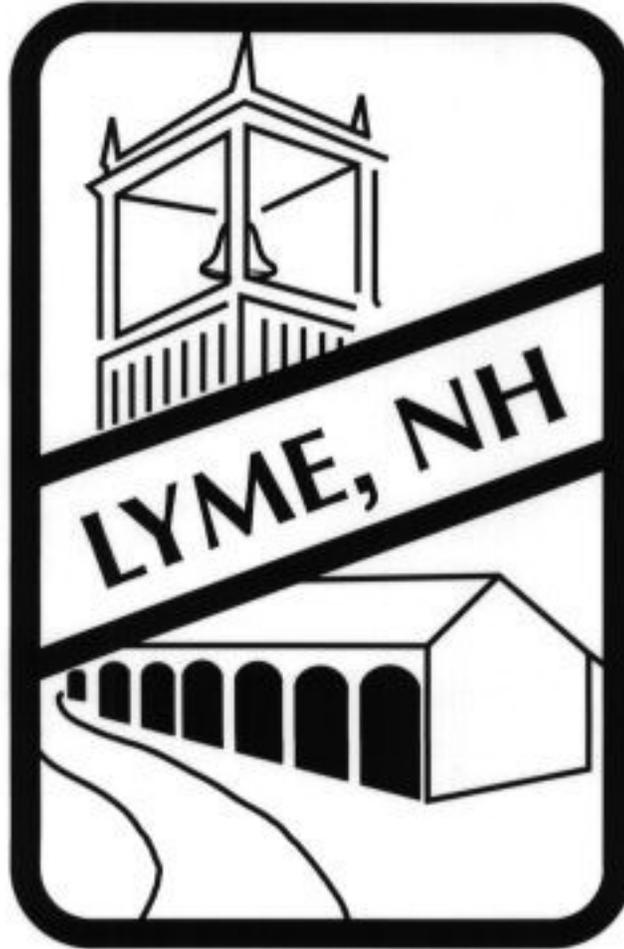


TOWN OF LYME



NARRATIVE REPORTS FOR TOWN DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS AND COMMITTEES 2009

ASSESSING DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Data verification of all properties continued in 2009. Once every ten years I visit each property and verify all of the data on our assessment cards by measuring and inspecting all buildings. This ten year cycle is recommended by the International Association of Assessing Officials and strongly encouraged by the State of NH Assessing Standards Board to maintain accurate and equitable assessments. This project will be completed in 2010. We will send you a letter notifying you when I will be working in your neighborhood.

I will continue to monitor the real estate market and visit properties that transfer, to ensure that our assessments are accurate and equitable. In 2008 our level of assessment was 93%. I have recently completed the 2009 ratio study and submitted it to the Department of Revenue Administration. There have been so few qualified sales since the end of September 2009 (fewer than 20) that the State will have to include sales from the previous April 1, 2008. I believe that we are at about 98-100% of market value but the DRA refused to use a trend factor on those 2008 sales and our median ratio (by their calculations) will be 94% . There are 16 properties on the market, as of this morning (1/8/2010). Over 80% of the properties listed are on the market for more then the assessed value. The asking price for a home ranges from \$75,000 for a mobile home on Goose Pond Rd. to \$2,500,000 for a home on Hardscrabble. There are 6 undeveloped lots for sale and the asking prices for those range from \$185,000 to \$1,100,000. The average sale price of a single family home in Lyme in 2008 was \$430,000 and it was \$454,500 in 2009.

We continue to review our Current Use program documentation. Letters will be mailed in January to property owners who need to provide updated documentation for Tree Farm Certification and the Stewardship category. The Current Use Board changed all of the unit prices, except Farmland, this past year.

I am in the Town Office the first Friday of most months, 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.

Respectfully submitted,
Diana Calder, Assessor



LYME INN - DECEMBER 2009

(Photo: Olivia Garrity-Hanchett)

LYME FAST SQUAD ANNUAL REPORT 2009

The Lyme FAST Squad (LFS) provides emergency medical services to residents and visitors to the Town of Lyme, and to surrounding communities as a participant in the Upper Valley mutual-aid system. LFS members work closely with personnel from the Hanover Fire Department, which provides primary ambulance coverage to Lyme. As a 'first response' squad, LFS provides critical primary care in the field in the 10-30 minutes that it takes the ambulance to arrive on the scene from Hanover. This team approach ensures high-quality emergency medical care to all parts of Lyme.

In 2009, LFS members responded to a total of 73 calls (compared to 65 calls in 2008, 51 calls in 2007, 76 calls in 2006 and 48 in 2005), as follows:

Medical Emergency:	39
Motor Vehicle Crash:	13
Non-medical incidents:	21

These calls included a wide range of medical problems, including seizures, stroke, chest and abdominal pain, difficulty breathing, medication problems, drug overdose, trauma, and diabetic emergencies. In each case, well-trained LFS members were able to provide prompt pre-hospital medical care prior to the arrival of an ambulance for transport of the patient to the hospital. LFS members also respond to support the Lyme Fire Department on structure fires and other major fire calls. LFS members on these fire scenes help to ensure the safety, health and well-being of our dedicated volunteer firefighters. Included in these calls were three incidents where Lyme FAST was called in for mutual aid to other towns.

LFS continues to be an active participant in community events, including 4th of July parade and fireworks, Pumpkin Festival, and medical coverage for Winter Special Olympics at the Dartmouth Skiway each January and The Prouty Century Ride in July.

Other activities in 2009 include:

- HeartSafe Lyme—More than 100 individuals who work and/or live in Lyme received training in how to use cardio-pulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and the automatic external defibrillators (AEDs) as successful interventions in cases of cardiac arrest. Lyme and five other NH towns were recognized in this effort by the State. Trainings have taken place in the work place (at the Skiway, for example) and twice monthly at the Fire Station. The program is being led by LFS members Mary Sansone and Karen Keane, and community member Winifred Brand. Funding from the Lyme Foundation helped HeartSafe Lyme acquire training mannequins and AEDs.
- Monthly articles in the Lyme Church/Community News—In an effort to share more information about the Lyme FAST Squad and our work to serve the health and safety of Lyme residents, we have tried to produce a regular, monthly article in the Lyme Church & Community newsletter. We hope to continue to introduce you to the members of the Squad and share important information about what we do and how we work.
- Lyme was the center of national attention in October with the Extreme Home Makeover. Lyme FAST coordinated 'round-the-clock EMS coverage to support the construction professionals and volunteers. The response was great! EMTs and paramedics came from Lebanon, Hanover, the State of NH, Etna, Lisbon, Cornish and Piermont to volunteer their time. In addition, the EMS team benefited from the use of Golden Cross Ambulance's First Aid Trailer in which to provide care and serve as HQ for the squad's activities. One of the great by-products of this project was new relationships were forged with other towns. This wider network will serve Lyme well in the years to come.

- On December 30, Lyme hosted one of the many regional H1N1 clinics. The FAST squad provided screening and hosting services at the fire station clinic. 149 individuals received the vaccine.

In terms of personnel, LFS continues to be a strong and well-trained group:

EMT-Paramedic: Michael Hinsley, Dani Ligett, Mary Sansone

EMT-Basic: Tim Estes, Tom Frawley, Karen Keane, Rebecca Lovejoy, Jim Mason, Kevin Peterson

Medical Advisor: Dr. Scott Rodi

The LFS has a roster of nine active members with a wide variety of skills and experience, including wilderness search-and-rescue, low-angle backcountry rescue and water rescue.

In 2010, we have a new president of the Lyme FAST Squad: **Karen Keane**.

