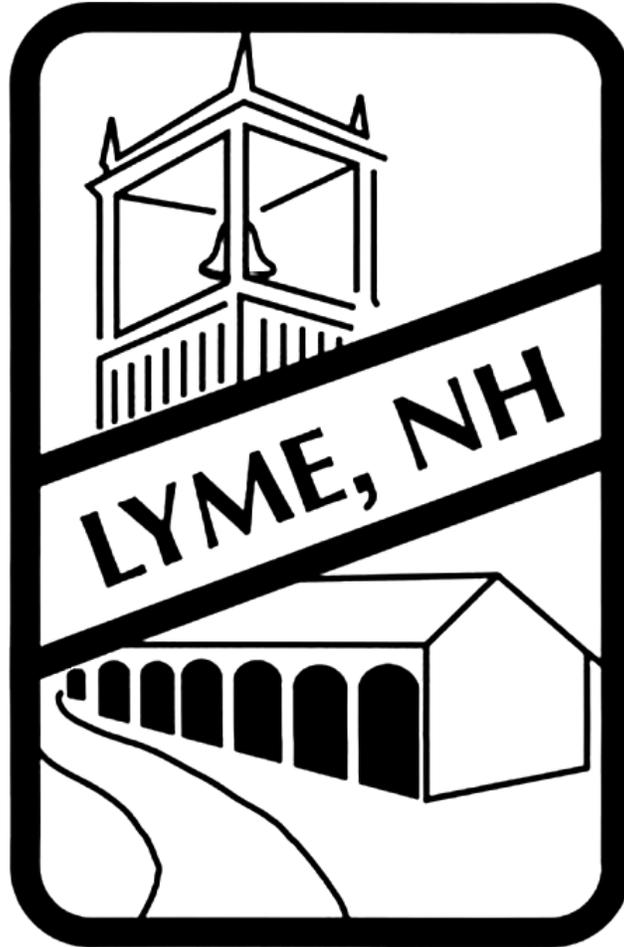


TOWN OF LYME



NARRATIVE REPORTS 2011

SELECTBOARD

After fourteen years on the Selectboard, Dick Jones stepped down for a well-earned rest. The Board certainly misses his knowledge and experience; we're now just wondering what he's going to turn to next. He has already produced a revised edition of his book of roads in Lyme. In November Wallace Ragan stepped down after 20 years as Emergency Management Director. During that time he developed an emergency management plan that is used as a model by the State. He also assiduously harvested every possible grant that we could get for emergency purposes. We hope to have a thank you celebration for him in the Spring. We are delighted to welcome Kevin Peterson as his replacement.

At the end of April, a severe storm washed away a portion of the bank on River Road, making the road unsafe to travel. Unlike the storm at the end of May or Tropical Storm Irene, this event did not qualify for FEMA disaster assistance in Grafton County. Consequently, the town has been left to resolve the issue on its own. The Selectboard has taken the view that it is vital to retain our (much-diminished) road heritage and, to this end, has determined that the road should be fully restored. Unfortunately, this has been a longer process than originally anticipated, which has caused some unhappiness.

The legal case involving the Post Pond Water Release policy and installation of beaver pipes in Clay Brook was appealed to the NH Supreme Court by Morrissey et al., who dismissed it at the end of last year. We are still awaiting the outcome of one final appeal to the Wetlands Council. As well as a significant amount of staff time, this has cost the town \$37,360.60 over the past three years.

On a much lighter note, the town celebrated its 250th anniversary in early August. This took the form of a day-long celebration, culminating in 1100 people being served dinner in one massive tent on the Common. Subsequent to that the Anniversary Committee produced a commemorative book and DVD, which is being giving free to every household in Lyme. The Committee is to be commended on its phenomenal achievements both in putting on such a party and also recording it in such a stylish manner.

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT

In 2011 I performed a "Statistical Update". We are required by the NH Assessing Standards Board to "create the values anew once every 5 years". The net valuation (amount used to set the tax rate) of the town changed by less than \$1,000,000 (less than ½%) as a result of that process. I will continue to monitor the real estate market and visit properties that transfer, to ensure that our assessments are accurate and equitable. In 2010 our level of assessment was 100%. I have just completed the 2011 ratio study and submitted it to the Department of Revenue Administration. Our level of assessment for 2011 will be 97%, effectively 100% of market value. The average sale price of a single family home in Lyme in 2010 was \$574,000 and in 2011 it was \$523,708. The median (one in the middle) was \$350,000 in 2010 and \$398,000 in 2011.

I am in the Town Office the first Friday of the month, March through December. Should you have questions or concerns about your assessment, please phone the Town Office to schedule an appointment to meet with me.

Diana Calder, Assessor

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

Mud season: The highway budget was hit hard this year due to the following events:

- Davidson Lane and Pinnacle Hill Road-These roads were gone and closed to traffic for over 2 weeks. It took well over a week just to get them passable so people could get to their homes by vehicle. One neighbor ran a pickup service with their gator to help get people with groceries and supplies home.
- Dorchester Road-This road took weeks and load after load of 1½ minus and fill to keep it somewhat passable for residents.
- River Road washout-Over the weekend of April 30th & May 1st, 2011, the Connecticut River washed out a 1000' section of the river bank. The erosion has made its way to the center line of the southbound lane. For safety reasons and on the recommendation of Holden Engineering, the Selectmen closed this road until the town can make a decision on funding for the repairs.
- River Road & Reservoir Road washout-During Hurricane Irene, a small section on the southern section of River Road washed out some of the bank and a culvert. This was repaired with the blessing of DES. At the same time a section on Dorchester Road was washed out by Grant Brook. With the help of neighbors and the town crew, repairs were made over a 4 day period. We have applied for FEMA funds to reimburse the Town for up to 75% of this cost.

The Highway Department would like to thank all who live on these roads for their patience and understanding. Keeping the dirt roads passable during mud season is difficult and expensive. Remember, the less traveled the better during mud season. We never know what mud season and Mother Nature may bring to our little town.

The largest overruns in the 2011 budget are dirt road maintenance and motor fuel. With a tough mud season, more material and more trucking are to be expected. I would like to thank Morton Bailey and Derby Mountain Construction for their help on town projects this past year. In an effort to keep costs as low as possible on some town construction projects we have worked alongside these vendors on the following projects:

- Chase Beach
- Town Office well
- Lyme Center Academy parking lot issues
- Library parking lot drainage
- Davidson Lane washout
- Reservoir Road washout

Goose Pond Road was the road for Block Grant monies again this year. \$83,632.00 was spent from the Block Grant. This road will be paved in 2012.

I would like to thank the road crew for the work they accomplished this past year and the Town for your support and remind you if you have concerns to contact me at 795-4042. Please go slow in work zones and have a safe 2012.

Special projects: Goose Pond Road bridges. The second bridge has been repaired and will be finished in Jan 2012. Daniels was able to complete this construction without closing Goose Pond Road.

Fred O. Stearns III

LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT

After having completed my first full year as Chief, I would like to thank all of you that have supported the efforts of the Lyme Police Department. As many of you may or may not know, we operated with only one full-time officer for a majority of the year. While this was a trying and difficult time, we also had our second busiest year in the last decade. The Lyme Police Department answered 1913 calls for service in 2011.

