

Lyme Old Lyme Council Board Meeting  
Wednesday, May 5, 8am

Attending: Bob Chapman, John Stratton, Charlie Delinks, George Young, Peter Mountzoures, Betsy Dill, Pam Uthoff, Cathy Frank; Tony Sheridan, Sheri Cote  
Absent: Emily Griswold, Cindi Taylor

The Board meeting was called to order at 8:10am by President Bob Chapman

Correspondence

- Requests for funding (see below)
- Letter from State Rep. Marilyn Giuliano requesting the Chamber's support of the Congressional delegation's plan to request a one year reprieve from having to repay federal loans (letter attached). A motion was made by George, seconded by Betsy that the board support the delegation's efforts. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

- March (Cathy) - *previously distributed*
- Motion was made by Betsy Dill, seconded by George Young to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion passed.

Treasurer's Report

Cathy distributed bank records through April 2010 (attached). Total balance in all accounts is \$14,591.44

Tony Sheridan noted several upcoming Eastern CT Chamber events, including a Citizen of the Year reception at Mohegan Sun, a Business After Hours event on Friday, and a breakfast with Congressman Joe Courtney on Monday.

John Stratton apprised Board members of a meeting that took place on Tuesday, May 4 among Tony Sheridan, Sheri Cote, Bob Chapman, Cathy Frank, and John. An agreement was reached to re-structure the terms of the relationship between the Chamber of Commerce of Eastern Connecticut and the Lyme Old Lyme Council. It was agreed that the Lyme Old Lyme Chamber benefits from an affiliation with ECT but that the present agreement has not been wholly successful.

Tony & Sheri have been asked to develop a flat fee to be paid by the LOL Chamber for specific services, including insurance coverage and possibly marketing services.

Effective July 1, Lyme Old Lyme will no longer be a Council of the Chamber of ECT.

Old Business

- **Historic District benches**

It was agreed that the previous Board decision (to relocate the bench from the corner of Lyme St & Halls Rd to be a companion bench to the one on Halls Rd) will be upheld. Charlie Delinks will be responsible for moving the bench.

- **Destination Lyme Old Lyme**

No report has been received from Steve Ross, however Diane Brown/Essex Printing reported at Taste of the Lymes that ad sales had been slow. Cathy will contact Steve & request an update.

- **Scholarship Committee Recommendation:** purchase artwork from graduating scholarship recipient & donate to community

The Board was willing to continue considering such a purchase but agreed that it was not necessary to limit the artist pool to scholarship awardees only.

- **Scholarship Awards**

John updated the board on committee interviews with LOL HS juniors. Three exceptional candidates were interviewed on Tuesday, May 4 and the committee has made a disbursement recommendation.

- **Taste of the Lymes**

Emily was not present to give an update. She convened a follow up meeting on Monday, May 3. Sheri Cote gave Cathy a checklist of door receipts from Taste.

Some costs have not been reported by ECT, but the Board estimates a profit of approximately \$1500. Members agreed that mailing tickets to members was a worthwhile effort.

- **LOL/ECT Merger**

Previously discussed - see above

### New Business

- **Speakers/Dinner Program May**

John reported that the speaker will be John Guy LaPlante, "the world's oldest Peace Corps volunteer."

- **Request for funding: Boy Scout Camp**

Charlie Delinks will follow up with Tom Clements because he believes the Chamber shares sponsorship of the Troop with the American Legion. A motion was made by John, seconded by George, to award the requested campership to the Troop in an amount not to exceed \$365. Motion passed

- **Request for funding: Girl Scout community service**

Cathy made a motion, seconded by John, to award \$100 to Ally McCarthy for a community service trip to Peru. Motion passed

- **Nominating Committee**

Cathy reported that volunteer(s) to be Treasurer have been identified! A brief nominating committee meeting will take place following the Board meeting.

Events 2010/2011

- **Memorial Day Flags**

Steve Ross ordered & has received the flags. The Chamber traditionally has an information table at the Community Service Fair organized by the LYSB & the Lions. Board & chamber members should volunteer for a shift at the table.