Karen has been a member of the Squad for two years. She has been a long-time first-aid provider and ski patroller (at the Dartmouth Skiway and other ski areas). She received her EMT-Basic certification two years ago and recently re-certified. Karen has been an active member of the Squad, helping to spearhead the "HeartSafe-Lyme" program and organizing volunteer medical coverage at the Marshall home site during the *Extreme Makeover* project. Karen assumed her duties as president (and Captain-EMS for the Lyme Fire Department) in December 2009.

For routine administrative issues or any questions about the Lyme FAST Squad, you can reach her as follows:

Karen Keane
PO 281
129 Franklin Hill Road
Lyme NH 03768-0281
603-667-1667 (cell)
603-795-4525 (home)

Many have seen Kevin around town and have experienced his leadership and hands-on EMT skills in wilderness/outdoors and at-home settings. He earned his EMT-Basic certification in 1984, he joined the FAST squad in 1986, and he has served as its president from 2004 through 2009, actively recruiting and training new members along the way.

In 2010 and beyond, the Lyme FAST Squad will continue to provide the highest quality emergency pre-hospital care to anyone at anytime. If you have questions about the Lyme FAST Squad, please feel free to contact us at any time. Remember, if you have an **emergency, please dial 9-1-1!**

Kevin A. Peterson, Former President/Captain (through 2009)

Karen Keane, Current President/Captain (2010)

Lyme FAST Squad



Rebecca Lovejoy on site at the *Extreme Home Makeover*, Lyme



Karen Keane and Jim Mason on site at the *Extreme Home Makeover*, Lyme



LYME VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

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

In the past year, the Fire Department responded to 76 calls for assistance. We responded to three structure fires in Lyme, one of these resulting in a fatality, 2 chimney fires, 12 fire alarm activations, 1 carbon monoxide alarm, 16 motor vehicle collisions, 1 farm machinery fire, 1 illegal burn, 2 brush or grass fires, 1 smoke investigation, 2 flooded basements, 3 gasoline/diesel spills, 3 furnace/woodstove problems, 2 calls to assist the FAST Squad, 2 electrical problems, 1 establishment of landing zone for DHART helicopter, 4 trees into wires or wires down, 3 utility pole fires, 1 search for a missing hiker, and 6 service calls.

The Lyme Fire Department also responded mutual aid nine times in 2009: 4 times to Thetford for 2 structure fires and 2 for motor vehicle accidents; to Hanover once for a structure fire; to Orford 2 times for 1 reported structure fire and 1 for station coverage, to Dorchester once for an alarm activation, and to Norwich once for station coverage.

The Fire Department took delivery of a new piece of apparatus at the end of 2009. The Lyme Tanker carries 2000 gallons of water and can pump 1000 gallons of water per minute. It is designed primarily to shuttle water from a water source to a fire scene.

The department trained in overall fire-ground strategy and tactics, use of dry hydrants, providing sustained delivery of water for firefighting with area fire departments, drafting through ice, and other portable pump operations and basic firefighting evolutions.

Two dry hydrants were installed this year: one into a pond on Davison Lane and the other in a newly built fire pond on Whipple Hill Road. These hydrants were funded with generous support from private individuals. The department plans on installing three more hydrants in 2010. We are working with property owners and the state on permitting these upcoming projects.

The department encourages all the households and businesses in Lyme to be prepared for power outages and other events that cause disruptions to our daily lives. We suggest having a generator for your house that has a proper and safe hook-up. If you have any questions regarding generators or other preparedness issues, please contact the Fire Department for assistance.

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.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Michael C. Hinsley, Fire Chief
Henry Flickinger, Deputy Fire Chief
Tim Estes, Deputy Fire Chief

LYME POLICE DEPARTMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2009

In May 2009, our department moved to the new municipal building at 1 High Street. The transition has gone smoothly. Thank you to those who participated in the project planning and implementation and to those who supported it.

The following is a compilation of the types of incidents, investigations, and activities, which were reported, investigated, or performed by the Lyme Police Department for the year 2009: (Total 1745)

Crimes Against Persons

Assault	4	Endangering Welfare of Child	3
Fraud (including ID Theft)	18	Violation of Protective Order	9
Sexual Assault	2		

Crimes Against Property

Burglary/Attempt	2/1	Theft/Shoplifting	18/0
Issuing Bad Check	3	Criminal Mischief	17
Credit Card Fraud	1	Trespassing	2

Disturbances

Domestic Disputes	28	Suspicious Person/Activity	69
Disorderly Conduct	7	Unlawful Poss. of Alcohol	6
Noise Complaint	11	Intoxicated Subject	7
Weapon Fired	8	Violation of Bail Conditions	2
Disobeying an Officer	1	Poss. of Controlled Substance	2

Traffic Issues

Improper Operation Complaints	34	Stranded Motorist	29
Parking Violations/Warnings	63	Road Hazards	53
Abandoned Motor Vehicles	6	Driving after Susp./Revocation	9
Driving Under Influence	2		

Animal Control: 41 calls

Stray Dog/Cat	22	Dog Bite	1
Dog Nuisance	3	Other	9
Fail to License	6		

Other Services / Miscellaneous Offenses

Mental Health Issues	7	Neighbor Dispute	6
Assistance to Citizens	20	Civil Problem	6
Assist Fish & Game	43	Suicidal Subject	5
Assist E 9-1-1	19	Keep the Peace	9
Lost/Found Property	21	Fingerprinting	11
MV Unlock	12	Public Education	2

Check the Well-being	18	Emergency Notification	4
Missing/Overdue Person	7	Juvenile Issues	9
Illegal Dumping	10	VIN # Inspection	22
Medical Call	98	Assist other Police Agency	16
Alarm Activation	65	Assist other Town Dept.	8
Paper Service	27	Assist Fire Department	35
Telephone Harassment	7	Unattended Death	3
Assist Public Gathering	11	Court Ordered Check-ins	63

Motor Vehicle Crashes:

With Personal Injury – 6, Primary Cause:

Animal in Road – 1
 Impaired Operation – 1
 Inattention – 1
 Speed – 1
 Other – 2 (Handled by NHSP)

Motor Vehicle Crashes:

With No Personal Injury –26, Primary Cause:

Animal in Road – 10 (2 required reports / 8 Operator Statements only)
 Failed to Use Care while Backing – 3
 Fell Asleep – 1
 Unsafe Load – 1
 Too Fast for Conditions – 3 (4 slide offs – no report)
 Speed – 3
 Other – 5 (Handled by NHSP)

Hit & Run Motor Vehicle Crashes: 2

Traffic Stops – 594

Warnings (Written/Verbal)	464	Citations-Arrests	130
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Cruiser Miles Traveled: 29,482

Submitted by: Chief Pauline Q. Field

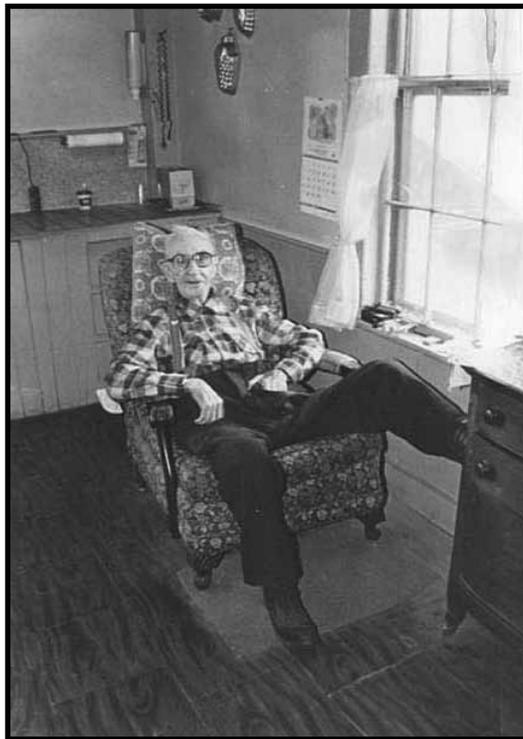
SELECTBOARD ANNUAL REPORT 2009

It might be premature to declare the economic recovery under way, but we were relieved that the downturn did not impact the town as badly as other areas of the country. However, this still means that we have had to work very hard in balancing our services against their cost.

