lynn Philemon
Animal Control Officer

860-434-1605, x244; Emergency line: 860-510-1255

This has been a very busy year for Old Lyme Animal Control! This year we had 71 animal adoptions, which are now placed in forever homes. We also had 65 animals who were redeemed by their owners. Unfortunately, we had 1 animal dead on arrival and 3 animals euthanized that were brought in with fatal illnesses. This year, we saw a dramatic increase in complaints: 488 total complaints and investigations, including 17 bite reports.

As a continued reminder, CT state statute #22-339B requires rabies vaccinations for all domesticated cats and dogs. Please remember: All dogs over the age of six months must be licensed by June 1 each year (CT statute #22-349). To obtain a license, you must provide a current rabies vaccination certificate to the town clerk at Memorial Town Hall. Remember, a license can be a lost dog's ticket home!

We welcome tips and reports from our residents.. If you see a loose or stray animal, please call our emergency line and report it at once so that we can safely collect the animal and get it back to its home. And as a reminder, be very careful not to leave your pets on warmer days in a parked car! There are far too many hot car deaths every year.

We have received a lot of missing pet reports this year due to the amount of wildlife in the area that can be dangerous to small and even large pets. Therefore, we recommend that pet owners do not leave pets outside unattended and

monitor them closely when going outside, day or night. We receive many concerned calls about wildlife sightings during the daylight hours, such as fox, skunk, and raccoons. While these are nocturnal animals they are also active during the day and seeing them does not necessarily mean they are rabid. Signs of rabid animals include erratic movement and behavior, stumbling, and aggressive behavior.

Here at Old Lyme Animal Control, we work hard to assist pet owners in keeping their animals in their current homes rather than surrendering them to the shelter. No matter the situation, we will help in any way we can to keep your pet in your home! Through the state program we can provide vouchers for spay/neuter for low-income families. We also work with various organizations that provide low-cost spay/neuter services. Please contact us for more information about these programs!

You can find a list of our adoptable animals on *Petfinder.com* and on our Facebook page: *Friends of Old Lyme Animal Control*.

We are located at 3 Machnik Drive and can be reached at 860-434-1605, x244. Because our office hours vary, it is best to call and leave a detailed message with name, issue, and contact number. If your call is an emergency, please use the emergency line: 860-510-1255. We welcome you to call with any questions or concerns!

Old Lyme Area Cable Advisory Council

Catherine Frank
Council Secretary

<https://www.publicaccessstudios.com/>
www.oldlyme-ct.gov
Public Access Studio 860-434-0643

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

Since 2010, the council has awarded twenty-two scholarships to graduating seniors from member towns planning to enter a communications program or a communications-related field after high-school graduation. Prior recipients are eligible to reapply. Scholarship awards were presented in June 2019 to Hannah Belleville from Salem, now at the University of Maine, and Allison Marsh, a Lyme/Old Lyme High School graduate studying at UCONN.

The Cable Advisory Council also approved the development of a paid internship program for high-school students; a pilot program will be tested at Lyme-Old Lyme High School.

A Cable Advisory Council Grant was awarded to the Old Lyme Historical Society (OLHSI) for the purchase of video recording equipment. The grant requires the OLHSI to produce and air programs on Public Access Channel 14. Senior Center programs are currently televised weekly on Comcast Public Access Channel 14 (noon on Wednesday and Thursday). We look forward to watching programs from the OLHSI and the OLPGN Library soon. The Cable Advisory Council encourages non-profit organizations in our towns to take advantage of Public Access to communicate with members of our communities!

Our council reached out to Comcast for ways to assist residents on limited incomes and they responded. Comcast's Internet Essentials program, providing low-cost internet, free training, and access to low-cost computer equipment for families with school-aged children, has been expanded to include other low-income members of our communities.

Do you have an idea for a local program? Perhaps your organization would like to tape a weekly, monthly, or quarterly program. The Comcast Public Access Studio on Halls Road in Old Lyme was renovated this year and is available for use by individuals and nonprofit organizations from any of the towns represented by the local council. Free training on studio equipment is provided by Public Access Coordinator Lynn Perry. You can watch some of the videos already produced for our community at <https://www.publicaccessstudios.com/>.

Russ Gomes and I were appointed by the Board of Selectmen to serve as Old Lyme's council representatives. A vacancy exists for a Regional School District #18 representative. Please contact the Superintendent's Office if you'd like to get involved.

We encourage people to contact us through Memorial Town Hall (860-434-1605) with any questions or concerns about our cable provider.

Old Lyme Conservation Commission

Tom Sherer
Chairman

Meetings: 1st Tuesdays, 7:30 P.M., Memorial Town Hall



The Old Lyme Conservation Commission coordinates conservation efforts; supervises natural resource monitoring; and aids in the coordination of land development in an effort to preserve our natural resources and remaining open land and to sustain recreational property. The commission meets at the town hall at 7:30 P.M. on the first Tuesday of each month and welcomes the public to attend. Please visit the commission's newly revised web site at http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/pages/oldlymect_bcomm/conservation.

Increasing Awareness Regarding Environmental Issues

The Conservation Commission has continued its efforts to provide Old Lyme residents with information and resources relating to our local and state environment. The commission promotes water testing and,

most recently, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) control efforts. As ongoing outreach, the commission encourages Old Lyme residents to have their septic systems pumped as required and to avoid using pesticides and fertilizers containing phosphorous. The commission has also encouraged all homeowners to check for high levels of radon via radon test kits and water testing bottles available at Memorial Town Hall.

In an effort to increase awareness of these issues, the commission creates and distributes instructional materials (brochure/fliers/etc) that provide information to assist residents in making safe and effective choices regarding household chemicals and lawn- care products. A complete list of pesticides is available on the commission web site. Each spring the commission provides an educational public library display on issues such as the benefits of buffer gardens.

Old Lyme Conservation Commission *(continued)*

Coordination with Other Environmental & Conservation Groups

The Conservation Commission coordinates with other environmental groups in town and in southeastern Connecticut to strengthen our ability to preserve our town's natural resources, open land, and recreational property. The commission has recently joined in congratulating the Open Space Commission for their steadfast efforts in acquiring exceptional new Old Lyme open space property. The new purchase of 300 acres of the McCulloch farm is a case in point and will provide residents with a naturally significant greenway and extension of our hiking trails network.

The Conservation Commission wishes to commend the Old Lyme Land Trust for its diligent efforts to maintain the valuable natural resources and hiking trails that so many Old

Lyme residents enjoy each year. The Commission has also helped to promote and educate residents on the town-wide recycling efforts that piggyback on the excellent work undertaken by the Solid Waste and Recycling Committee in 2019.

Rogers Lake

A continuing mission of the Conservation Commission is to make a concerted effort to focus town attention on Rogers Lake as one of the town's most valuable resources. The commission has worked with both the Rogers Lake Authority and the town selectmen to continue to explore solutions to invasive weed issues. The commission has helped to maintain a demonstration buffer garden at Haines Park that serves as an educational template for both town and lake residents.

Old Lyme Fire Department

C. Ellis Jewett
Secretary

Meetings: Wednesdays, 7:30 P.M., Lyme Street Fire House

The Old Lyme Fire Department continues to be a volunteer organization. Extreme credit must be given to the dedicated personnel who give freely of their time and energy to obtain the necessary training to perform the difficult tasks that today's firefighting requires. The professional dispatchers at the Valley Shore Communications Center receive your 911 calls and notify volunteer firefighters via voice alerting pagers and phone messages. Available volunteers respond accordingly. Some respond to staff apparatus and others directly to the emergency scene. Volunteers responded to 269 emergency situations during the past year. The department operates three fire stations with nine pieces of fire apparatus and three marine units. Approximately forty-five active volunteers logged over three thousand hours of emergency duty. Department training officers conduct an ongoing in-house training program. Outside instructors are employed when necessary and members are encouraged to attend federal, state, and regional training sessions.

Firefighters never know if the next call will be a structure fire, rescue emergency, brush or forest fire, storm-related emergency, or a hazardous material incident. The department must be prepared to meet a variety of challenges. As in past years more than 50 percent of the fire department responses are for automatic fire alarm activations and automobile accidents with injuries.

Annual funding, provided by the Town of Old Lyme, is used for the training of personnel and to purchase and maintain fire department apparatus and equipment. As the tools of our trade become more sophisticated, the upgrading, modernization, and maintenance of fire department equipment is continuous. Equipping firefighters to safely face the challenges of their duties, adhering to the mandates for equipment standards, and complying with required maintenance and testing schedules are costly expenditures. It should be noted that continued town support for the apparatus replacement plan is essential to the adequate performance of our services.

Old Lyme Fire Department officers and personnel also participate in providing approvals and suggestions for many development, expansion, and renovation projects in our town to assure adequate fire protection.

The Old Lyme Fire Department volunteers are taxpayers, too, and strive for the most efficient operation of our organization. In this effort town funding is supplemented with funds raised through donations and the Firefighter's Fund campaign.

Dedicated volunteers are always needed and new members are welcome. Please consider offering your services. There are firefighting and nonfirefighting duties to fit all abilities. Visit any of the three fire stations and find out how you can assist. Department members meet on Wednesday evenings for scheduled training sessions, work nights, and monthly business meetings.

Please help to facilitate our response by clearly numbering your residence from both directions and maintaining a driveway clear of low-hanging branches.

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Old Lyme Historic District Commission

Cynthia C. Taylor
Chairman

Meetings: 1st Mondays except August, 9 A.M., Town Hall

The Old Lyme Historic District Commission (HDC) meets at 9:00 A.M. on the first Monday of each month in Memorial Town Hall. Our charge is to maintain the historic integrity and aesthetic character that is the result of almost 350 years of our ancestors' visions, passions, and achievements.

Our town, founded in 1667, and the Historic District have been the center of both commercial and residential activity since the days of our founders. The homes, barns, and sheds and other outbuildings as well as pathways and roads are a local, state, and national resource that deserves protection. The town initiated such protection in the early 1970s by establishing the Old Lyme Historic District. The district was then adopted by the state of Connecticut and placed on the National Register of Historic places.

As a steward agency, the Historic District Commission has the job of trying to preserve what lies within the bounds of the district. We strive to be partners with those who reside as well as work and have businesses within our district. The district is not a museum attempting to preserve a past moment or a static reflection of the "way it used to be." Rather, it is alive and ever changing. Our job as stewards of the Historic District is to help guide change so that it is in keeping with past styles and traditions.

To be most effective, projects should be reviewed at the planning phase. Residents should come before the commission if there are proposed changes to a structure or the surrounding grounds. We have a handbook, available at Memorial Town Hall, and we maintain a website to make this process easier. To satisfy the zoning enforcement officer, applicants must obtain a Certificate of Appropriateness (CofA) from the Historic District Commission.

This past year the Old Lyme Historic District Commission updated and reprinted the Historic District Handbook. The new handbook was funded by a grant from the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism.

The commission approved the following projects in the Historic District from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019:

1. 26 Lyme Street, Peter Carlson, new sign and awnings
2. 97 Lyme Street, Theresa McShane and Todd Brink, house renovations
3. 18 Lyme Street, Ken Sweitzer, new sign
4. 24B Lyme Street, Jeanne Potter, new sign
5. 44 Lyme Street, William Koch, Jr., new sign
6. 96 Lyme Street, Florence Griswold Museum, walking trails
7. 24 Lyme Street, Gregory Stroud, new sign
8. 3 Wyckford Lane, Joseph Kelly, wheelchair ramp

The HDC has a historic plaque program to identify the original builder and date of construction for any structure in town built before 1939. So far, forty-eight properties in Old Lyme have historic plaques, and several more are in process. Application forms may be obtained from the HDC at the town hall and also are available on the Town of Old Lyme's web page under Boards and Commissions/Historic District.

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

Old Lyme Historical Society, Inc.

Michaelle Pearson & John Pote
Co Chairs

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

The Old Lyme Historical Society had a busy and exciting year. A main focus of the society's efforts were directed toward installing an ADA-compliant platform lift, so our archives and hall are now fully accessible to all. The society's award-winning "Tuesday Morning Work Crew" (Ellis Jewett, Kevin Cole, Skip Beebe, Ted Freeman, and Steve Joncus) donated hundreds of hours to this project, which also required a significant fundraising commitment. OLHSI thanks the Town of Old Lyme and all of the individual donors who contributed to the lift fund.

