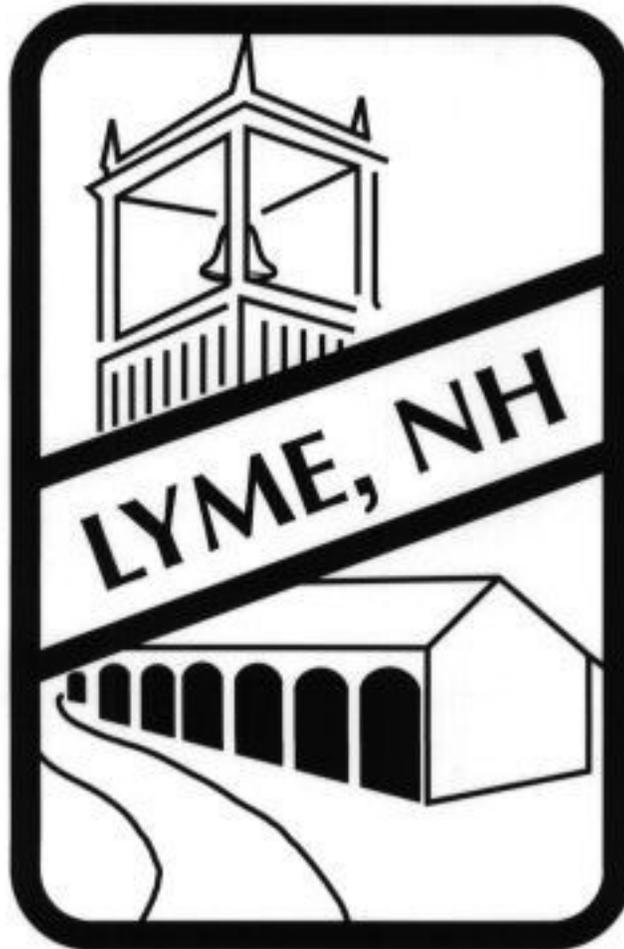


TOWN OF LYME



GENERAL INFORMATION 2008

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BARN ON THE RIVER ROAD

(Photo: Staff)

ABOUT LYME

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

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

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

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

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

TOWN OFFICERS, COMMITTEE AND BOARD MEMBERS

Budget Committee (Elected 3-year term)

Elizabeth Glenshaw	Term expires 2009
George Lehmann	Term expires 2009
Earl Strout	Term expires 2009
Barney Brannen	Term expires 2010
Joshua Kilham	Term expires 2010
Freda Swan	Term expires 2010
Judith Lee Shelnutt Brotman, Chair	Term expires 2011
Charles Justice	Term expires 2011
William Lewis	Term expires 2011
Mark Schiffman	School Board Representative
Richard Jones	Select Board Representative

Cemetery Commission (Elected 3-year term)

Michael Hinsley	Term expires 2009
Jean Smith, Commissioner	Term expires 2010
Jennifer Cooke	Term expires 2011

Communications Study Committee (Appointed by the Selectmen for an indefinite term)

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

Connecticut River Joint Commissions
Upper Valley River Subcommittee of the Joint River Commission
(Appointed by Selectmen for indefinite term)

Henry Swan, CT River Commissioner (Appointed by the Governor)
Adair Mulligan, CT River Joint Commissions Communications Director
Vacant, Lyme Representative
Vacant, Lyme Representative
Vacant, Lyme Representative
Vacant, Alternate

Conservation Commission
(Appointed by Selectmen 3-year term)

James Graham	Term expires 2009
Russ Hirschler	Term expires 2009
Lee Larson, Vice-Chair	Term expires 2010
Adair Mulligan	Term expires 2010
Blake Allison	Term expires 2011
Matthew Stevens, Chair	Term expires 2011
Richard Jones	Select Board Representative

Energy Committee
(Appointed by Selectmen 3-year term)

Claudia Kern	Term expires 2009
Carola Lea, Co-Chair	Term expires 2009
Gary Phetteplace	Term expires 2009
Matthew Brown	Term expires 2010
Daniel O'Hara	Term expires 2010
Rebecca Lovejoy	Term expires 2011
Sue MacKenzie, Co-Chair	Term expires 2011
Shirley Tullar	Term expires 2011
Simon Carr	Select Board Representative

Fast Squad
(Volunteers)