Again we have seen the remarkable response of our citizen volunteers. Happily, this time it was not in response to an emergency. In September, *Extreme Home Makeover* came to town for eight days to re-construct the Marshall's house on Baker Hill Road. As well as undertaking the house construction, volunteers not just from the Upper Valley but from all over New Hampshire and Vermont generated significant funds for Cameron Marshall's project at CHaD.

The highlight for the year was the opening of the new Town Offices and Police Station. The Building Committee, under the able leadership of Don Metz and Frank Bowles, saw its completion and the staff moved in by early June. Our congratulations and appreciation to them and all the volunteers and donors who made this major project possible. These offices will serve the town for very many years.

We welcome David Robbins as our new Planning and Zoning Administrator. With a background in mapping, he has greatly advanced our use of map data for the analysis of proposed projects. We have also said good-bye to Stephen Hall and welcome Miles Peterson as our new Transfer Station attendant.



MR. BUD PERKINS ca. 1980

(Photo: Anna Bognolo)

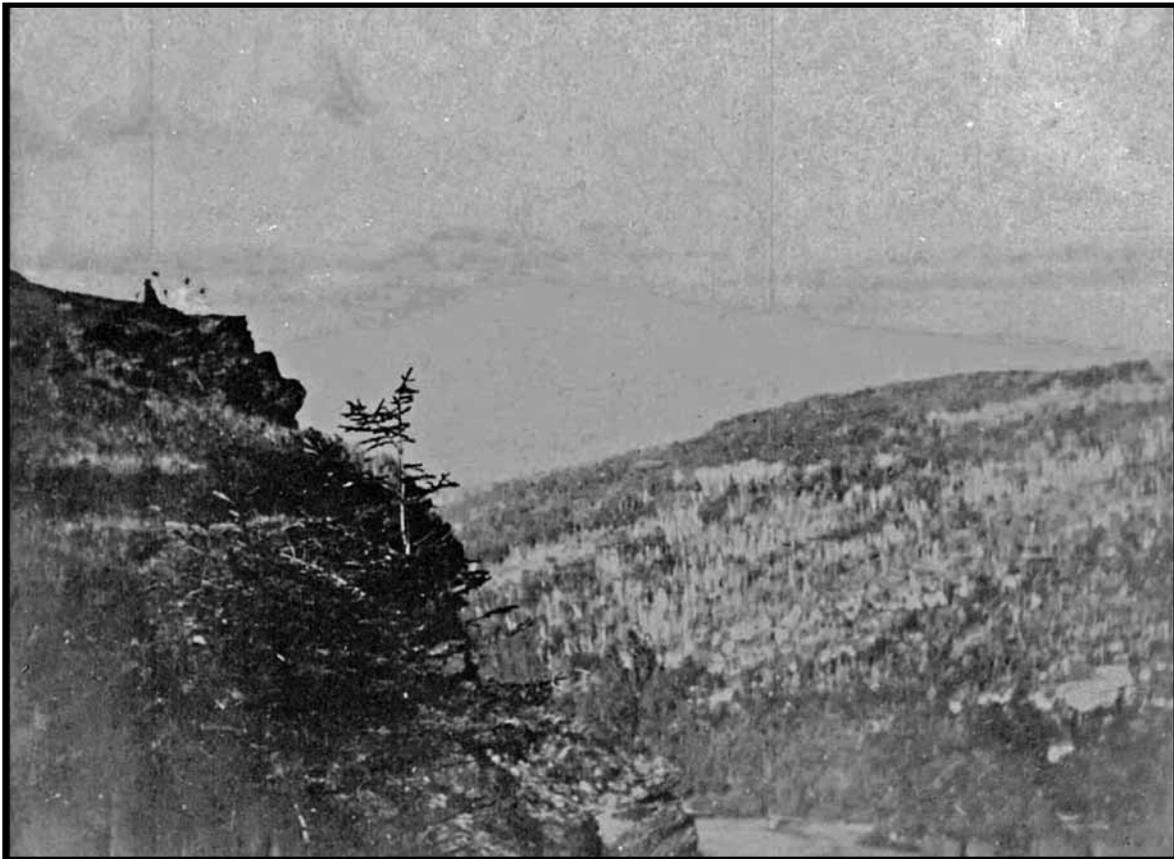
CEMETERY COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2009

The rainy, rainy weather slowed some, but not all, of the cemetery restoration work in 2009.

The Gilbert Cemetery project that we started in 2002 is complete. As many stones as we could find, match and mend, are now standing there as markers for our first citizens. Some of the smaller stones in Porter Cemetery were cleaned, mended and reset. Trees were trimmed and annual mending and cleaning of stones in the Old Cemetery continued. Sections of the original 1919 iron fence around the Highland Cemetery were restored and placed around the edge of the newer section of Highland Cemetery.

The Trustees wish to remind people that there is now a choice of burial plots in Highland Cemetery. Traditional sized plots continue to be available as well as smaller, and less expensive plots appropriate for burial of cremation urns. We also have a Memorial Garden where there are no burials but there is space for memorial markers to be placed. Some of the original iron fence marks the Garden.

Jennifer Cooke, Jean Smith, Michael Hinsley
Lyme Cemetery Commissioners



HOLTS LEDGE
(Photo from the Lucy King Collection)

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

ANNUAL REPORT 2009

The seven member Conservation Commission is charged with a variety of tasks to help steward the town's abundant natural resources that do so much to enhance Lyme's quality of life. In 2009 this encompassed the following:

Land Protection and Easements

In the spring, the Commission shepherded through the purchase of a 70-acre woodland tract adjacent to the Town Forest on Mud Turtle Pond Road. This parcel purchased from Walter and Carole Young protects a section of Whipple Brook, provides critical habitat for a variety of wildlife species and plant communities and gives the town a log landing for use in managing the Town Forest. The purchase price of \$45,000 was funded by \$12,000 from the Town Forest Maintenance Fund and the generous contributions of 29 Lyme residents totaling \$18,885 with the balance coming from the Town Conservation Fund.

At the request of the Commission, the firm Watershed to Wildlife conducted a thorough study to assess the impact of Post Pond's water level on water quality and the surrounding ecosystem. This piece of work will be added to other resources consulted for maintaining the quality of Post Pond and the adjacent Chaffee Wildlife Sanctuary.

Annual monitoring of town-owned conservation easements by a corps of volunteers was coordinated and reviewed by the Commission.

Trails and Land Management

The Commission continues to maintain and monitor the town's public trail system, sanctuaries and Connecticut River access points. This includes removing debris, repairing trails and worn boardwalk ways, keeping trails mowed where necessary and placing trail markers as needed.

Project and Application Review

At the request of the Zoning and Planning Boards, the Commission made a half-dozen site visits to assess projects for potential environmental impacts. The range of projects reviewed included new construction, septic system upgrades and woodland restoration.