2011 was also full of extracurricular activities that kept us going throughout the year: Special Olympics Winter Games, The Fourth of July Celebration, Tropical Storm Irene, and who could forget that spectacular 250th Birthday Celebration?

I am pleased announce that as of January 15th, The Lyme Police Department will once again be at full staff. Officer Anthony Swett has moved from part-time to full-time in the department and will be our primary, evening hours officer. Please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome Tony aboard.

2012 not only brings a second officer, it brings to us some new equipment and federal money to conduct extra patrols throughout the Spring and Summer. In conjunction with these extra hours, we will also put to use our Speed Trailer that was purchased with the help of the Lyme Foundation and a federal grant.

I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy 2012.

The following is a computation of the types of incidents, investigations, and activities, which were reported, investigated, or performed by the Lyme Police Department for the year 2011: (Total 1913)

Submitted by: Chief Shaun J. O'Keefe

Accidents	14	Animal Complaint	18	Assault	2
Assist 911	13	Assist Citizen	26	Assist Highway Dept.	4
Assist Other Police	9	Criminal Threatening	5	Disorderly Conduct	7
Domestic Disturbances	5	Drug Violations	0	DUI	4
Follow Up/Investigations	46	Forgery/Bad Check/Fraud	3	Harassment	2
Liquor Violations	5	MV Unlocks	21	Robbery/Burglary	5
Sex Offender Registration	3	Sexual Assault	1	Theft	9
Total MV Stops	351	Vandalism	9	VIN Verification	24
Citations Issued	25				
Warnings Issued	326			TOTAL	1913

FAST SQUAD

“We can't ever possibly thank you and your gang of amazing FAST Squad teammates enough for your help this morning. You all were so remarkable, thorough, professional, pleasant, and effective. Please express our family's gratitude to all the FAST squadders we yanked from their beds to come help me and mine in a time of need.”

Lyme resident

The Lyme FAST Squad (LFS) provides pre-hospital emergency medical response to the town's residents and visitors before the ambulance arrives (often up to 10 minutes) and supports the Hanover ambulance crew on scene, which provides primary ambulance coverage to Lyme. We also support surrounding communities as a participant in the Upper Valley mutual-aid system and the Lyme Fire Department on fire calls. LFS members are on these scenes to ensure the safety, health and well being of our dedicated volunteer firefighters and those victims of the fire.

In 2011, LFS members responded to a total of 63 calls to help adults (58) and children (5) (compared to 51 calls in 2010, 73 calls in 2009, 65 calls in 2008, 51 calls in 2007, 76 calls in 2006 and 48 in 2005), as follows:

Medical Emergency:	35
Accidents:	17
Non-medical incidents:	3
Lifeline Activation:	2

In terms of personnel, LFS is a strong and well-trained group offering a wide variety of skills and experience, including wilderness search-and-rescue, low-angle backcountry rescue and water rescue.

EMT-Paramedic: Michael Hinsley, Mary Sansone

EMT-Basic: Tim Estes, Tom Frawley, Karen Keane, Jim Mason, Kevin Peterson, Aaron Rich, Chris Sweitzer

Medical Advisor: Dr. Scott Rodi

Thanks to those who support our work through donations that allow the squad the ability to acquire much-needed equipment that is not covered by the town budget – we are grateful.

Karen Keane, President & Captain, Lyme FAST Squad



LYME VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Lyme Fire Department provides the Town of Lyme with fire protection and emergency response capabilities for other calls for assistance. The Fire Department is composed of over twenty volunteer members who respond when an emergency occurs. The Fire Department is equipped with four pieces of apparatus.

The Fire Department responded to 91 calls for assistance. Seventy-eight of these responses were in the Town of Lyme. We responded to 3 chimney fires, 18 fire alarm activations, 4 carbon monoxide alarms, 12 Motor vehicle collisions, 3 vehicle fires, 2 trees into wires with wires down, 1 grass fire, 5 propane emergencies, 2 water problems with flooded basements, 5 calls to assist the FAST Squad, 2 illegal burn, 6 road hazard calls, 2 fuel spills, 2 heating appliance malfunctions, 1 oven fire, 1 partial building collapse due to snow load, 1 animal rescue, 8 service calls.

The Lyme Fire Department also responded mutual aid 13 times in 2011. To Thetford 8 times, 6 structure fires and 2 for station coverage when they were at a fire. To Orford 1 time for a structure fires. To Hanover 2 times and to Fairlee for station coverage when they were at fires. Fire Department members also responded to Dorchester with members of Canaan and Enfield Fire Department for a sandbagging operation in Dorchester for flooding associated with Hurricane Irene.

The Town of Lyme experienced severe weather events in 2011. Spring flooding caused damage to our Town's infrastructure most notably the closure of River Rd south of the North Thetford Road intersection. Lyme was fortunate to survive Hurricane Irene relatively unscathed compared to the devastation surrounding communities.

The Fire Department would like to acknowledge and thank Wallace Ragan for his expertise, commitment and many years of service to the Town of Lyme as our Emergency Management Director as he retired from the position in 2011. We welcome and look forward to working with Kevin Peterson who has volunteered for the position.

The fire department would like to extend an invitation to any citizen who would be interested in joining the department.

The fire department would like to thank the generous people who have donated time and money to the fire department. These gifts and others will be used for a variety of equipment, training, and supply needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael C. Hinsley, Fire Chief

CEMETERY COMMISSION

In 2011, cemetery restoration was focused on Porter Cemetery (for a time known as Stetson Cemetery) which is located on the north end of River Road. There are about 70 grave sites there and most include footstones as well as headstones. The burial dates range from the late 1700s through the entire 1800s. We were able to mend, straighten and clean many of the stones. There is some remaining work to do but Porter work is nearing completion. The row of hydrangeas that were planted last year are thriving in their location between the Porter grave sites and the Connecticut River.

Some of the iron fence which originally surrounded the Highland Cemetery had been removed over the years--bent and broken by tree growth in the fence line and storms and time. This year we completed the repair of the salvaged pieces of this 1919 fence and installed them along the boundary in the new section of Highland Cemetery. A bench and chair were added to the Memorial Garden.

Other annual maintenance, landscaping and planning continued in Lyme's five cemeteries.

Jennifer Cooke, Jean Smith, Michael Hinsley
Lyme Cemetery Commissioners

ENERGY COMMITTEE

In this report the Lyme Energy Committee (LEC) will highlight several ways the committee worked in 2011 to improve the Town's energy use.

The committee redrafted the proposed Master Plan's "Energy" chapter to ensure that sustainability will be emphasized and that the town will stay abreast of PACE and RGGI legislation.

LEC continues to focus on the energy efficiency of Town buildings. The committee will be working with The Town Buildings Maintenance Committee as we carry on this work.

LEC member Gary Phetteplace arranged and monitored LEC's display at the 250 celebration. The exhibit featured the Junior Solar Sprint (JSS) program at the Lyme School.

The Committee organized a second Celebration of Lyme Businesses on Sept. 24th.

LEC is working on a quarterly newsletter. The goal of the newsletter is to provide energy efficiency tips and keep the Town informed of any newsworthy energy related events. The newsletter will be published on the Lyme listserv.

LEC continues to meet at the Lyme Town Offices on the 3rd Monday of every month, at 7:30pm. The meetings are always open and we welcome public attendance.

