



The Lisbon Quarterly

A Newsletter for Lisbon Residents

2020 Presidential Election



Registrar of Voters

By Mary Grant, Registrar of Voters

The “**unusual election season**” continues. The Presidential Election will be held on Tuesday, November 3, 2020. Polls in both districts will open at 6:00 a.m. and will close at 8:00 p.m.

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

COVID-19 emergency regulations will be in effect, same as they were for the Presidential Primary held in August. In-person voting will continue with the one-way entrance and exit locations at both polls. Six-foot social distancing markers will be there, and we again ask voters to bring their own pen (blue or black) and masks are requested.

Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots will be available during the first week in October. Presently, we are being told that the absentee ballot applications are being sent to all voters from the office of the Secretary of State and then the ballots will be available from the town clerk. The applications can be mailed back to the clerk or deposited in the election drop box located at the town hall.

Town Clerk's Corner

By Laurie Tirocchi, Lisbon Town Clerk

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 3rd, 2020 are:

- October 27th is the cut off for post-marked mail-in, electronic and in person registrations.
- Nov 2nd is the cut off for limited registrations for those who have moved into town, turned 18 or became a citizen since October 27, 2020.
- 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 the Town Hall polling location. Please plan to arrive early in the day because you must be registered **by 8: 00 p.m.** in order to vote. 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**.

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Voting By Absentee Ballot

If for some reason you are unable to vote in-person on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, 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.

Obtaining an Absentee Ballot Application

The CT Secretary of State's office will be mailing an Absentee Ballot Application to every registered voter in CT by the middle of September. You can also obtain an Absentee Ballot Application from the Town's website at <https://www.lisbonct.com/town-clerk/pages/elections>

Completing the Absentee Ballot Application

- Fill application out including contact information in case there is a problem with your application.
- You must state the reason you are requesting an absentee ballot.
- Sign your application. If you receive assistance with your application, please have the person you authorize to assist you fill out Section IV.

Returning Your Absentee Ballot

There are several ways to return your Abs Application to the Town Clerk:

- Election Drop Box at Lisbon Town Hall
- Mail to:

Lisbon Town Clerk, 1 Newent Road, Lisbon, CT 06351

- Electronically

Contact the Town Clerk's Office for the specifics on submitting your application electronically.

Receiving Your Ballot

Ballots will begin to be issued on October 2nd. (Overseas/Military blank ballots are available on September 15th). Please note that ballots must be mailed or given directly to the elector. No one can pick up a ballot for someone else. If timing does not allow for a ballot to be mailed to you, call the Town Clerk's Office to arrange to pick up your ballot. Please bring a mask and an ID with you.

Filling Out Your Ballot

Once you have completed your ballot, insert it into Envelope B and **sign it**. Your ballot will be rejected if it is not signed. Then, insert your signed Envelope B into the return envelope.

Returning Your Ballot

Your ballot must be received by 8:00pm on Tuesday, November 3, 2020 in order to be counted. You can return your ballot via:

- Election drop box at Town Hall (will be locked at 8:00pm on Nov 3rd)
- Mail to:
Lisbon Town Clerk, 1 Newent Road, Lisbon, CT 06351

Tracking your ballot

You can track your ballot at www.lisbonct.com home page under 'Voter Registration'. Once you fill in your voter information, you can click search to verify that your ballot has been received.

Questions/Issues

Please contact the Town Clerk's Office at:
860 - 376 - 2708.



Assessor's Office

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, 2020 are hereby notified that they must file a declaration of their personal property on or before November 1, 2020, 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 filing deadlines for various exemptions and classifications are as follows:

PUBLIC ACT 490

All applications for classification of farm or forestland must be received by October 31, 2020.

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, 2020 with the Assessor's Office.

DISABILITY

Persons totally disabled receiving SSD benefits may be eligible for a \$1000 property exemption. Proof of award and application must be submitted by January 31, 2021.