Outreach and Education

The Commission hosted a variety of programs over the year. The popular annual snowshoe hike took place in February. The annual "Green Up" day occurred in May. This year the town received two "Liberty Elm" saplings from "NH the Beautiful" as a "thank you" for its participation. The trees were planted at the new Town Offices. In June the Commission hosted a "National Trails Day" event that saw volunteers work on trail maintenance projects. October brought another trails maintenance day outing that culminated with a dozen people hiking the new Ledge Trail.

Conservation Commission meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the Academy Building's meeting room. Visitors are always welcome as are ideas on how we can more effectively serve the Town. Volunteers are always gratefully appreciated to help maintain trails for which the Commission is responsible. If you are interested contact any member (names are listed near the front of this Annual Report).

CONVERSE FREE LIBRARY TRUSTEES ANNUAL REPORT 2009

As the town employees settled into their new offices on High Street, a committee comprised of library trustees and Betsy Eaton tackled the use of the newly vacated downstairs for the library. After a series of public information-gathering forums and numerous meetings as a committee, plans began to take shape to use the “new” space to the library’s and the town’s best advantage. We are happy to welcome Gordon Schnare, school superintendent, and his assistant, Teresa Thurston, to our building. They are occupying the former town clerk’s office for a nominal fee, a benefit to both the school and the taxpayers. In the office space directly across, you will now find the Friends of the Lyme Library collecting and sorting books for their annual book sale. Next door, the Historians joined us in a venture to create the Lyme Room, a resource for genealogy and town history, as well as an archive of the works of Lyme’s prominent citizens. Finally, the largest space has been set up as a media-ready meeting room, available free to non-profit groups and for a small stipend to others. It is being used regularly for school classes, library programs, and a variety of community functions. Our most sincere gratitude goes to the Lyme Historians for their financial and physical contributions to making the Lyme Room a special haven, and especially to the Friends of the Lyme Library for giving \$5400.00 toward the costs of setting up the new space in 2009. Please continue to support the Friends through the book sale and by becoming a member. Both of these efforts produced a significant savings for the taxpayers of Lyme.

Blisters for Books, an annual event led by Lisa Damren, Jake Cooke and Robin Model-Lornitzo at the Lyme School raised \$6000.00 for the purchase of books. One more savings for the taxpayers of Lyme.

In 2009, the library lent over 26,769 books, audios, videos and magazines. Our popular interlibrary loan program continues with 748 requests in and 736 loans out. We can download many books onto your ipod or MP3 Player through the NH Downloadable Audio books Consortium. Our new website, www.lymenhlibrary.org, enables our patrons to access our catalog, see the calendar of events, and find links to reputable websites.

People who have created a top quality library in Lyme are Betsy Eaton, Lois Winkler and Margaret Caffry: our professional staff. Volunteer/Trustee, Steve Campbell, who keeps our computers up and running and retiring Trustee, Judy Russell, who led the library for so many years. Jeff Valence and Jake Cooke and the school staff make the cooperation with the Lyme School work so well.

Respectfully submitted,

Nora Palmer Gould
Chairman, Board of Trustees

ENERGY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Energy Committee members, and thus the Town of Lyme, were enriched by attending several regional workshops: a state conference on local energy solutions and a roundtable discussion sponsored by the Sustainable Energy Resource Group (SERG). Members also attended meetings hosted by *Vital Communities*. The Lyme Energy Committee (LEC) sponsored the attendance of a community member at a Farm to School workshop.

The May Energy Fair on the Lyme Common had about 65 enthusiastic vendors and attendees. After learning about a variety of energy efficient options for their homes, visitors could visit homes that had implemented some of these options.

The committee met last spring with Beatriz Pastor, Lyme's State Representative, to discuss weatherization issues.

LEC continued to have representation on the Town Office Building Committee and was pleased to have radiant heat and substantial insulation added to the building plan. LEC has had representation on a committee focusing on regional transportation issues and is working with the Lyme School Board to begin a *Farm to School* program.

LEC maintained and updated our collection of material at the library, which includes a Watt-meter and various books and periodicals. We encourage you to check them out.

Dan, Matt, Gary, Sue, and Becky are all learning about the Fire Department's infra-red camera (thank you Michael Hinsley, Lyme Fire Chief, for coaching us) and will soon be able to perform energy audits on Town buildings and residential homes, using the camera as a diagnostic tool.

Sue MacKenzie stepped down as co-chair of the committee but is continuing on as secretary. Rebecca Lovejoy has assumed the position of co-chair.

Shirley Tullar also stepped down. John Gartner is the newest member.

LEC is very appreciative of Sue and Shirley's service.

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 the public's attendance.

Matt Brown
John Gartner
Carola Lea, co-chair
Becky Lovejoy, co-chair
Sue MacKenzie, secretary
Mike Morton
Dan O'Hara
Gary Phetteplace
Simon Carr, Selectboard Representative

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ANNUAL REPORT 2009

2009 A year without a major incident!

2009 Allowed us to review prior events and make adjustments where necessary.

Lyme Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) and Lyme Hazard Mitigation Plan (LHMP) are scheduled for revision/update in 2010. We were aware of this every five years requirement and in 2009 we submitted a grant request for both plans to NH Bureau of Emergency Management. Approval was still pending at the close of 2009.

2009 Community Resource Survey:

A survey completed in 1998 provided a list of community expertise and privately owned equipment that would be invaluable during or after an unscheduled event.

Ten plus years dictated the need to update our list; therefore early in 2009 we mailed a survey form to each Lyme address. The community response was very good.

Lyme Emergency Operating Center (LEOC) now has a current resource list that will assist us in the event of another emergency. The resource list provides the information we need for a quick response from LEOC. It is the willing volunteers and the community generosity of privately owned equipment that brings it all together. Recipients of that generosity have expressed their gratitude.

2009 Emergency Power:

In 2009, stationary emergency generators were installed at Lyme Fire Station and the new Lyme Town Office complex.

2009 Summary:

2009 has been a very good year, despite the economic problems.

LEOC appreciates and thanks the community, volunteers and supporters who help us reduce the severity and impact of any incident on our community.

Respectfully submitted,
Wallace Ragan, Emergency Management Director

LYME SUMMER POND PROGRAM ANNUAL REPORT 2009

This year the Summer Pond Program, located at Chase Beach at Post Pond, ran for four weeks beginning June 29, 2009 and ending July 24, 2009. Each day we began at 8:30 am and ended at 12:00 pm. The program is available to the children of Lyme starting at age 4 (by December 31st) through the 5th grade. Any student in grade 6 and above is invited to be a counselor for the program. Each day of the program included Red Cross swimming lessons, snack, arts and crafts, free choice, read aloud, drama, sports and lunch.

The program averaged 40 children, despite the extreme amounts of rain we had. We averaged 10 phenomenal counselors each week who endured the cold and did an amazing job keeping the kids busy. We had a very rainy and cold summer program but the children came dressed for the weather and we made the best of it!

Thank you to all who helped support the program this year. I have truly enjoyed this program for many years and I look forward to the year to come!

Respectfully,
Torey Cutting
Pond Program Coordinator

HIGHWAY SAFETY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009

The Lyme Highway Safety Committee meets quarterly throughout the year to discuss safety concerns and initiatives related to traffic safety. Our role is to act as a local representative to the NH Highway Safety Agency which has assisted towns 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 NH Highway Safety Agency 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 2009 Lyme Highway Safety Committee members included:
Police Chief Pauline Q. Field, Patrol Officer Shaun J. O'Keefe, Administrative Assistant Dina Cutting and Emergency Management Director Wallace Ragan.

