



The Lisbon Quarterly

A Newsletter for Lisbon Residents

Registrar of Voters

Municipal Elections

By Mary Grant, Registrar of Voters

Are You a Registered Voter?

You can check your voting status at www.lisbonct.com Home page under 'Voter Registration'. If you are not a registered CT voter, this page will direct you to the on-line registration process. The registration deadlines for the November 2nd, 2021 Election are:

- October 26, 2021 is the cut off for post-marked mail-in, electronic and in person registrations.
- Nov 1st is the cut off for limited registrations for those who have moved into town, turned 18 or became a citizen since October 26, 2021.
- Election Day Voter Registration is available at the Town Hall between the hours of 6:00am to 8:00pm. You will register and vote in a separate area at Town Hall instead of your distinct polling location. You will need to provide proof of identity and residency as well as follow all Covid-19 regulations of mask wearing and social distancing.

If you have any questions or need a registration card sent to you, please contact the Registrar of Voters at **860 - 376 - 1743**.

Special Town Meeting with Referendum

- **Special Town Meeting** - September 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM at the Lisbon Fire Station, 7 Newent Road. To see the agenda, visit: <https://www.lisbonct.com/town-clerk>
- **Referendum** – September 22, 2021 at Lisbon Town Hall from 6AM to 8PM. (Please see page 2 of this newsletter for more information).

2021 Municipal Election

The Municipal Election will be held on Tuesday, November 2, 2021 from 6AM to 8PM.

- **District 1** — votes at Lisbon Town Hall
- **District 2** — votes at the Lisbon Senior Center



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Town Clerk's Corner

Municipal Elections

By Laurie Tirocchi, Town Clerk

If for some reason you are unable to vote in-person on either Wednesday, September 22, 2021 for the Referendum or Tuesday, November 2, 2021 for the Municipal Election, you can vote by absentee ballot. In CT, you need to request your ballot with an Absentee Ballot Application. Per Public Act 20-3, COVID19 has been added as an approved reason to make this request.

Referendum Absentee Ballots

Due to time constraints, Absentee Ballots for Referendums are **not** available by mail.

You can obtain a Referendum Absentee Ballot by bringing the application to the Town Clerk's office. There are two types of applications available at <https://www.lisbonct.com/town-clerk/pages/elections-referendums> or in the Town Clerk's Office.

- To Designate Someone Else to Pick-Up Ballot
- To Self Pick-Up Ballot

In order to have your ballot returned in a timely fashion, it is recommended that you return your ballot to the election drop box at the Town Hall. Your ballot will NOT be counted if it arrives past the date and time of the close of the referendum. The Election Drop Box will be available to you until 8:00 p.m. on the night of the referendum, at which point it will be locked.

Municipal Election Absentee Ballots

For an Election, the ballot must be given to or sent directly to the elector. NO one can pick up an election ballot for someone else.

Municipal Election Absentee Ballot Applications are available at <https://www.lisbonct.com/town-clerk/pages/elections-referendums> or in the Town Clerk's Office and become available on October 1, 2021. (Over-seas & Military Ballots are available September 15, 2021). In order to expedite receiving your absentee ballot, your application should be submitted as early as possible. You can return your application one of the following ways:

- **In Person:** Lisbon Town Clerk, 1 Newent Road, Lisbon, CT 06351
- **Mail:** Lisbon Town Clerk, 1 Newent Road, Lisbon, CT 06351
- **Email:** Send a PDF file of your completed application to ltirocchi@lisbonct.com ***
- **Fax:** 860-376-6545 ***
- **Drop Off Box:** in the **LISBON** Election Drop Box at the Lisbon Town Hall

***Please note: the original signed ballot application must be received in order for your vote to be counted. If you email or fax your application, your original application with your live signature must be included in the outside envelope with your returned ballot.

In order for your ballot to be counted, it must be received by the Town Clerk by 8:00 p.m. on the day of election. Your ballot can be returned by mail or left in the **LISBON** Election Drop Box at Lisbon Town Hall. If you are mailing your ballot, please make sure you mail it at least 10 days prior to election day. The Election Drop Box will be available to you until 8:00 p.m. on election night, at which point it will be locked.

