

EAST LYME BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2015

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Lesley A. Blais
EAST LYME TOWN CLERK

MINUTES

PRESENT: Mark Nickerson, Kevin Seery, Marc Salerno, Holly Cheeseman, Rob Wilson, Rose Ann Hardy.

1a. Call to Order

Mr. Nickerson called the meeting to order at 7:22 p.m. and led the Pledge.

1b. Additional Agenda & Consent Calendar Items

There were none.

1c. Delegations

John DeSantis of 7 Corey Lane commented about the impact that building has on the town as far as traffic, accidents and the cost to hire more emergency personnel to handle the increase. He was also concerned about the debt bonds becoming due, the playground on Roxbury Road (where they have a petition against with 180 signatures) and the fact that Gateway only has renters and no taxpayers.

Rocco Tricarico of 27 Rose Lane commented on the severe traffic issues the Town is suffering due to accidents on I-95. He suggested convening a regional summit to review I-95 issues. He added that he still has not seen any police presence along the highway exits where there was a fatality on I-95. He said that the State does not seem willing to respond to us and if so, perhaps they should start responding to the accidents on I-95 and not our emergency personnel. He suggested a shuttle bus in the summer from Flanders to downtown and the beach for youths.

Bill Henderson of 49 Laurel Hill said that the problems on I-95 are getting worse and it is the only artery that we have. He said that all the involved towns from the Groton bridge to Old Saybrook need to come up with solutions.

Jim Littlefield of 84 Smith Street noted his concern with the digital sign being donated by the Rotary. He said that Smith Street is heavily trafficked by cars, bikes and pedestrians and the last thing we need is people rubbernecking when trying to read what is on the sign. He said it does not fit the mode of the town and is a poor idea.

David Godbout of 15 Cardinal Road reviewed Attachment A(attached to these minutes) with the Board. His contention is that the Assessor utilizes the NADA Guide when assessing personal property and he is requesting that the Board select a different guide to utilize such as the Edmunds Guide, where the average condition of a car can be used. He said the way the Assessor is operating now; she has changed the property tax into an excise tax.

Ann Thurlow of 80 Smith Street said that the crosswalk in front of the Town Hall is dangerous and we do not need another distraction. She suggested placing the electronic sign where there is a stop sign. She

presented the Board with a copy of the petition signed by those opposed to the electronic sign (originally 89 when presented to the Town, now 92 signatures and Identified as Attachment B).

1d. Approval of Minutes, Meeting of September 2, 2015

MOTION (1)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 2, 2015 as submitted.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

1e. Consent Calendar

MOTION (2)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the Consent Calendar for the meeting of September 16, 2015 in the amount of \$6480.80.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy. Motion passed 6-0.

2a. Discussion / Action – Electronic Sign – Town Hall Property

Mr. Nickerson noted that he wanted to clear up some misconceptions regarding this sign. He said it will be erected on the southern end of Town Hall property toward downtown, not at the intersection of Smith Street. He added that it will not be flashing and it was suggested partly because of all the complaints he receives about the sandwich signs down on the Green.

Mr. Salerno noted that originally he was against this idea but after research, found that it would not be flashing; it would have no glitter, has to be a single color and will have no advertising.

Mr. Seery noted that the State is utilizing this type of sign on highways to notify people of emergencies.

Ms. Cheeseman noted that she was present for all of the meetings where the sign was discussed. She said that it does respond to ambient light and turns off at night. She also has heard numerous complaints about the sandwich signs on the Town Green and the commission has gone to great lengths to make this sign aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. Wilson said that this sign will sit in front of a building that does not fit in with the character of the Town. He said we need to appreciate the past while looking to the future.

Ms. Hardy noted that she was unaware that there had been a petition.

Mr. Nickerson noted that another sign was being proposed for the High School area.

MOTION (3)

Mr. Seery moved to approve the installation of an electronic informational sign as approved by the Zoning Commission on the south side of Town Hall property.

Seconded by Ms. Hardy.

Ms. Hardy inquired if there would be a platform needed at the base and what would the time frame be.

Mr. Nickerson responded that the base would be much the same as the existing Town Hall sign.

Motion passed 6-0.

