

Position – Lyme School District Clerk

Hello-

I am Elise Garrity of Goose Pond Road, the former Erma King Residence. I am running for the position of Lyme School District Clerk. I had a child in the Lyme School continuously from 1995-2015. Over the years the Lyme School was tremendously good to our family and am honored to give back in this tiny way. The three benches in the lobby were made by the kid's dad and I smile every time I see them. I still see a time when I went to pick up a sick child mid-day to find her snuggled up with Mrs. Ball on one of the benches. The Lyme School not only gave my children an amazing academic start but also a loving, kind, and nurturing home away from home. I am always grateful for this.

Elise

Position – Library Trustee

My name is Alex Nunez and I am running for Library Trustee. I am a new resident to Lyme having moved here in August 2022 with my wife Becca Scully and our five-year-old, daughter Sophia. As a new resident, I'm eager to contribute among this fine community of volunteers. I'm seeking the position of Library Trustee because my family and I share a love of learning and a love for books. I also bring nearly two decades of professional business experience to apply toward being a steward of the Lyme Library. I've held various general management positions at my current employer, VistaPrint, a provider of digital design and online print marketing services for small businesses. I spent the first ten years of my professional career as a management consultant. I hold an MBA from NYU's Stern School of Business and a B.E and A.B from Dartmouth College. I am humbly asking for your support and vote.

Position – Library Trustee

My name is Brigitte Cameron, and I am running for Library Trustee as an opportunity to give back to a community which has supported my family for nearly a decade. Since moving with my family to Lyme in 2013, visits to the Converse Free Library have been part of our weekly routine. I credit the library with helping me raise a house full of readers, and I will forever be grateful to the library staff for keeping books in our hands during the pandemic.

I have experience serving on the executive board of a local preschool and continue to volunteer at this school as a class representative and soccer coach. I also volunteer with the Lyme School PTO, helped to start the school garden, and enjoy delivering fresh produce to neighbors with VegiCare during harvest time. In my previous life, I worked as an NP in Family Practice. I have both a BSN and MSN from the University of Virginia School of Nursing.

Position – Library Trustee

Hello, my name is Courtney Wise, and I am running for Library Trustee. The very first place I visited when house-hunting in Lyme was the amazing library, which was definitely a draw for moving to the area. You can tell a lot about a town by visiting its library. It is truly a privilege to have such an incredible resource, and I look forward to getting involved in community service by serving on the Board.

Since moving to Lyme with my family in July 2019, I have volunteered as Secretary for the Lyme School PTO and the Executive Board of Friends of Hanover Track. I previously served on the Executive Board of a cooperative preschool. I have a Master's Degree in Social Work and an eclectic background ranging from direct practice at a school and nursing home to serving as a public policy researcher and analyst for several state legislatures. I also owned a business teaching art to children and was an elementary school art teacher. I am presently taking graduate courses in Library Sciences at UVM and am the librarian for Samuel Morey and Westshire Elementary Schools in the Rivendell Interstate School District. I feel so fortunate to be able to combine my love of reading, learning, and working with children. I am a current member of the American Library Association, the American Association of School Librarians, The Vermont School Library Association, and the New Hampshire School Library Media Association. I would very much appreciate your support for my candidacy.

Position – School Board

I am running for school board to participate in our local government and to serve as a balanced, technical voice on the board, doing good work for our school and community. I have been a Lyme resident since 2013 and have lived in the Upper Valley since 2001. I have three children who have all attended the Lyme school, with a current 3rd grader, a high school student (Thetford) and a college student. One of the primary reasons that our family chose to come to Lyme was for the school, and we have always appreciated the excellent education and caring sense of community that the school provides.

Professionally, I am a research engineer with a Ph.D. in Mechanical Engineering from Cornell. I have a strong technical background and could benefit the board on topics such as science, engineering, computing, design lab, energy, and budgeting. In my professional career I manage large projects and complex budgets. In my free time I like to fish, play soccer, and mountain bike.