Matt Brown, Mark Bolinger, Joanna Laro, Carola Lea, co-chair, Becky Lovejoy, co-chair, Sue MacKenzie, sec., Dan O'Hara, Gary Phetteplace, Charles Ragan, Selectboard representative.

CONSERVATION COMMISSION 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Land Protection and Easements

Two conservation easement matters came before the commission. The first involved 298 acres of land owned by Put and Marion Blodgett abutting Pout Pond. The Upper Valley Land Trust (UVLT) will be the easement holder. After a public hearing in late March, the Commission voted to contribute \$5,000 in Conservation Funds for the property's stewardship fund. In July, representatives of the Nature Conservancy appeared before the commission to announce details of its planned creation of a 13,000 acre preserve in the "four corners" area of Lyme, Dorchester, Canaan and Hanover. Nearly 5,000 of those acres would be from Lyme's "Bear Hill Preserve" owned by Lyme resident David Roby.

Trails and Land Management

Resident and Eagle Scout candidate Bill Kerin planned and implemented a project in the Town Forest to upgrade signage and trail markings. The work was completed in the early spring.

Eleven volunteers replaced damaged boardwalk planks on sections of both the Big Rock and Chaffee Wildlife Sanctuary trails. Mowing and brush removal was performed also. In addition, work was done to reduce slippery conditions on bridges on the Town Forest "Waterfall" and "Beaver Brook" trails.

Eurasian Milfoil Update. After a summer of attempting through hand harvesting to control the milfoil infestation near the Post Pond boat launch, the NH Dept. of Environmental Services (DES) decided to apply an herbicide to the milfoil colonies to try and prevent further spreading. DES said another treatment might be necessary in the spring of 2012 depending on the results of the fall 2011 application.

Project and Application Review

At the request of the Zoning and Planning Boards, the Commission made five site visits to assess projects for potential environmental impacts. The range of projects reviewed included new construction, septic system upgrades and culvert replacement.

Outreach and Education

With the commission's help, the Lyme School was awarded a \$2500 grant by the Wellborn Ecology Fund to be used to develop in-house environmental studies programs. An additional \$2500 was raised through private sources.

Other outreach efforts included "Green Up Day" in May. Thirty-three volunteer groups and individuals collected 92 bags of litter plus other refuse from 33 miles of town roadways. February featured the always-popular snowshoe hike. In September there was a commission-sponsored bird watching expedition along River Rd. In November the commission reviewed, and agreed to help fund, a project proposal submitted by Heather Valence. In the spring of 2012, she and a fellow student will conduct in Lyme an open-to-the-public invasive species workshop to fulfill a high school graduation requirement.

2011 saw a personnel change on the commission as newly elected selectman Richard Vidal became the Selectboard's representative on the commission. He replaced Dick Jones who did not run for re-election to the Selectboard after more than 15 years of service to the town.

Conservation Commission meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. in the Lyme Academy building's meeting room. The public is always welcome as are ideas on how the commission can more effectively serve the Town. Volunteers to help the commission maintain the town's hiking trails also are greatly appreciated. Interested persons should contact any commission member.

CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES 2011 ANNUAL REPORT

Under the capable leadership of Library Director Betsy Eaton and her assistants, Margaret Caffrey, Karen Webb, and Lois Winkler, who left in August, Lyme’s town library serves its community as a vibrant resource in many ways. In addition to their traditional roles, our staff members provide individual assistance for patrons interested in developing computer skills, navigating the Internet, and learning how to download electronic books.

As a cooperative effort of the library board and the Friends of Lyme Library, the Betty Grant Art Gallery was painted and a new hanging system installed, allowing us to feature the talents of local artists. The Friends are invaluable to the running of the library, as are the loyal corps of volunteers, some 30 strong, who welcome patrons at the circulation desk.

Many Lyme folks presented library programs this year, including Elsie McCarthy, Toni Gildone, Skip Cady and Lee Lopez as well as authors Ross McIntyre and Harvey Frommer. Ed Gray and others published a pamphlet for Lyme’s 250th Anniversary celebration, listing more than 85 Lyme authors as well as mounting a book display at the event. The library received a bequest from the estate of Gordon T. Heard for the purchase of DVD’s and videos. We also received gifts in memory of Ellsworth “Tom” Tupper to purchase books about World War II and sea stories.

Children’s books and other materials are funded entirely through the annual Blisters for Books run, led this year by Denby Coyle and Maggie Minnock, and through the Lyme School Parent-Teacher Organization (PTO) “birthday book” program. School and library staff and boards continue their effective cooperation, thanks to the efforts of Jake Cooke, Jeff Valence, Betsy Eaton, and Heidi Lange, Board of Education representative to the library board.

Although roughly 90% of the library’s annual operating budget comes from the Town of Lyme, the library receives a modest amount of private support as well (see table).

2011 Non-Town Income

2011 Non-Town Expenses

Trustees of Trust Funds	\$2,909	Books & other media	\$4,383
Gordon Heard bequest	\$5,000	Programs	\$976
Blisters for Books 2011	\$6,003	Building & equipment	\$5,900
PTO	\$1,326	(incl. software)	
Other donations	\$640	Blisters 2010	\$6,311
Copier & fax fees (net)	\$586	(transferred to town to disburse)	
Other sources	\$1,034		

After careful analysis, the trustees have voted to move to a new open-source software program called Koha for cataloging and circulation. It has a more contemporary format and offers remote access so that patrons can place holds and renew books online. We expect this system to “go live” in spring 2012, an important upgrade to the service we provide at the library.

With sincere regret, we have accepted Betsy Eaton’s resignation as director, effective October 2012. Betsy has brought singular energy to the tasks of propelling the library into this century and keeping it a valued part of Lyme’s culture, and we will miss her very much.

The search committee is starting its work, and we hope to find a new library director by summer 2012. We will keep everyone informed of our progress via Lyme Listserv and the Church Newsletter, and we welcome suggestions of candidates.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Snyder, Chair of the Board of Trustee

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE

The Lyme Highway Safety Committee meets quarterly to discuss safety concerns and initiatives related to traffic safety. Our role and objectives are to act as the local representative to the NH Highway Safety Agency, which has assisted towns like Lyme with the purchase of equipment, funding of personnel, and support of programs related to highway safety since 1967. As we identify local issues, we attempt to implement efficient solutions through public education, enforcement initiatives or capital projects. On occasion, we reach out for resources through the NH Highway Safety Agency. Grant funding from the NHHSA is authorized through the Federal Government and is limited to programs that emphasize impaired driving, occupant protection, speed enforcement, motorcycle safety, school bus safety, police traffic services, and pedestrian/bicycle safety.

The Lyme Highway Safety Committee was again active throughout the year. In Conjunction with a New Hampshire Highway Safety Grant and the Lyme Foundation we purchased a portable Radar Trailer. This trailer was used throughout the summer and fall to warn and alert drivers of their speed. The Committee also authorized the Police Department to participate in a New Hampshire Highway Safety Grant of 90 hours for the specific purpose of traffic enforcement.

Several other issues regarding signage and driver awareness were also discussed.