2b. Checking of the Indices

MOTION (4)

Mr. Seery moved to appoint Attorney William Willetts Jr. of 216 Broad Street, New London, CT to examine the indices of the land records for calendar year 2015 in accordance with CGS Section 7-14 for the sum of \$2000.00.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

2c. Authorization First Selectman to Sign Temporary Easement and Waiver of Compensation between State and Town – Route 1

Mr. Nickerson noted that the State of Connecticut Department of Transportation (DOT) is replacing the Route 1 bridge over the Pattagansett River adjacent to Upper Pattagansett Road during the construction season from April to November 2016. To facilitate construction, the overhead utility lines need to be temporarily relocated to the south over private property including property owned by the Town of East Lyme. The utility wires will be moved back to their original location away from Town property at the completion of the project. The DOT is requesting that the Town of East Lyme sign:

1. A "Waiver of Compensation and Appraisal" which is a document where Town waives its right to seek monetary compensation for the easement. The value of this easement would most likely be between \$100 and \$500. The effort by the State to do the appraisal and associated paper work would far exceed that value. The engineering department recommends waiving the compensation and appraisal to save the DOT money and to foster our continued cooperation with this state agency.

2. Sign a temporary construction easement (aerial only) to the State of Connecticut for the temporary relocation of overhead utility wires over a property owned by the Town of East Lyme near the route 1 bridge over the Pattagansett River. The final easement language is still being prepared.

MOTION (5)

Mr. Seery moved to authorize the First Selectman to execute a Temporary Easement between the Connecticut Department of Transportation and the Town of East Lyme over a piece of land owned by the Town of East Lyme adjacent to the Route 1 bridge over the Pattagansett river and to sign a "Waiver of compensation and Appraisal".

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

MOTION (6)

Mr. Seery moved the following:

WHEREAS, the **Town of East Lyme** is the owner of certain real property situated in the Town of East Lyme, County of New London, and State of Connecticut, upon which the State of Connecticut, Department of Transportation proposes to acquire a temporary construction easement for aerial only of 694± square feet, State Project No. 044-148-004, as herein described; and

WHEREAS, the **Town of East Lyme** has been informed of its right to an appraisal and the right to receive any and all just compensation for said construction easement acquisition;

NOW THEREFORE, said **Town of East Lyme** does hereby waive the right to an appraisal and the right to any and all just compensation for said real property acquisition described as follows:

For a more particular description of the above property right, reference is made to a map entitled "TOWN OF EAST LYME, MAP SHOWING EASEMENT ACQUIRED FROM TOWN OF EAST LYME, BY THE STATE OF CONNECTICUT, DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, REPLACEMENT OF BRIDGE NO. 02973, THOMAS A. HARLEY, P.E. –CHIEF ENGINEER, BUREAU OF ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION. TOWN NO. 44, PROJECT NO. 44-148, SERIAL NO. 4, SHEET 1 OF 1.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

3a. Continued Discussion / Action – Samuel Smith House

Mr. Nickerson noted that he and Ms. Hardy had met with Ms. Lange where they discussed the Historic Properties Commission and its oversight of the Samuel Smith House. He added that perhaps during the budget season, this group should come up with a 3-5 year plan for Town investment and request a budget. Until that time, the Board agreed that they made a commitment to the State that this property would be maintained. He added that he believes that the Samuel Smith House group will bring in donations and grants and will eventually become self-supporting. He stated that he hoped to have a full time grant writer on staff by next year. He agreed that some things need to be repaired now and noted that they had reviewed the list offered by the group (Attachment C). He noted that replacing siding and trim boards, window and door trim would be replaced in the amount of \$2000; \$500 for replacing all exterior window and door trim; \$100 to raise the SE corner of the house and install pad footings and lally columns to rebuild the foundation; and \$100 to repair the exterior chimney brick all totaling an appropriation of \$2700.

Mr. Seery congratulated Mr. Nickerson and Ms. Hardy for working to come to this resolution.

Ms. Cheeseman agreed stressing that we have a legal obligation to maintain this property and this is a reasonable first step.

Mr. Wilson stated that this was a great solution.

Mr. Salerno concurred noting that it made sense.

MOTION (7)

Mr. Seery moved to appropriate and transfer \$2700 from CNRE Account #32-70-300-500-100 Town Project Allocations to an account to be established as the Samuel Smith Maintenance Account and forward to the Board of Finance for their approval.

Seconded by Mr. Salerno. Motion passed 6-0.

5a. Ex-Officio

Mr. Wilson noted that upcoming retirement party for Kevin Seery and he wished him the best .