Throughout the summer and early fall, the society welcomed visitors to 55 Lyme Street for a new lecture series under the direction of board member Bob DiNapoli, which raised money for the Scholarship Fund. Entertaining and informative lectures were given on a variety of local topics such as "Sound View—America's Oldest Public Beach," by Michaelle Pearson and Jim Lampos; "My Life in Old Lyme," by Merv Roberts; "Connecticut Ferries," by Wick

Griswold; and "Remembering the Nehantics," by John Pfeiffer. We had two tables at the Midsummer Festival, one in the Children's area featuring historical games, and the other on the lawn at the LAA. In October, OLHSI installed a "faerie door" in our garden as part of the Old Lyme Arts District's "Faerie Doors on Lyme Street" art project, hosted our Annual Plant Sale, and gave out candy on Halloween. The Annual Calendar Launch Event took place on November 8, and we hosted the LOLHS Select Singers for caroling in our festively decorated hall at the Old Lyme Children's Learning Center's Historic House tour on December 8. The Fundraising Committee held their Annual Book and Calendar Sales at the Halls Road Post office on Saturdays in December.

Edie Twining curated seasonal mini-exhibits in display cases at the post office, library, and town hall. Some of the topics were "Winter Finds," "History of the First Congregational Church," "Spring Treasures," "Sound View, America's Oldest Public Beach," and "The



OLHSI 2018-19 Board of Trustees: Back row (l to r): James Meehan, Nicholas Westbrook, Jude Read, Kevin Cole, Michaelle Pearson (Co-Chair), Skip Beebe, Alison Mitchell, Sandra Joncus, Jill Pilgrim, Ned Farman, Bob DiNapoli, Ellis Jewett, Cindi Taylor (Corresponding Secretary), Tim Griswold, John Pote (Co-Chair), Sydney Williams. Front row (l to r): Andi Williams, Ann Marie Jewett (Treasurer), Edie Twining, Katie Balocca (Secretary), Matt LaConti. (Photo by James Meehan)

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

Hurricane of '38." Ms. Twining also designed a new tea towel featuring Historic Homes of Lyme Street and recruited a group of volunteer stitchers (Val Grayley, Paula Corrado, Debbie Dowling, Diane Kolka, Linda Sterling, and Michele Holt) to hem the towels at an old-fashioned "sewing bee." In honor of her work, Edie was given this year's James B. Noyes Award.

In May, the society returned to our tradition of riding down Lyme Street in historic style. Thanks to Dave Bradham and Al Bond for providing the horses and carriage, Skip Beebe for

coordinating all the details, and James Meehan for capturing the event (and our other special moments) on camera.

At our annual meeting each year in June, the Old Lyme Historical Society awards the "Carol Noyes Winters Scholarship" to a college-bound Lyme-Old Lyme High School senior planning to major in history. This year, there were two highly qualified candidates who received awards: Aoife Hufford and Alexander Williams. We are always looking for new members and volunteers. Join us!

Old Lyme Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC)

Rachael M. Gaudio
Chairwoman

The Old Lyme Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission (IWWC) was established by an ordinance adopted October 21, 1963, and tasked with the responsibility of protecting the indispensable, irreplaceable, and fragile natural resources contained in and around Old Lyme's wetlands. This commission oversees and grants permits for activity within wetlands, watercourses, and their Upland Review Areas. An Upland Review Area is defined as the lateral 100-foot area around a wetland or watercourse, the lateral 400-foot area around a vernal pond, or any activity altering the hydrology of a site and impacting a wetland or watercourse.

The IWWC's mission is to protect natural resources within and around wetlands and watercourses for current and future Old Lyme residents. Any resident contemplating activity within areas subject to IWWC regulations or who has property containing wetlands must submit an application to the IWWC. The commission's staff within the Land Use Office in Memorial Town Hall can provide application materials and explain the application process and answer any related questions. This will help applicants avoid unintentional violation of both state and local regulations. Applicants are also required to retain professionals and contractors who are aware of state and local regulations and

*Meetings: 4th Tuesdays except August and December;
6:30 P.M. at Town Hall*

their requirements. For additional guidance, the Old Lyme IWWC Regulations can be found on the town's website.

This past fiscal year, the IWWC reviewed seven general applications and held three site walks. There was one application where the commission determined it did not have jurisdiction. Five regular permits were approved and one permit was extended. Additionally, three administrative permits were issued. The selected permits were approved after extensive review and site-plan changes requested by the commission. Each permit is heard at a monthly meeting where a presentation of the proposed work is made to the commission by either the applicant or a professional hired by the applicant. Most applications require a commission site visit after the application has been accepted by the commission at a monthly meeting. In other cases, only the commission's enforcement officer is required to visit the site.

In all cases, each application is required to be completed in detail by describing the proposed activities on site and providing a well-defined site map identifying wetlands and distances from the wetland to activities to be conducted.

The IWWC meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month (except August and December) at 6:30 P.M. at Memorial Town Hall. The agenda and minutes are posted on the town website.

Old Lyme Land Trust, Inc.

Michael J. Kiernan
President

www.oldlymelandtrust.org

The Old Lyme Land Trust was established in 1966 as a nonprofit corporation separate from the Town of Old Lyme. The trust's mission is to acquire and maintain conservation land for open space and passive recreation. Land is acquired through purchase, donation, and, to a lesser degree, easements granted from property owners. The Trust currently maintains fourteen preserves totaling over 1,100 acres and is currently exploring the acquisition of additional properties that will link preserves together and increase the size of existing preserves.

The trust is administered by a board of trustees, currently consisting of eleven members. Each of the trust's preserves is overseen by a steward or stewards and the majority of the work is carried out by volunteer work parties. Stewardship opportunities are available for interested people.

The trust's largest activity is maintenance, which includes clearing fallen trees from trails, removing dead and dying trees, mowing fields, building bridges, and maintaining parking lots and trail markings. The trust also seeks to remove invasive species and replant native species where feasible. A major such project has been carried out at the Watch Rock Preserve over the past several years, and more recently invasive barberry has been removed from portions of the Heller and Upper Three Mile River Preserves, with the help of many volunteers. New interpretive and educational signage will be installed on selected preserves in the coming year.

The Old Lyme Land Trust's major events in from mid-2018 to mid-2019 were the following:

- *The 5th Annual Kayak Regatta was held in September 2018. More than thirty-five kayakers paddled from Pilgrims Landing to the John Lohmann Connecticut River Preserve, where they were met with refreshments and a short presentation on the preserve.
- The Annual Meeting, open to the public, was held on March 24, 2019. The featured speaker was Mike Benjamin—field ecologist, science teacher, and Land Manager for the Kent Land Trust. Mike has published studies about the biological control of ticks.

His informative presentation, "Tick Talk: Blacklegged Tick Biology, Ecology and Avoidance!" was well attended. **The Trust's 2020 Annual Meeting will be held at the Lymes Senior Center on Sunday, March 29.** The meeting is open to the public.

- In April, the trust and Boy Scout Troop 240 dedicated two viewing benches on the John Lohmann Connecticut River Preserve. Construction of the benches was the Eagle Scout project of Alec Russell of Old Lyme. The bench is a delightful place to view the river during an enjoyable walk through the preserve. Work was also commenced on a project to promote the regeneration of pitch pine on the preserve, a species that is in decline in our state.



Dedication plaque on the bench at Lohmann Preserve overlooking the Connecticut River. It was built as an Eagle Scout project by Alec Russell of Troop 240.



Old Lyme Land Trust Secretary Anne Galliher with Boy Scout Alec Russell at the bench dedication at Lohmann Preserve off Coult Lane

Old Lyme Land Trust, Inc. *(continued)*

- In June, the trust completed a major repair of the parking area at the Watch Rock Preserve. A volunteer board member carried out the project planning and obtained permits, located contractors, and oversaw the work from start to finish. This preserve is one of the most popular in Old Lyme, with beautiful views of the CT River and Marvin Island. It hosts many visitors from the area during weekends from spring to fall.
- At the Midsummer Festival in July, the trust staffed a booth that hosted “Horizon Wings,” with a demonstration and display of rescued owls, falcons, and other raptors, and the Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, which exhibited a variety of live snakes, turtles, and other reptiles. These were very successful at attracting many youth and families to the booth.
- In conjunction with the Town of Old Lyme Open Space Commission and the Old Lyme Inn, two “Hikers’ Happy Hour” hikes were conducted in May and June. These offered the opportunity for everyone to explore two of the available trails and preserves in Old Lyme through relatively short and easy walks. The following Happy Hours, hosted by the Old Lyme Inn, afforded hikers and nonhikers alike the opportunity to network and socialize.

Throughout the year, the trust works closely with the Town of Old Lyme Open Space Commission. Joint efforts include the establishment of a cross-town trail and the development of policies and approaches to managing the growing beaver population in Old Lyme, among others.

The Old Lyme Land Trust welcomes anyone who might be interested in joining the Board of Trustees, volunteering for work parties, or serving as steward of one of our preserves. Contact the trust at OLLandtrust@gmail.com.



Osprey nest at Lohmann-Buck-Twining Preserve



Live bobcat, confirmed by DEEP, caught on a trail camera at Lohmann Preserve.

Old Lyme Parks and Recreation

Don Bugbee
Director

Meetings: 1st Thursdays at 7 P.M. at the Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall
parkrec@oldlyme-ct.gov

The Parks and Recreation Department provides a variety of programs and services for the residents and the summer visitors in Old Lyme. The office is located at 52 Lyme Street, in the lower level of the Memorial Town Hall and can be reached by calling 860-434-1605 ext 235. The E-mail address is parkrec@oldlyme-ct.gov, and there is a Parks and Recreation web page that can be linked from the Town of Old Lyme's website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov). All Parks and Recreation information is on the website, and programs are listed by season. Information is listed on our Facebook page as well.

The Parks and Recreation Commission, made up of seven residents, usually meets on the first Thursday of each month at 7:00 P.M. at the Memorial Town Hall. Anyone interested in participating as a commission member should contact the chairperson and the Selectman's Office. All are welcome to attend the monthly meetings.

During the late spring and summer months we provide a daily staff of lifeguards and parking lot attendants for our facilities at White Sand Beach and Hain's Park at Rogers Lake. We typically employ about forty high school and college-age residents in the summer as lifeguards, parking attendants, and day-camp counselors. Our facilities also include Town Woods Park and Cross Lane Park, hosting activities including

soccer, lacrosse, tennis, basketball, baseball, and softball. We also utilize District 18 facilities throughout the year for indoor and outdoor activities including our summer day-camp; adult and youth basketball; yoga; fitness classes; and basketball, soccer, and tennis camps. Hains Park is the home for all rowing activities in the spring, summer, and fall.

The plans for making general improvements to Hains Park are continuing at this time. These improvements are to include a new bathroom facility, a new well, and a gazebo as well as making all things ADA compliant. Playground upgrades are in the planning stages also.

As always, I would like to thank the Parks and Recreation employees, commission members, the Public Works Department, the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance, and Region 18 for the use of facilities and the town employees for the efforts they contribute to our programs. Also and in particular, thanks goes to the dedicated volunteers who continue to give up their time for the benefit of others in our community. Your efforts are essential to many of our Parks and Recreation programs; they are appreciated, and the programs would not exist as they are without your help.

If anyone has any suggestions or program requests, please contact the Parks and Recreation Office by phone, email or better yet... stop in.

Old Lyme Resident State Trooper

Greg Hunter
Resident Trooper – Old Lyme

Connecticut State Police -- Troop F
860-434-1605, ext 110

The Old Lyme Police Department is once again indebted to the community for its ongoing support and assistance throughout this past year. As a smaller department, we rely more and more every day on help from those we serve in order to keep the community safe; we've been very fortunate to have the great people of Old Lyme watching our backs.

The Old Lyme Resident Troopers' Office provides a full range of police services and is currently staffed by one Resident State Trooper and six full-time Patrol Officers who are all collectively responsible for, but not limited to, enforcing criminal laws, motor vehicle laws, and town ordinances and responding to motor vehicle collisions and all 911 emergencies. All officers are

Old Lyme Resident State Trooper *(continued)*

equipped with automatic defibrillators in their assigned patrol vehicles. In addition to responding to medical emergencies and performing regular patrol duties and criminal investigations, our officers also provide additional services to the Town of Old Lyme via LYSB Police and Youth Programs and other community-based programs and services.

A long-standing Juvenile Review Board has been set up in town, governed by town officials along with staff from the Resident Troopers' Office. This has been the pinnacle in the success of any juveniles who have come before it in lieu of actual criminal court proceedings and has led to a very low recidivism rate and the overall strengthening of the community.