The 2011 Lyme Highway Safety Committee members included: Police Chief Shaun J. O'Keefe, Administrative Assistant Dina Cutting, and Emergency Management Director Wallace Ragan, Selectman Charles Ragan, Lyme Highway representative Russell Stearns.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Lyme Hazard Mitigation Plan and Lyme Emergency Operations Plan were completed and approved in 2011. The review and update, every five years, keeps Lyme in compliance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) & New Hampshire Bureau of Emergency Management (NHBEM) requirements.

Hurricane Irene was the main event for 2011. Lyme was not in the direct path of the storm and received minor damage when compared to the communities to our west. FEMA assistance was requested for Hurricane Irene damage to Dorchester Road and River Road. South River Road experienced damage during Hurricane Irene. However, the North River Road damage had occurred prior to Hurricane Irene.

After 20 plus years as your Emergency Management Director (EMD), I submitted my resignation, effective November 15, 2011 to the Selectboard. Your new EMD, Kevin Peterson, has assisted with past activations of the Lyme Emergency Operations Center and is a very capable coordinator.

In closing my final report, I thank the Lyme community for their assistance and support over the years that I served as EMD.
Respectfully submitted,

Wallace Ragan, EMD (Retired)

LYME HERITAGE COMMISSION

At Town Meeting on March 8, 2011, voters unanimously approved Article 18 to establish a Heritage Commission in accordance with provisions of NH RSA 673:1 and 674:44-a to consist of five members and up to three alternates appointed by the Select Board (see appointees below). Upon approval, the town History Committee was disbanded. The Commission's activities can include advising and assisting other Town boards and commissions, conducting inventories of historic assets, educating the public on matters relating to historic preservation, providing information on historical resources, and serving as a resource for revitalization efforts.

After establishing officers and a meeting schedule, the Commission's first task was drafting a chapter on Lyme's historic and cultural resources for the Town's revised Master Plan. This was submitted to the Planning Board in July. Concurrently, the Commission began work on organizing an inventory of Lyme's historic resources. After researching various options, consulting with Town officials, and learning about Orford's inventory process, the Commission elected to engage an expert in this specialized field and start work in the spring of 2012. Costs incurred will be met by fundraising to supplement a grant from the Lyme Foundation plus aid from the Lyme Historians. The Commission hopes many volunteers will help with the actual inventory process. The finished product will be presented publicly and remain accessible to town residents, on-line if possible.

The Commission is happy to consult with any resident or town committee regarding historic properties. Contact Ray Clark or any member to be on the agenda. Meetings are on the fourth Tuesday of each month (as posted) at the Lyme Center Academy, 7 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Commission members: Ray Clark, chairman; Charlotte Furstenberg, secretary; Simon Carr, select board representative; Adair Mulligan; Jane Fant. Alternates: Tim Cook, Laurie Wadsworth.

TRANSFER STATION

In 2011 we recycled 44.54 tons of cardboard, 112.68 tons of paper and 16.03 tons of scrap metal. Keep up the good work! On the other hand we had 68.82 tons of C&D, 115.43 tons of co-mingle containers and 249.16 tons of trash. We have seen a recent decrease in the revenues from cardboard, paper & steel. This makes it even more urgent that we all take responsible solid waste disposal more carefully. The more we are able to ensure that our recyclables are done correctly (crushed as much as possible), we can decrease the hauls, resulting in saved fuel surcharges and haul fees as well as decreasing environmental impacts. As the recycling market continues to shift please stay aware of Transfer Station Guidelines revisions & updates.

Lance Goodrich, Transfer Station supervisor

INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMITTEE

The Lyme Independence Day Committee wishes to thank all who generously donated to this year's event. It is greatly appreciated and this year's fireworks were spectacular!

We are grateful to Hank Flickinger for allowing us to use the One Lyme Common parking lot and lawn while folks got in line for the parade. And, of course, thanks to our Parade Marshall Tom Frawley who got everyone coordinated and lined up & around the common safely.

Those gathering at Post Pond while waiting for fireworks were wonderfully entertained by the Lymelites, Lyme Town Band and the Whipple Hill Gang. Thanks to Don Elder and Those Guys for the use of their tents for the BBQ area.

All of the money raised from this event goes to support the next year's festivities.

Tax dollars are not used to fund the Independence Day Celebration.

Safety is a huge concern for both the parade and the fireworks. Many thanks to the Lyme FAST Squad, Lyme Fire Department and the Lyme Police Department for all the extra hours put in to keeping everyone safe.

Looking to the future, we need to come up with a plan concerning the parking if we wish to continue to hold the fireworks at Chase Beach. If any ideas are floating around out there please share them with a committee member.

Save the Date ~ Saturday, June 30th, 2012.

Bob Couture, Dina Cutting, J.J. Pippin-Finley, Jim Mayers & Marci O'Keefe.

SUMMER POND PROGRAM

This year the Summer Pond Program located on Chase Beach at Post Pond ran for four weeks, beginning July 3, 2011 and ending July 29, 2011. The day began at 8:30am and ended at 12:00pm for the camp children. Each day of the program includes Red Cross swimming lessons, snack, arts and crafts, free choice, read aloud, drama, sports and lunch. The camp program is available to the children of Lyme starting at age 4 (by December 31st) through the 5th grade.

This year we averaged 25 children per week and saw a lot of new faces. We had 2 head counselors per week with an average of 8 junior counselors. Any students in grade 6 and above are invited to apply to be a counselor for this program. All counselors began their days at 8:00AM. Each day they are given Red Cross swim lessons, basic training in CPR and first aid. These counselors are all volunteers; this is a testament to the dedication the youth of Lyme have to this program.

In past years we have experienced rainy and cold weather for the program. With this weather came the puddles. The good news is the puddles will be no more; with the long awaited maintenance of the beach area occurring we will see a great improvement to the facility for next summer. I am looking forward to the fresh sand and clean look to our wonderful Chase Beach. We are all so blessed to have such a wonderful area.

Thank you to all the families that continue to support this program, new and old. I have truly enjoyed running this program and look forward to the children of Lyme joining me for another fabulous summer at Post Pond!

Torey Elder-Pond Program Coordinator

RECREATION COMMISSION

We are gratified that the vast majority of Lyme children participate in one or more Recreation program. The following list represents 2011 numbers: Soccer 148 participants, Skiing/Snowboarding 129 participants, Basketball 48 participants, Baseball 70 participants, Softball 17 participants & Lacrosse 32 participants. 75 children participated in three offerings of the summer Challenger Sports soccer camp for K-8th grade. A range of informal programs are available for adults at the Recreational Facility at Post Pond, including tennis, basketball, softball, and skating.

The commission would like to thank our volunteer sports Commissioners: Mark and Jennifer Schiffman for soccer, Maggie Minnock, Richard Vidal and Denby Coyle for the ski program, Tom Hunton for basketball, Nathan Maxwell for baseball Don Cutting for Softball and Matt Stevens for lacrosse. All of our youth teams are coached and instructed by volunteers, more than 50 in total. We are indeed grateful for your hard work and long hours devoted to our children. We are always in need of volunteer officials. Please remember the more volunteers each season helps keep the fees associated with these sports programs as low as possible.