Ms. Cheeseman noted that she attended the Library Board of Trustees meeting and stated that the Library had a very busy summer and their annual fund drive had started. She attended the Zoning Commission meeting where they approved the Town's application for a salt shed and to remove two underground fuel tanks and to rebuild them on land. They also approved an application for a tap room brewery.

Mr. Seery attended the Parks and Recreation Commission meeting and noted that during the Youth Services portion of the meeting they noted that the Juvenile Review Board was getting positive results. He said that there would be a suicide awareness and prevention forum on September 24th at the Town Hall and that on September 18th there would be Jeffrey's Run. He added that they also want a scoreboard at Bridebrook Park.

Ms. Hardy noted that the Commission on Aging had an active schedule with many trips planned with regional commissions. She added that there is an increase of requests for transportation for medical appointments and the purchase of another vehicle might be in the future. She said there is still no site supervisor and suggested inviting TVCCA to our meeting. She said that the Board of Education approved a new student data system where students could be tracked from K-12 and possibly college called the Infinite Campus Program at the cost of \$90,000. She said that there is a 68 student decline but it is spread over all the grades. She attended the Planning Commission meeting where they discussed the increased housing request for the Sound at Gateway. She also attended the Natural Resources meeting where they were notified of a DEEP Grant for studying aquatic and invasive species. They discussed the fact that there are no plans for spill containment for our aquifer on the highway.

Mr. Nickerson noted that he will press for spill containment when the State starts planning for Exit 74.

Mr. Salerno attended the Inland Wetlands meeting and that the Gateway soil scientist reported that things are back to normal. He added that the CL& P road was lowered. He attended the Harbor Management meeting and stated that the shellfish beds are closed due to receiving one inch of rainfall. He said that they have sent the Harbor Management Plan to Town officials and are waiting for feedback and expected to have it on the Selectmen's agenda in November for discussion. He attended the Elementary School Steering Committee meeting and they are going to review keeping the gym at Flanders School. He said they hope to have a referendum by March.

5b. First Selectman's Report

Mr. Nickerson said that he met with some of the marina owners about the dredging of the Niantic River. He added that there is a move to try to stop the dredging on our side of the sound so more discussions will be needed. He will be attending the 100th year anniversary celebration of the submarine force. He taped an Issues and Answers TV show with Senator Formica and attended a Council of Governments meeting and the Seniors Pig Roast. He said he attended the Parks and Recreation meeting and that the Roxbury Road field is not on their agenda. He attended the East Lyme Middle School Back to School night, along with the High School's and Lillie B. Haynes. He attended the ground breaking of the Norwich Orthopedic Group which will be a 30,000 square foot building behind Stop and Shop which would not have been possible without our water interconnection project. He attended the JLUS meetings about Camp Niantic and Stone's Ranch and has been negotiating with three of the Town's four unions. He met Deke Haylon of Haylon's Market, a new market up on Route 156 which will open soon. He took a tour of the York Prison facility and attended the Board of Finance meeting. He has been meeting with staff about the Crescent Beach Bluff which will be rebuilt and attended the Design Committee for the Schools and they will soon be hosting public forums. He attended the ELBO meeting and a meeting of Niantic Main Street. He reminded everyone of the Mission of Mercy to take place at the high school over Columbus Day weekend for dental care.

Ms. Hardy inquired what was the resolution of the water spill at Gateway.

Mr. Nickerson said that there were plans to charge Gateway for the water.

Ms. Hardy asked to know what they paid. She also noted the article in the Boston Globe about Niantic.

6. Public Discussion

Jane Mc Clair of Sea View Lane thanked the Board for their assistance with the Samuel Smith House.

Luane Lange said that she is happy to help out with the historical houses in town.

7. Selectmen's Response

Mr. Salerno noted that Gateway will pay taxes whether they are rentals or not. He said that if the valuations of cars go down, the mill rate will have to go up. He said he found the idea of a shuttle bus from Flanders to the beach interesting.

Mr. Nickerson said that he thought the youth shuttle was a great idea and said he would have the Youth Services review the idea. He noted that he understood Mr. Godbout's concerns and he would take utilizing the Edmunds Manual under advisement. He added that if we lower a revenue source, it has to come from somewhere else.

MOTION (8)

Mr. Seery moved to adjourn the September 16, 2015 meeting of the East Lyme Board of Selectmen at 9:12 p.m.