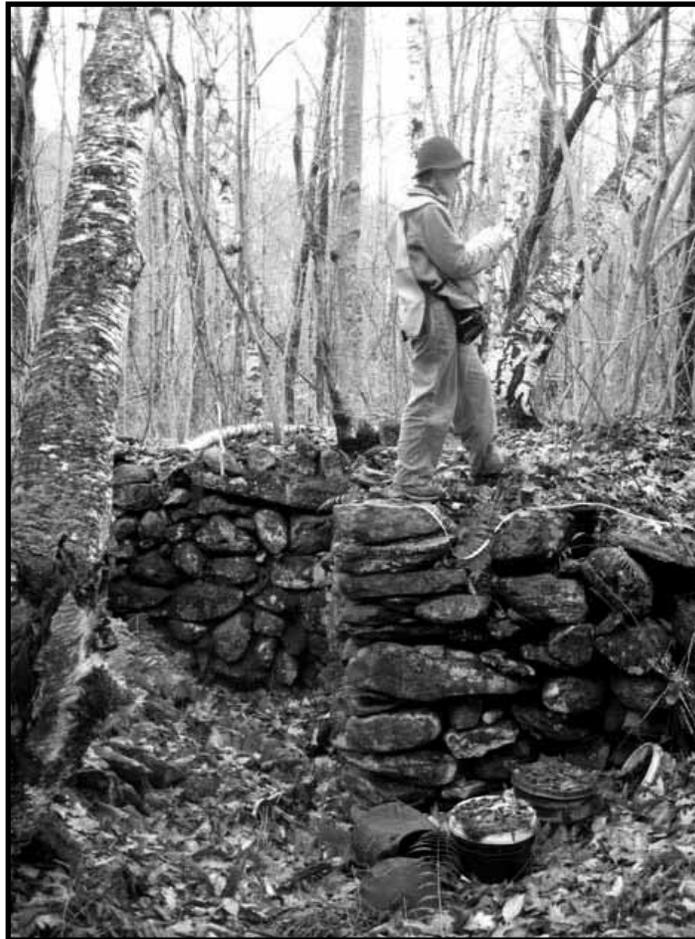


GLEN AND MARION BUZZELL ca. 1980
(Photo: Anna Bognolo)

LYME HISTORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009

The Lyme Historians/History Committee had a busy and productive year, with special exhibits including vintage undergarments, games and toys, and kitchen items. Our well-attended annual meeting featured Kevin Gardner speaking on “Discovering New England Stone Walls.” During the spring and summer, we refurbished four of the historic horse sheds (working with the Congregational Church) to house vintage agricultural and other equipment. The new exhibits were opened for display three times before winter. We also helped renovate the new Lyme Room in the Library basement, which is equipped for genealogical and other research relating to Lyme. Documenting Lyme’s many cellar holes - a project attracting regional interest - continued during the year. Watch for announcements and come cellar-holing! Lastly, members continued to enjoy our informative and lively newsletter, “The Lyme Historian,” edited by Adair Mulligan. Throughout the year, current and former Lyme residents donated many interesting and wonderful items, for which we are very grateful.

Respectfully submitted,
Jane Fant, President, Lyme History Committee



**CELLAR-HOLING AT TROUT POND FOREST
FALL 2009**

(Photo: Adair Mulligan)

INDEPENDENCE DAY COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009

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! Many thanks to all those kind folks who were at the pond early in the morning to start fires and cook the chicken, those who made macaroni salads and the yummy pies and all of the workers at the BBQ.

Thanks to Emily Tullar Gray & the Tullando Farm for the donation of firewood and to those other folks who offered. We can't forget the terrific 8th graders and Lisa Celone, 8th grade parent coordinator, who organized the car-parking attendants, plus those who collected donations at the gate, and sold the glow sticks and ice cream. Thanks to Don Elder and Those Guys for the use of their tents and for their time putting them up and taking them down.

Thanks also to the participants in the parade and the spectators. This was our biggest parade yet. 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. Thanks to Rita DeGoosh and Mascoma Savings Bank for their donation which paid for ice cream cones for all of the children who participated in the parade. And of course 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, the Lyme Town Band and the Whipple Hill Gang. They are such an important part of the celebration! Thanks also to Staci Sargent from Ledyard National Bank for organizing the wonderful piggy bank painting project. She had hoped to do some kid's games such as grain sack races but the soggy ground limited our space too much. ...Maybe next year.

All of the money raised from the BBQ and proceeds from glow sticks & ice cream sales goes toward the fireworks. The Pippins and Lyme Country Store donated soda and ice cream which was then sold. **No tax dollars go to supporting the fireworks, it's all raised and that's a tribute to the people of Lyme.** This is a huge undertaking each year and thanks to the many folks who donate their time and/or money it is a very successful event.

Safety is a huge issue for the fireworks and enormous thanks go to the Lyme Fire Department for their effort in maintaining the safety zone. The Dartmouth Skiway kindly loaned us fencing for the safety zone. There is a firefighter on duty at the pond from midmorning until the fireworks are over. We also want to thank the Lyme Police for their efforts during the parade and fireworks. None of this can happen without the cooperation of the Lyme Police and Fire Department.

This community has continued to support the Independence Day Committee efforts and we THANK YOU very much!

Bob Couture, Dina Cutting, J.J. Pippin-Finley, Jim Mayers & Jodie Rich

LYME 250TH ANNIVERSARAY OBSERVANCE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009

In 2011 Lyme, along with the other eleven 'Middle Grant' towns, celebrates the 250th anniversary of the signing of its charter by Governor Wentworth. The charter was signed on July 8th, 1761. The 'Middle Grant' towns in the Upper Valley are Lyme, Hanover, Canaan, Lebanon, Enfield, Plainfield, Fairlee, Thetford, Norwich, Hartford, Hartland and Windsor and are all starting to plan celebrations for next year.

Summer 2011 seems a long way off but we are very aware that it will suddenly creep up on us. Therefore, Lyme's 250th Anniversary committee has been established to start considering what events, celebrations and physical reminders of this anniversary should be undertaken by the town and also how to coordinate with other communities in any communal celebration. The initial committee is considering all these possibilities and we are committed to the principle that all expenses will be covered by private fund-raising. As we get nearer to the actual anniversary, we anticipate that the committee will be setting up sub-committees to address specific projects – by the time the actual date comes round, we hope to have the whole town involved in anniversary projects.



NEW TOWN OFFICES COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009

The Town Offices Building Committee is delighted to report that "WE DID IT". The offices were completed on time and under budget, with no significant problems. The town staff settled in quickly and all parties appear to be happy with their new home. The only remaining task is to provide air conditioning. Our hope that superinsulation and good ventilation would allow us to avoid air conditioning proved not to be true. We are planning to install highly energy-efficient air conditioners this spring. There have been no significant warranty issues with the building since it opened. Estes and Gallup did it right the first time and built us a superb building.

Our thanks to everyone in Lyme and to our fellow committee members for working so hard to make our permanent town offices such an attractive and functional reality.

Respectfully Submitted, Frank Bowles and Don Metz



GRAND OPENING DAY ~ JUNE 23, 2009

(Photo: Paul Klee)



RECREATION COMMISSION ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Youth programs, with scholarships available, were offered in many popular sports. As in the past, all fees collected were used to support the programs directly (e.g., referees, uniforms, tournament entries, equipment). We are gratified that the vast majority of Lyme children participate in one or more Recreation programs. The following list details the specific programs and participation numbers.

Soccer	144 participants
Skiing/Snowboarding	100 participants
Basketball	71 participants
Baseball	62 participants
Softball	25 participants
Lacrosse	26 participants

The Commission is very grateful to our volunteer sports Commissioners: Pete Mulvihill for his 10th and final year as soccer commissioner, Alix Howell, Richard Vidal and Denby Coyle for the ski program, Peter McGowan for basketball, Tom Yurkosky and Mike Woodward for softball and baseball 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.

