

## **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, 23 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**

Hi, my name is Rich Brown, and I am running for a seat on the Planning Board.

I live at 84 Orford Road, with my wife Lin, and a small flock of chickens. During my years as a resident of Lyme, I've served as a Planning Board alternate, a member of the Budget Committee, and as a Trustee of the Trust Funds. And on Wednesday mornings, I'm a crossing guard at the Lyme School.

Since 2006, I have observed and participated in Planning Board meetings. I am fully acquainted with their procedures and the issues and challenges they face. This year, we'll consider minor updates for solar arrays and how to encourage senior and other housing options in Lyme. Most importantly, I believe the Board needs to engage with people in town to hear their ideas on how best to tackle these issues.

Thank you again for listening, and please vote for Rich Brown for Planning Board.

For other thoughts, see my blog: [richb-lyme.com](http://richb-lyme.com)

## **Position – Trustees of the Trust Funds (Phill Kinsler: Write-in Candidate)**

Lyme citizens,

At last night's Little Town Meeting, I listened to Rich Brown make a floor request for someone to run for one of the Trustees of the Trust Funds, and agreed to be a write in candidate for that position. Briefly, I've managed the budgets for two state level and one national/international organizations. I would do a responsible job reviewing that our Trust Funds are managed carefully, and ask you to write me in for that office. If you have any questions please call me. Thank you.

Phil Kinsler  
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## **Position – School Board (Toby Summerfield: Write-in Candidate)**

Hello Friends.

I'm hoping to get your write-in vote to join the school board.

I'm the father of 2 sons, one each in 2nd and 6th grade. I've been a basketball coach, substitute teacher, teaching artist and this year I'm the PRO's Artist in Residence. I helped organize Lyme Fest one and two, and the Lyme Rocks concert. I was out every morning of the 20/21 school year doing remote health screenings in the church parking lot next door to my house. Maybe you saw a kid with a drawing of a hamburger or a skateboard on their hand.

I have a strong working knowledge of how the school functions, how things get done, what the day-to-day feels like inside building. I have established a trusting, collaborative relationship with the teaching staff and administration.

I look forward to continuing to work on behalf of the children of Lyme by taking my turn on the board.

### **Position – Supervisor of the Checklist**

My name is Margaret Johnston and people know me as Mugs. You will see my name on the ballot for Supervisor of the Check List.

My husband and I have lived in Lyme since 2003 and we live on River Road south of East Thetford Road. Most of my professional life has been in higher education administration. From Assistant Registrar to Associate Registrar to Registrar to Coordinator of Special Projects to Director of Administrative Computing. I worked at Antioch New England Graduate School for 27 years in those jobs. Later I provided consultation to Antioch University and American International College regarding administrative computing. I like making sure procedures work well and making lists match.

I hope you will vote for me on March 12th.

### **Position – Town Clerk**

Hello Lyme Neighbors,

My name is Emily Shepard. You may have seen me at the town clerk's office, or your kids may know me as Miss Emily from working at the school, or you might even remember me from when I was a kid at the school. And if I haven't yet had the pleasure of making your acquaintance, I look forward to doing so soon.

I'm running for Town Clerk, hoping to follow in the footsteps of the magnificent Patty Jenks. Which is daunting, considering how wonderfully she has taken care of this town for the past 40 years. However, I have confidence in knowing that Patty has trained me to her standards and expectations and if I can perform the duties of the office with even half of her grace and generosity, I think we'll all be doing alright.

I feel grateful to have grown up in Lyme and I've been fortunate to have been the recipient of so much kindness and love from the people here. Lyme and its people have been an instrumental part in shaping who I am today and I would love the opportunity to show my gratitude by giving back to my community as Town Clerk.

I hope you'll consider voting for me for Town Clerk on March 12th.

Thank you,

Emily Shepard