Assessor's Office

By Gail Gwiazdowski, Tax Assessor

REVALUATION UPDATE

The Town of Lisbon continues its State mandated revaluation of all real estate parcels, which will be effective for the October 1, 2021 Grand List. We have contracted with Vision Government Solutions to assist the Assessor's Office with this project. Data collectors are currently inspecting open building permits. Field review staff should be finished by mid-September. Assessment notices will be mailed and informal hearings will be heard during November 2021.

Data collectors and field review staff will be wearing an identification badge and will have written documentation from the Town stating their affiliation with the project and will travel in registered vehicles with an 'Assessor's Office' sign in the window. All Vision representatives and their vehicles will be registered with the CT State Police Troop E and the Town Hall. If a homeowner has a question as to the identity of a data collector, they may call the Resident Trooper at 860/848-6500 x5128 or the Assessor's office at 860/376-5115 for further confirmation.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS

The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet on Thursday, September 16, 2021, for the sole purpose of hearing and acting on motor vehicles appeals from the Grand List of October 1, 2020. The meeting will be held at the Lisbon Town Hall, 1 Newent Road, at 6:00pm. No appointment is required.

PUBLIC ACT 490

All applications for classification of farm or forestland must be received by December 31, 2021.

RENTERS REBATE

Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for a rent rebate under CT State law; income guidelines apply and are adjusted each year. Applications must be filed on or before October 1, 2021.

PERSONAL PROPERTY

In accordance with Connecticut General Statute 12-40, all persons who are liable to pay taxes on tangible personal property belonging to them on October 1, 2021 must file a declaration of their personal property on or before November 1, 2021, with the Assessor, or be subject to an estimated assessment and the statutory 25% penalty. Various exemptions are explained on the declaration and available if filed on time.

Personal property includes, but is not limited to, non-CT registered motor vehicles, unregistered motor vehicles (including junk autos), campers, all business machinery, equipment, tools, commercial furniture and fixtures.

NO DECLARATION IS REQUIRED FOR MOTOR VEHICLES REGISTERED IN LISBON, CT.

NO DECLARATION IS REQUIRED FOR REAL ESTATE.

The Assessor's Office can be reached at 860-376-5115 or assessor@lisbonct.com for information regarding all of the above.

Senior Center

By Karen Washington, Senior Center Coordinator

The Senior Center is fully open for lunches and activities. Masks are required regardless of vaccination status. You must sign in with receptionist upon arrival.

Scheduled Activities and Lunches:

Bingo: 10:30 AM on Thursdays – card selling at 9:30 AM.

September

10th – Wreath Making Class
 14th – Make Your Own Pizza
 15th – Longhorn Steakhouse Lunch Trip
 22nd – Trip to the Big E
 24th – Fall Breakfast

October

6th – Ham & Beans with Entertainment
 8th – Wreath Making Class
 12th – Foot Clinic
 15th – AARP Safe Driving Class (tentative)
 20th – Flu Shot Clinic
 26th – Spookghetti
 28th – New London Senior Center Halloween Party Trip

November

9th – Beef Stew
 12th – Wreath Making Class
 19th – Turkey Luncheon
 30th – Foxwoods Legends Show Trip



Emergency Management

In the event of a Local, Regional or even a State or Federal emergency, our Director of Emergency Management, Jonathan Arpin, is available to answer questions and direct you to the services you may need. Please be sure to keep his contact information where it is easily accessible in difficult times.

Information is also available on the Town website, under Departments - Emergency Management:
<https://www.lisbonct.com/emergency-management>

Jonathan Arpin

Emergency Management Director

1-(860)-625-0026

Did you know...

You can subscribe to the **Lisbon Link**, the Senior Center Newsletter, on-line? Simply go to the Town's website www.lisbonct.com; click on the "Subscribe" button on the home page; then choose the "Lisbon Link Senior Center Newsletter" option from the list. Each time the newsletter is published on-line, you will receive an email with a direct link to the most recent newsletter. No longer in need of an email notification? Just click "unsubscribe" at the bottom of the email.

Slater Library News

Slater Library is glad to announce that programs will return for all ages starting in September. Our goal is to offer programs in a safe environment that meets CDC recommendations and State Regulations. Programs will have number limits and we hope to offer a few outdoor events as well. We will also be looking at an evening Book Club to start up this fall so keep an eye out for that! Please LIKE us on Facebook and check in with our website for updates as programs are scheduled.