A range of more informal programs were available for adult participants, including tennis, softball, Tai Chi, and yoga.

The excellent work of Chase Beach Activities Supervisor Dina Cutting and her staff of certified lifeguards provided another summer season of swimming at Chase Beach.

Torey Cutting coordinated another successful summer Pond Program, which included swimming lessons, arts and crafts, and sports. Three additional week-long summer sports camps were available to children this summer: two offerings of PlaySoccer camp for 1st-8th grade children and a basketball program for 1st and 2nd graders coordinated by Gema Pushee and Steve Dayno ran a successful tennis camp this summer as well.

Pete Mulvihill spearheaded a terrific set of improvements to the on-ground ice rink, which is now available for skating well into the evening with the addition of lights.

Residents can get easy access to a listing of our current programs and policies on the Town web site or through the unofficial Lyme Listserve. The Recreation Commission meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:00 PM at the Academy Building. We always welcome public participation and are eager to hear your ideas for new programs.



UPPER VALLEY RIVER SUBCOMMITTEE of the Connecticut River Joint Commissions ANNUAL REPORT 2009

This year the Upper Valley River Subcommittee published a new and expanded *Connecticut River Recreation Management Plan* and *Water Resources Management Plan*, and sponsored a number of presentations to acquaint the public with the findings. Each plan represents many months of deliberation and reaching consensus among people of widely different backgrounds, and includes extensive detail about the condition and health of the river.

The *Water Resources Plan* emphasizes the environmental and economic benefits of keeping floodplains free of development and encouraging natural vegetation along riverbanks to keep them stable, block debris, shade the water, and filter pollutants from runoff. We encourage towns to consider our recommendations when updating town plans and revising zoning ordinances.

Landowners planning projects near water should check first with the town office to see if a state or local permit is needed. We urge all anglers and boaters to clean their gear carefully to avoid spreading Didymo and other invasive plants and animals.

The Subcommittee provides information and assistance to the states, towns, and landowners on projects near the river. This year we provided advice on a number of projects, including the rowing dock proposed in Hanover.

The Subcommittee is advisory and has no regulatory authority. A calendar, more about Didymo, advice on bank erosion and obtaining permits for work near the river, the *Connecticut River Management Plan*, and much more are on the web at www.crjc.org.

David Kotz & Lou Anne Conroy, Lyme representatives

CONNECTICUT RIVER JOINT COMMISSIONS ANNUAL REPORT 2009

This year the Connecticut River Joint Commissions (CRJC) published a major atlas of the Upper Connecticut River Watershed, *Where the Great River Rises*, and provided complimentary copies to the Converse Free Library and area high schools. In 2009, we continued our work in river assessment and conducted water quality monitoring on a section of the Upper Valley thought to be affected by combined sewer overflows. Bacteria counts violated state standards for swimming in only one sample this summer.

In our bi-state meetings, we considered issues as wide-ranging as the economics of farmland conservation to the Northern Forest Center's Sustainable Economy Initiative. In October, we hosted Governors Lynch and Douglas on a bi-state tour of the northern river valley.

Through the Connecticut River Byway, CRJC works with communities, businesses and the states to strengthen the local base for heritage tourism. In 2009, we updated the Byway Map and Guide and a major exhibit. Visit the Byway at www.ctrivertravel.net.

Appointed by the legislatures of New Hampshire and Vermont, the Connecticut River Joint Commissions welcome the public to our meetings on the last Monday of every other month. Visit our web site, www.crjc.org, for a calendar of events and useful information.

Henry Swan, Connecticut River Commissioner ~ Adair Mulligan, CRJC Conservation Director

FY 09 Annual Report for the Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission (Commission)

The Commission is one of nine regional planning commission 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. We serve 27 communities from Piermont to Charleston along the Connecticut River and from Wilmot to Washington to the east.

Over the past year the Commission has expended a significant amount of energy increasing visibility, public relations and identifying the needs of the communities, ultimately aimed at building stability and capacity in order to better address land use issues that are important to the long-term sustainability of the communities within the region.

Revenue for the Commission was \$721,630.58 for FY09. A large percentage of this funding 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 the NH Department of Environmental Services, the NH Department of Safety - Homeland Security and Emergency Management, and the Office of Energy and Planning. Member communities and counties provide membership dues. In FY2009 this allowed the Commission to leverage approximately \$350,000 in state and federal funds, and provided with the Commission with just over 15% of its revenue.

The Commission consists of representatives appointed by the leadership of each member municipality or county. These Commissioners represent your community's interests in the work the Commission does. The Commission had ten new Commissioners appointed by various municipalities and counties expanding resources and expertise within its leadership and demonstrating considerable renewed interest in regional collaboration. Additionally, Grafton County became a member of the Commission this year.

Some of this year's highlights include initiating Grafton County Coordination Summit which led to Regional Coordinating Councils for transit in Grafton modeled after the Sullivan County RCC which the Commission has shepherded for 3 years. We also developed a program for solid waste transportation management planning assistance for Sullivan County through USDA Solid Waste funding. In addition we secured funding and have begun work on developing a site for an Intermodal facility within the Upper Valley and completed four Natural Resource Inventories, three Master Plan sections and numerous reviews of zoning ordinances and local land use policies.

The Commission provides a significant amount of hours of technical assistance to communities that inquire about specific local issues, data requests or needed resources. The communities of Claremont, Charlestown, Dorchester, Enfield, Goshen, Hanover, Lempster, Lyme, Orford, Plainfield, New London, Springfield, Sunapee, Washington and Wilmot all took advantage of these services this past year.

The Commission was engaged in over 45 projects within the region this year and has increased its capacity to serve the communities of the region.

We have already begun work on many new initiatives in the region and thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,

Christine Walker
Executive Director

Commissioners serving your community during July 2008 – June 2009

ACWORTH

*Laurence Williamson
John Tuthill*

CHARLESTON

*Steve Smith
Jan Lambert*

CLAREMONT

Bernard Folta

Dorchester

William Trought

CORNISH

*William Lipfert
J Cheston Newbold*

CROYDON

Willis Ballou Jr

ENFIELD

*Ken Daniels
Steven Schneider*

GOSHEN

Melanie Bell

GRANTHAM

Thain Allan

HANOVER

*Katherine Connelly
William Dietrich*

LEBANON

*Sean Donovan
Joan Monroe*

Larry LeClair

LEMPSTER

Terry Spada

LYME

*Freda Swan
Dan Brand*

NEW LONDON

Peter Stanley

NEWBURY

Nancy Marashio

NEWPORT

Jeff Kessler

ORFORD

Paul Dalton

PIERMONT

Helga Mueller

PLAINFIELD

*Richard Winters
James Taylor*

SPRINGFIELD

Kevin Lee

SUNAPEE

*Aaron Simpson
Stephen White*

WASHINGTON

John Sheehy

SULLIVAN COUNTY

Jeff Barrette

AT-LARGE MEMBERS

*Peter Gregory – Two-
Rivers Ottauquechee RPC
Mark Scarano – Grafton
County Economic
Development Council*



President, Peter Stanley (New London) looks on as incoming President Shawn Donovan (Lebanon) gives closing remarks at the Commission's Annual Meeting held at the Mount Sunapee Resort in June 2009.

UPPER VALLEY HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT 2009

During 2009 the Committee continued to maintain a regional website (www.uvhhw.org), hosted booths at the Upper Valley Home Life Exhibition and the Hanover Food Co-op, and provided volunteers for the household hazardous waste collections at the Lebanon Landfill.

