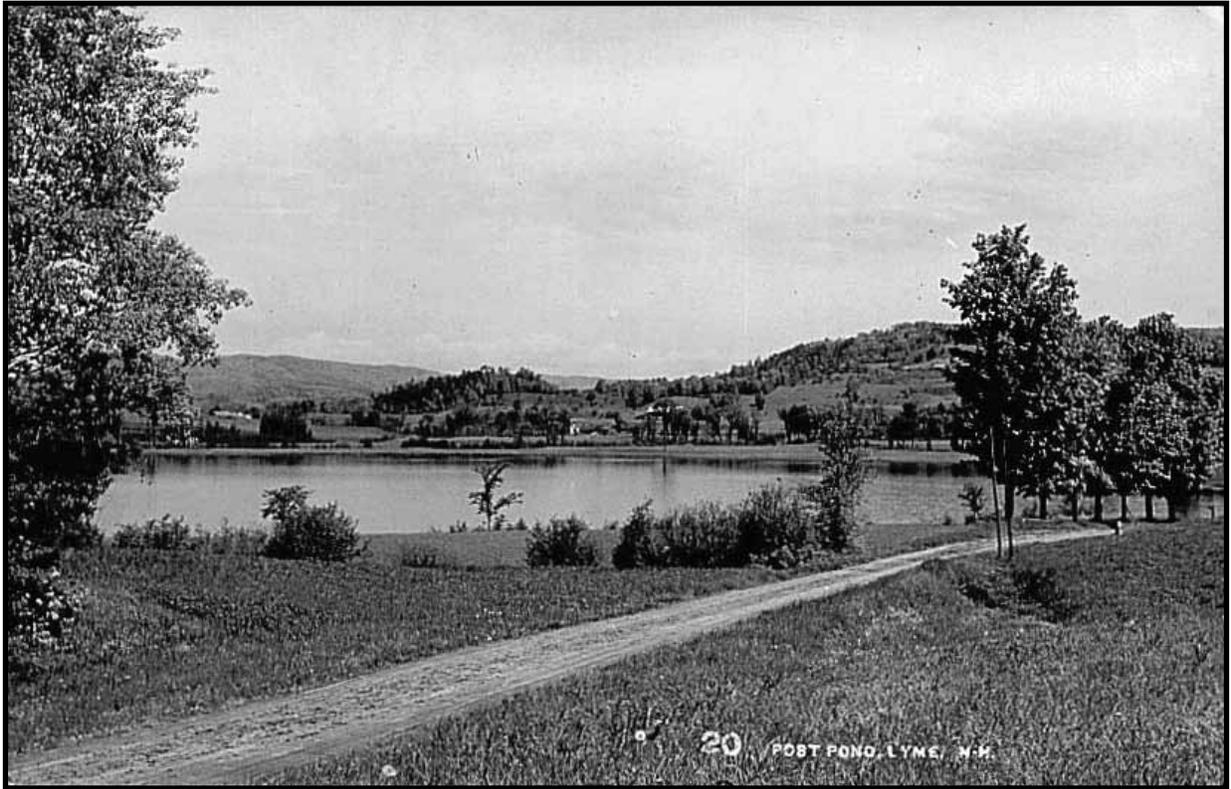


# TOWN OF LYME



## GENERAL INFORMATION 2009



**POST POND**  
(Photo: Lyme Historians Collection)

## ABOUT LYME

**Origin:** The Town of Lyme is a rural community located in the upper Connecticut River Valley region of New Hampshire, rising from the Connecticut River bottom on the western border to the top of Smarts Mountain in the northeast corner at 3,238 feet. Lyme was chartered in 1761 with the first settlers arriving in 1764 and the first Town Meeting convened in 1769. Some think Lyme's name came from Old Lyme, Connecticut, which lies at the mouth of the Connecticut River and others mention Lyme Regis, England. The spelling on the original 1761 charter of "Lime" has been attributed to an error by Governor Wentworth's secretary.

The original settlers were from Palmer, Belchertown and Brookfield in Massachusetts. A great deal of early settlement occurred in the mountainous eastern part of town, however, today most Lyme residents live in the less mountainous western half of town, closer to the Connecticut River. The occasional apple trees and lilac bushes stand sentinel near old cellar holes as evidence of earlier settlers in the eastern part of town. Population peaked in Lyme in 1820 at about 1,824 when the hillsides were covered with sheep farms and then fell to 830 in 1930. Today the population is estimated at 1725 or 32.1 persons per square mile of land area.