Seconded by Ms. Cheeseman. Motion passed 6-0.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Darlene C. Stevens". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "D" and "S".

Darlene C. Stevens, Recording Secretary

12-71d

Sec. 12-71d. Schedule of motor vehicle values. On or before the first day of October each year, the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management shall recommend a schedule of motor vehicle values which shall be used by assessors in each municipality in determining the assessed value of motor vehicles for purposes of property taxation. For every vehicle not listed in the schedule the determination of the assessed value of any motor vehicle for purposes of the property tax assessment list in any municipality shall continue to be the responsibility of the assessor in such municipality, **provided the legislative body of the municipality may, by resolution, approve any change in the assessor's method of valuing motor vehicles.** Any appeal from the findings of assessors concerning motor vehicle values shall be made in accordance with provisions related to such appeals under this chapter. Such schedule of values shall include, to the extent that information for such purpose is available, the value for assessment purposes of any motor vehicle currently in use. The value for each motor vehicle as listed shall represent one hundred per cent of the average retail price applicable to such motor vehicle in this state as of the first day of October in such year as determined by said secretary in cooperation with the Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers.

12-62a

Sec. 12-62a. Uniform assessment date and rate. (a) Each municipality, as defined in section 7-381, shall establish a uniform assessment date of October first.

(b) Each such municipality shall assess all property for purposes of the local property tax at a uniform rate of seventy per cent of present true and actual value, as determined under section 12-63.

Connecticut Association of Assessing Officers, Inc.
Legislative Committee

January 18, 2011

Guinan Associates
44 Capitol Avenue, Suite 401
Hartford, Connecticut 06106
Atten: M. Randall Collins Jr.
Vice President of Government Affairs

Re: Position Paper on Motor Vehicle Assessments
By: Mr. David Godbout

Dear Mr. Collins:

On behalf of Representative Ed Jutila, you requested a review of the above-captioned position paper with feedback regarding if any of the ideas or proposals contained within had any merit.

First and foremost, CAAO does not take a position on what proposal(s) may or may not have merit. However, any action will cause a reaction and as technicians, after reviewing the document, we have pointed out what outcome or ramifications would result in having implemented each proposal. Additionally, as technicians, we felt obligated to correct any information that was presented by the author as factual when we disagreed with his representations of the facts, interpretation of statutes, or where the only a portion of the statute was quoted (taken out of context) therefore changing its meaning/intent. We have pointed these out so that Representative Jutila can conduct further research on those issues/statements.

We begin with the facts concerning how motor vehicles are assessed currently in Connecticut.

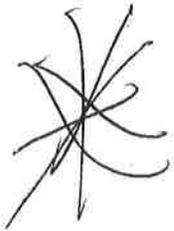
1. Beginning with Pg. 3 (but throughout the entire paper), the author states that in CT the tax on a Motor Vehicle is required to be based on "market value".

We disagree. In CT we place assessments on three separate classes of property and they are Real Estate, Personal Property (mainly business equipment) and Registered Motor Vehicles. While CGS Sec. 12-63(a) Rule of valuation (attached) states that "The present true and actual value of all other property shall be deemed by all assessors to be the fair market value thereof and not its value at a forced or auction sale"

This "fair market value" is applicable only to real estate.

As you continue reading 12-63, section (b)(2) (attached) states "the present true and actual value of tangible personal property, other than motor vehicles, shall be determined in accordance with the provisions of this subsection". The subsection that follows has depreciation tables for business equipment that is similar to that of the tables used by IRS for depreciating business equipment as an expense.

The controlling statute for the assessment and taxation of motor vehicles is CGS Sec. 12-71d Schedule of Motor Vehicle Values (attached) and states that the value for each vehicle "shall represent **one hundred per cent** of the average retail price applicable to such motor vehicle"



CGS Sec. 12-71d contains "one hundred percent" intentionally. This is so that assessors are NOT required to consider the mileage and condition of each vehicle and attempt to find market value. The fact that CGS Sec. 12-71d is entitled "schedule of motor vehicle values" confirms that motor vehicles are valued based on a "schedule" and not market value. This statute requires assessors to value motor vehicles at "100% of the retail price" with no consideration for mileage, condition, or any of the other factors that would determine "market value".