I am a moderate who would be a balanced voice on the board seeing both sides of any challenge. A core goal of mine would be to ensure ongoing excellence in our school while being mindful of those in town with fixed incomes and aiming to support a diverse community. I would like to be a part of a board that hears different perspectives and finds common ground together for the good of all Lyme residents.

Darin Knaus

Position – School Board

My name is Leigh Prince and I am running for School Board. I have lived in Lyme for 20 years with my husband and three children, all graduates of the Lyme School. I feel fortunate that my children, despite having very different needs, were all well supported by the educational program, inclusive culture, and strong sense of community fostered by the Lyme School.

As an occupational therapist and a certified assistive technology specialist, I've worked in schools for over 29 years, in programs serving preschool through high school. I graduated from UNH with a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy and earned a Master of Science in Administrative Studies from Boston College. I served on the Lyme Nursery Board for many years in multiple roles, including president. I was an active member of the Lyme School PTO and have served on the parent advisory boards of the Epilepsy Foundation New England and NH Partners in Health. In my professional and volunteer roles, I've guided discussions to gain consensus, to negotiate contracts, and to develop professional evaluation and professional development plans and protocols. I have strong communication skills and an ability to see things from multiple perspectives. I listen, think critically about problems, consider short- and long-term impacts of decisions, and collaborate respectfully, even when I may not agree. I've closely followed state legislation and proposed rule changes that affect public education and increase burdens on local taxpayers, and have actively advocated for public education at the state level for many years. My experiences have provided me with a unique and practical understanding of K-12 education and the needs of our students for a successful transition to and continued growth in high school.

I support a strong public education system that safeguards and responsibly manages funding provided by taxpayers and meets the needs of the whole child. I believe fiscal responsibility starts with strategic planning and implementation that fosters open dialogue, engagement, and input from all stakeholders. As a school board member I will support the use of public tax money to ensure the Lyme School and schools we tuition with for high school are inclusive to all students, hold high accountability for educational outcomes, and are non-discriminatory. I am a firm believer that public funds should be used for secular public education which fosters knowledge, understanding, tolerance, belonging, and a safe community for all students.

I will work to be part of an effective school board that develops a common vision for our school and district that community members, school faculty and staff, administrators, and Board members can all embrace. I hope you will support me with your vote.

Position – School Board

I am running for Lyme School Board because I believe we are at a vital point for the school district and the community.

Our school is a foundation of the Lyme community. To recover from the stresses of the past few years and to prepare our students for the future, we must have the right resources in place and invest in students' success. Our students will continue to need coaching, guidance, and educational resources to thrive in and out of the classroom. Our teachers must have the resources to integrate technology and

critical analysis of information into classroom instruction. By investing in staff, media literacy, and tech education, we can ensure our students are prepared to navigate the global and digital challenges of the 21st century.

As a responsible steward of our tax dollars, I'll work to ensure that our school district uses those dollars wisely. Next year, a new strategic planning process begins, and I'll make sure that our decisions align with that plan and continue to enhance the unique and supportive culture in Lyme.

If elected, I'll work to foster a collaborative working relationship with the school administration and the public, and within the Board itself. I'll promote an environment where we can have productive conversations, respectfully hear differing opinions, and make decisions in the best interests of our students and community.

My family and I have made Baker Hill Road our home for nearly 25 years, where we've raised three children who graduated from Lyme School and Hanover High School. My background is in counseling and higher ed, and I've worked at Dartmouth College and DHMC. My volunteer experience includes Lyme Nursery School, Math Facts, the Lyme School PTO directory, and serving as a trustee of the Lyme Foundation. My husband Bryan is a long-time fire department member, and I've seen what it means to commit to our town in meaningful ways that require investment and sacrifice.

I'm asking for your vote on Tuesday, March 14. Thank you for your consideration.