Along with the aforementioned police, youth, and medical services, the Old Lyme Police Department also offers the community the visibility of the SMART Machine, or "Speed Monitoring System," which detects the actual speed of a moving vehicle and posts said speed on its electronic screen for immediate view. Town citizens may request to have the SMART Machine posted at various locations as a visible deterrent for speeders directly through the Resident Troopers' Office or by leaving a message for Resident Trooper Greg Hunter at 860-399-2100.

Though the Town of Old Lyme currently does not own a marine patrol boat, the Police Department is still responsible for enforcing boat laws along with ensuring the safety of all citizens within the waterways of town. Assistance from DEEP patrol boats along with daily vehicle and foot patrols of beaches and other recreational bathing and boating areas has aided in the assurance of this safety, and increased efforts will be made in the summer season to have State Troopers/Town Patrol Officers manning the Old Lyme Fire Department's boat during time frames when boating activities are at their highest.

Also, in conjunction with the rise of boating and beach activities, the actual town population of Old Lyme nearly doubles in size due to the heavy influx of summer residents, visiting tourists, and others seeking recreation at its local restaurants and bars. To combat this massive growth and the possible dangerous situations that may arise from it, the Old Lyme Police Department utilizes

its "Summer Rangers" program to help enforce parking and alcohol restrictions on the beaches and the surrounding areas. These additional resources are a major factor in curtailing the potentially hazardous conditions caused by overcrowding in addition to cutting down on the number of intoxicated drivers that may be on the road after leaving the beach.

Further assistance in these summer matters comes from the nearby State Police barracks in Westbrook that supplies State Troopers to either work in the beach/bar areas along with assisting in patrolling other portions of the town as needed. These State Troopers receive briefings and updates on various activities in town prior to starting their shifts and work directly with officers from the Resident Troopers' Office in resolving any incidents that may occur in town during the course of their watches.

Lastly, the Old Lyme Police Department remains constantly vigilant in all the community's needs and is always ready to provide the necessary reactions in times of crisis and the proper preventive measures to ensure the continual safety of its citizens.

Resident State Trooper Greg Hunter
Officer Salvatore Milardo
Officer Wayne Collins
Officer Dominic Solari
Officer Jay Rankin
Officer Kevin Roche
Officer Samuel Barnes
Police Emergency Number: 911

Routine numbers at Resident State Troopers' Office: 860-434-1986, located at 294 Shore Road State Police Routine number: 860-399-2100, located at the Troop F Barracks in Westbrook (315 Spencer Plains Road.)

Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc.

Claire Haskins
President

Meetings: 2nd and 4th Thursdays, 7 P.M., Cross Lane station

The Old Lyme South End Volunteer Ambulance Association, Inc. (OLSEVAA) is proud to be celebrating its 70th Anniversary of providing emergency medical care for the town of Old Lyme. New technologies and a deeper understanding of field medicine have brought about great change in how we treat our community. One goal has not changed and that is our primary purpose: to provide the best quality care to the people we serve.

Our job is not an easy one. Our organization has a team of Emergency Medical Technicians (EMTs) and Emergency Medical Responders (EMRs) who need to be prepared for any situation. Our volunteers and paid staff go through many hours of rigorous training to meet this need. One highlight of the year is our participation in the CT EMS Expo, which is a four-day event designed to give EMS workers a chance to learn about a variety of topics and enhance our communication with neighboring towns.

Equipment acquisition and maintenance is also critical to our ability to treat patients. We strive to maintain our vehicles and the equipment so that they are in tip-top shape. This year we re-chassied our oldest ambulance to a new Ford F450, 4-wheel drive ambulance, built by PL-Custom.



Through a generous donation from the Kitchings Foundation, OLSEVAA was able to provide Stop the Bleed training to more than seventy-five staff members from Region 18 School District. Bleeding injuries are common and controlling them is a skill easily teachable. We are excited to be able to help educate the community and provide resources to help in a bleeding emergency before professional resources arrive.

In the last fiscal year, OLSEVAA responded to 705 calls. We treated patients with medical emergencies like difficulty breathing, heart attack and stroke patients, and those with diabetic problems. In addition, we also treated trauma patients involved in falls, motor vehicle accidents, broken bones and the like. We also assisted the fire department at structure fires and "hazmat" incidents and provided mutual aid ambulance service to other towns.

We simply could not do our job without the dedicated individuals who make up this organization. If you are a person who is interested in learning new things and helping the community, we would love to have you. We meet at the Cross Lane station on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month at 7 P.M. Please contact us at olems.org or call 860-434-0089.

Lastly, we want the townspeople of Old Lyme to know how proud we are of our organization. Doing this job is important to us because we care about our community and know how much you trust us to do it well. Thank you all for your generous support throughout the year.

Old Lyme Tree Commission

Joanne DiCamillo
Chair

Meetings: 3rd Thursdays, 4 P.M., Memorial Town Hall

AN IMPORTANT REMINDER TO ALL TOWN RESIDENTS:

A PERMIT from the tree warden is REQUIRED to trim, remove, or plant trees and shrubs on the town right-of-way adjoining your property. The application is available at town hall and online at www.oldlyme-ct.gov.

In the year 2000 many diseased and overgrown trees along Lyme Street were cut down by the utility company. In January 2001 the Old Lyme Board of Selectmen, in response to concerns about the safety, protection, and management of our public trees, brought together several community members and formed a tree committee. The selectmen tasked the members with the responsibilities of drafting a tree ordinance and assisting the tree warden with identifying trees that were a threat to public safety. In January 2002 the tree ordinance was approved at the Annual Town Meeting. With its adoption, the Old Lyme Tree Commission was established.

The commission consists of five regular members and two alternates who are appointed by the board of selectmen. Currently there are two vacancies. Anyone who is interested in becoming an alternate member should contact the chairperson or the selectman's office. Applications are available on the town's web site. We generally meet in town hall on the third Thursday of the month (except August) at 4:00 P.M. in the second floor mezzanine conference room. Our meetings are open to the public, and all are welcome to attend.

The Tree Commission is responsible for protecting and monitoring the health all of the trees and shrubs growing on town land. We work with contractors to arrange planting, pruning, fertilizing, and treatments for disease and insects. We advise the town on new and replacement plantings and set standards for the contractors.

During the fiscal year July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019 the tree warden marked and posted twenty-four trees for removal. Four of them were ash trees with signs of emerald ash borer. Thirty-six young trees throughout the town were pruned, their canopies lifted, and the branching structure improved. In early spring they were fertilized. The young copper beech tree, planted at Town Woods Park in 2016, was treated systemically for Phytophthora canker disease.

A mature tree's root system depends on water and moisture in the upper layers of the soil for survival. Drought weakens trees, and after several years of consecutive droughts symptoms of stress may begin to appear. Wilting leaves, scorched leaves, premature shedding and coloring can all be indicators that a tree is in decline, making it more vulnerable to pests and diseases. To keep trees healthy during these periods, watering is an essential part of the care. Here are some tips: For established trees, check the soil moisture by digging six inches into the ground and touch it. The soil should be moist, not dry. As a general rule, apply water slowly and deeply, ideally using a soaker hose, under the canopy, out to the dripline. Water mature trees twice a month to a depth of about 10 inches. Morning is best when evaporation rates are lower. Newly planted and young trees should be watered immediately. Utilizing a tree gator is a perfect method for delivering a slow-release deep saturation system directly to the roots over an eight-hour period.

Through the years residents have supported our efforts to identify trees that appear to be a danger. We ask that you continue to be vigilant and to report your concerns directly to the selectman's office. Thank you for your help and your interest in keeping our community trees healthy and safe.

I would like to thank the commission members Anne Bing, Dr. Joan Flynn, Michael Gaffey, Emily Griswold, and our clerk, Martha Hansen, for their time and dedication to the commission and the town.

Old Lyme-Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library

Katie Huffman
Director

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Board of Trustees meetings: 2nd Tuesdays except July and December

From developing fun, interactive story times for infants and toddlers to hand-delivering books to homebound patrons, the library continues to provide opportunities for residents of all ages to learn and grow. Our core services include the following: providing access to a variety of print and digital books, audio-visual media, and research tools; assisting with technology and encouraging the development of information literacy; supporting the public-school curriculum; conducting early literacy training and fostering an enduring interest in learning and reading among our youngest patrons; and offering programming that informs and engages the community.

Statistical Snapshot

- Total Circulation: 69,376 items
- Programs: 342, with a total of 6,558 attendees
- Computers: 17 public internet computers were used 8,825 times
- Registered Borrowers: 3,725
- Reference Transactions: 3,858
- Collections: 44,879 physical and over 16,000 digital items

Special Projects & Events

Renewal Project: The Renewal Project is a multi-year project to re-evaluate and re-imagine library services and plan for the future. This year, the library focused on Phase II of the project—updating our building and redesigning our space to better align with our new vision and better serve the community. In October, the Board of Trustees hired TSKP Studio to complete the design and construction documents. In February, the Board of Trustees hired Burlington Construction Co. to coordinate the public bidding process and then manage day-to-day construction.

New Summer Learning Program: Children's Librarian Julie Bartley and Young Adult Librarian Nike Desis worked collaboratively with the Region 18 Media Specialists and Lyme

Children's Librarian Barbara Carlson to create a new program to empower students to READ. LEARN. EXPLORE! in the summer months to combat learning loss and develop the love of reading. The new program got off to a great start with a Mile Creek Summer Learning Pep Rally in June.

Collaborations: As part of its vision to be a vibrant community hub, the library partners with local organizations to bring exceptional programs and opportunities to the community. Highlights in 2018-2019 included partnerships with the following organizations: Arts and Culture District, Audubon Connecticut, Chamber of Commerce, Community Connections, Community Foundation of Eastern Connecticut, The Denison Pequotsepos Nature Center, Mentoring Corps for Community Development, The Lighthouse, Meals on Wheels, Old Lyme Land Trust, Pfizer, Region 18 Schools, Roger Tory Peterson Estuary Center, SARAH Family of Agencies, and the Senior Center.

Focus on Authors: As part of its mission to inspire discovery, the library regularly connects local authors with readers through book signings, lectures, and special events. Our author highlights in 2018-2019 included the following authors: Janet Barrett, Jon Buller, Wick Griswold, David Handler, Robert and Kathleen Hubbard, Stanley Kolber, Eileen Radziunas, Luanne Rice, and Markham Starr.

Learn Something New: As part of its mission to inspire life-long learning and foster creativity, the library regularly hosts workshops and seminars to educate and inspire Old Lyme residents to try something new. In 2018-2019 we hosted technology and engineering activities for kids and young adults; DIY organizing and planning workshops for adults; introductory yoga and martial arts workshops; children's cursive writing workshop; music, dance, and fine art activities for children; art history lecture series for adults; creative writing workshop for adults; and a new Pub Club for young adults.

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

The Friends of the Library: The Friends is an all-volunteer organization devoted to strengthening the partnership between the library and the Old Lyme community through support, volunteerism, and advocacy. The Friends support the library by fundraising through Phoebe's Bookcellar, caring for and beautifying the library grounds, and hosting social events to build support for the library. In 2018-2019, the Friends provided \$20,000 to the library to be spent on materials and services.

Board of Trustees

The 2018-2019 Library Board of Trustees consisted of sixteen members. The executive board officers were Kirsten Sicuranza, President; Patrick Gingras, Vice President; Joseph Cipparone, Secretary; and David Stanland, Treasurer. The Board of Trustees meets the 2nd Tuesday of the month, excepting December and July.

Open Space Commission

Amanda Blair & William Dunbar
Cochairs

Meetings: 2nd Fridays (except August),
9 A.M., Memorial Town Hall.
OpenSpaceCommission@oldlyme-ct.gov
<http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/open-space-commission>



The Old Lyme Open Space Commission, with its summer intern, on the McCulloch Farm

The Open Space Commission reached an agreement with David McCulloch and the Jean A. McCulloch Farm LLC to purchase about 300 acres of the McCulloch Farm and two smaller areas for \$600,000, with the town signing a contract on April 1, 2019.

After Open Space Commission presentations to the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Finance, the Planning Committee, and the Conservation Committee, the purchase was approved at a town meeting on Monday, May 20, 2019.

At the end of the fiscal year, the Open Space Commission was working with the Nature Conservancy, which holds a conservation easement on the property, to ensure sale specifics met their approval. The sale closing was expected in late summer.

The McCulloch Farm, established in 1929, is one of Old Lyme's signature properties and had been a key priority for open space acquisition. The linkage of the McCulloch property to the town's Ames Open Space and to the Old Lyme Land Trust's Lay Preserve creates a large natural greenway and furthers the goal of a cross-town trail system. The property is ecologically important as part of the watershed of the Black Hall River.