VETERANS

Veterans claiming disability exemption must submit proof from the Veterans Administration. PA 85-573 allows veterans an additional exemption if their income is within the approved limits. This application must be filed by October 1 bi-annually.

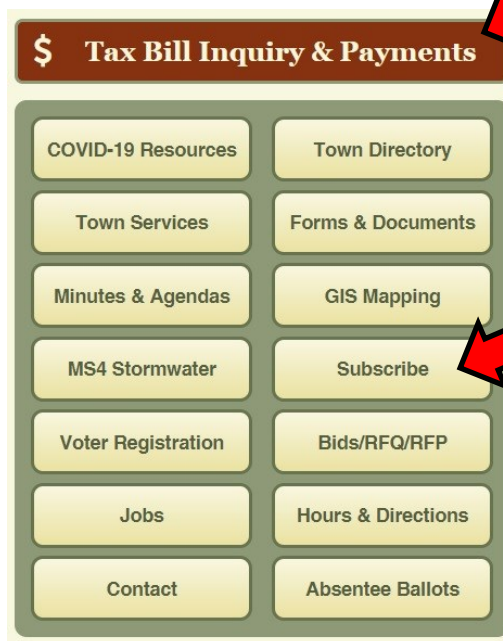
HOMEOWNERS & TOTALLY DISABLED

Residents 65 years of age or totally disabled may be eligible for a tax credit on real estate; income guidelines apply and are adjusted each year. Applications will be available February 1, 2021 and must be filed on or before May 15, 2021.

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

Website Pointers

- **HOME** page — the **HOME** page is the default page that comes up when you type in the domain name: **www.lisbonct.com**. The **HOME** page offers the ability to view your taxes and pay them online (which includes printing out receipts for taxes you may have dropped off in the drop box), simply by clicking on the button titled **\$ Tax Bill Inquiry & Payments**.
- **Another helpful tip:** did you know that you can **Subscribe** to and receive email notices of Agendas and/or News and Announcements from the Boards, Commissions or Committees you are interested in? You may subscribe to one, a few, or all!





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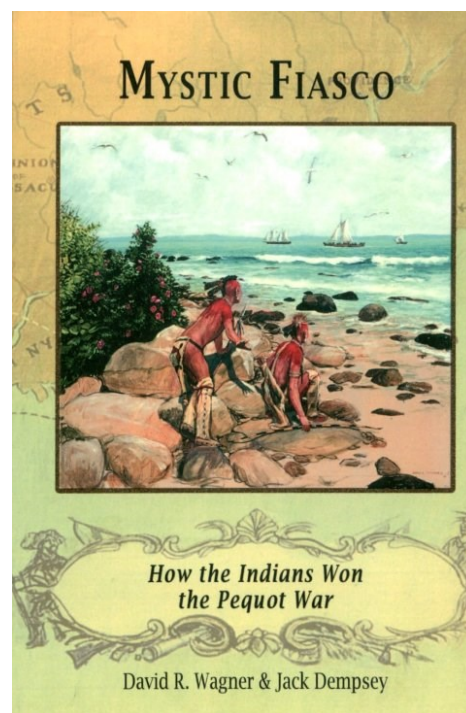
Lisbon Town Hall's Incredible Mural

Anyone who has had the opportunity to sit in on a Board meeting at Lisbon Town Hall is very much aware of the amazingly large painting that hangs on the wall in the conference room. It depicts the historic Burnham Tavern (that ancient house currently being renovated by the Lisbon Historical Society on North Burnham Highway), with Major General Marquis de LaFayette and his men, stopping at the Tavern on their way to Rhode Island in 1778.

Many Town residents may not be aware that this work of art, completed in 1975, was created by local Scotland, CT artist, David Wagner. Mr. Wagner, a self-taught artist, has been incredibly prolific throughout his career as a painter, and his acrylic paintings grace the walls of other town halls including Griswold, Groton and Plainfield. The Mohegan tribe commissioned him to create 102 works of art of the Eastern Woodland people, and the Old Newgate Prison and Copper Mines in East Granby, CT has a series of five of his murals. Work by the artist also hangs in Philadelphia, Providence, and overseas.