**Demographics, 2000 Census:** The population in Lyme in 2000 was 1,679. The population in 2007 was 1725 – almost a 3% increase in population in six years. In 2000 the median age was 42.6, with 25.5% of the population under the age of 18 and 14% aged 65 or older. The total number of households is 678 with an average size of 2.5 persons per household. Of those households, 475 households had an average size of 3.0 persons. As of April 1, 2000 there were 750 total housing units in Lyme.

**Geography:** Lyme contains approximately 55 square miles of territory: 54.8 square miles of land and 0.2 square miles of inland water. Lyme has approximately 65 total miles of roads: Of those about 49 miles are town-maintained. Lyme has 28.7 miles of paved roads and 38.7 miles of gravel roads.

Lyme has several distinctive historic buildings. Lyme hosts a row of twenty-seven restored historic horse sheds behind the Congregational Church. These comprise the longest line of contiguous horse sheds in New England standing today. Lyme boasts an 1885 covered bridge, a 1915 forest fire lookout tower and two early nineteenth century churches that retain their historic character. When a new school was needed, Lyme retained the exterior of the 1912 schoolhouse and built new inside and around it. The 1839 Lyme Center Academy building has had extensive restoration work which earned a statewide award. Private homeowners have also restored homesteads, barns and other agricultural outbuildings throughout the town. Despite changes through the years, the Lyme Common in the center of downtown Lyme has retained much of its historic late 19<sup>th</sup> century character and charm.

## **TOWN OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Budget Committee**

(Elected for a 3-year term)

Joshua Kilham	Term expires 2010
Earl Strout	Term expires 2010
Freda Swan	Term expires 2010
Judith Lee Shelnuttt Brotman, Chair	Term expires 2011
Charles Justice	Term expires 2011
William Lewis	Term expires 2011
Morton F. Bailey	Term expires 2012
Tim Cook	Term expires 2012
Elizabeth Glenshaw	Term expires 2012
Mark Schiffman	School Board Representative
Richard Jones	Select Board Representative

### **Cemetery Commission**

(Elected for a 3-year term)

Jean Smith, Commissioner	Term expires 2010
Jennifer Cooke	Term expires 2011
Michael Hinsley	Term expires 2012

### **Communications Study Committee**

(Appointed by the Selectmen for an indefinite term)

David Avery	
Francis Bowles, Chair	
George Hartmann	
Michael Prince	
Pauline Field	Police Chief, ex officio
Michael Hinsley	Fire Chief, ex officio
Wallace Ragan	Emergency Management Coordinator, ex officio
Charles Ragan	Select Board Representative

### **Connecticut River Joint Commissions**

#### **Upper Valley River Subcommittee**

(Appointed by the Selectmen for an indefinite term)

Henry Swan, CT River Commissioner (Appointed by the Governor)  
Adair Mulligan, CT River Joint Commissions Conservation Director (Staff)  
Lou-Anne Conroy, Lyme Representative  
David Kotz, Lyme Representative  
Vacant, Alternate

**Conservation Commission**

(Appointed by the Selectmen for a 3-year term)

Lee Larson, Vice-Chair	Term expires 2010
Adair Mulligan	Term expires 2010
Blake Allison, Secretary	Term expires 2011
Matthew Stevens, Chair	Term expires 2011
James Graham	Term expires 2012
Russ Hirschler	Term expires 2012
Richard Jones	Select Board Representative

**Energy Committee**

(Appointed by the Selectmen for a 3-year term)

Matthew Brown	Term expires 2010
Daniel O'Hara	Term expires 2010
Rebecca Lovejoy	Term expires 2011
Sue MacKenzie, Co-Chair	Term expires 2011
Shirley Tullar	Term expires 2011
Carola Lea, Co-Chair	Term expires 2012
Gary Phetteplace	Term expires 2012
Simon Carr	Select Board Representative

**Fast Squad**

(Volunteers)

Kevin Peterson, President 2005-12/09

Karen Keane, President 12/09 -

**Federal Emergency Management Agency Plan**

(Appointed by the Selectmen for an indefinite term)

Wallace Ragan, Director of Local Emergency Management

**Fire Department**

(Appointed by the Selectmen for an indefinite term)

Michael Hinsley, Chief

### **Forest Fire Wardens**

(Recommended by the Selectmen; Approved & Appointed by State for a 2-year term)