With the start of a new School year we are ready to receive Tutors and Students in the building but will require that they make appointments so that we can accommodate everyone safely. We look forward to seeing all our friends in the coming months.

Slater Library & Fanning Annex Hours

New as of September 1, 2021

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Noon - 5:30PM
Thursday Noon - 6:30PM
Friday 11AM - 5PM
Saturday 10AM - 2PM
Closed Sunday

DTC & RTC

The **Lisbon Democratic Town Committee** is seeking up to four members to join their committee. They meet the 4th Thursday of most months at 7:00 PM at Lisbon Town Hall. If you would like to get involved, please contact Chairman Jason Lebel at 860-601-8233 or by email: jlebellisbon@gmail.com. For more information, visit: www.lisbonct.com/lisbon-democratic-town-committee

The **Lisbon Republican Town Committee** meets the 2nd Tuesday of most months. If you would like to get involved on a local level, contact Susan Hull, RTC Chairman, by email: susanhms@comcast.net or by phone: 860-376-0774. For more information, visit: www.lisbonct.com/lisbon-republican-town-committee

Trail Committee

By Joe Lewerk, Chairman

Despite the summer's rain and heat, the Trail Committee continued maintenance and improvement of the Burnham Tavern Trails. Student athlete volunteers from the Norwich Free Academy came out on June 5th to assist in clearing the stretch of the new "Tavern View" trail from the parking area to a new trail entrance opposite Kimball Heights Lane. For now, pink flags mark this new, .6 mile section of trail all the way to its end at the Middle Trail. Permanent blazes and signage for this new section are planned for the fall.

The parking area at 62 Kimball Road and the trail system are open from dawn to dusk for passive recreation (no motorized vehicles). There is no parking allowed on Route 169 at the Tavern. Please, take out what you bring in to help us keep our beautiful trails pristine.

WPCA

By Joe Lewerk, Secretary

The Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA) recently completed a comprehensive review of its operating regulations for the Route 12 sewer district. The review was finalized this spring and a public hearing on the revisions conducted during the summer. This is the first such update since the regulations were initially drafted in 2003 and reflect operational and financial lessons learned over the course of almost 20 years. The updated regulations can be found on the town website: https://www.lisbonct.com/sites/g/files/vyhlf791/f/uploads/wPCA_regs_2021.pdf or are available at the town hall.

The WPCA is still in need of a volunteer to work as part of a team to ensure the continued effective management of the physical and financial resources of the town's two sewer districts. The Route 12 district serves retail and business customers in the area around the Interstate 395 Exit 21 interchange and a smaller district on the western side of town abutting the Versailles village section of Sprague serves residential customers. Meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 7 PM. For additional information, contact WPCA Chairman Kenneth Robb at wPCA@lisbonct.com.

From The History Books

Beds & Bedrooms in Colonial America

By Marcia Shafer, Lisbon Town Historian

How well do you sleep in your modern-day bed? Is it roomy? Are you in your own bedroom? Can you move it around in your room if you don't like its current position?

In early Colonial America the homes were very small and the living room, bedroom, and kitchen were all one room. The beds may have been built into recesses of the room, in the walls or attached to ceiling timbers. Some, not all, had a privacy curtain or door panels.

Some beds were designed as furniture such as a wardrobe, a side board to hide the bed or hidden behind rows of bookshelves or drawers. Various kinds of folding beds were developed and tidied away into wardrobes and cabinets. As time progressed, beds were elevated off the floor, allowing for storage underneath. This made it difficult for small people or invalids to get up into the bed.

Log cabins attached two sides of the bed to two adjacent walls and had legs to hold up the rest of the bed frame. When the bed was not in use it could be folded up against the wall. The wood of the bed leg could be only higher than the bed or it would stretch the roof if the bed frame was held up by rope or such to the ceiling. The bed may have been supported by a floor to ceiling bedpost in one corner and sometimes a post on the lower corner or middle of the bed. Too many people sharing the bed would often cause it to break. If cord was used to hold the "mattress" on the bed, it would sag in the center.

Trundle beds were small framed beds low to the floor that made it easier for children to get into bed. These were hidden under the main bed. This was an improvement over the sleeping arrangements prior to the Victorian age. Until then, "communal beds" were the norm, and large families would sleep together, along with their servants and even a wandering stranger, on the same bed.