Kristin Roth

Position – Overseer of Public Welfare

Nancy Elizabeth Grandine is running for Overseer of the Public Welfare.

I have been Lyme's Overseer of the Public Welfare since 2001, 21 years. I love this job. I have been able to help people not only with financial assistance, but also with encouragement and advice. I am running for reelection, and I ask for your vote.

The Overseer of the Public Welfare is the person charged with fulfilling the Town's statutory obligations. In New Hampshire, Towns and Cities are responsible for providing financial assistance to persons in the Town or City who lack the ability to pay for certain statutorily defined necessities, including housing, heat, food, and utilities (i.e., electricity and basic telephone). The Town has Welfare Guidelines, which include the maximum expense amounts allowable (e.g., a family of 4 is allowed a maximum of \$520.00 a month for food and \$130.00 a month for non-food). The Overseer periodically reviews the Guidelines and proposes changes to the Selectboard.

People seeking assistance file written Applications. If their income and resources are less than their actual allowable expenses, the difference is the amount for which they are eligible. The Overseer must be available to process promptly any Applications. Since I live and work in the center of Lyme and rarely travel, I am always readily available. On many occasions during my 21 years as Overseer, I have had to find emergency housing on a weekend night or to get heating fuel delivered in a crisis or to avert the disconnection of electricity. My availability has made the difference.

The Overseer must be knowledgeable of New Hampshire's laws and Lyme's Guidelines in order to process Applications and, if necessary, to defend his or her decisions. I am a licensed Attorney who has practiced law in New Hampshire for over 40 years. I helped put together Lyme's Welfare Guidelines, using the Model Welfare Guidelines prepared by the New Hampshire Municipal Association. Over the years, I have attended more than 15 day-long workshops for Welfare Administrators and numerous

trainings about other available public assistance. I am also very familiar with other Lyme resources (e.g., Pearl Dimick Fund, Lyme Town Ministries Deacons Fund, Compassionate Care Fund, Jim Jenks Fund, and COVID 19 Fund), having worked closely with them.

The Overseer must be fair-minded and non-judgmental, though certain judgments might be necessary. If a person needs assistance, assistance should be granted without comment. On the other hand, recipients are required to make reasonable efforts to become employed. If they make no effort or their efforts are not reasonable, the Overseer can deny assistance. I am fair-minded, yet I am able to be strict when necessary.

Most importantly, the Overseer must be confidential, revealing to no one the names or other identifying information about those who receive assistance. As an attorney, I am well practiced at maintaining confidences. I have also served on Church and community committees where confidentiality was essential. I also refrain from gossip of any kind, which I believe is unhealthy in a small community.

Please re-elect me, Nancy Elizabeth Grandine, as Lyme's Overseer of the Public Welfare

Position – Planning Board

I'm Richard Menge, and became a planning board alternate several years ago. I filled Eric Furstenburg's seat when he left the planning board in 2022. I would be privileged to continue to serve on the Planning Board and seek your vote.

I grew up in Lyme on Maple Leaf Farm and moved back to the Upper Valley in the 1980's after college. I began my professional engineering career as a designer and construction manager of municipal water systems throughout New England. I later became the Public Works Director and Town Engineer for the 5 villages of Hartford Vermont. In that position I managed daily operations, planning and construction improvements for the Town's highways, four water and sewer facilities, and the regional solid waste and recycling facility. I also provided technical review of subdivision and building construction projects for the Hartford Planning Department.

My wife and I raised 2 daughters in the Upper Valley while continuing to develop the family maple sugaring operations in Lyme. We purchased the family farm in 2018 and moved back to Lyme in 2019 after renovating the farmhouse. Our daughters and their spouses actively participate on the farm. We just welcomed twin grandchildren in December who we hope may become 4th generation Lyme residents.

Most of my life has been involved in municipal planning. As a Lyme resident and active farmer, I want to apply my skills to balance the rural nature of our town while addressing the community's social, economic, and environmental goals.