While the land had been protected via the conservation easement, the public did not have access to enjoy its beautiful fields, forests, and pond vistas.

The purchase price will be paid entirely from the town's existing Open Space acquisition fund. No budget appropriation, debt, or other expense to taxpayers will be needed.

In addition to the open space, the town paid \$50,000 each for two areas, appraised at \$98,000 per area, adjacent to existing affordable housing. If the areas are not developed as affordable housing within five years, they will revert to open space.

In other activity, the Open Space Commission hired a land steward, Peter J. Norris, to keep trails "hiker friendly" and to protect natural resources. The commission also hired a part-time clerk to enable timely posting of meeting minutes and had a volunteer summer intern.

The 300-year old Barbizon Oak, named in honor of the Old Lyme art colony, is a noted attraction within the Champlain North Open Space. The Open Space Commission consulted a forester on the tree's health and hired a tree service for selective pruning to ensure its continued vigor.

Open Space Commission *(continued)*

The commission also partnered with Public Works to create a new parking area within Champlain North to address visitors parking on adjacent private property and to erect signage boosting the land's visibility off Boston Post Road.

The Open Space Commission partnered with the Old Lyme Land Trust to develop an "Emergency Responders Book" to aid personnel responding to 911 calls. Newly revised maps will quickly show rescuers the best access routes to reach people within nineteen different open space properties and trust preserves in town.

Research into town conservation easements and open spaces was started, preparatory to future inspections to prevent potential violations or encroachments. The commission hopes to work cooperatively with land owners and those who use our protected lands.

Energetic efforts were taken to reach out to the public. Periodic messages were sent out via the town news; the commission for the first time staffed an informational booth at the Midsummer Festival; and a publication entitled "Take a Hike," with thumbnails of open space properties, was created. The commission joined with the Old Lyme Land Trust and the Old Lyme Inn to sponsor "Hikers' Happy Hours" with guided trail excursions.

Beaver flooding caused issues at both a road culvert and a trail on open space property. The Open Space Commission and the Old Lyme Land Trust undertook a study of beaver activity, including their ecological impact in natural land, and explored means to mitigate flooding problems outside conserved areas.

Planning Commission

Harold Thompson *Chairman*

Special Meetings are held when required, and all the meeting notices are posted in the town hall and on the town website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov). Information on the actions of the commission and meeting schedule can also be obtained from the office, which is open from 9:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. Kim Groves, our Land Use Administrator, is always willing to accept your application and assist you in any way.

The commission consists of five elected members and three alternates appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The commission is responsible, every ten years by State Statute, for the Town Plan of Conservation and Development, Subdivision Regulations, and special documents such as ordinances that are approved by a town meeting. The commission is also required to act on any zoning referrals; municipal developments, such as the acquisition of open space; relocation or abandonment of any public property, land, parks, roads, schools, or public utilities; or anything owned or acquired by the town.

The Planning Commission continues to be involved in Open Space, the impact of development on wetlands, and the installation of private roads for new developments. The commission is also looking forward with respect to land-use issues associated with the postulated rise in sea level. The Planning Commission has engaged other land-use commissions and discussions continue.

The Planning Commission is continuing to actively communicate with other land-use commissions and committees to address land-use concerns with proposed developments and subdivisions, the development of affordable housing projects, and the review of proposed changes to Old Lyme land-use regulations. This continued communication often has provided an opportunity for members of the various commissions to exchange views on the course of development in Old Lyme.

During the next year, the Planning Commission will be reviewing and upgrading the Old Lyme Plan of Conservation and Development.

Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools

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Superintendent of Schools

During the 2018-2019 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 Old Lyme.

Again this year, the Lyme-Old Lyme Schools were recognized on both the state and national levels, further solidifying the notion that we provide exceptional academic programs commensurate and oftentimes superior to both public and private schools throughout Connecticut. Specific recognitions included, but were not limited to, the following:

- Two of our schools were recognized as “Schools of Distinction” by the State of Connecticut.
- LOLHS Girls Soccer won their fourth state championship in the last four years.

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 in the top ten of all 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 at the top in all areas both locally and across the state as a whole.

As a part of the 2019-2020 budget, the Board of Education included monies to allow for the first universal pre-k program in a suburban Connecticut district. This program expansion will allow all four-year-old students to attend our exceptional pre-k program at no cost. The program will provide opportunities to all children in our communities to begin their school career working with our highly qualified staff. The Connecticut Office of Early Childhood Education noted this change as being “a visionary” move.

In the area of finance, the towns approved a \$35,084,758 budget for the 2019-20 school year, representing a 2.29 percent increase over the adopted budget for the current year. The drivers for this budget included employee contractual



Lyme Consolidated School teacher Mercedes Alger with her 4th graders



Middle school Spanish



High school art

Region #18 Lyme-Old Lyme Public Schools *(continued)*

obligations, an increase in capital projects, and health insurance rates. The approved budget supports our commitment to continued adherence to class-size guidelines, 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, scheduled replacement of technology and equipment, and program improvements that are consistent with high academic and operational standards.

The upcoming year again will 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.

Registrars of Voters

Catherine Carter (R), Marylin Clarke (D)
Registrars

The Registrars of Voters' office is located on the mezzanine level of Memorial Town Hall. Regular public hours are Monday 1 to 4 p.m. Special voter registration sessions are advertised in *The Day* newspaper and posted on the town's website.

Following a State primary held on August 14, 2018, the general State election was held on November 6, 2018. The Regional School District 18 budget referendum was held on May 7, 2019. All three voting sessions were held at Cross Lane Firehouse.

A voter registration session was held at Lyme-Old Lyme High School on May 21, 2019 for students who had attained the age of 18 or would attain the age of 18 on or before the next election date. Nineteen students were registered in Old Lyme that day.

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

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

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

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

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

<i>Registered Voters as of June 30, 2019</i>	5614
Republicans.....	1694
Democrats.....	1712
Unaffiliated.....	2123
Other	85

RiverCOG

Bonnie Reemsnyder
Chair

RiverCOG, or Lower Connecticut River Valley Council of Governments, is one of Connecticut's nine Councils of Governments. It is governed by the chief elected/executive officials of its seventeen 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 Anthony Salvatore (Cromwell), serving as Chairperson; Lauren Gister (Chester) as Vice-Chairperson; Ed Bailey (Middlefield) as Secretary; and Noel Bishop (Westbrook) as Treasurer. First Selectwomen Cathy Iino (Killingworth) and Bonnie Reemsnyder (Old Lyme) join the RiverCOG officers on the Executive Committee.

Fiscal year 2019 was an eventful year for RiverCOG staff. In addition to their regular duties, Deputy Director Torrance Downes and GIS Coordinator Dan Bourret provided interim land use and zoning services to Westbrook and Clinton. Environmental Planner Margot Burns was instrumental in initiating an Environmental Review Team, partnering with the Connecticut Resource Development & Conservation Area, to help combat invasive aquatic species in the Connecticut River. Executive Director Sam Gold was named Chairman of the Connecticut Association of COGs, received the Friend of Transportation award from the CT Association of Community Transportation, and continued to sit on multiple boards (Sustainable CT) and steering committees (Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations). We were also pleased to host four interns this year, two of whom were Sustainable CT Fellows. In fiscal year 2019 twelve of the seventeen towns in the region have initiated the process of becoming Sustainable CT communities.



RiverCOG continued a legacy of legislative engagement with the state and federal governments on the behalf of our member municipalities. In January 2019 we held our annual legislative COG/MPO 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 tolling, transportation, changes to tax structure, implementation of statewide GIS, trail connectivity, and regionalization of assessor services.

Under state statute RiverCOG, through its Regional Planning Committee (RPC) or its delegated staff, reviews proposed zoning text and map changes that affect property within 500 feet of municipal boundaries and subdivisions that touch or cross town lines, as well as municipal plans of conservation and development. This year, the RPC provided reviews throughout the region and continued work on the Regional Plan of Conservation & Development.

RiverCOG continued to host the nonprofit Gateway Commission, which has served the towns of Chester, Deep River, East Haddam, Essex, Haddam, Lyme, Old Lyme and Old Saybrook for forty-five years as the guardian of the ecological and visual values of the Lower Connecticut River region. Working with the eight-town Planning & Zoning Commissions, Zoning Boards of Appeal, and town staff, Gateway oversees a scenic protection program composed of acquisition of scenic and conservation easements and land and the administration of a program of development management within the Gateway Conservation Zone, located from the banks of the river up to the first ridge of river hillsides. In addition to partnering with Gateway, RiverCOG staff supported the health of the Connecticut River by educating communities about invasive species and monitoring and removing Hydrilla and other harmful plants.

RiverCOG continued to act as the fiduciary agent for Region 2 of the state's emergency planning efforts through grants provided by the federal government through the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security. The Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) is charged with developing, administering, and coordinating a comprehensive and integrated statewide program that encompasses all human-made and natural hazards and includes prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery components to ensure the safety and well-being of the citizens of Connecticut. Fiduciary duties include substantial financial record organization, certification of vendors and service providers, review of vendor quotes, payment of vendor invoices, attendance at monthly REPT meetings, administration and collection of Memorandums of Agreement from the thirty member towns for each of numerous overlapping grants, and preparing specific deliverables that are required by DEMHS in order to receive RiverCOG's funding allocation for the fiduciary responsibilities. When requested, staff of the agency will also provide ancillary mapping services.

RiverCOG had a successful year with our continued household hazardous waste collections. In July, we added a successful new satellite collection in Cromwell with 4,840 pounds of household hazardous waste collected. During the 2018 season (April – October), 100,735 pounds of waste were collected. Due to Connecticut's participation in the PaintCare program, towns saw significant savings as they are no longer charged for paint waste: 65,300 pounds of latex and oil-based paint were collected. Prior to implementation of the PaintCare program, the charge for disposal of the oil-based paint collected would have been \$32,287. RiverCOG also continued holding paper shredding events, with 34,200 pounds of paper collected, and partnering with the state on recycling efforts on plastic film, mattresses, mercury switches, and textiles.

Other regional planning projects from fiscal year 2019 include:

- Began a regional transit study looking at ways of better integrating operations of 9 Town Transit and MAT
- Continued corridor studies along Routes 81 & 66
- Aided Haddam and East Haddam with a Federal BUILD grant application for a walkway on the Swing Bridge
- Initiated an update to our website, rivercog.org
- Began hosting and staffing of the non-profit Lower Connecticut River Land Trust
- Performed preliminary work on Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan update
- Hosted inaugural Repair Café and Compost Bin/Rain Barrel sales
- LOTCIP projects
 - Millbrook Road, Middletown, construction, \$2.4 million
 - Higganum Road, Durham, construction, \$2.6 million
 - Coles Road, Cromwell, final design, 2.4 million
 - Candlewood Hill Road Haddam, committed, \$2.9 million
 - Main Street, Chester, committed, \$2.4 million
- Other projects
 - Main Street Middletown intersections, construction, \$3.9 million
 - Arrigoni Bridge approach spans, design, \$52.5 million
 - Route 9 closed circuit tv, design, \$9.2 million
- Completed a new regional Metropolitan Transportation Plan

Rogers Lake Authority

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

Meetings: Second Wednesdays, 7:30 P.M.,
Rogers Lake West Shores Assn. Clubhouse,
75 Rogers Lake Trail
DEEP. 860-424-3333 or 911
Rogers Lake Authority Patrol Boat (May through October): 860-227-4285

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.

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 (93%) are natural wooded or wetlands. Properties around the lake are mostly developed, and future development should be minimal because of the large acreage of state-owned land and the Stone's Ranch Military Reservation.

A post-treatment survey from the third herbicide treatment was performed in late July of 2018. Two RLA members participated in the survey. In summary, the weeds in the treated and adjacent areas seem to be in reasonable control. The invasive weeds are significantly reduced from the previous two years, and native weeds were thriving. Water testing was performed in one deep and one shallow well for pre- and post-treatments and no traces of the herbicide flumioxazin were found.

SWCA Environmental Consultants issued a vegetation survey report indicating the overall species diversity increased over the four years during herbicide treatment and overall invasive plant coverage decreased. The lake health is good overall. Prior to the start of the herbicide treatment, 24 native plants were identified in the lake. The recent survey identified 29 native plants. With the reduction in invasive weeds, the native plants have been able to reestablish.

Aquatic Ecosystem Research issued their 2018 water quality report and recommended we continue the use of herbicide to recreationally important areas.

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 DEEP at 860-424-3333 or 911. The patrol boat has a dedicated phone that is active May through October. The cell phone number to talk with the patrol boat operator is 860-227-4285.