It would be impossible for assessors to personally appraise every vehicle every year in their jurisdiction. Consider the Waterbury assessor's office attempting to personally view 70,000 cars every October to appraise them based on their actual market value. One problem is obviously the manpower and used car expertise that does not currently exist and would have to be contracted but additionally, most people take their car to work during the same timeframe city employees, or contracted employees, would need to view them. This would not only be an expensive burdensome project to be undertaken by the municipalities, but would also be equally inconvenient for the tax payer whom would be required to have their vehicle inspected by the city and likely take time off from their employment. The expense incurred by jurisdictions being required to value MVS at Market Value would be astronomical.

*A historical note: the exact words "average retail value" was inserted into CGS Sec. 12-71d intentionally because "average retail" used to be a column in most motor vehicle pricing guides. The biggest truth that this position paper uncovered is that NADA no longer has an "average retail" column and renamed that same column as "clean retail" causing some confusion and complaints.

2. Pg. 3, the paper states that assessor do not follow NADA's requirement of examining the vehicles.

Assessors are required to follow state statutes and not NADA "guidelines. NADA guidelines are recommended for those attempting to determine "market value". Assessors are not trying to determine market value but assess motor vehicles based on this "schedule".

3. Pg. 3, the paper states that CT law requires vehicles to be valued by the "average retail price".

Charles Darwin invented the term "taken out of context" when omitting key words completely changes the meaning/intention. To quote "average retail price" instead of "one hundred percent of the average retail price" is misleading and gives the exact opposite meaning/intention.

4. Pg 6, the paper quotes DeSarbo v. Town of Madison as case law that, according to the author, "also highlights the need for personal property to be valued at its market value".

The DeSarbo case is a real estate tax appeal decision in which the terms "personal property, motor, vehicle, motor vehicle, automobile, and car" are NEVER MENTIONED (see attached



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Enhanced Information Helps Businesses Assess Used-Vehicle Pricing in Volatile Wholesale Market

Special Reports

McLEAN, Va. (Sept. 5, 2008) – NADA Used Car Guide has introduced two additional trade-in value categories to help businesses better define used-vehicle pricing for a broader spectrum of vehicles.

TIME Magazine Insert

Beginning this month, new "Rough Trade-In" and "Average Trade-In" values are included in all NADA Used Car Guide electronic products, and will be part of the printed guidebook in October, as a complement to the existing "Clean Trade-In," "Clean Loan" and "Clean Retail" values.

Automotive Retailing: Driving the U.S. Economy

"These enhancements provide our customers -- dealers, lenders, and insurance and remarketing professionals -- with more information for assessing used-vehicle values in the wholesale market," said Mike Stanton, vice president and chief operating officer of NADA Used Car Guide.

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The majority of vehicles in the wholesale market -- about 50 percent -- are considered "Average" in condition, according to NADA market data. Vehicles in the "Clean" category represent about 15 percent of the market, while those in the "Rough" category -- typically considerably damaged, but not "Salvage" vehicles -- are about 20 percent. The remaining vehicles fall into the "Extra Clean" or "Salvage" unit category.

NADA AuctionNet data on used-vehicle pricing reflects the volatile nature of the market and impact of fluctuating gas prices, as well as the challenges businesses face in assessing values in today's environment.

Wholesale prices of large pickup trucks rose in August by 7.7 percent -- or about \$900 -- compared to their June low point when gas prices peaked, yet remain down 14.5 percent year-to-date, according to AuctionNet data.

Similarly, large sport utility vehicle (SUV) values jumped 8.9 percent -- or about \$1,300 -- in August since June, but have declined year-to-date by 11.3 percent.

Values of intermediate compact cars continued to rise in August, though at a more moderate pace than earlier in the year, up 2.1 percent -- or about \$200 -- since June. Year-to-date, intermediate compacts have increased in value by 22 percent, NADA's analysis adjusts for mileage, vehicle age and model mix.

"The rebound in resale prices in large segments, as well as the moderating prices in the compact car segment, is consistent with the 25-to-30 cent retreat in gas prices," said Terrence W. Wynne, director of editorial and data services for NADA Used Car Guide.

"This is what we expected given our estimates of how gas prices impact resale prices," he added. "Movement in these gas-sensitive segments will continue to be determined by how gas prices change."

To learn more about all of NADA Used Car Guide's vehicle value categories, as well as its full lineup of electronic and print products and services, visit www.nada.com/b2b.