As some of you may have noticed, the Town of Lyme has begun the refurbishment of the picnic and beach area at Post Pond. Specifically, clean fill was installed beneath the pavilion, the lifeguard tower, the swings and the play area. Elsewhere fill has also been imported into the low lying and wet areas within the picnic area. Dilapidated picnic tables, dead trees and a poorly maintained changing building have been removed. Volley ball posts have been installed in the volley ball pit, and the fencing along Route 10 has been given a modest face lift. In the spring, our contractor should complete the refurbishment of the picnic area adding some more fill in the remaining low lying areas. The beach will get 10 yards of washed sand. Our contractor will then skim coat the disturbed portion of the picnic area with loam and plant new grass seed. Additional work will be performed on the fencing along the parking area as well. It appears that the cost of this phase of the refurbishment at Post Pond will come in at a level consistent with our forecasts.

We are happy to report that we have received funds for virtually all of the donation pledges made for the project. Accordingly, absent a great spike in diesel and hauling prices, we expect that we will only need two more years of scheduled funding installments under the reserve set up for the Recreational Facilities before we can act on the final and larger phase of the project. This phase will be a raising of the Post Pond field and the introduction of a sub-surface draining system. This pacing would mean a reconstruction of the field in the fall of 2013, well within the time frame of our permit. With two wet seasons back to back in the last two years, we all are looking forward to a day when we can enjoy a drier more durable playing surface. We are very grateful for the support that this project has received in the Town. Thank you for your continued patience.

Robert Couture, Dina Cutting, Charles Ragan, Selectmen Rep, Pete Mulvihill

TOWN BUILDING MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

Over the course of the year the committee continued its ongoing review of the maintenance needs of the town's buildings and made recommendations to the selectboard for specific repairs. Given the severe financial constraints facing the town, we gave priority to repairs and changes that relate to the health and safety of the town's employees and to the integrity of our buildings.

We created a list of repair and maintenance priorities and recommended that the following projects be undertaken as quickly as possible:

- Installation of Modine space heaters in the town highway garage to mitigate mold growth and condensation that saturates the building's insulation.
- Drilling a well for the town offices to replace the aged and unsanitary water supply for the town offices and Pike House.
- Minor repairs to Pike house, including work on roof flashing and the basement drainage system.
- Installation of a driveway drainage system for the town offices and Pike House. This drain will also provide a secure drain for the Pike House sump pump.
- Roof and ventilation repairs at the Lyme Center Academy Building

During 2012, among other projects, the committee has recommended that the selectboard give priority to significantly improving the parking area surface at the Lyme Center Academy, to installing a generator at the town highway garage, to painting deteriorated areas of the Pike House siding and to adding the top coat to the town offices parking lot once drainage revisions are complete.

Committee Members: Francis P. Bowles (Chair), Don Elder, Michael Woodard, Stephen Campbell (Converse Library), Richard Vidal (Selectboard), Dina Cutting .

LYME 250TH ANNIVERSARY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE

When Lyme's 250th Anniversary Celebration wrapped up on August 7th and the big tents came down, the Town was left with memories of a really good time. These memories are being collected in a book, "Under the Tent" that will be free to all Lyme households. Filled with pictures taken during the Celebration it will be far more helpful in describing what actually happened during the celebration than the few words we offer here. This is the place, however, for the Steering Committee to again thank the hundreds of people who came together as volunteers and participants in the celebration and made it such a wonderful event. The generosity of the many donors who supported the celebration is also acknowledged here. To put on an event of this size without the use of any Town funds is entirely due to the generous donations received from many townspeople, businesses, and the Lyme Foundation.

Steering Committee Members: Ross McIntyre, Co-Chair Rob Meyer, Co-Chair, Lisa Hayes, Patricia G. Jenks, Nancy Snyder, Jeff Valence, Laurie Wadsworth, Simon Carr, Selectboard Representative.

The Lyme Foundation

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Dear Lyme Neighbors,

The Lyme Foundation is a charitable foundation that financially supports programs and projects that improve the quality of life in Lyme.

Over the past 20 years, we have funded a wide variety of projects from renovating important buildings in town to helping our emergency services buy the equipment they need to keep us safe.

This year, funding from the Lyme Foundation helped Lyme

- celebrate Lyme's 250th anniversary;
- build a cold storage shed for the Lyme School to use to store locally-grown food purchased in bulk;
- inventory Lyme's historic buildings with the Lyme Heritage Commission;
- teach elementary school children a foreign language at the Lyme School (through the LIFE fund);
- grant scholarships to Lyme's college students (through the Griffith fund);
- assist individuals in need (through the Pearl Dimick fund).

Visit our website at www.lymefoundation.org to donate or to find out more about the work that we do. Thank you for your support.



Laszlo Bardos
Chair, Lyme Foundation

Report of Forest Fire Warden and State Forest Ranger

Your local Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department, and the State of New Hampshire Division of Forests & Lands, work collaboratively to reduce the risk and frequency of wildland fires in New Hampshire. To help us assist you, please contact your local Forest Fire Warden or Fire Department to determine if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Under State law (RSA 227-L:17) a fire permit is required for all outside burning, unless the ground is completely covered with snow. The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services also prohibits the open burning of household waste. Citizens are encouraged to contact the local fire department or DES at 603-271-1370 or www.des.state.nh.us for more information. Safe open burning requires diligence and responsibility. Help us to protect New Hampshire's forest resources. For more information please contact the Division of Forests & Lands at (603) 271-2214, or online at www.nhdf.org.

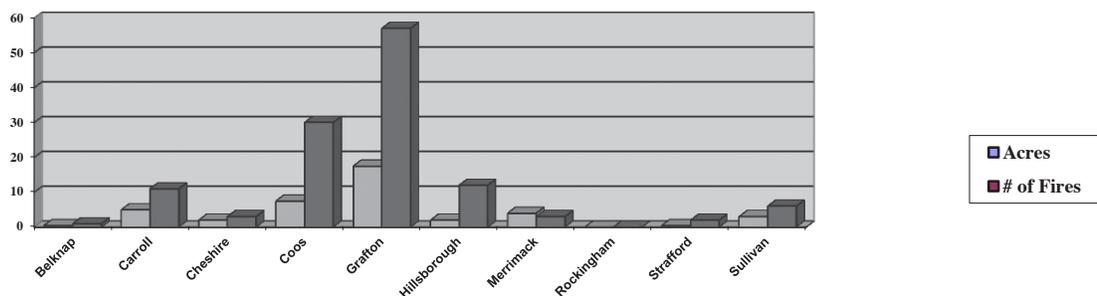
Both in terms of the number of fires, as well as the number of acres burned, this past fire season was the smallest since records have been kept. Extensive rainfall virtually all season long kept the fire danger down. When fires did start they were kept very small. The largest fire for the season was only 5.4 acres which occurred in Littleton on May 2nd 2011. There was however a small window of high fire danger in the northern third of the state during July when little rainfall was recorded. During this time there were a number of lightning started fires which are fairly unusual in New Hampshire. As has been the case over the last few years, state budget constraints have limited the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers to Class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookouts are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting was supplemented by contracted aircraft and the NH Civil Air Patrol when the fire danger was especially high. Many homes in New Hampshire are located in the wildland urban interface, which is the area where homes and flammable wildland fuels intermix. Several of the fires during the 2011 season threatened structures, a constant reminder that forest fires burn more than just trees. Homeowners should take measures to prevent a wildland fire from spreading to their home. Precautions include keeping your roof and gutters clear of leaves and pine needles, and maintaining adequate green space around your home free of flammable materials. Additional information and homeowner recommendations are available at www.firewise.org. Please help Smokey Bear, your local fire department, and the state's Forest Rangers by being fire wise and fire safe!