Home & Life Show Event Booth: The Household Hazardous Waste Committee's booth in March featured information on collections in the area including dates and what materials are and are not accepted. "Universal Waste" examples and management options were provided. These materials include rechargeable batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, auto batteries, antifreeze, and mercury-containing devices such as button batteries, thermostats, and thermometers. Pesticide free lawn and garden care continued to be a focus. Alternative cleaning recipes were distributed. A large map displayed the household hazardous waste collections in the area with their dates, times, and contacts for further information.

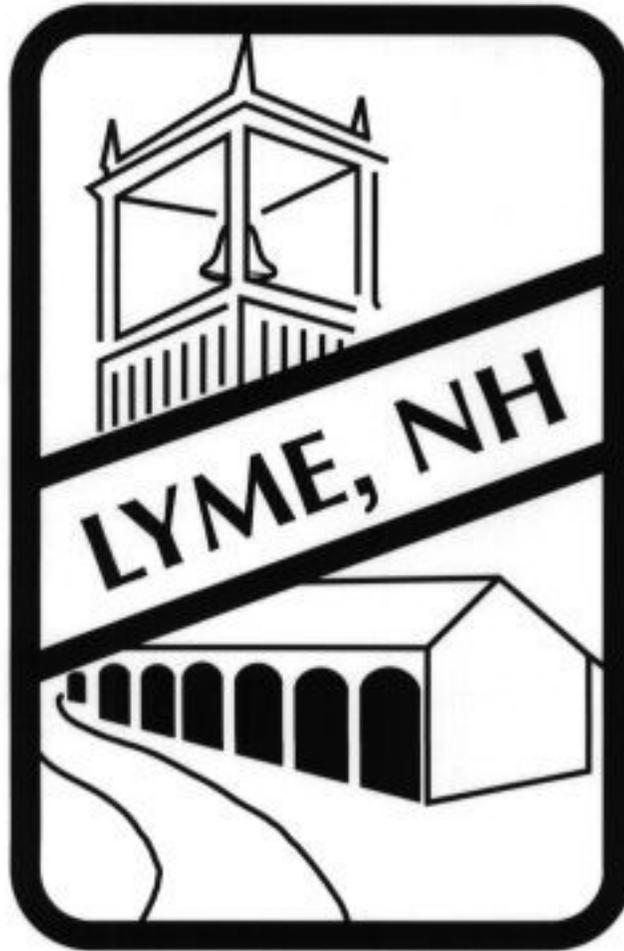
Co-op Community Partner in March: The Committee displayed a tri-fold on HHW collections, what to bring, what is not acceptable, collection statistics, etc. Handouts were provided for non-toxic household cleaner recipes, informational sheets on batteries drop-off sites, dates and location of 2009 HHW collections, and information on universal waste.

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Support: The committee provided volunteer support at the collections held at the Lebanon Landfill, keeping waiting times short and residents informed. A total of 450 households from Cornish, Enfield, Hanover, Lebanon, Lempster, Lyme, Piermont, Plainfield, and Springfield brought waste to two collections at the Lebanon Landfill in July and October.

Unwanted Medicine Collection Research: The Committee is working with Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center to provide Unwanted Medicine collections combined with the 2010 HHW collections. Training will be obtained from Sarah Silk at the Wolfeboro, NH facility to insure successful implementation of a complex service.

The Upper Valley Household Hazardous Waste Committee is made up of volunteers from Upper Valley towns. We invite anyone interested to attend our meetings and become involved.

TOWN OF LYME



NARRATIVE REPORTS FOR GRAFTON COUNTY & SUPPORTED OUTSIDE AGENCIES 2009

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 1-800-498-6868 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.

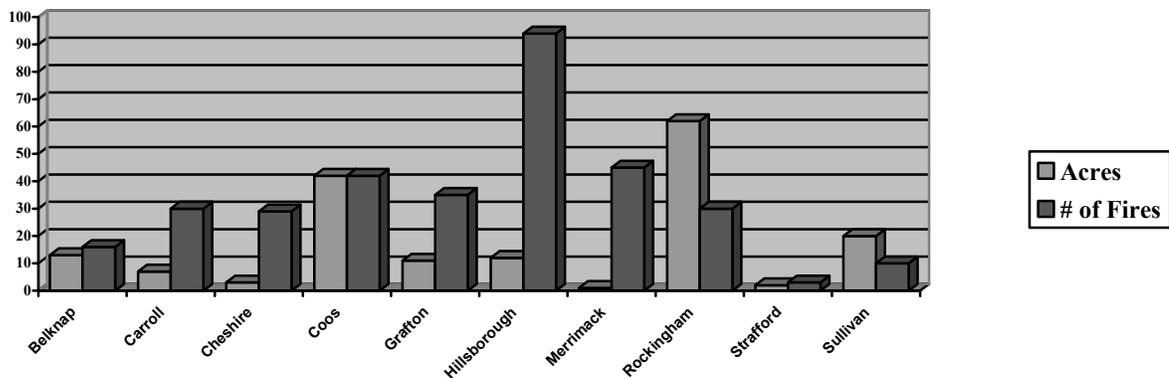
Spring fire season was unusually short this past year, with wet weather beginning the third week in April and lasting virtually all summer long. Consequently both the number of fires and the number of acres burned were below the last five year average. Due to state budget constraints, the staffing of our statewide system of 16 fire lookout towers was limited to class III or higher fire danger days. Despite the reduction in the number of days staffed, our fire lookout towers are credited with keeping most fires small and saving several structures this season due to their quick and accurate spotting capabilities. The towers fire spotting capability was supplemented this year by contracted aircraft and the Civil Air Patrol when fire danger was especially high. Surprisingly the largest single fire this year occurred in late November during an unusual dry spell, in the northern Coos County town of Clarksville. This fire burned 17.1 acres and is presumed to have been caused by a careless hunter. 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 2009 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!

2009 FIRE STATISTICS

(All fires reported as of December 3, 2009)

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

COUNTY STATISTICS		
County	Acres	# of Fires
Belknap	13	16
Carroll	7	30
Cheshire	3	29
Coos	42	42
Grafton	11	35
Hillsborough	12	94
Merrimack	1	45
Rockingham	62	30
Strafford	2	3
Sullivan	20	10



CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

			Total Fires	Total Acres
Arson	4	2009	334	173
Debris	184	2008	455	175
Campfire	18	2007	437	212
Children	12	2006	500	473
Smoking	15	2005	546	174
Railroad	5			
Equipment	5			
Lightning	0			
Misc.*	91	(*Misc.: power lines, fireworks, electric fences, etc.)		

ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT WILDLAND FIRE



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GRAFTON COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS COUNCIL, INC. ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Programs

Newfound Area Senior Services
(Bristol 744-8395)

Horse Meadow Senior Center
(N. Haverhill 787-2539)

Linwood Area Senior Services
(Lincoln 745-4705)

Littleton Area Senior Center
(Littleton 444-6050)

Mascoma Area Senior Center
(Canaan 523-4333)

Orford Area Senior Services
(Orford 353-9107)

Plymouth Regional Senior Center
(Plymouth 536-1204)

Upper Valley Senior Center
(Lebanon 448-4213)

Sponsoring

RSVP & The Volunteer Center
(toll-free 1-877-711-7787)

ServiceLink of Grafton County
(toll-free 1-866-634-9412)

*Grafton County Senior Citizens Council,
Inc. is an equal opportunity provider.*

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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 2009, 43 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 483 balanced meals in the company of friends in the senior dining rooms.
- They received 100 hot, nourishing meals delivered to their homes by caring volunteers.
- Lyme residents were transported to health care providers or other community resources on 137 occasions by volunteers or on the Upper Valley Senior Center bus.
- Frail and vulnerable Lyme residents benefited from 1,737 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 64 occasions for assistance with issues concerning long-term care.
- Lyme's citizens also volunteered to put their talents and skills to work for a better community through 262.5 hours of volunteer service.