The RLA met with DEEP to discuss what could be done to improve boating safety on the lake. DEEP indicated the lake ordinances were quite confusing and outdated and suggested they be revised. They also suggested adding signage at appropriate areas.

The RLA is an active member of the Connecticut Federation of Lakes (CFL). RLA members attended conferences in October, November, and April. The RLA expanded their knowledge base by attending the CT DEEP Volunteer Water Monitoring Program in April. The take-home from attending these conferences is that Rogers Lake is healthy and is proactive in dealing with our issues. The conferences provided a wealth of information that was applicable to Rogers Lake.

There was an RLA-sponsored lake cleanup day in October. Members of the RLA and lake residents collected debris at the dam, boat launch area, and other areas around the lake. Of major significance was the removal of a nonfunctional boatlift at the entrance to the channel to the state boat launch.

In January, the RLA hosted Professor David Post of Yale University who talked about alewives and the ecology and evolution of Rogers Lake. He presented fifteen years of observations and the impact of alewives on fishing, and water quality. The efforts of Yale and CT DEEP have been successful in that alewives started coming back into the lake this spring via the fish ladder. Through DNA analysis it was shown that the returning alewives were born in the lake and had returned to spawn.

Fishing line is dangerous for birds and water life and DEEP sponsors and promotes fishing line recycling. Two monofilament recycling bins will be built, with one at the state boat launch and the second at Hains Park.

Candace Fuchs, president of the Old Lyme Rowing Association, continues to keep the RLA abreast of rowing activities. The RLA patrol boat is out on Tuesday and Thursday evenings to ensure the safety of all boating activity on the lake.

In an effort to improve communications with the community at large, this spring the RLA

Rogers Lake Authority *(continued)*

mailed a newsletter. The newsletter outlined RLA activities and important safety considerations when using the lake.

The Rogers Lake Authority is composed of three representatives from Lyme and three representatives from Old Lyme. There has been one change to the representation on the RLA. The RLA would like to thank Thomas Baehr

for his many years of service on the RLA, and welcomes Jenell Janes. The RLA can be contacted at rogerslakeauthority@oldlyme-ct.gov. A web site is maintained at <https://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/rogers-lake-authority>.

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.

Social Services

Jennifer Datum
Social Services Coordinator

Hours: Mon. & Fri. 9 A.M.-1 P.M., Wed. 12-4 P.M., and by appointment.

The Social Services department continues to help town residents in need. I assisted 96 households this year.

Senior Farmers' Market Nutrition Program

In July of 2019 I began distributing coupon booklets to be used at local farmers' markets to income eligible residents who are elderly or disabled. To date, I have given out 43 booklets. These coupons can be used to purchase fresh produce, fresh cut herbs, and honey at participating markets. This program is available through the CT Department of Agriculture and provides checks in the amount of \$18 per person.

Energy Assistance

Energy Assistance for the winter season of 2018-19 continued to be a helpful program to residents struggling to pay for oil, propane, or electricity to heat their homes. This federal program is administered locally through TVCCA. Town residents who meet financial guidelines can apply for the program through my office at the town hall if they prefer, or they can go directly to Norwich or New London. I processed 44 cases, including individuals and families.

Renters' Rebate

The Renters' Rebate program is a state reimbursement program for elderly or disabled low-income residents who rent in town. In 2018, I assisted 41 residents in applying for this benefit for the 2017 year.

In addition to these programs, I was able to use the social services emergency fund to help residents with various other needs. Money donated to the town from local agencies such as the Community Foundation, the LIONS Club, and the Fire Department Auxiliary, as well as individuals, is used to help low-income residents, often on fixed incomes, who are struggling to pay their bills and need one-time assistance. Examples of such assistance include emergency fuel delivery (to 9 households), gas vouchers, bus tickets for 9 Town Transit, grocery store gift cards, temporary housing, and other bills. Contributions to the emergency fund are always welcome and can be dropped off or mailed to the town hall, attention Social Services.

For those who need help with food, I gave out gift cards to local grocery stores for a total amount of approximately \$1,085.00. I refer residents to the food pantries and meal sites through the Shoreline Soup Kitchens and Pantries. I also maintain a very small food pantry in the closet in my office.

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Social Services *(continued)*

Another role of Social Services is to provide information and referrals to other agencies, including such areas as: legal aid, help with SNAP (food stamps) applications, medical and other transportation options, housing, health insurance, 211, Salvation Army, and various departments of the state.

I work cooperatively with other town agencies, including the Lymes' Senior Center, Lymes' Youth Services Bureau, and the Town Nurse to help serve all local residents.

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please call my office at 860-434-1605 ext 228. My office hours are Monday, 9 – 1; Wednesday, 12 – 4; Friday, 9 – 1; or by appointment.

Sound View Commission

Frank Pappalardo
Chair

*Meetings: 4th Mondays, 7:30 P.M.,
Oct. to April—Memorial Town Hall*

May to Sept.—Shoreline Community Center, 39 Hartford Ave.

Sound View
Established in 1892
America's First Public Beach

The Sound View Commission (SVC), established in 2011, serves as the designated advisor to the Board of Selectmen regarding the Sound View area and as coordinator for the area's management and development.

The SVC jurisdiction includes Swan, Hartford, and Portland Avenues with their respective waterfronts and Shore Road north to the railroad tracks from Cross Lane to the police station. As one of the town's newest commissions, the SVC has assisted with many area improvements. This year new picnic tables and a bike rack were installed in the green space at the town parking lot; these are made from high-density quality recycled materials and are expected to last for many years. The Sound View bocce courts on Hartford Avenue have continued to provide a favorite family recreation. New privacy fencing was installed surrounding the town lot porta-potties. The fencing was budgeted by the SVC and our town public works did the install.

Working with the selectmen, the town has been awarded a Community Connectivity Grant from the state, which will allow for the completion of sidewalks and improvements on the west side of Hartford Avenue from Bocce Lane to Shore Road and sidewalks along portions of Shore Road, thus providing safe pedestrian access to

area businesses on Shore Road. This project is presently in the design and engineering phase and will provide the town with \$400,000 for the construction phase.

This past year, working with other town commissions, the SVC assisted developers with renovations of both the area gas station and a beach restaurant. Five summer concerts were presented, each with a different musical flavor. This is the fifth year we presented the concert series and, with attendance as high as 450, they have been a great success. The flower plantings at the Hartford Avenue flag pole and Swan Avenue are managed by the SVC; this year we would like to thank the Duck River Garden Club for their wonderful plantings and maintenance. Their efforts and expertise are a wonderful enhancement to the area.

The SVC and community organizations bring a wide array of events to the area. A summer "Events" calendar is published by the SVC listing all the summer events in Sound View. The calendars are available in May.

The Sound View Commission meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7:30 P.M., from October to April in the Memorial Town Hall and from May through September in the Shoreline Community Center at 39 Hartford Avenue, Sound View. Agendas and minutes can be found on the town website.



The historic 1925 Allen Herschell carousel at Sound View, owned and operated by Jerry and Dee Vowles, is a popular nightly destination all summer long, where riders can attempt to catch the brass ring and enjoy ice cream or other treats and merchandise at the adjoining Carousel Shop. (With thanks to Michaela Pearson for historic background.)

Tax Collector

Judith A. Tooker *Tax Collector*

The tax collector's office was busy this past fiscal year. We had 5,390 Real Estate Bills, 9,092 Motor Vehicle Bills, 420 Personal Property Bills, and 1,400 Supplemental Motor Vehicle Bills go out during this period. Taxes are due in two parts, July and January, with all

motor vehicle taxes due in July and Supplemental Bills due in January. Our collection rate is 98.6 percent.

We are here to collect taxes in a friendly manner from 9 A.M. to noon and 1 to 4 P.M. weekdays.

Town Meetings

MINUTES OF TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Approximately 140 electors and citizens attended the Special Town Meeting on Monday, July 23, 2018 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Lyme Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectwoman Bonnie A. Reemsnyder called the meeting to order.

Atty. Thomas McGarry was elected to serve as moderator.

Town Clerk Vicki Urbowicz read the call of the meeting.

1. A proposal to appropriate \$1.75 Million towards the cost of the capital construction project being undertaken at the Library by the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Association, Inc.

Motion Carried

2. A proposed ordinance to amend the Town's Harbor Management Plan to create a procedure for the Harbor Management Commission to recommend variances from the Harbor Use Zone Standards of the Plan to a state or local permitting authority acting on an application to conduct activities affecting the waters of Old Lyme. A copy of the proposed ordinance is posted on the Town's website and paper copies are available for review in the office of the Town Clerk. If approved by the Town Meeting, this ordinance shall be effective fifteen days after its publication in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Old Lyme.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz

Old Lyme Town Clerk

Recorded by Vicki Urbowicz, TC
July 23, 2018

TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Approximately 300 electors and citizens attended the Special Town Meeting held on September 24, 2018 at 7:30 PM in the Auditorium in the Lyme-Old Lyme Middle School, 53 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectwoman Bonnie A. Reemsnyder called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Attorney Fran Sablone was elected to serve as moderator.

Town Clerk Vicki Urbowicz read the call of the meeting.

1. A Proposed Lease of a portion of the Town-owned property at 72 Portland Avenue, Old Lyme, CT, including access rights to the Leased Area, to the Miami Beach Association, the Old Lyme Shores Beach Association, and the Old Colony Beach Association, and to each of their respective Water Pollution Control Authorities (the "Tenants"), for an initial term of forty years from its Commencement Date, for the purpose of the construction, operation, and maintenance of a sanitary sewage pump station, underground piping, and related facilities by the Tenants. Proposed Lease Terms and a Map showing the proposed lease area is available through the WPCA page of the Town website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov), and available for review in the Town Clerk's or Selectman's Offices of Old Lyme Memorial Town Hall.

Motion Carried

2. A Resolution:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN MEETING OF THE TOWN OF OLD LYME that the First Selectman, on terms and conditions deemed by the Board of Selectmen to be commercially reasonable and in the best interests of the Town, and subject to the approval of the Town Attorney as to legality and form, is authorized to negotiate and enter into a memorandum of agreement and subsequent lease for an initial term of up to twenty-five years with a solar energy generation firm legally qualified to produce and distribute solar energy in the State of Connecticut for the purpose of allowing the tenant to install, own and operate solar photovoltaic generation equipment ("Solar Facilities") on some or all of the capped portion of the former landfill on the Town-owned property

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at 109 Four Mile River Road in Old Lyme, CT, together with and for the term of the lease: (i) an easement over, across and through Town Property outside the leased area as reasonably necessary to allow the tenant, its employees, invitees, agents, contractors and subcontractors to access the leased property and the Solar Facilities by vehicle, foot or otherwise, in such location(s) as shall be reasonably determined by mutual written agreement of the Board of Selectmen and the tenant; and (ii) an easement on Town Property outside the leased area, as reasonably necessary for the sole purpose of servicing the Solar Facilities, to build, maintain, upgrade, install and relocate electrical lines, conduits, and disconnects running to and from the Solar Facilities and other equipment and communication facilities, including without limitation utility meters and switches, transformers, inverters, disconnects, reclosers, poles and switchboards, all of which shall be reasonably needed to operate the Solar Facilities, and all of which shall be located where reasonably determined by mutual written agreement of the Board Selectmen and the tenant; and (iii) the right, license and privilege to use, as reasonably necessary, up to fifteen thousand (15,000) square feet of Town Property outside the leased area as a temporary workspace for the placement and storage of equipment and materials during the construction and the removal of the Solar Facilities, the specific location of such temporary workspace to be agreed upon by mutual consent of the Selectmen and the tenant prior to construction of the Solar Facilities.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz*

Old Lyme Town Clerk

*Recorded by Vicki Urbowicz, Town Clerk on
September 28, 2018*

TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL TOWN BUSINESS MEETING

Approximately 30 electors and citizens attended the Annual Town Business Meeting held on Monday, January 28, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Lyme Old Lyme Middle School Auditorium, 53 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectwoman Bonnie A. Reemsnyder called the meeting to order.

Attorney Thomas McGarry was elected as moderator.

Town Clerk Vicki Urbowicz read the call of the meeting.

1. To accept the Annual Town Report for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018, as submitted by the Board of Finance.

Motion Carried

2. To announce the recipient of the Board of Selectmen's Citizen of the Year for 2018.

Item withdrawn to a later date.