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Only the more popular optional equipment that NADA believes retains value in the secondary market is listed in the Guide. NADA's editors believe that most optional equipment retains little or no value on older vehicles. This is especially true of options that cost relatively little when new and/or deteriorate with age or use. Unless otherwise stated, all vehicles are assumed to be equipped with automatic transmission, air conditioning, compact disc player and power steering. For additional standard equipment, please review each vehicle's listing (refer to Optional Equipment section for additional information).

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Attachment B

August 19, 2015

COPY

To: **Mark Nickerson**
Holly Cheeseman
Rose Ann Hardy
Marc Salerno
Kevin Seery
Robert Wilson

Cc: Bill Mullholland
Mathew Walker

Subject: Town Hall electronic sign

Dear Board of Selectmen,

The attached signatures are a sampling of East Lyme residents *passionately* opposed to placing an electronic messaging sign on the Town Hall front lawn.

Although the Town Zoning Committee reluctantly voted to place the sign on the lawn, you are ultimately responsible for the well being of East Lyme. We ask that this decision be reversed for the good of the town.

Most of us did not realize the topic of the Thursday night hearing, as there was not time to read the details of the meeting on the lawn sign while driving past town hall. If drivers do engage in reading messages on the proposed sign and are not watching the crosswalk, cars exiting from Smith St. or the parking lot, accidents and injuries are sure to increase.

*Would you want a lit up commercial sign in your residential neighborhood?
Would you want your decision to be the cause of an accident?*

Respectfully submitted,

The Undersigned

P E T I T I O N

We, the undersigned residents of East Lyme, petition the Board of Selectmen and the East Lyme Zoning Commission to change the placement of the new electronic sign from the Town Hall lawn to a more appropriate location, for the following reasons:

1. SAFETY

Numerous accidents on the corner of Smith St. and Pennsylvania Ave., as well as near misses of pedestrians and their dogs using the crosswalk, are reason enough not to add a distraction to drivers. Reading a message board while driving is the same as reading a text message. The sign should be installed at a corner where a stop sign or light is located.

2. AESTHETICS

As Old Saybrook and Essex have their electronic messaging signs on the outskirts of town, so should East Lyme. An electronic display does NOT maintain the character and ambiance of a residential neighborhood or a quaint village with a charming town green. To install an electronic sign on either the Town Hall lawn or the Town Green will look tacky at best.

"We've never seen digital signs improve the character of a community."

Max Ashburn of Scenic America—a national non-profit organization dedicated to preserve the visual character of America's communities.

PRINT NAME

ADDRESS

SIGNATURE

Marcie Cunningham	12 Morton St, Niantic, CT	Marcie Cunningham
John Welsh	540 Boston Post	John Welsh
Bessie Mounthout	88 Smith St Niantic	Bessie Mounthout
Wileen Nucci	70 Smith St Niantic	Wileen Nucci
Amy Cabaniss	75 Smith St, Niantic	Amy Cabaniss
EDWARD LOUIS	61 SMITH ST NIAN TIC	Edward Louis
Lisa Steinberg	22 York Ave. Niantic, CT	Lisa Steinberg
Therese Mirsky	40 Smith Ave	Therese Mirsky
THOMAS MIRSKY	40 SMITH AVE	Thomas Mirsky
Don Morton	9 Lake Ave Ext	Don Morton
MJ Leverone	13 Orchard St	MJ Leverone
RICHARD W. GREEN SR	27 LINCOLN ST.	Richard W. Green Sr
Susan R Jones	34 Wayne Dr.	Susan R Jones
Janet A. Carlson	1 Whitecap Rd.	Janet A. Carlson

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Anne M. McFarland 22 N Washington Ave Niantic [Signature]