Mr. Wagner has illustrated numerous books utilizing his unique style and interpretation of historical figures and places. The most recent book is called "Mystic Fiasco: How the Indians Won the Pequot War".

To view more of David Wagner's work, go to his website:
<https://www.davidrwagner.com/>



Senior Center

By Karen Washington, Senior Center Co-Ordinator

The Senior Center remains closed until further notice. Please know that, even though our building is closed, we are here for you if you need assistance. Contact us at 860-376-2329, M-F, 9-3.

We have volunteers who can run errands for you. If you are looking for activities we have items we can offer you such as puzzles, yarn and needles, and donated library books, to name a few.

If you are unable to leave your home you can receive Meals-on-Wheels. Contact TVCCA at 860-934-1006 to get set up.

We are working with the State and Uncas Health District and collaborating with many other senior centers on best practices to keep everyone safe when we start to phase in a reopening. Until then, please stay safe!

If you would like to be on our list to receive our newsletter by email, please send your email address to:

kwashington@lisbonct.com

Did you know — Senior Center Newsletters (“The Lisbon Link”) can be found on the Town’s website? Go to:

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

and click on the tab that says “Senior Newsletters”. Newsletters are currently being archived as far back as 2012.

Farmers' Market



The Lisbon Farmers’ Market has a new Email address! Please use **Farmers_Market@lisbonct.com** for all email correspondence. The old email address is no longer valid and anything sent there will go un-answered.

Want to support our Market vendors, even while the market is closed during the pandemic? Visit the Lisbon Farmers’ Market Facebook page regularly for posts and contact information of your favorite vendors, throughout the year!



@lisbonfarmersmarket



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Trail Committee

Burnham Tavern Trail Update

By Joe Lewerk, TC Chairman

The Trail Committee will be hosting a socially distanced, guided walk along the Burnham Tavern Trails on Saturday, October 3rd at noon in conjunction with The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor's Walktober 2020 events. During the Tavern Trail Ramble, Trail Committee members will share the efforts undertaken to complete and maintain the trails along with providing information about the historical and contemporary use of the property. Parking is available at 62 Kimball Rd and participants are required to wear masks to ensure the safety of all participants. In the event of inclement weather the walk will be postponed to Sunday, October 25th at noon. Walktober 2020 events around the region begin the week of September 14th and continue through the end of October. See TLGV's website at <https://thelastgreenvally.org/walktober/> for a detailed listing of events.



Foot bridge at Burnham Tavern Trails, installed by the Trail Committee.

Did You Know...

Trail maps of the Town's trails are available online! The Burnham Tavern Trails map may be found at:

<https://www.lisbonct.com/trail-committee>

The Lisbon Meadows Park Trails map may be found at:

<https://www.lisbonct.com/recreation-committee>



By Cheryle Joly, Chairperson, Fall Festival Committee

As of this time the Community Center remains closed. No new reservations will be accepted until further notice.

As previously reported: Due to COVID-19 and the restrictions put upon us, the Fall Festival and Road Race have been canceled for 2020.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact the board. Contact information is on the Town website: <https://www.lisbonct.com/lisbon-fall-festival-committee>

Thank you in advance for your continued support.

From The History Books

By Marcia Shafer, Lisbon Town Historian

FEDERAL CENSUS AND GENEALOGY

In 1790, Article 1 Section 2 of the United States Constitution initiated the Federal Decennial Census, which is conducted every 10 years. This was done to gain information about the American population and the economy.

Federal Marshalls conducted the first census going door to door. This was done in the 13 states and the districts of Maine, Vermont, Kentucky, and Tennessee. The name of the head of household and the ages of all people in the household recorded. African Americans were counted as three fifths of a person. Native Americans were excluded.