Kevin Peterson, President

Federal Emergency Management Agency Plan
(Appointed by Selectmen)

Wallace Ragan, Director of Local Emergency Management

Fire Department Chief
(Appointed by Selectmen)

Michael Hinsley, Chief

Forest Fire Wardens

(Recommended by Selectmen, Approved & Appointed by State for 2 year terms*)

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

**Only these deputies are authorized to issue burn permits.*

Health Officers

(Recommended by Selectmen, Approved & Appointed by State)

Charles Sawyer, Health Officer
Michael Hinsley, Deputy Health Officer

Independence Day Committee

(Appointed by Selectmen for 3 year terms)

J. Marie Pippin	Term expires 2009
Josephine Rich	Term expires 2009
Robert Couture	Term expires 2010
James Mayers	Term expires 2010
Dina Cutting	Term expires 2011

Inspectors of Election

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

Library Trustees (Elected 3-year term)

Anne Baird	Term expires	2009
Margaret Bowles	Term expires	2009
Thomas Hunton	Term expires	2009
Nora Palmer Gould	Term expires	2010
Jonathan Kuniholm	Term expires	2010
Judy Russell, Chair	Term expires	2010
Stephen Campbell	Term expires	2011
Margot Maddock	Term expires	2011
Letitia Smith	Term expires	2011
Betsy Eaton		Librarian

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

Wayne Bates	Term expires 2009
John Campbell, Jr.	Term expires 2009
Sallie Ramsden	Term expires 2010
Christina Schonenberger	Term expires 2010
Don Elder	Term expires 2011

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

Jane Fant	Term expires 2009
William Murphy	Term expires 2009
Carola Lea	Term expires 2010
Sallie Ramsden	Term expires 2010
Christina Schonenberger	Term expires 2011

New Town Offices Committee
(Appointed by the Selectmen)

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

Overseer of Public Welfare
(Elected 1-year term)

Nancy Elizabeth Grandine	Term expires 2009
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Planning Board
(Elected 3-year term)

John Billings, Chair	Term expires 2009
Paul Mayo	Term expires 2009
John Stadler	Term expires 2009
Freda Swan, Alternate	Term expires 2009
David Roby, Vice Chair	Term expires 2009
Ben Kilham, Alternate	Term expires 2010
Richard Jones	Select Board Representative

Police Department

Pauline Field

Police Chief

Recreation Commission

(Appointed 3-year term)

Kathleen Henriques
Thomas Yurkowsky
Robert Couture, Jr.
Dina Cutting, Chair
Charles Ragan
Stephen Small
Peter Mulvihill

Term expires 2010
Term expires 2010
Term expires 2011
Term expires 2011
Select Board Representative
Recreation Director
Alternate

Road Agent

(Elected 1-year term)

Fred O. Stearns, III

Term expires 2009

Selectmen

(Elected 3-year term)

Charles Ragan
Simon Carr, Chair
Richard Jones

Term expires 2009
Term expires 2010
Term expires 2011

Sexton

(Elected 1-year term)

William LaBombard

Term expires 2009

Supervisors of the Checklist

(Elected 6-year term)

Katherine Larson
Elise Garrity, Chair
Alan Greatorex

Term expires 2010
Term expires 2012
Term expires 2014

Tax Collector

(Elected 3-year term)

Joanne Coburn

Term expires 2010

Town Clerk
(Elected 3-year term)

Patricia G. Jenks

Term expires 2009

Town Moderator
(Elected 2-year term)

William Waste

Term expires 2010

Town Treasurer
(Elected 3-year term)

Andrea Colgan

Term expires 2010

Trustees of the Trust Funds
(Elected 3-year term)

Timothy Callaghan

Term expires 2009

Carl Larson

Term expires 2010

William Lewis

Term expires 2011

Zoning Board of Adjustment
(Appointed by Selectmen and Planning Board 3-year term)

O. Ross McIntyre, Vice-Chair

Term expires 2009

James Poage

Term expires 2009

George Hartmann

Term expires 2010

Walter Swift

Term expires 2010

Francis Bowles

Term expires 2011

Alan Greatorex, Chair

Term expires 2011

Jane Fant, Alternate

Term expires 2010

Margot Maddock, Alternate

Term expires 2011

Adair Mulligan

ZBA Recorder

NATIONAL AND STATE REPRESENTATIVES 2008

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