- **Midsummer Festival**

The Chamber has sold glow sticks at the fireworks in previous years. Cathy will check with Ruth Roach about supplies left over from last year & will also ask new Old Lyme Ice Cream Shoppe owners if they want to represent the Chamber at the fireworks with their ice cream cart.

Betsy Dill brought to the Board's attention the number of local families who received assistance with holiday gifts in 2009. The Board agreed that it would like to see the Chamber support needs in our local community. Additional discussion will take place at the next Board meeting.

A meeting was scheduled for **June 9, 8am** to focus on events for the next year, including **Midsummer fireworks, Pet Parade, Author Event, Tree Lighting/Carol Sing, Toys for Tots/local needs, and Taste of the Lymes**; as well as the operating budget & plan for the year that begins July 1.

A motion was made by George, seconded by Peter to adjourn at 9:50am.

Cathy Frank  
5/6/10



# State of Connecticut

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April 2010

Dear Lyme – Old Lyme Chamber of Commerce:

As you may know, due to these dire economic times Connecticut's unemployment fund became insolvent in October of last year. Since then the state has been forced to borrow money from the federal government (on a weekly basis) in order to meet its obligations. By accepting these federal loans, the state has assumed the burden of having to repay all borrowed funds by the end of this calendar year. The revelation this past week of a further increase in the national unemployment figure indicates the situation involving our unemployment fund's insolvency will only worsen in the short term.

In order to make repayment, it is becoming increasingly likely that the state legislature's solution will be to hike the unemployment levy on businesses, small and large. If this doesn't occur, the federal government will step in and impose its own additional unemployment tax on Connecticut businesses. A move to heap further taxes on them as unemployment trends upward would be disastrous to the employers and employees we both represent.

Connecticut House Republicans are prepared to send a letter to our Congressional delegation requesting that Congress give the state a one-year reprieve from having to repay these loans—interest free (standard practice is to charge interest retroactively). This would mean critical relief for job-creators throughout Connecticut and at least gives the legislature the opportunity to budget for repayment without having to increase business taxes this year. We would like you to join us by co-signing that letter.

The federal government has offered bailouts and assistance to nearly everyone who has asked—we think that asking for a one-year delay before they drive the final stake into the heart of small businesses is not asking too much.

Sincerely,

Marilyn Giuliano  
State Representative

**LYME - OLD LYME CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Treasurer's Report as of 3/31/2010  
(Unaudited)**

Balance Forward from previous month: 14,081.86

**INCOME**

Dues	n/a
Dinners	n/a
Interest	\$4.80
Fund raising/Activities	\$200.00
Reimbursement Submitted to ECT	

**Total Revenue** \$204.80 \$14,286.66

Meeting meals & tips	n/a
Advertising & E Phone	\$13.47
Printing & supplies	got vmail
Postage & meter	
Fund raising/Activities	\$121.84
Misc.	
Donations/Scholarships Approved	
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>\$135.31</u>

**Ending Balance for Month:** **\$14,151.35**

**ACCOUNT BALANCES**

Checking	\$336.58
Savings- Webster	\$4,044.65
Savings ESB	\$4,492.32
Scholarship-CD ESB	\$5,277.80
(\$200 transferred from savings to checking)	
<b>Total Account Balances:</b>	<u><b>14,151.35</b></u>

**LYME - OLD LYME CHAMBER OF COMMERCE**

**Treasurer's Report as of 4/30/2010**  
(Unaudited)

Balance Forward from previous month:

14,151.35

**INCOME**

Dues  
Dinners  
Interest  
Fund raising & Reimb

\$4.31  
\$1,399.58

**Total Revenue**

\$1,403.89

**\$15,555.24**

Meeting meals & tips  
Advertising & E Phone  
Printing & supplies  
Postage & meter  
Fund raising/Activities  
Misc.  
Donations/Scholarships  
**Total Expense**

13.80 got vmail  
950.00  
A&P  
\$963.80

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**Ending Balance for Month:**

**\$14,591.44**

**ACCOUNT BALANCES**

Checking  
Savings- Webster  
Scholarship-Savings ESB  
Scholarship-CD ESB

\$1,772.36  
4045.48  
3492.98  
5280.62

**Total Account Balances:**

**14,591.44**