The cost to provide Council services for Lyme residents in 2009 was \$46,189.37.

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.

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, 2008 to September 30, 2009

During this fiscal year, GCSCC served 43 Lyme residents out of 347 residents over 60, 2000 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	583	x	\$8.00	\$ 4,664.00
Transportation	Trips	137	x	\$11.65	\$ 1,596.05
Adult Day Service	Hours	0	x	\$14.16	\$ 0
Adult In-Home Care	Hours	1,737	x	\$21.50	\$37,345.50
Social Services	Half-hours	2.5	x	\$40.69	\$ 101.73
ServiceLink	Contacts	61	x	\$40.69	\$ 2,482.09
Activities		288		N/A	

Number of Lyme volunteers: 6. Number of volunteer hours: 262.5

GCSCC cost to provide services for Lyme residents only	\$ 46,189.37
Request for Senior Services for 2009	\$ 800.00
Received from Town of Lyme for 2009	\$ 800.00
Request for Senior Services for 2010	\$ 1,578.00

NOTE:

1. Unit cost from GCSCC Statement of Revenue and Expenses for October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2009.
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 - 2009 Annual Report
Respectfully submitted: Kathleen Jablonski, Extension Educator and County Office Administrator

University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension has been grateful for the support of Grafton County citizens, communities, County Commissioners and the County Delegation in continuing our mission 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.

Staff members Deborah Maes, Family and Consumer Resources, Arianne Fosdick, Volunteer Management Program Assistant (VMPA), Robin Peters, Nutrition Connections, Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development, Donna Lee, Teresa Locke, and Kristina Vaughan, Administrative Assistants, were joined in November, 2008 by new staff member David Falkenham, Forestry Resources Educator, and in March 2009 by Heather Bryant, Agricultural Resources Educator. The new Educators have actively stepped into their roles to provide educational programming for the citizens of Grafton County and New Hampshire.

The Family and Consumer Resources program certified thirty-nine food service workers (90%) who attended ServSafe® classes and passed the national certification program. A two hour session entitled *Managing Money in Tough Times* was offered around the County, reaching over sixty residents. The City of Lebanon, working with UNHCE, held two city-wide meetings to provide public input as they worked on their Master Plan.

Thirty-five site visits with private landowners discussing the health and wise stewardship of over eight thousand acres of private land, along with six natural resource education programs that were organized in collaboration with other agencies and attracted over two hundred attendees, kept the Forestry Resources program busy this year. The Extension Forestry program has also continued to provide educational programs and woodlot management advice to forestry professionals, municipal officials, and the County Farm Advisory Committee.

The 4-H Youth Development program supports the ninety-six volunteer leaders and over two hundred fifty youth in Grafton County. Eighteen county-wide 4-H events were held with support from volunteer committees and judges. A JC Penney Afterschool grant increased programming and volunteer recruitment activities, allowing an additional one hundred twenty youth in Campton, Rumney and Plymouth to receive afterschool programming. Outreach to after school programs reached over three hundred fifty additional youth with 4-H curricula.

The VMPA conducted 4-H afterschool programs at the Plymouth, Campton, and Rumney Elementary Schools and at the Haverhill Cooperative Middle School (HCMS). In addition, the VMPA worked with the Agricultural Educator and the summer intern on the display vegetable garden workshop series, and worked with several Master Gardeners to facilitate their projects. These programs extended 4-H and Agricultural Resources programming to an additional one hundred fifty-seven people.

Over the past year, the Agricultural Resources program focused on commercial growers and outreach to home gardeners, including site visits in response to Late Blight. Meetings were held on organic vegetable production and tree fruit integrated pest management. The VMPA, the County Forester and the Agricultural Resources Educator collaborated on a "Wild Edibles" program which they presented to four classes at the HCMS.

The State UNHCE Dairy Specialist, Michal Lunak, is housed in Grafton County. His work this year included coordinating: a farm business QuickBooks course, a workshop on photovoltaic, wind and geo energy production, tips for saving energy on farms, and grants available to producers, and the NH Dairy Management Conference. The Specialist also conducted site visits, with an agricultural engineer, to assess building challenges on dairy farms throughout the state, and site visits to assist farmers with improving milk quality.

Nutrition Connections programming continues to serve the population receiving food stamps and those meeting low income guidelines. Nutrition education programs have been held in conjunction with the Grafton County Academy program, Friendship House, and many agencies throughout the County. Robin Peters has been instrumental in bringing NH Food Bank programs into Grafton County.

Our office is open to the public and located at the Grafton County Administration Building, 3855 Dartmouth College Hwy, Box 5, N. Haverhill, NH 03774. Telephone: 603-787-6944 Website: <http://extension.unh.edu>

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, 2008 and June 30, 2009, the VNA & Hospice made 1,194 homecare visits to 45 Lyme residents and provided approximately \$28,956 in uncompensated care.

Home HealthCare: 846 home visits to 35 residents with short-term medical or physical needs.

Long-term Care: 83 home visits to 2 residents with chronic medical problems who needed extended care in their home to avoid admission to a nursing home.

Hospice Services: 262 home visits to 7 residents who were in the final stages of their lives.

Maternal and Child Health Services: 3 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)

WEST CENTRAL BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ANNUAL REPORT 2009

Dear Lyme Residents:

In FY 2009, West Central Behavioral Health received an appropriation of \$1,870 from the Town of Lyme. We are grateful for this appropriation that enabled us to provide free or reduced cost mental and behavioral health services to residents of Lyme who are uninsured or underinsured. We are committed to making quality mental health services available regardless of ability to pay to all communities in our service areas and are asking the cities and towns we serve to help us sustain that commitment to many of our most vulnerable neighbors. In order to achieve this goal we are requesting a FY 2010 appropriation of \$1,870.

West Central Behavioral Health is the NH designated Community Mental Health Center for Lyme, as well as Sullivan and Southern Grafton Counties. Our mission is "to promote, preserve, and strengthen the mental health and quality of life for individuals and their communities through the delivery of integrated, comprehensive services". Our consumers suffer from a range of disorders and illnesses: life threatening severe, chronic mental illness such as psychosis, schizophrenia, and bipolar disorder; all forms of addiction, as well as anxiety, depression, divorce or relationship related stress, and other impairing but highly treatable conditions. We work with all ages in outpatient clinics, homes, nursing homes, schools, and residential supported living programs, offering a broad variety of counseling, psychiatric services, case management and emergency consultations.

Some of the services provided to residents of Lyme last year include:

- ◆ 13 Lyme children and their families received 275 hours of therapy at our Counseling Center of Lebanon.
- ◆ 12 Lyme adults received 210 hours of therapy from these same locations.

Our request of \$1,870 helps us to continue to serve all Lyme residents who request our services whether or not they can pay our full costs. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Ron Michaud
Community Relations Officer



Town of Lyme
Annual Report 2009

For 39 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 Community Outreach and Youth Violence Prevention Program seek 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 through including access to our 24-hour crisis line, medical, legal and social services advocacy, emergency shelter, information and referral and facilitated support groups. Our Youth and Community Education program also provides educational violence prevention programming to students and staff in six local school districts including the Dresden School District.

In the last fiscal year WISE provided services to 1,013 new clients. Twelve 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.

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.