*Brian Rich	Warden	Term expires 2009
Alfred Balch	Deputy Warden	Term expires 2009
Kevin Balch	Deputy Warden	Term expires 2009
Don Elder	Deputy Warden	Term expires 2009
Henry S. Flickinger, Jr.	Deputy Warden	Term expires 2009
Michael Hinsley	Deputy Warden	Term expires 2009
*Stephen Maddock	Deputy Warden	Term expires 2009
William Nichols	Deputy Warden	Term expires 2009
A. Wayne Pike	Deputy Warden	Term expires 2009
Richard Pippin, Jr.	Deputy Warden	Term expires 2009
Charles Ragan	Deputy Warden	Term expires 2009
Tyler Rich	Deputy Warden	Term expires 2009
*Robert Sanborn	Deputy Warden	Term expires 2009
Douglas Vogt	Deputy Warden	Term expires 2009

*\*Only these Wardens are authorized to issue burn permits.*

### **Health Officers**

(Recommended by the Selectmen; Approved & Appointed by the State)

Charles Sawyer, Health Officer  
Michael Hinsley, Deputy Health Officer

### **Highway Safety Committee**

Chief Pauline Field, Police Chief  
Officer Shaun O'Keefe, Police Department  
Dina Cutting, Town Office/Recreation  
Wallace Ragan, Emergency Management

### **Independence Day Committee**

(Appointed by the Selectmen for a 3-year term)

Robert Couture, Jr.	Term expires 2010
James Mayers	Term expires 2010
Dina Cutting	Term expires 2011
J. Marie Pippin	Term expires 2012
Josephine Rich	Term expires 2012

### **Inspectors of Election**

(Appointed by the Selectmen for a 3-year term)

Donna Andersen	(Independent Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
John Andersen	(Independent Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Laura DeGoosh	(Democratic Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Nancy Dwight	(Republican Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Julia Elder	(Republican Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Alison Farrar	(Republican Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Anne Hartmann	(Republican Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
George Hartmann	(Republican Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
David Keane	(Republican Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Paul Klee	(Democratic Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Marya Klee	(Democratic Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Lee Larson	(Undeclared Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Darlene Lehmann	(Republican Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
George Lehmann	(Republican Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Christina Schonenberger	(Democratic Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Letitia Smith	(Democratic Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Beverly Strout	(Republican Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Earl Strout	(Republican Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Kathleen Waste	(Democratic Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Janet Williams	(Democratic Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010
Barbara Woodard	(Democratic Nominee)	Term expires	11/2010

### **Library Trustees**

(Elected for a 3-year term)

Nora Palmer Gould	Term expires	2010
Jonathan Kuniholm	Term expires	2010
Judy Russell, Chair	Term expires	2010
Stephen Campbell	Term expires	2011
Margot Maddock	Term expires	2011
Letitia Smith	Term expires	2011
Anne Baird	Term expires	2012
Margaret Bowles	Term expires	2012
Winifred Brand	Term expires	2012
Betsy Eaton		Librarian

**Lyme 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Observance Committee**  
(Appointed by the Selectmen)

Lisa Hayes  
Patty Jenks  
O. Ross McIntyre, Co-Chair  
Rob Meyer, Co-Chair  
Nancy Snyder  
Jeff Valence  
Laurie Wadsworth  
Simon Carr, Selectboard Representative

**Lyme Center Academy Building Committee**  
(Appointed by the Selectmen for a 3-year term)

Sallie Ramsden	Term expires 2010
Christina Schonenberger	Term expires 2010
Don Elder	Term expires 2011

**Lyme History Committee**  
(Appointed by the Selectmen for a 3-year term)

Carola Lea	Term expires 2010
Sallie Ramsden	Term expires 2010
Christina Schonenberger	Term expires 2011
Jane Fant	Term expires 2012
William Murphy	Term expires 2012

**New Town Offices Committee**  
(Appointed by the Selectmen)

Francis Bowles, Co-Chair	Term expires 6/2010
Donald Metz, Jr., Co-Chair	Term expires 6/2010
C. Jay Smith	Term expires 6/2010
Judith Lee Shelnutt Brotman	Term expires 6/2010
Michael Woodard	Term expires 6/2010
Thomas Hunton	Energy Committee Adjunct
Simon Carr	Selectboard Representative

**Overseer of Public Welfare**  
(Elected for a 1-year term)

Nancy Elizabeth Grandine	Term expires 2010
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**Planning Board**  
(Elected for a 3-year term)