3. A request by the Board of Selectmen to appropriate \$46,000.00 for Technology Upgrades.

Motion Carried

4. To consider and vote on a resolution: (a) To authorize the Town to issue and sell its notes and bonds pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, or any other provision of law thereto enabling, in an amount not to exceed \$1,250,000 to finance an appropriation for the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library renovation project being undertaken by the Old Lyme Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Association; and (b) to authorize such other actions relating to the foregoing as may be necessary or appropriate.

The full text of the foregoing resolution is on file and open to inspection at the office of the Town Clerk, Town Hall, 52 Lyme St., Old Lyme, Connecticut and on the Town website (www.oldlyme-ct.gov) for the use or inspection of any interested person.

Motion Carried

5. Election to fill a vacancy in the panel of regular members of the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Dave Evers was nominated and then elected as regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals to serve the term to the next municipal election (November 2019).

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz.*

Old Lyme Town Clerk

*Recorded by Vicki Urbowicz, Town Clerk
January 29, 2019
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Town Meetings *(continued)*

SPECIAL ELECTION BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

On January 28, 2019 at a Special Election at Town Meeting, David W. Evers Jr. was nominated and then elected as regular member of the Board of Assessment Appeals to serve the term to the next municipal election (November, 2019).

David W. Evers Jr. was sworn in, before me, Vicki Urbowicz, Town Clerk, on January 30, 2019.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz
Old Lyme Town Clerk*

TOWN OF OLD LYME SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Approximately ten electors and citizens attended the Special Town Meeting held on April 16, 2019 at 7:30 PM in the Meeting Hall of Memorial Town Hall, 52 Lyme Street, Old Lyme, Connecticut.

First Selectwoman, Bonnie A. Reemsnyder, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Attorney Thomas McGarry was elected to serve as moderator.

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

1. Announce the Citizen of the Year of 2018.
Item withdrawn to a later date.

2. Consider and act on a proposal for the Town of Old Lyme to add 200 s.f. of Town-owned land to the area it is currently leasing out at the Boughton Road Fire Station at 189 Boston Post Road, Old Lyme, CT., to allow for an additional antenna to be installed on the cell tower now on the site and to make room for supporting equipment to be kept/ installed there.

Motion Carried

3. To consider and act on proposed amendments to the Town's Solid Waste Ordinance.

Motion Carried

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz
Old Lyme Town Clerk
Recorded by Vicki Urbowicz, TC
April 16, 2019*

OLD LYME REFERENDUM

The following is the official report of the May 7, 2019 Referendum ballot results on the question of whether the sum of \$35,084,758 should be appropriated for Regional School District 18:

Number of Ballots Casts.....	684
Voted YES:	396
Voted NO:	288
Number Voting IN PERSON:	684
Number Voting as ABSENTEE:	0
Number of Property Owners voting:	15
Number of Registered Voters voting:	669

*Respectfully submitted,
Vicki Urbowicz
Old Lyme Town Clerk*

MINUTES OF TOWN OF OLD LYME ANNUAL BUDGET MEETING OF MAY 20, 2019

Approximately sixty electors and citizens attended the Town of Old Lyme Annual Budget Meeting held on Monday, May 20, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in the Lyme Old Lyme Middle School auditorium of Regional District #18, 53 Lyme Street, Old Lyme.

First Selectwoman, Bonnie A. Reemsnyder, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Attorney Fran Sablone was elected to serve as moderator.

Town Clerk Vicki Urbowicz read the call of the meeting.

1. The adoption of the Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020, as recommended by the Board of Finance.

Motion Carried

2. A proposal that taxes in the Town of Old Lyme on Real Property and Personal Property shall be paid in two (2) equal semi-annual installments, the first payment being due on July 1, 2019 and the second payment being due on January 1, 2020, provided that any such tax of less than \$100.00 for the year shall be due in full in one payment on July 1, 2019, and provided that taxes in any amount owed for vehicles on the

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Supplemental List shall be made in one payment due on January 1, 2020.

Motion Carried

3. (a) A proposal to purchase, using open space acquisition funds, lands that are owned by Jean A. McCulloch Farm, LLC, consisting of 300 acres, more or less, situated near Whipporwill Road and Flat Rock Hill Road, in accord with the terms of a Contract of Sale dated on or about April 1, 2019, for the consideration of \$600,000 (a copy of the Contract, which includes a map, is available at the Town Clerks' office and on the Town's website at www.oldlyme-ct.gov); and

(b) To promote the public use and enjoyment of the open space lands, to authorize the First Selectman and the Town Attorney to negotiate and consummate a modification to the easement covering the said lands, in order to permit the Town the legal right to construct and maintain vehicle parking areas on the said lands; and

(c) In furtherance of the foregoing, to authorize the First Selectman to execute and sign, on behalf of the Town, such contracts, deeds and other instruments as are reasonably necessary to carry out the said purchase and easement modification.

Motion Carried

4. An appropriation of SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$73,000.00) to the Health Insurance Account for health insurance costs associated with new memberships and changes in status.

Motion Carried

5. An appropriation of SIXTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$16,000.00) to the PW Project Contractors Account for emergency repairs to Grassy Hill Road Bridge.

Motion Carried

6. An appropriation of TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$26,000.00) to the CRRA/MIRA Account for increase in CRRA/MIRA tipping fees.

Motion Carried

7. Announcement of Citizen of the Year of 2018.

Robert Doyen was announced as the Town of Old Lyme's Citizen of the Year.

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Urbowicz

Old Lyme Town Clerk

Treasurer

Timothy C. Griswold Treasurer

The financial results for the Town of Old Lyme year ending on 30 June 2019 were again strong. The budget for total revenues was \$36,301,175 but the actual revenues were \$36,867,659, so there was a favorable variance of \$566,484. The budget for expenditures was \$36,301,175 but the actual expenditures were \$36,514,055, so there was an unfavorable variance of \$212,880. After accounting for budget adjustments during the year, the town's undesignated surplus increased from \$8,681,456 at the beginning of the fiscal year to \$9,008,689 at the end of the fiscal year. The undesignated surplus stands at 25.0% of the actual fiscal year 2019 budget; this is a very healthy surplus.

Another indication of financial health is the town's tax-collection rate. At the end of fiscal

year 2019, the town's tax-collection rate was an excellent 98.85%.

It is important to note that the town now receives about only 1.53% (about \$566,000) of its total revenue (about \$37 million) from recurring grants from the State of Connecticut. Of the \$566,000, \$241,406 is the education cost-sharing grant, and we have heard repeatedly that the state would like to reduce Old Lyme's grant to zero. In addition, there has been talk at the state level that proposes forcing Connecticut municipalities to pay 33% of the teachers' state pension expense. In the case of Old Lyme, that could amount to about \$1 million. This pension was created by the State of CT, it has been managed (poorly) by the state and, not surprisingly, it is woefully underfunded.

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Lyme and Old Lyme together constitute Regional School District 18. The division of the operating expenses of the school district is apportioned between the two towns based exclusively on the ratio of students from each town to the total of all students. As of 1 March 2019, there was an average student count of 1,290 students in the district: 249 (19.3%) from Lyme and 1,041 (80.7%) from Old Lyme. Accordingly, based on this student count ratio, Lyme's share of the school's \$34,940,312 budget (after accounting for estimated receipts of \$144,446) will be \$6,743,480 and Old Lyme's share will be \$28,196,832. Further, Old Lyme's net school budget (after accounting for Old Lyme's \$640,153 share of the District's FY 2018 fund balance) will be \$27,556,679 and this represented 70.8% of the total town budget. A major concern to Old Lyme and to all other Connecticut municipalities is the statewide declining enrollment trend. In Regional School District 18, the FY 2019 average enrollment of 1,255 is forecast to decrease to 1,150 in FY 2023 – a drop of 105 students over 4 years. We know that the district's costs will not decrease proportionately with declining enrollment, so this will undoubtedly have an impact on future town budgets.

The Town of Old Lyme has only one long-term debt obligation – the \$1,815,000 remaining balance on the original \$4,200,000 bond used to finance the renovation and expansion of the Town Hall in October 2010. The bond was refinanced

in June 2016 at a rate of 1.44% and it will be paid off in 2025. While Regional School District 18 is a self-standing organization, the Towns of Lyme and Old Lyme are contingently responsible for its debt, which presently totals \$24.5 million. Old Lyme's share of this debt is \$19.8 million. While these amounts sound very large, they are well within the debt levels specified by our auditors. The town continues to enjoy a strong financial position, as evidenced by our last Standard and Poors bond rating of AAA, which is the highest rating available.

Below are some capital projects that the town is or will be dealing with in the near future:

Project	Est. Costs
1. Sound View Sewer/Pump House (Rough Est.)	\$9,230,000
Less: Clean Water Fund Grant – 25% of total	- 2,307,500
Net Amount – To be paid by the users	6,922,500
2. O.L. Phoebe Griffin Noyes Library Renovation	1,750,000
3. Mile Creek Rd./Black Hall Riv. Bridge Replacmnt	1,183,000
Less: 50% State Bridge Grant	-591,500
Net to be paid by the town	591,500
4. Grassy Hill Rd. Bridge Replacement (50% Grant)	692,000
Less: 50% State Bridge Grant	-346,000
Net to be paid by the town	346,000
5. Lower Mill Pond Dam Renovation	200,000
6. Haines Park Restroom	150,000

I thank the members of the town's board of finance; Nicole Stajduhar, director of finance, and Amy Jensen, her assistant, for the consistently excellent work they perform.

Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA)

Rich Prendergast
Chairman

Donna Bednar
Vice Chair

The town of Old Lyme's Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) has been busy in the past year with changes in WPCA members, the Sound View Sewer Project, Hawk's Nest ground water testing, and records management. The WPCA volunteers' main purpose is to solve water pollution problems as further described in this update.

The WPCA membership changed as the Vice Chairperson, Donna Bednar, moved out of state and therefore resigned her position. We

will miss Donna's help in researching solutions to difficult problems and we wish her the best in her future home. Frank Chan accepted the position of Vice Chairman and has stepped up to handle important activities within the WPCA. In addition, both Steve Cinami and James Birge were appointed as full members to complete the commission's nine-member group.

The Hawk's Nest ground water pollution testing project continued for a second year. Phase one was completed and can be summarized

Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) *continued*

as evaluating the ground water wells and ground water flow direction correlated to rain fall and low/high tide. Phase two is in the second year of sampling eleven ground water wells for ground water pollution and publishing the test results on the WPCA web page. Early in 2020, we will review this project with the State of Connecticut's Department of Environmental and Energy Protection (DEEP) to demonstrate progress, prevent administration orders, prevent potential fines, and maintain eligibility for partial funding. The final phase will be to develop a report that interprets the results via the town's engineering contractor and possibly an independent ground water consultant. The final report will be submitted to the DEEP for review and may lead to amending the need for sewers in this project area.

The big news in Old Lyme this year was the Sound View sewer referendum passed with 883 votes for and 565 votes against. The pass of this referendum means the town will bond \$9.5 million to install sewers; however, applicable clean water funds in grants and special financing is estimated to lower the costs to \$7.44 million. The properties connected to sewers will benefit with increased market value and reduced risk of septic system failure and ground water pollution and therefore pay back the sewer costs over a period of 20 years. The WPCA is

working to further lower the costs by sharing some infrastructure with adjacent private beach associations that are also installing sewers. At the time of this writing, the WPCA is working with the town's selectman's office, our contracted engineering firm, and the State of Connecticut to draft design scope of work. Following the design approval, the WPCA will develop a construction plan. In the near future, as we complete more elements of the sewer project, additional public question-and-answer session meeting(s) will be held to better communicate the project status and the time line of key events and gain feedback from residents.

One more accomplishment includes digitizing the town's septic system records management. Digitizing the septic system allows easier records management and a more convenient way for residents to look up their septic system's maintenance, such as the last pump and clean-out date. The town requires a septic system to be pumped and cleaned every seven years. To access the database, there is a link on the town's WPCA website page or by this link: <https://septicsearch.com/>

In closing, I would like to thank the volunteer members of the WPCA, the Board of Selectmen, Board of Finance, and members of the public for their tireless contributions toward these projects.

Zoning Board of Appeals

Nancy Hutchinson
Chair

Meetings: Third Tuesdays except August & December, 7 P.M., Memorial Town Hall.
<http://www.oldlyme-ct.gov/zoning-board-appeals>

The Old Lyme Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has two roles: 1) to hear appeals for variances from the Old Lyme Zoning Regulations and 2) to hear appeals from decisions of the Old Lyme Zoning Enforcement Official (ZEO). The standards that guide and limit the actions of the Zoning Board of Appeals are based on the Connecticut General Statutes and the Old Lyme Zoning Regulations.