Only a few generations of our descendants have slept on a mattress and springs. Prior to the 1800's, they used a cloth material called "ticking". Depending on where you lived, the sack would have been filled with chaff, corn or tree leaves, dried seaweed, horse hair, or feathers. Featherbeds, made of goose down, were only for the wealthy. They were considered a luxury and were so valuable that some people made their wills out promising them to their next of kin. These beds required 50 pounds of feathers. Chicken feathers were not used because the quill of the feather would stick out of the ticking to stop the feathers from ending up in one spot.

Feather ticks were often laid over non-feather mattresses stuffed with the other materials mentioned earlier. Feather ticks needed reshaping each day by shaking and plumping the mattress to smooth it out. (As a side note - the Lisbon Historical Society found two feather tick mattresses when cleaning the Burnham Tavern).

New England winters made it difficult to keep warm at night. It is noted that people may have slept between 2 feather mattresses as a way to keep warm in the extreme cold. If they raised sheep, they may have used the wool or cotton to stuff the feather mattresses for extra warmth. In the late 1900's, a "Duvet" was introduced that has wide channels. Eiderdown quilts or duvets were a light and warm substitute for heavy woolen blankets but some blankets were still needed. It may have been the top layer of the bed linens or it may have been covered by a bedspread or a pieced quilt, depending on your social status.

I researched and read about bed and foot warmers that were common to many homes. The foot warmers used soapstone and were placed near the fire or other heat source to warm them before bedtime. A wire handle would be inserted into the stone for carrying to the bed. The average size of the soapstone was about 6" x 6" x 1.5". It was taken to each bed and placed between the sheets, or wrapped in cloth to remain in bed all night. Due to the denseness of the soapstone, it slowly released heat all night long. Foot warmers were also used when traveling in a buggy or sleigh. Heated stones were put in metal boxes and the travelers would put a lap robe over their legs for a comfortable ride in chilly weather.

Warming pans with long handles became the norm around the Victorian era (1830 to 1901). The pan was made of copper or brass. It may or may not have had a design carved into the top of the pan to allow the heat to warm the linen between layers of the bed. The pan was opened by the hinge near the handle and filled with heated rocks, coal, or ashes from the fire and the handle allowed the person heating it to slide it between the layers of bedding. It helped to remove dampness from the bed linens, but was also a risk for scorching them.



**Thursday Afternoons,
Late June through
Mid-September**

www.lisbonct.com/farmers-market

Would you like to be a market vendor? Would you like to join the Committee or volunteer at next year's market?

Contact us at: farmers_market@lisbonct.com

Connecticut Department of Veterans Affairs VETERANS STAND DOWN 2021

Thomas J. Saadi
Commissioner

PROGRAMS AND BENEFITS ONLINE WEBINARS **September 22 & 23, 2021 from 9:00am – 4:00pm**

STAND DOWN 2021 will begin with a kickoff ceremony on September 22, 2021 at 9:00am and will be broadcast live via social media from the CT Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) Rocky Hill Campus. This will be followed by informational webinars on Sept. 22nd and 23rd on a variety of topics, conducted by the DVA, Federal VA, State & Federal agencies, and community providers.

REGIONAL SITE – In Person Services **Friday, September 24, 2021 from 8:00 am - 2:00 pm**

Easter Seals Veterans Rally Point
24 Stott Ave., Norwich, CT 06360

Veterans attending will have access to a variety of in-person services, personal need items, vaccinations, legal services, medical screenings and meals to go provided by the DVA, Federal VA, Veteran Organizations, many other State & Federal agencies, and community providers.

For information on the webinars, registration and transportation please see the links and contact information below:

Website: <https://portal.ct.gov/DVA/Pages/Veterans-Stand-Down>

Call: 860-616-3803 / Email: dva_standown.registration@ct.gov

Scan QR Code to be connected to
the Stand Down 2021
information page



Please register for the online
webinars and the regional
location closest to you by
Tuesday September 21, 2021



The Lisbon Senior Center offers many creative activities to local seniors, including quilting, caning, wood carving and basket weaving.

Visit the Senior Center Newsletter, the **Lisbon Link**, each month on the Town website for a schedule of activities and events.

<https://www.lisbonct.com/senior-center/pages/senior-newsletters>