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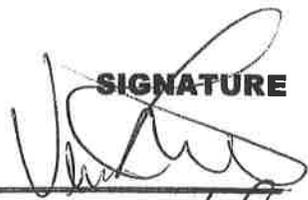
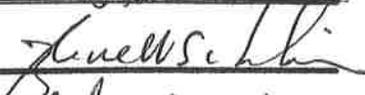
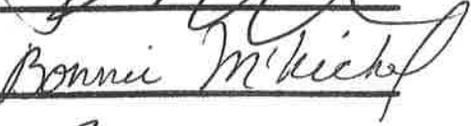
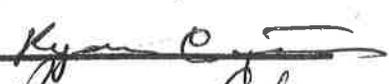
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Bruce M. Solomkin	17 Upper Pottagansett, EL	
John L Mountzoues	44 GRAND ST Wiantic CT	
Taylor Welsh	30 Corey Lane Niantic	
DENNIS KUVACANKA	8 MORTON STREET	
Bonnie McNichol	6 BROADWAY ST.	
Patrick Papuga	4 Orchard ST	
Anthony Cotoia	14 Broadway	
Ryan Cotoia	14 Broadway	
Rosemary Cotoia	14 Broadway	
Jackie Mazzella	11 Spring St Niantic	
Michael Mazzella	11 Spring St Niantic	
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Mary Anne Sherman	39 Lake Ave	Mary Anne Sherman
Richard Kushman	107 Pennsylvania Ave	Richard Kushman
Peter Lynch	10 Smith St.	Peter Lynch
Taylor Lynch	10 Smith St	Taylor Lynch
Deborah Lynch	10 Smith St.	Deborah Lynch
J. Mur	12 Smith St	J. Mur
Linda Squires	34 Lincoln St.	Linda Squires
Suzanne Robinson	21 Smith St.	Suzanne Robinson
Chad Robertson	24 Smith Ave	Chad Robertson
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GEORGIA LEE LITTLEFIELD	84 SMITH ST. Niantic, Ct.	<i>[Signature]</i>
William M. [unclear]	88 Smith St, Niantic, CT 06357	<i>[Signature]</i>
June A. [unclear]	76 Smith St. Niantic, Ct. 06357	<i>[Signature]</i>
JUDITH B LAYDA	69 SMITH ST Niantic, CT 06357	<i>[Signature]</i>
Catherine [unclear]	71 Smith Niantic CT 06351	<i>[Signature]</i>
Thomas M. [unclear]	86 Smith Niantic CT 06357	<i>[Signature]</i>
Bette Lewis	61 Smith St. Niantic, Ct. 06357	<i>[Signature]</i>
Cindy Sutherland	54 Smith St. Niantic, CT 06357	<i>[Signature]</i>
Carol [unclear]	42 Smith Ave Niantic, CT 06357	<i>[Signature]</i>
Carol A. Marelli	36 Smith Ave. Niantic	<i>[Signature]</i>
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Dean Taylor	2 Upper Kensington Dr	[Signature]
Ed Giunta	9 Aron Ave	Ed Giunta
Shelley Coln	223 Grassy Hill Rd	[Signature]
James Velonis	75 E Pottamasset Ln	[Signature]
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Sarah Cunningham	12 Merton St	[Signature]
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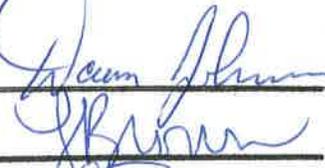
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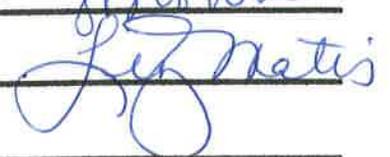
Leann Brawn

80 Arbor Crossing E. Lyme



Liz Matis

22 Whitney Lane, E. Lyme



PROPOSED PRESERVATION AND MAINTENANCE WORKLIST

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PRESERVATION (one-time expense):

- 1. Fabricate and install wood gutters
 - a. Material\$600
 - b. Labor.....0 (volunteer)
- 2. Replace clapboard siding, trim boards, window/door trim on "ell"
 - a. Materials.....\$2,000
 - b. Labor.....0 (volunteer)
- 3. Replace all exterior window and door trim
 - a. Materials.....\$500
 - b. Labor.....0 (volunteer)
- 4. Raise SE corner of house, install pad footings and lally columns, rebuild foundation
 - a. Materials.....\$100
 - b. Labor.....0*
- 5. Repair exterior chimney (red brick)
 - a. Materials.....\$100
 - b. Labor.....375**
- 6. Install new alarm system
 - a. Materials.....\$1400
 - b. Labor.....0
- 7. Remove existing electrical wiring (out-of-date and not to-code)
 - a. Materials.....\$100
 - b. Labor (CL&P @\$600, electrician @ \$900).....\$1,500

\$2700.

MAINTENANCE (annual expense):

- 1. Monthly utility costs (electricity @ \$20/month, security at \$30/month)
 - Annual cost.....\$700

* negotiating a pro bono arrangement

** lift rental \$275 or use Town equipment at no cost