2011 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of November 2011)

(figures do not include fires under the jurisdiction of the White Mountain National Forest)

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	.5	1
Carroll	5	11
Cheshire	2	3
Coos	7.5	30
Grafton	17.5	57
Hillsborough	2	12
Merrimack	4	3
Rockingham	0	0
Strafford	.5	2
Sullivan	3	6



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

		Total	Fires	Total Acres
Arson	7	2011	125	42
Debris	63	2010	360	145
Campfire	10	2009	334	173
Children	2	2008	455	175
Smoking	9	2007	437	212
Railroad	1			
Equipment	1			
Lightning	3			
Misc.*	29	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE



**GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.
ANNUAL REPORT 2011**

Grafton County Senior Citizens Council, Inc. is a private nonprofit organization that provides programs and services to support the health and well being of our communities' older citizens. The Council's programs enable elderly individuals to remain independent in their own homes and communities for as long as possible.

The Council operates eight senior centers in Plymouth, Littleton, Canaan, Lebanon, Bristol, Orford, Haverhill and Lincoln; operates adult in-home care from offices in Lebanon and Haverhill; and sponsors RSVP and the Volunteer Center and the Grafton County ServiceLink Resource Center. Through the centers, ServiceLink and RSVP, older adults and their families take part in a range of community-based long-term services including home delivered meals, community dining programs, transportation, counseling, elder care, chore/home repair services, recreational and educational programs, and volunteer opportunities.

During 2011, 26 older residents of Lyme were served by one or more of the Council's programs offered through the Orford and Upper Valley senior programs or adult in-home care. Twenty-one Lyme residents were assisted by ServiceLink.

- Older adults from Lyme enjoyed 598 balanced meals in the company of friends in the senior dining rooms.
- They received 126 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Lyme residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 721 occasions by volunteers, GCSCC caregivers, or on the Upper Valley Senior Center bus.
- Frail and vulnerable Lyme residents benefited from 1,524 hours of care from our adult in-home care program, offering one-to-one companionship and assistance.
- Lyme residents contacted ServiceLink or GCSCC outreach workers on 42 occasions for assistance with such issues as long-term care, Medicare and caregiver support.
- Lyme's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 344.5 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Lyme residents in 2011 was \$53,345.29.

Such services can be critical to elderly individuals who want to remain in their own homes and out of institutional care in spite of chronic health problems and increasing physical frailty, saving tax dollars that would otherwise be expended for nursing home care. They also contribute to a higher quality of life for older friends and neighbors. As our population grows older, supportive services such as those offered by the Council become even more critical. Lyme's population over age 60 has increased 71.7% over the past 20 years, according to U.S. Census data from 1990 to 2010.

GCSCC very much appreciates Lyme's support for our programs that enhance the independence and dignity of older citizens and enable them to meet the challenges of aging in the security and comfort of their own communities and homes.

Roberta Berner, Executive Director

GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC.

Statistics for the Town of Lyme
October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011

During this fiscal year, GCSCC served 26 Lyme residents out of 467 residents over 60, 2010 U.S. Census). ServiceLink served 21 Lyme residents.

<u>Services</u>	<u>Type of Service</u>	<u>Units of Service</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Unit Cost=</u>	<u>Total cost of service</u>
Congregate/					
Home delivered	Meals	724	x	\$8.47	\$ 6,132.28
Transportation	Trips	721	x	\$12.57	\$ 9,062.97
Adult In-Home Care	Hours	1,524	x	\$ 24.34	\$37,094.16
Social Services	Half-hours	0	x	\$25.14	\$ 0
ServiceLink	Contacts	42	x	\$25.14	\$ 1,055.88
Activities		293		N/A	

Number of Lyme volunteers: 6. Number of volunteer hours: 344.5

GCSCC cost to provide services for Lyme residents only	\$ 53,345.29
Request for Senior Services for 2011	\$ 4,939.83
Received from Town of Lyme for 2011	\$ 4,939.83
Request for Senior Services for 2012	\$ 3,200.00

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2011.
2. Services were funded by Federal and State programs 58%; municipalities, county and United Way 11%; Client donations 8%; Charitable contributions 21%; Other 2%.

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension's mission is to provide New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information to enhance their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Five full-time educators are based out of our North Haverhill office: Heather Bryant, Dave Falkenham, Kathleen Jablonski, Michal Lunak and Deborah Maes are supported by Rebecca Colpitts and Administrative Assistants Kristina Vaughan, Teresa Locke and Donna Lee. Lisa Ford, Program Associate, is located at the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth.

Trained volunteers support our programs in agriculture, forestry and youth development. Another group of volunteers serves on the Grafton County Extension Advisory Council and provide support and direction for our programs. Check out our Grafton County website to see a current list of members <http://extension.unh.edu/Counties/Grafton/Grafton.htm>.

Grafton County has 26 Master Gardener volunteers who work in 25 communities. Last year they contributed a total of 994 hours of education and service. These volunteers work on projects such as the Memorial Garden at the County Nursing Home and the Gardening Empowerment Project at the Whole Village Family Resource Center in Plymouth.

Our Nutrition Connections program at Whole Village in Plymouth uses the on-site gardens to teach nutrition to adults and children and uses the teaching kitchen to show adults and children how to make healthy food choices and stretch their food dollar. Almost 350 youth and adults participated in programming during the past year. Interns from Plymouth State University also support the program.

Our Agricultural program hosts multiple workshops each year for commercial agriculture and back yard food producers. In addition, a Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education grant supported a pepper trial in collaboration with the County Farm. Over 1,000 pepper plants representing 13 varieties resulted in a donation of approximately 2,000 pounds of peppers to local food banks and senior centers. Additionally, valuable data on yield, quality and consumer preference was obtained.

Our Forestry program works with professional loggers and foresters to improve local forest management. During the past year \$250,000 in logging contracts by licensed foresters and loggers resulted in over \$120,000 being paid directly to landowners for timber cut on their land. Educational workshops reached communities on such topics as selling timber, tree identification, wildlife management and Current Use regulations.

Our Statewide Dairy program coordinates and conducts programming and site visits year round to educate farmers on risk management programs, business management, livestock care and herd management. The program supports the 134 statewide commercial dairy farms that produced over 290,000,000 pounds of milk in 2010. Gross milk and livestock sales accounted for \$60,000,000 in New Hampshire last year.

Our 4-H Youth Development program coordinates training for the 103 volunteers who contributed over 9,300 hours of time in supporting numerous club events and over 15 county wide events each year. The economic value of this time is almost \$200,000. The 4-H program also offers technical support and training for after-school students and staff on the topics of healthy living and science education.

Our Family & Consumer Resources program has offered over 150 foods safety classes since 2,000 targeting food service workers. Over 1,000 food service workers have attended locally taught national certification classes in food safety. Eighty-eight percent have received certification.

Our office uses social media as well as weekly news columns, resource notebooks at local public libraries and an electronic calendar to reach a larger county audience. Find us on Facebook under UNH Cooperative Extension—Grafton County.