The first Federal Census in 1790 took 18 months to complete and counted 3.9 million people. The report allowed Congress to determine persons residing in the United States for tax purposes as well as delegating seats for the House of Representatives.

Only one copy of the census schedule was to be held by the clerk of the district court in their respective area. In 1830, Congress passed a law requiring the return of all decennial census reports from 1790 to 1830. At this time, it was discovered that many of the 1790 original census records had been lost or destroyed. Delaware, Georgia, Kentucky, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Virginia suffered district losses but some were able to recreate the census from tax lists and other records.

The Federal Census benefits each community, based on its population totals. It is broken down by sex, age, race and other factors. Communities benefit when the count is accurate as the government determines federal funding for schools, hospitals, public safety, infrastructure, and other programs, on a federal, state and local level.

When using the census to research family genealogy, it is best to keep the following in mind:

- There is a 72 year restriction for accessing Federal Census records. The 1940 Federal Census was released in April 2012. The 1950 Federal Census will be released to the public in April 2022. This helps to protect the privacy of living individuals.
- Much of the 1890 Federal Census was lost to fire and

water damage in January 10, 1921. Surviving fragments of census records are from Alabama, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, and Texas. Some fragments are of townships, or counties. No complete Federal Census exists for any state. There is a database index to individuals enumerated in the 1890 Special census of Civil War Union veterans and widows of veterans at the National Archives Record Administration. Confederate veterans may be listed as well.

- When looking for a specific person, it is important to look at the family name. There are sometimes spelling errors, ages may not be correct, and the location of birth may be inaccurate.
- It is recommended to start with the 1940 Federal Census (or the most current record released) and work backwards through each census record. Start with your immediate family and then your grandparents. Ask them questions if they are still around! Obituaries have lots of information about date of birth, date of death, family members, towns lived in, siblings and parents, military status, involvement in community organizations, the church they attended or other religious affiliation.
- Consider that there may have been potential name changes when your ancestors entered the United States. Some immigrants had language barriers and didn't know English. Even if they did speak English, it was sometimes difficult for the interviewer to understand them, and names were spelled phonetically. Some people didn't know their date of birth or how old they really were.
- There are many internet sites to obtain information regarding research. Some are free and some charge a subscription. It is important to remember that not all information is 100% accurate, so it is recommended to have 5 or more sources of information for each category. Keep all information until you can weed out the wrong information with the accurate.
- www.archives.org offers genealogy books that can be read on-line for free; www.ancestry.com is a good source of information from many different resources, but requires a subscription. Sometimes these sites have census records, birth dates, death dates, marriage dates, wedding announcements, social gatherings where family members were present, and political news of the times.



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Lisbon Historical Society Quarterly Notes

By Kim Sperry

Friends and neighbors, the Lisbon Historical Society continues to go about the business of fulfilling our mission during this extraordinary time. We are busy sorting cans and bottles, scheduling maintenance and projects whilst maintaining social distancing. In-person meetings and summer open house at the John Bishop House are on hold for the time being, however our social media platforms, Facebook and webpage, <https://lisbonhistoricalct.org> are live, please visit them for updates and information.

Cans and Bottles: Can and bottle news is not usually the lead off happening for the Historical Society, but with the shutdown of the redemption centers due to Covid-19 we collected a 5 -month inventory and had finally run out of storage space. On Thursday, July 23, a horse trailer load was delivered to an operating redemption center in Stratford, CT discovered by Ken Mahler. In an hour and a half a team of LHS members and friends loaded bags containing **30,261** aluminum cans, and **27,383** plastic bottles in the back of the pickup truck and trailer generously donated by **Terry Joseph, of Cedar Knoll Farm**. Many thanks go out to all the hands on deck for this for making this project a success: Ken Mahler, Christine Strick, Marcia Shafer, Sharon Gabiga, Paula Adams, Kim Sperry, Mark Sperry, and especially to Terry for his time, labor, trailer and good humor.