For a variance to be granted, unusual hardship or exceptional difficulty due to the unique characteristics of the property must be demonstrated and only if it is in harmony with the general intent and purpose of the zoning regulations and the comprehensive plan put forth by the town. In some instances, the board may consider a reduction in legal pre-existing non-conformity in lieu of a demonstration of unusual hardship when granting a variance. *(cont'd)*

Zoning Board of Appeals *(continued)*

The current members serving on the ZBA are Nancy Hutchinson (Chair), Kip Kotzan (Vice Chair), Marisa Hartman (Secretary), Dan Montano, and Stephanie Mickle. Steve Dix is serving as one of our valuable alternates, and with alternate Tom Schellens stepping down in March 2019, the board has two vacancies for alternate members. Because a variance can only be granted by four positive votes of the board (not simply a majority vote), having alternates available to replace absent full members is very important to ensure applicants have a full complement of five ZBA members voting on each case. In November 2019, five of the eight board positions are up for election: two full members and all three alternate members. If anyone is interested in learning more about municipal land use and stepping up and filling any vacant positions on the board after the November election, please contact the ZBA Chair at *ChairZBA@oldlyme-ct.gov*.

During fiscal year 2018-2019, the ZBA is happy to announce that it has completed several initiatives to improve its processes that were begun last year. The first initiative was the development of a "Residential Variance

Guide" to help applicants understand the legal requirements, legal terms, and timelines involved in applying for a residential variance, including a section on "What to expect at the ZBA Public Hearing." We also updated our application forms and instructions to make the process clearer and easier to follow. Both this guide and the new application forms were rolled out in November 2018. The new forms are available both in hardcopy at Memorial Town Hall and as electronic "fillable" forms that can be downloaded from the updated ZBA webpage on the new town website. We hope applicants find these new tools helpful!

Also during the 2018-2019 fiscal year, the ZBA held eight regular meetings and considered eleven variance applications. Two variance applications were withdrawn, eight were granted with conditions, and one was granted without conditions. None of the above decisions were appealed in superior court.

A special thanks to Kim Barrows, CZET, for committing her time and extensive knowledge of municipal land use in support of the board and the town; her dedication is greatly appreciated!

Zoning Commission

Jane Cable
Chairman

Meetings: Second Mondays except August, 7:30 P.M., Memorial Town Hall.

Town zoning commissions are authorized by section 8-2 of the state statutes to draft regulations that define lot and building sizes, density of development and the use of land within the Town in order to "protect the public health, safety, convenience and property values". This year, we began work on revising our regulations to reflect the impact of rising sea levels on the construction of buildings near tidal waters

Our zoning commission consists of 5 elected members and 3 alternates. Current members are Jane Cable, Jane Marsh, Gil Soucie, Alan Todd

and Paul Orzel. Harvey Gemme and Katherine Klose are the alternates, who are appointed by the Board of Selectmen in January to terms of one year. Any elector who is interested in being appointed as an alternate member of the Zoning Commission should contact the Selectman's Office.

The Zoning Commission meets on the second Monday of each month, except July, at 7:30 in the meeting room at Old Lyme Town Hall. Members of the public are welcome to attend all public hearings and regular meetings.

OLD LYME ALERTS, AN EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

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

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

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

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

Register online (visit *www.oldlyme-ct.gov* and follow the link) or complete the form below.
Mail it or drop it off at the Town Hall or the Lymes' Senior Center.

Please print clearly

Name _____

Old Lyme Street Address _____

Mailing Address _____

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

Enter 1, 2, etc.

Please print clearly below

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

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

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

OLD LYME EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SPECIAL NEEDS REGISTRATION FORM

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

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

This information is voluntary and will remain confidential.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____ APT # _____

TOWN: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION OF A RELATIVE OR FRIEND

NAME: _____ TELEPHONE: _____

SPECIAL DIRECTIONS TO YOUR HOME:

PLEASE CHECK ANY OF ITEMS WHICH MAY ADDRESS YOUR NEEDS

I am hearing impaired I use a TDD/TT device

I am oxygen dependent I have impaired vision

I depend upon electrically powered life sustaining medical equipment

Respirator equipment In-home dialysis Other _____

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

Wheelchair Walker Cane Other _____

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

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

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

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

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

Service Information

A Directory of Local and State Services

EMERGENCY (Ambulance, Fire, Police) 911
Poison Control Center 1-800-222-1222
Elderly Abuse Hotline 1-888-385-4225

Old Lyme Municipal Agent 860-434-1605
Ombudsman for the Elderly of Old Lyme
ConnPACE-ConnMAP-Information and referral for all services for the elderly.

Estuary Council of Seniors 860-388-1611
Nutrition, Meals on Wheels, Transportation, Food Shopping, Reservations for Old Lyme Meal Site at 26 Town Woods Road.

Lymes' Senior Center 860-434-1605 x240
Senior Clubs, Support Groups, Medicare and Income Tax Assistance, Safe Driver Education.

Transportation
EMOTS (Estuary Medical OutPatient Transportation) Handicapped equipped, give 24-hour notice, please 860-388-1611
American Cancer Society 1-800-227-2345

Old Lyme Social Services 860-434-1605, x228
Food bank, fuel assistance, food stamps, emergency financial assistance, welfare info., renters' rebate; call for appointment

Old Lyme Visiting Nurse Assoc. ... 860-434-7808
Blood pressure, flu and pneumonia clinics, home visits, hearing tests, blood screening.
Office Hours: 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Monday – Thursday, Noon – 1 p.m. Friday
24 hours 860-434-9003

Valley Shore Community Health Center
Dental Services, Health Services, Medical Exams, Healthy Start, Counseling, Fees on Sliding Scale 860-388-4433

Hospitals and Clinics
Charter Oak Walk-Ins (Flanders) 860-739-6953
Lawrence & Memorial 860-442-0711
Middlesex Memorial Hospital 860-358-6000
Middlesex Shoreline Clinic 860-358-3700
New address: 250 Flat Rock Place, Westbrook
Hospice S.E. Conn. 860-848-5699

Elderly Housing
Lymewood
(Elderly Housing, Handicapped units) .. 860-434-2120
Ryefield Manor (J&F Co.) 860-739-9251
CT partnership for Long-Term Care . 1-800-547-3443

INFOLINE 211
Information and Referral, Crisis Counseling, Advocacy

Medicare, Center for Medicare Advocacy 1-800-262-4414

Social Security
All aspects 1-800-772-1213

Tax Relief 860-434-1605, x219
Social Services Info. & Referral 1-800-443-9946

State of Connecticut
Governor's Information 1-800-406-1527
State Assistance for the Blind 1-800-842-4510
Handicapped Rights 1-800-842-7303
Veterans' Services 1-800-827-1000

Volunteer Opportunities
American Cancer Society 800-227-2345
Eastern CT Area Agency on Aging .. 860-887-3561
Estuary Council of Seniors
(includes AARP Tax Aide) 860-388-1611
Lawrence & Memorial Hospital 860-442-0711
Literacy Volunteers 860-399-0280
Lymes' Youth Service Bureau 860-434-7208
Middlesex Memorial Hospital 860-358-6000
OL/PGN Library 860-434-1684
Salvation Army 860-443-6409
Schools

Superintendent of Schools 860-434-7238
Mile Creek School 860-434-2209
Lyme Consolidated 860-434-1233
Middle School 860-434-2568
High School 860-434-1651 or 1652
SCORE (Senior Corps of Retired Executives) 860-388-9508
Woman's Exchange 860-434-7290





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FINANCIALS

2018-2019

Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
June 30, 2019

	General	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash	\$ 424,680	\$ 2,134,619	\$ 2,559,299
Investments	11,419,162		11,419,162
Receivables:			
Property taxes	683,150	-	683,150
Intergovernmental	34,046	-	34,046
Other	48,513	56,425	104,938
Due from other funds	30,785	916,457	947,242
Prepaid amounts	1,048,112	-	1,048,112
Total assets	\$ 13,688,448	\$ 3,107,501	\$ 16,795,949
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Accounts payable	\$ 535,058	\$ 17,651	\$ 552,709
Accrued liabilities	25,004	-	25,004
Due to other funds	916,457	11,214	927,671
Unearned revenue	29,130	110,043	139,173
Total liabilities	1,505,649	138,908	1,644,557
<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	683,150	-	683,150
Advanced property tax collections	189,705	-	189,705
Total deferred inflows of resources	872,855	-	872,855
<u>Fund Balances</u>			
Nonspendable	1,048,112	-	1,048,112
Committed	-	2,623,261	2,623,261
Assigned	1,253,143	346,166	1,599,309
Unassigned	9,008,689	(834)	9,007,855
Total fund balances	11,309,944	2,968,593	14,278,537
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	\$ 13,688,448	\$ 3,107,501	\$ 16,795,949

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

**Reconciliation of Fund Balance
to Net Position of Governmental Activities
June 30, 2019**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position (Exhibit A) are different from the governmental fund balance sheet. The details of this difference are as follows:

Total fund balance (Exhibit C, Page 1) \$ 14,278,537

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

Beginning net capital assets	21,742,377
Current year capital asset additions	520,183
Depreciation expense	(593,373)

Other long-term assets are not available resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Interest receivable on property taxes	141,534
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(123,000)

Other long-term assets and deferred outflows are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are unavailable in the funds:

Property tax receivable - accrual basis change	683,150
Deferred charge on refunding	25,163

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

Bonds payable	(1,815,000)
Landfill postclosure costs	(384,000)
Accrued interest payable	(7,579)
Compensated absences	<u>(193,074)</u>

Net position of governmental activities \$ 34,274,918

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

General Fund
Schedule of Revenues and Other Financing Sources -
Budget and Actual
Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Property taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 34,370,177	\$ 34,370,177	\$ 34,675,657	\$ 305,480
Interest and lien fees	190,000	190,000	212,521	22,521
Telephone access line grant	26,000	26,000	25,120	(880)
Total property taxes	34,586,177	34,586,177	34,913,298	327,121
Charges for services:				
Ambulance fuel reimbursement	6,000	6,000	7,512	1,512
Assessor	1,000	1,000	1,053	53
Beach stickers and permits	30,000	30,000	39,790	9,790
Building department	160,000	160,000	129,261	(30,739)
Cell phone tower lease	27,600	27,600	34,530	6,930
Fire marshal	400	400	480	80
Historic District commission	200	200		(200)
Inland/wetlands	2,500	2,500	1,380	(1,120)
Insurance reimbursement	1,200	1,200	3,244	2,044
Land use reimbursements	9,500	9,500	1,152	(8,348)
Legal fees reimbursement			20	20
Miscellaneous	10,010	10,010	42,560	32,550
Other reimbursements			553	553
Parking fines	16,000	16,000	7,555	(8,445)
Parking	100,000	100,000	86,792	(13,208)
Parks and recreation department	45,000	45,000	46,135	1,135
Planning commission	1,000	1,000	915	(85)
Recycling	1,500	1,500	1,018	(482)
Registrar reimbursement	2,000	2,000	2,130	130
Rogers Lake Authority reimbursement	52,000	52,000	29,888	(22,112)
School crossing guard	8,000	8,000	8,334	334
Selectmen's office	10,000	10,000	10,534	534
Senior center reimbursement	48,700	48,700	33,753	(14,947)
Town clerk's office	230,000	230,000	255,199	25,199
Town Woods Park reimbursement	32,500	32,500	45,091	12,591
Transfer Station	100,000	100,000	125,718	25,718
Zoning board of appeals	2,500	2,500	4,104	1,604
Zoning commission	5,000	5,000	10,423	5,423
Total charges for services	902,610	902,610	929,124	26,514
Intergovernmental:				
Education equalization grant	-	-	241,512	241,512
Emergency management	40,000	40,000	32,791	(7,209)
Grants for Municipal Projects	1,888	1,888	1,888	-
LOCIP	57,000	57,000		(57,000)
Miscellaneous state grants	7,000	7,000	4,081	(2,919)
PILOT - colleges	-	-	33,136	33,136
PILOT - federal property	-	-	1,145	1,145
PILOT - state property	-	-	9,966	9,966
State police DWI	14,600	14,600	8,705	(5,895)
Tax relief elderly/disabled	-	-	194	194
Town aid road	229,500	229,500	229,307	(193)
Veterans' tax exempt	-	-	3,681	3,681
Total intergovernmental	349,988	349,988	566,406	216,418
Investment income:				
Interest on investments	93,000	93,000	280,490	187,490
Total revenues	35,931,775	35,931,775	36,689,318	757,543
Other financing sources:				
Appropriation of fund balance	300,000	984,375	-	(984,375)
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	1,000	1,000	379	(621)
Cancellation of prior year encumbrances	30,000	30,000	139,562	109,562
Transfers in:				
Bus barn fund	38,400	38,400	38,400	-
Total other financing sources	369,400	1,053,775	178,341	(875,434)
Total revenues and other financing sources	\$ 36,301,175	\$ 36,985,550	\$ 36,867,659	\$ (117,891)

Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses -
Budget and Actual
Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
General government:				
Selectmen's office	\$ 275,620	\$ 280,441	\$ 280,440	\$ 1
Town clerk	121,411	123,713	123,713	-
Tax collector	112,822	112,822	104,265	8,557
Treasurer	175,670	175,670	167,582	8,088
Registrar	53,886	53,886	51,778	2,108
Information technology	91,970	75,207	64,161	11,046
Probate court	6,000	6,000	5,772	228
Assessor	131,488	131,488	131,200	288
Building department	121,502	121,502	114,452	7,050
Health department	154,885	154,885	153,239	1,646
Town hall	171,000	171,000	158,195	12,805
Insurance	767,000	840,000	790,989	49,011
Special deductions	<u>415,000</u>	<u>415,000</u>	<u>381,512</u>	<u>33,488</u>
Total general government	2,598,254	2,661,614	2,527,298	134,316
Boards and commissions:				
Harbor management commission	1,250	1,250	1,005	245
Economic development commission	20	8,095	8,076	19
Ethics commission	25	25	-	25
Water management authority	84,412	84,412	79,470	4,942
Board of finance	10,104	10,104	9,422	682
Flood and erosion control board	540	540	327	213
Historic district commission	4,700	4,710	4,709	1
Tree commission	13,950	13,950	11,464	2,486
Parks and Recreation commission	1,522	1,522	1,202	320
Board of assessment appeals	552	552	525	27
Rogers Lake authority	79,900	79,900	49,833	30,067
Land use	303,342	303,342	282,750	20,592
Sound View	14,375	14,375	9,967	4,408
Conservation commission	3,273	3,273	459	2,814
Open space	<u>14,716</u>	<u>14,716</u>	<u>13,877</u>	<u>839</u>
Total boards and commissions	532,681	540,766	473,086	67,680
Public works:				
Public works expenditures	<u>917,698</u>	<u>917,698</u>	<u>838,961</u>	<u>78,737</u>
Parks and recreation:				
Parks and recreation	247,274	247,274	242,854	4,420
Town Woods Park	154,900	154,900	132,470	22,430
Fireworks/Memorial day	<u>22,500</u>	<u>23,061</u>	<u>23,060</u>	<u>1</u>
Total parks and recreation	424,674	425,235	398,384	26,851
Other public safety:				
Animal control	64,788	64,788	58,704	6,084
Emergency management	19,800	19,800	17,203	2,597
Valley shore communications	148,000	148,000	147,751	249
Ambulance	<u>160,187</u>	<u>160,187</u>	<u>138,556</u>	<u>21,631</u>
Total other public safety	392,775	392,775	362,214	30,561

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses -
Budget and Actual
Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Social services:				
Social service	\$ 19,090	\$ 19,090	\$ 17,983	\$ 1,107
Lyme's youth services	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>90,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total social services	<u>109,090</u>	<u>109,090</u>	<u>107,983</u>	<u>1,107</u>
Fire services:				
Old Lyme fire department	179,954	187,102	187,101	1
Fire protection	31,800	32,346	32,346	-
Fire marshal	70,435	70,435	69,295	1,140
Firemen's incentive plan	<u>86,000</u>	<u>86,000</u>	<u>78,675</u>	<u>7,325</u>
Total fire services	<u>368,189</u>	<u>375,883</u>	<u>367,417</u>	<u>8,466</u>
Police services:				
Resident state police	185,000	185,000	152,854	32,146
Municipal police	<u>675,102</u>	<u>675,102</u>	<u>667,668</u>	<u>7,434</u>
Total police services	<u>860,102</u>	<u>860,102</u>	<u>820,522</u>	<u>39,580</u>
Health services:				
Social services agencies	6,042	6,042	6,042	-
VNA	<u>74,220</u>	<u>74,220</u>	<u>74,220</u>	<u>-</u>
Total health services	<u>80,262</u>	<u>80,262</u>	<u>80,262</u>	<u>-</u>
Senior citizens' activities:				
Estuary transit district	15,500	15,500	15,500	-
Estuary services	39,500	39,500	39,500	-
Senior center	<u>102,380</u>	<u>105,380</u>	<u>101,198</u>	<u>4,182</u>
Total senior citizens' activities	<u>157,380</u>	<u>160,380</u>	<u>156,198</u>	<u>4,182</u>
Other nonprofits	<u>373,000</u>	<u>373,000</u>	<u>373,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Sanitation:				
Municipal refuse collection	376,800	376,872	376,872	-
Single stream recycling	185,597	185,597	185,597	-
CT Resources Recovery Authority	<u>210,000</u>	<u>236,000</u>	<u>219,751</u>	<u>16,249</u>
Recycling	36,800	38,103	38,102	1
Household hazardous waste	20,000	20,000	17,574	2,426
Transfer station	<u>229,626</u>	<u>229,626</u>	<u>229,343</u>	<u>283</u>
Total sanitation	<u>1,058,823</u>	<u>1,086,198</u>	<u>1,067,239</u>	<u>18,959</u>

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

General Fund
Schedule of Expenditures and Other Financing Uses -
Budget and Actual
Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Chartered associations	\$ 71,700	\$ 71,700	\$ 71,700	\$ -
Total chartered associations				
Regional School District No. 18	26,343,259	26,343,259	26,343,259	-
Debt service:				
Redemption of debt	320,000	320,000	320,000	-
Interest on debt	28,450	28,450	28,376	74
Total debt service	348,450	348,450	348,376	74
Capital outlay:				
General government	192,938	238,938	200,760	38,178
Public works	45,000	45,000	44,551	449
Public safety	260,900	273,200	252,897	20,303
Public works roads and projects	535,000	551,000	548,948	2,052
Total capital outlay	1,033,838	1,108,138	1,047,156	60,982
Total expenditures	<u>35,670,175</u>	<u>35,854,550</u>	<u>35,383,055</u>	<u>471,495</u>
Other financing uses:				
Transfers out:				
Firefighters' equipment	130,000	130,000	130,000	-
Library Improvement	-	500,000	500,000	-
Capital nonrecurring - revaluation	20,000	20,000	20,000	-
Town building improvement	5,000	5,000	5,000	-
Road improvement fund	400,000	400,000	400,000	-
Sanitation & Recycling	1,000	1,000	1,000	-
Land acquisition	75,000	75,000	75,000	-
Total other financing uses	<u>631,000</u>	<u>1,131,000</u>	<u>1,131,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Total expenditures and other financing uses	<u><u>\$ 36,301,175</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 36,985,550</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 36,514,055</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 471,495</u></u>

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2019

Special Revenue Funds						
	Social Workers' Fund	Miscellaneous Fund	Dog Fund	Private Duty Fund	Harbor Management Fund	Town Woods Park Fund
Assets						
Cash	\$ 63,412	\$ -	\$ 43,827	\$ -	\$ 26,873	\$ 13,703
Receivables:						
Other	-	38,383	5,231	18,042	-	-
Due from other funds		70,991		29,299		
Total assets	<u>\$ 63,412</u>	<u>\$ 109,374</u>	<u>\$ 49,058</u>	<u>\$ 47,341</u>	<u>\$ 26,873</u>	<u>\$ 13,703</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable						
Due to other funds						
Unearned revenue						
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 761</u>	<u>\$ 109,374</u>	<u>\$ 4,531</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 511</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund balances:						
Assigned						
Unassigned						
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 62,651</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 44,527</u>	<u>\$ 47,341</u>	<u>\$ 28,362</u>	<u>\$ 13,703</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 63,412</u>	<u>\$ 109,374</u>	<u>\$ 49,058</u>	<u>\$ 47,341</u>	<u>\$ 26,873</u>	<u>\$ 13,703</u>

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Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Balance Sheet
June 30, 2019

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Town of Old Lyme, Connecticut

Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended June 30, 2019

Special Revenue Funds							Total			
	Social Workers' Fund	Miscellaneous Fund	Dog Fund	Private Duty Fund	Harbor Management Fund	Town Woods Park Fund	Public Building Improvement Fund	Senior Center Board Fund	Bus Barn Fund	Sanitation & Recycling Fund
Revenues:										
Charges for services	\$ 2,245	\$ 4,459	\$ 47,108	\$ 5,271	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,753	\$ 48,284	\$ 60,000	\$ -
Intergovernmental	-	31,189	-	-	289	165	235	1,355	319	\$ 171,120
Investment income	732	-	479	-	-	50	-	-	-	31,189
Contributions	8,658	6,710	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,574
Other revenue	-	39,757	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,418
Total revenues	<u>9,390</u>	<u>79,901</u>	<u>4,938</u>	<u>47,108</u>	<u>5,560</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>3,988</u>	<u>49,639</u>	<u>60,319</u>	<u>39,757</u>
Expenditures:										
Current:										
General government	-	8,540	-	-	-	-	-	-	977	-
Parks and recreation	-	5,960	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,517
Other public safety	-	38,712	1,179	-	2,367	-	-	-	-	5,960
Police services	-	-	-	44,205	-	-	-	-	-	42,258
Health services	-	26,689	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,205
Senior citizens	<u>6,477</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>26,689</u>
Total expenditures	<u>6,477</u>	<u>79,901</u>	<u>1,179</u>	<u>44,205</u>	<u>2,367</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>21,729</u>	<u>977</u>	<u>28,206</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>2,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,759</u>	<u>2,903</u>	<u>3,193</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>3,988</u>	<u>27,910</u>	<u>59,342</u>	<u>-</u>
Other financing sources (uses):										
Transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,000
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(60,000)
Net other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(59,000)</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>2,913</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,759</u>	<u>2,903</u>	<u>3,193</u>	<u>215</u>	<u>3,988</u>	<u>27,910</u>	<u>(658)</u>	<u>1,000</u>
Fund balances - July 1, 2018	<u>59,738</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,768</u>	<u>44,438</u>	<u>25,169</u>	<u>13,488</u>	<u>19,767</u>	<u>95,917</u>	<u>(176)</u>	<u>45,223</u>
Fund balances - June 30, 2019	<u>\$ 62,651</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 44,527</u>	<u>\$ 47,341</u>	<u>\$ 28,362</u>	<u>\$ 13,703</u>	<u>\$ 23,755</u>	<u>\$ 123,827</u>	<u>\$ (834)</u>	<u>300,109</u>
										<u>\$ 345,332</u>

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Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2019

	Capital Project Funds										Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
	Capital Nonrecurring	Town Building Improvement	Land Acquisition	Firefighters' Equipment	Hains Park Boathouse	Sound View Bike Path- Improvement	Road Improvement	Library Improvement	Total		
Revenues:											
Charges for services	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 171,120
Intergovernmental	-	868	9,605	1,462	-	78,507	-	-	-	-	109,696
Investment income	-	-	70,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,830
Contributions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	85,418
Other revenue	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,757
Total revenues	321	868	79,606	1,462	-	78,507	-	-	-	-	421,821
Expenditures:											
Current:											
General government	54,816	5,000	-	-	-	14,847	364,675	-	-	59,816	69,333
Public works	-	-	11,257	-	-	-	-	-	-	379,522	379,522
Parks and recreation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11,257	17,217
Other public safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42,258
Police services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,205
Health services	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	26,689
Senior citizens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28,206
Total expenditures	54,816	5,000	11,257	-	-	14,847	364,675	-	-	450,595	607,430
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(54,495)	(4,132)	68,348	1,462	-	63,660	(364,675)	-	-	(289,832)	(185,609)
Other financing sources (uses):											
Transfers in	41,600	5,000	75,000	130,000	-	-	400,000	500,000	1,151,600	1,152,600	
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(60,000)	1,092,600
Net other financing sources (uses)	41,600	5,000	75,000	130,000	-	-	400,000	500,000	1,151,600	1,152,600	
Net change in fund balances	(12,895)	868	143,348	131,462	-	63,660	35,325	500,000	861,768	906,981	
Fund balances - July 1, 2018	148,775	72,701	659,775	670,636	31,675	10,215	167,716	-	1,761,493	2,061,602	
Fund balances - June 30, 2019	\$ 135,880	\$ 73,569	\$ 803,123	\$ 802,098	\$ 31,675	\$ 73,875	\$ 203,041	\$ 500,000	\$ 2,623,261	\$ 2,968,593	

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