Respectfully submitted: Deborah B Maes
Extension Educator, Family & Consumer Resources
County Office Administrator



CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) have successfully restructured and contracted with the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to administer its programs. Our goal is to make the most of the resources we're provided by the States of Vermont and New Hampshire to strengthen the ecological and economic health of the Connecticut River, its watershed, and its communities. By making use of the administrative and professional capacity of one of the watershed's strong regional planning commissions, we can more efficiently and effectively build our programs, including increased support of our five Local River Subcommittees.

The CRJC are composed of thirty volunteer Commissioners, fifteen appointed by each state, who are business people, landowners, conservationists, and citizens who live and work in the Connecticut River Valley and are committed to its future. To ensure local leadership on river issues, the CRJC established five Local River Subcommittees. In total, these Subcommittees are composed of over one hundred citizens appointed by their riverfront towns to give a local voice to interests ranging from local business, local government, conservation, agriculture, recreation, and riverfront landowners.

Though this was a rebuilding year, the CRJC completed a geomorphic assessment of the Ammonoosuc River, a northern tributary to the Connecticut River; this study provides important information about the natural movements of the river and the potential for riverbank erosion. Over the next year, the CRJC look to strengthen and support the work of the local Subcommittees, build capacity to address watershed issues and seek new opportunities to support the mission of the organization; to build a strong and vibrant economy while conserving the natural wealth and beauty of this special place. The CRJC are now in the process of updating a strategic plan for the Commissions that focuses upon public outreach, use of river science, and protection of the valley's natural, historic, and cultural assets. Established by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont, the Connecticut River Joint Commissions welcome the public to our meetings on the third Monday of every other month.

UPPER VALLEY SUBCOMMITTEE of the CRJC

The Upper Valley Subcommittee of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions consists of 20 members, two members each appointed by the selectboards of the towns of Lebanon, Hanover, Lyme, Orford, Piermont, Hartford, Norwich, Thetford, Fairlee, and Bradford. The Committee serves as a means of providing local oversight and input on projects requiring permits being undertaken on the Connecticut River, its banks and its tributaries in member towns. It also supports programs and the production of reports and brochures relative to the maintenance, improvement and recreational usage of the river.

The Committee met 3 times in 2011 and expects to meet 6 times during 2012, usually on the third Monday of the month. During 2011, the committee reviewed, among other projects, the Dartmouth College Student Swimming Dock, Wilder Log Landing in West Lebanon, Hanover Water Reclamation Facility Improvement, Wilder Dam Repair, and River Road Reconstruction in Lyme.

For a meeting schedule and more information about the resources of the Connecticut River, please visit the CRJC website at www.crjc.org. We encourage any citizens who are interested in the management of the Connecticut River to come to our meetings.

Your Local Representatives – David Kotz, Lyme and Vacant



UPPER VALLEY LAKE SUNAPEE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

The Commission has been providing professional planning assistance to municipal boards since 1963 when it was the Upper Valley Development Council. The Commission is one of nine regional planning commissions (RPCs) in New Hampshire created to coordinate all aspects of planning, act as a liaison between local and state/federal agencies and provide advisory technical assistance on land use issues and development. We serve 27 communities from Piermont to Charlestown along the Connecticut River and from Wilmot to Washington to the east.

Revenue for the Commission was \$809,250 for FY11. About 16% of last year's revenue was received through local contracts with municipalities over and above dues, demonstrating the need and value of services. Currently, 93% of the municipalities within the region are members of the Commission. About 17% of Commission revenue comes from the Unified Planning Work Program utilizing Federal Highway Administration funding through the NH Department of Transportation. Other state and federal funding sources include USDA Rural Development, EPA funding distributed through NH Department of Environmental Services and FEMA through the NH Department of Safety - Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Approximately 2.5% of the Commission revenue was received from state resources through the NH Office of Energy and Planning.

Local dues from municipalities support just over 12% of the budget. In FY11, member communities and counties provided membership dues that allowed the Commission to leverage approximately \$520,000 in federal funding.

The Commission consists of representatives appointed by the leadership of each member municipality or county. Each municipality that is a member of the Commission is entitled to two representatives to the Commission. Municipalities with a population of over 10,000 but less than 25,000 are entitled to have three representatives on the Commission. ***In Lyme, Daniel Brand, and Sam Greene currently represent your community.***

The Commission was engaged in over 35 projects within the region this year and has increased its capacity to serve the communities of the region. We are currently engaged in planning for the deployment of high speed broadband through a 5-year National Telecommunications & Information Administration grant in collaboration with UNH and the eight other RPCs in NH. A recently completed website at www.uvlsrc.org provides a database of projects that can be searched by funder, municipality, type of project such as transportation or housing and more. Additionally, all minutes, agendas and public meetings are posted on this website on a regular basis and communities can add their own planning related events to our website. Please use this website to learn more about how the Commission can be of service to your community.

**Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee
Greater Sullivan County Household Hazardous Waste Committee**

ANNUAL REPORT 2011

During 2011 the Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee continued to maintain a regional website (www.uvhhw.org), provide educational outreach, and support the HHW collections provided by the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission.

Home & Life Show Event Booth: The Household Hazardous Waste Committee's booth in March 2011 featured information on collections in the area including dates and what materials are and are not accepted. Prescription and over-the-counter medicine examples and management options were provided. A drawing was provided to encourage people to complete a survey on their current medicine disposal practices and educate them about proper disposal and the availability of unwanted medicine collections. About 300 people participated in the survey and drawing. Members of the fledging Greater Sullivan County HHW Committee also volunteered at the booth.

Other materials included information on proper management of rechargeable batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, auto batteries, antifreeze, and mercury-containing devices such as button batteries, thermostats, and thermometers. Alternative cleaning recipes and pesticide-free lawn and garden care information were distributed. A large map displayed the household hazardous waste collections in the area in both New Hampshire and Vermont with their dates, times, and contacts for further information.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support: Both Committees provided volunteer support at the collections keeping waiting times short and residents informed. A total of 528 households from Cornish, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, Newbury, Newport, Orford, Piermont, Plainfield, Springfield, Sunapee, Unity Washington, and Wilmot brought waste to two collections at the Lebanon Landfill in July and October. Over 373 households from those towns brought waste to the New London collection in August and the Newport collection in September. Residents from Canaan, Claremont, Croydon, Grantham, Sutton, and Norwich, Vermont also attended although they had to pay to come to the collection.

Unwanted Medicine Collections: Dartmouth-Hitchcock Outpatient Pharmacy partnered with the Committees and the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission to provide unwanted medicine collection. At the two Lebanon collections, 80 households brought unwanted medicines for proper disposal. At the New London and Newport collections, 36 households brought unwanted medicines.

Both Committees are made up of volunteers from towns in the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Region. We encourage anyone interested to attend our meetings and become involved as a member or as an event volunteer. Contact Joyce Noll, Chair of the Upper Valley HHW Committee at 643-3083. They typically meet in Lebanon. Contact Tom Bennett, Chair of the Greater Sullivan County HHW Committee at 763-4614. They typically meet in Sunapee. We would love to talk to you.

VISITING NURSE ASSOCIATION & HOSPICE OF VT AND NH
Home Healthcare, Hospice and Maternal Child Health Services in Lyme, NH

The VNA & Hospice is a compassionate, non-profit healthcare organization committed to providing the highest quality home healthcare and hospice support services to individuals and their families. By keeping Lyme residents out of emergency rooms and hospitals, and reducing the need for relocation to nursing homes, our care offers significant savings in the town's emergency services and other medical expenses.