David Roby Sr., Chair	Term expires 2010
Vicki Smith	Term expires 2010
Ben Kilham, Alternate	Term expires 2011
Paul Mayo, Co-Vice Chair	Term expires 2011
John Stadler, Co-Vice Chair	Term expires 2012
Freda Swan, Alternate	Term expires 2012
Richard Jones	Select Board Representative

**Police Department**

Pauline Field	Police Chief
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**Recreation Commission**  
(Appointed by the Selectmen for a 3-year term)

Paul Sansone	Term expires 2010
Thomas Yurkosky	Term expires 2010
Robert Couture, Jr.	Term expires 2011
Dina Cutting, Chair	Term expires 2011
Charles Ragan	Select Board Representative
Stephen Small	Recreation Director
Peter Mulvihill	Alternate

**Road Agent**  
(Elected for a 1-year term)

Fred O. Stearns, III	Term expires 2010
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**Selectmen**  
(Elected for a 3-year term)

Simon Carr, Chair	Term expires 2010
Richard Jones	Term expires 2011
Charles Ragan	Term expires 2012

**Sexton**  
(Elected for a 1-year term)

William LaBombard	Term expires 2010
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**Supervisors of the Checklist**  
(Elected for a 6-year term)

Katherine Larson	Term expires 2010
Elise Garrity (Resigned)	Term expires 2012
Alan Greatorex, Chair	Term expires 2014
Linda Goodrich	Appointed until March 9, 2010

**Tax Collector**  
(Elected for a 3-year term)

Joanne Coburn	Term expires 2010
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**Town Clerk**  
(Elected for a 3-year term)

Patricia G. Jenks	Term expires 2012
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**Town Moderator**  
(Elected for a 2-year term)

William Waste	Term expires 2010
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**Town Treasurer**  
(Elected for 3-year term)

Andrea Colgan	Term expires 2010
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**Trustees of the Trust Funds**  
(Elected for a 3-year term)

Timothy Callaghan	Term expires 2010
Carl Larson	Term expires 2010
William Lewis (Resigned)	Term expires 2011
Marlene Green	Term expires 2012

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**  
(Appointed by the Selectmen and Planning Board for a 3-year term)

Jane Fant, Alternate	Term expires 2010
George Hartmann (Resigned)	Term expires 2010
Walter Swift	Term expires 2010
Francis Bowles	Term expires 2011
Alan Greatorex, Chair	Term expires 2011
Margot Maddock, Alternate	Term expires 2011
O. Ross McIntyre, Vice-Chair	Term expires 2012
Adair Mulligan	ZBA Recorder



**LYME CENTER ACADEMY BUILDING ~ FALL 2009**

(Photo: Adair Mulligan)

## **NATIONAL ELECTED OFFICIALS 2009**

### **UNITED STATES SENATORS:**

Senator Judd Gregg, Republican  
201 Russell Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-3324  
<http://gregg.senate.gov/>

Senator Jean Shaheen, Democrat  
520 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510  
202-224-2841  
<http://shaheen.senate.gov/>

### **REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS: (District 2)**

Representative Paul Hodes, Democrat  
1317 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515  
202-225-5206  
<http://hodes.house.gov/>

## **STATE ELECTED OFFICIALS 2009**

### **GOVERNOR:**

Governor John Lynch, Democrat  
State House  
25 Capital Street  
Concord, NH 03301  
603-271-2121  
[governorlynch@nh.gov](mailto:governorlynch@nh.gov)

### **COUNCILOR: (District 1)**

Councilor Raymond Burton, Republican  
State House  
25 Capital Street  
Concord, N.H. 03301  
603-271-3632  
[rburton@nh.gov](mailto:rburton@nh.gov)

### **STATE SENATOR: (District 2)**

Senator Deborah Reynolds, Democrat  
State House  
107 N. Main St., Room 1302  
Concord, N.H. 03301  
603-271-3042  
[deb.reynolds@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:deb.reynolds@leg.state.nh.us)

### **STATE REPRESENTATIVES: (District 9)**

Representative Bernard Benn, Democrat  
Hanover  
643-5058  
[bernard.benn@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:bernard.benn@leg.state.nh.us)

Representative Beatriz Pastor, Democrat  
Lyme  
795-9912  
[beatriz.pastor@leg.state.nh.us](mailto:beatriz.pastor@leg.state.nh.us)

Representative Sharon Nordgren, Democrat  
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603-643-5068  
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Representative David Pierce, Democrat  
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603-643-6010  
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