Burnham Tavern Update: We have completed the purchase of the cedar taper cut roof shingles and are waiting scheduling as well as the chimney repointing.

John Bishop House Update: the carriage shed, can and bottle shed are both resealed, and the window trim painted.

Wanted: New Members!

The Lisbon Historical Society's success is contingent upon the dedication of our members. We are a 501 (c) 3 nonprofit volunteer organization; part of our mission is to promote an interest and foster appreciation of the rich history and culture of the town of Lisbon, and we are stewards of three important town owned properties. New members learn and teach open hearth cooking and 19th century living at the John Bishop House Museum. Burnham Tavern provides an education in restoration and 18th century tavern life. At \$5.00 a year, membership dues make it possible for everyone to sign on. Call President Paula Adams at 860-887-8052 to talk membership.

More cans and Bottles. We are still accepting cans and bottles, **except for the following: Poland Springs water bottles with the red strip around the label, Gatorade, Snapple, tea beverages, wine bottles, plastic milk jugs, and all others not marked CT.** Additionally, it is impossible for the bar code readers at the redemption centers to process crushed aluminum cans and plastic bottles. We do our best to pop bottles back in to shape but those we cannot, and the crushed cans, subsequently end up in the recycling bins and over the year that amounts to a lot of lost nickels. Many thanks go out to contributors to our can and bottle redemption program.

In addition to can and bottle donations, we are now an Amazon Smile Charity. Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible AmazonSmile purchases, click the link <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/51-0197314> or go to Smile.Amazon.Com.

As of this writing twenty-three Lisbon residents have been reported Covid-19 positive, we sincerely hope a full and speedy recovery for everyone.

Slater Library News

We are pleased to announce that patrons are now able to make appointments to come into the library for browsing shelves on the main floor or to use the computer. Please call (860)376-0024 for details and to make an appointment! We look forward to seeing you!

Staff are in the library:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday Noon - 5:00 pm
- Tuesday and Thursday 1:00 pm - 6:00 pm
- Saturday 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

The library's front foyer will remain open for in-person, mask-to-mask service:

- Pick up ordered materials
- Have copies made
- Have faxes sent

Curbside pickup continues to be available! There is a bin provided to return materials in the foyer as well as the return bin outside. Staff will not accept materials in hand and all items are set aside for 3 days before being checked in and backdated to the day they were returned.

You can check the available books and DVDs on our online catalog: slater.biblio.org or you can call the library 860-376-0024 to request the materials that you would like to check out and a librarian will call back to let you know what items are available. There are designated parking spots and signage to help with picking up materials.

Digital library cards will continue to be available by emailing slaterlibrary@yahoo.com. Please include name, address, birthday and phone number. Those wishing to extend their 3-month digital card, please call Slater Library and we will be happy to help you.

Slater Library's On-Line Resources

Slater Library offers online resources to use from home. Interested in learning more about your family's history from the comfort of your own home? We are pleased to offer HeritageQuest powered by Ancestry! Use your Slater Library card to create an account and start exploring the billions of records, like census data, city directories, wills, probate and immigration information.

<https://www.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/do/login>

Want to see what is new at Slater Library every week? Wowbrary, a weekly email newsletter that lets you know about all the new books, audiobooks and dvds that Slater Library has to offer! Sign up at:

<http://www.wowbrary.org>

The Libby app continues to be available with your valid library card to download books and audiobooks on your phone or tablet. Check it out at:

<https://www.overdrive.com/apps/libby/>

Recently added to our platform of ebooks and audiobooks is Simply E. Download the Simply E app and check out the list of new titles available through the Connecticut State Library's eGO platform.



Sports are cancelled.... but the Cub Scouts continue to have socially distanced fun!



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Contact us today! (financial assistance available)

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<https://www.facebook.com/lisboncubscout73/>