VNA & Hospice clients are of all ages and at all stages in life. Services are provided to all in need regardless of ability to pay. Between July 1, 2010 and June 30, 2011, the VNA & Hospice made 761 homecare visits to 56 Lyme residents. This is a 7.6% increase in the number of residents served. The VNA & Hospice absorbed approximately \$47,926 in unreimbursed charges to Lyme residents.

Home HealthCare: 690 home visits to 51 residents with short-term medical or physical needs

Hospice Services: 70 home visits to 4 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Maternal and Child Health Services: 1 home visits to 1 resident for well baby, preventative and high-tech medical care.

Additionally, residents made visits to VNA & Hospice community clinics for foot care, blood pressure screenings, cholesterol testing and flu shots.

Lyme's annual appropriation helps the VNA & Hospice meet the demand for quality home healthcare, and to ensure that all who qualify for services will always be able to receive them. On behalf of the people we serve, we thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,



Jeanne McLaughlin, President (1-888-300-8853)

TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY ACTION PROGRAMS

Tri-County Community Action Programs, Inc. (TCCAP) is proud to deliver services to Coos, Carroll and Grafton Counties. The town of Lyme is served by the local Community Contact Office in Lebanon. From this office we provided

- Intake for the Federal LIHEAP program (known as Fuel Assistance). In FY 2010-2011, **19 Lyme Households received a total of \$15,900.00** in DIRECT grants toward deliverable fuels, electric heat bills and rent if the heat was included.
- Intake for the Electric Discount Program saving **13 Lyme Households \$5,144.00** on their electric bills in FY 2010-2011.
- Outreach to **3 families facing homelessness** through eviction or foreclosure and provided **\$1,800.00** in rental assistance.

We now provide Neighbor Helping Neighbor and Project Care applications as well as the referrals for the process. These assist households who are in danger of an electric disconnect. TCCAP also currently provides FairPoint Communications phone discount applications.

Our request for the 2012 budget is \$656.00. This represents \$18.75 per households we assisted in your town during the last fiscal year. TCCAP asks the additional eight towns we serve for the same amount of assistance. We rely on municipal support to help us keep our doors open so we can in turn keep town costs down to a minimum. This is a symbolic relationship that works for everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.
Angelica Jackson

Town of Lyme
 One High Street
 Lyme, NH 03768

Dear Lyme Residents,

LISTEN provides a spectrum of human service programs designed to assist individuals and families in their efforts toward successful independence. Our in-take process offers immediate crisis assistance while allowing our counselors the chance to evaluate what type of support will bring lasting changes to a client's life. All services are provided free of charge. Our programs,

<i>Budget Counseling</i>	<i>Food Pantry</i>	<i>Supportive Housing</i>
<i>Camp Scholarships</i>	<i>Holiday Helper Baskets</i>	<i>Thrift Store Vouchers</i>
<i>Community Dinners</i>	<i>Housing Helpers</i>	<i>Utility Assistance</i>
<i>Emergency Financial Aid</i>	<i>Representative Payee</i>	<i>Teen Life Skills Education</i>

have grown from our vision of *a community connected by and supportive of the process of "Neighbor Helping Neighbor."* This vision is more important now than ever before.

In 2011, LISTEN COMMUNITY SERVICES provided Lyme residents the following benefits:

FY 2006 Service	Description of unit of Service	# of Households Served	Cost of Service or Benefit
Food Pantry	Households receive food	2	\$242
Housing Helpers	Households receive rent asst	0	0
Heating Helpers	Households receive heating oil	1	\$400
Misc. Client Need	Households receive benefits	2	\$25
Holiday Basket Helpers	Households receive gift basket	1	\$200
Thrift Store Vouchers	Households receive clothing	3	\$180
Summer Camp	Children in-need attend camp	4	\$920
USDA Food	Households receive USDA food	1	\$35
totals		14	\$2,002

We are deeply grateful to the residents of Lyme for their ongoing support. Without such support, Listen Community Services would not be the Upper Valley's Safety Net during times such as these.

Respectfully submitted.

Merilynn B. Bourne
 Executive Director

WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
AFFILIATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY, DARTMOUTH MEDICAL SCHOOL

Dear Lyme residents,

In fiscal year 2011, West Central Behavioral Health received an appropriation of \$1,870 from the Town of Lyme. We are grateful for your contribution and pleased to inform you that it helped us provide free or discounted behavioral health services to residents of Lyme who are uninsured or underinsured.

Last year, West Central Behavioral Health provided 380 hours of therapeutic services to 21 Lyme residents, including 10 children and 11 adults.

We are committed to providing the highest quality mental health services to clients in our region, regardless of their ability to pay. To sustain our commitment to some of our most vulnerable neighbors, we are again asking the towns and cities we serve to support us in providing these essential services. To achieve this goal, we are requesting an FY2012 appropriation of \$1,870 from the Town of Lyme.

West Central Behavioral Health is the state-designated Community Mental Health Center for Lyme, as well as a broader area that includes Sullivan and southern Grafton counties. *Our mission is to reduce the burden of mental illness and improve the quality of life in our community. We commit ourselves to providing mental health services that are safe, effective, patient-centered, timely and efficient.*

Our clients suffer from a range of chronic disorders and illnesses, including psychosis, schizophrenia and bipolar disorder. Our clients also battle all forms of addiction, as well as anxiety, depression, divorce- or relationship-related stress and other debilitating—but highly treatable—conditions. We work with people of all ages in outpatient clinics, homes, nursing homes, correctional facilities, schools and residential supported living programs, offering a variety of counseling, psychiatric, case management and emergency services.

A contribution of \$1,870 for FY2012 will help West Central Behavioral Health continue serving the Lyme residents who rely on our services. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,



Heidi Postupack
Director of Development
West Central Behavioral Health



For almost 40 years, WISE has been committed to the mission of empowering victims of domestic and sexual violence to become safe and self-reliant through crisis intervention and support services. WISE also advances social justice through community education, training and public policy. Through our Domestic and Sexual Violence Programs, WISE provides 24-hour crisis intervention, advocacy and support services to victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence and their loved ones. The WISE Prevention and Education Program seeks to raise community understanding of domestic and sexual violence by working with local services providers and educating middle and high-school aged youth about healthy relationships.

WISE provides a full range of services to Lyme residents including access to our 24-hour crisis line, medical, legal and social services advocacy, emergency shelter, information and referral and facilitated support groups. Our Prevention and Education program also provides educational violence prevention programming to students and staff in six local school districts including the Dresden District (Hanover High School).

In the last fiscal year WISE provided services to 1,197 new clients. 13 of these clients are known to be Lyme residents, many of whom continued to work with WISE throughout the year. All of these Lyme residents accessed WISE through our twenty-four hour crisis line, receiving services such as crisis counseling and support, assistance in filing for a restraining order, and referrals and advocacy in connecting with other community services.

WISE is greatly encouraged by the cooperation and commitment shared by so many local organizations, residents, and funders to address domestic and sexual violence in our communities. These partnerships are an essential component in the shared desire for a peaceful and safe Upper Valley.

The WISE Board of Directors, staff and volunteers would like to thank the residents of Lyme, on behalf of many victim-survivors of domestic and sexual violence, for your on-going support of our programs and services.