

## The Lisbon Quarterly

A Newsletter for Lisbon Residents

# Town Clerk's Corner

By Michelle Grant, Town Clerk

#### **Municipal Elections**

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 is the Municipal Election, your opportunity to vote for your local government. If you are a registered voter, and you are unable to vote in-person you may be able to vote by absentee ballot.

Here's what you need to know: In CT, you need to meet certain requirements which are listed on the application. You may request your ballot with an Absentee Ballot Application per Public Act 20-3. Absentee Ballot Applications are available at: https://portal.ct.gov/-/media/SOTS/ElectionServices/AB-Application/AB\_Application\_20220922/ED-3-Rev-English-20220922.pdf or in the Town Clerk's Office and become available on October 6, 2023. (Overseas & Military Ballots are available September 13, 2023) 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: Town Clerk's Office, 1 Newent Road, Lis-

bon, CT 06351

Mail: Lisbon Town Clerk, 1 Newent Road, Lisbon,

CT 06351

Fax: 860-376-6545

Email: Send a PDF file of your completed applica-

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tion to townclerk@lisbonct.com

\*\*\*Please note: the original signed ballot application must be received in order for your vote to count. 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.

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

In order for your vote to be counted, it must be received by the Town Clerk by 8:00 pm on the day of election. Your ballot can be returned by mail or left in the Official Ballot Election Drop Box located near the rear door of Lisbon Town Hall. If you are mailing your ballot, please make sure to mail it at least 10 days prior to Election Day. The Election Day Drop Box will be available to you until 8:00 pm on November 7, at which point it will be locked.

#### **HUNTING SEASON**

Hunting season is almost here. You can purchase your license directly from DEEP at https://portal.ct.gov/CTOutdoorLicenses or anytime during regular business hours at the Town Clerk's office. Cash payments accepted.

# Veterans Representative

By Joe Lewerk, Veterans Representative

#### **Stand Down**

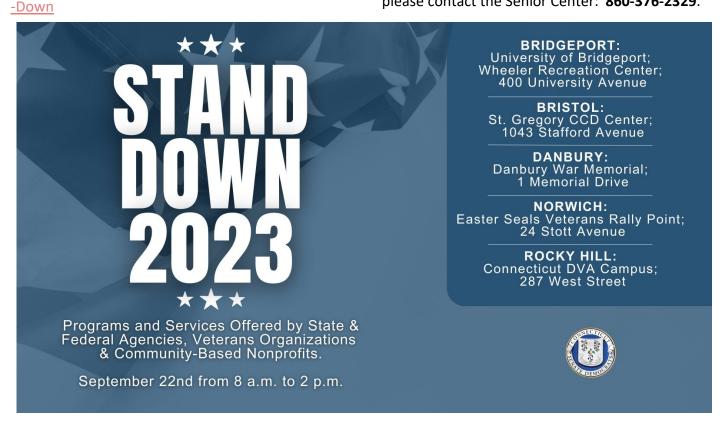
The Department of Veterans Affairs will hold its annual STAND DOWN event on Friday, September 22 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., with five regional locations hosting it. In addition to the Rocky Hill DVA main campus at 287 Main Street, the University of Bridgeport at 400 University Ave. in Bridgeport, the St. Gregory CCD Center at 1043 Stafford Ave. in Bristol, the Danbury War Memorial at 1 Memorial Drive in Danbury and the Easter Seals Veterans Rally Point at 24 Stott Ave. in Norwich will all host the "onestop" access to a range of programs and services offered by state and federal agencies, veterans organizations and community-based nonprofits. For more information, and to apply to volunteer go to: <a href="https://portal.ct.gov/DVA/Pages/Veterans-Stand">https://portal.ct.gov/DVA/Pages/Veterans-Stand</a>



### **Vietnam-Era Veterans Ceremony**

The Town of Lisbon will hold a ceremony in recognition of its Vietnam-era veterans on October 2, 2023 at 4:00 PM in the Lisbon Central School Cafeteria. Approximately 115 Vietnam-era veterans reside in Lisbon. We are proud of our veterans, appreciate them for serving our country, and look forward to honoring them on that day.

The Senior Center will host a **Veteran's Breakfast** on Friday, October 20th. If interested in joining your fellow veterans for a delicious morning meal, please contact the Senior Center: **860-376-2329**.



# Assessor's Office

By Rosalyn Dupuis, CCMA I, Assessor

**BOARD OF ASSESSMENT APPEALS** — The Board of Assessment Appeals will meet on Thursday, September 7, 2023, for the sole purpose of hearing and acting on motor vehicle appeals from the Grand list of October 1, 2022. The meeting will be held at the Lisbon Town Hall, 1 Newent Road, at 6:00 p.m. No appointment is required.

<u>PUBLIC ACT 490</u> — All applications for classification of farm or forestland must be received by October 31, 2023.

**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 September 29, 2023.

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, 2023 must file a declaration of their personal property on or before November 1, 2023, 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.

<u>REAL ESTATE CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS</u> — The Office of the Assessor is responsible for all Real Estate mailing addresses. If you recently changed your mailing address, download the Change of Address Form on the Assessor's page of our website at: <a href="https://www.lisbonct.com/sites/g/files/vyhlif791/f/uploads/address\_change\_form.pdf">https://www.lisbonct.com/sites/g/files/vyhlif791/f/uploads/address\_change\_form.pdf</a>

<u>VETERAN'S EXEMPTIONS</u> — Proof of honorable discharge must be filed with the Town Clerk by September 29, 2023, for a new exemption to be granted. All disability ratings are filed separately with the Assessor.

<u>ACTIVE-DUTY MILITARY EXEMPTION</u> — CT residents who are active duty on October 1, 2023, may be eligible for a motor vehicle exemption. Download the form from the Assessor's page of our website at:

https://www.lisbonct.com/sites/g/files/vyhlif791/f/uploads/service members civil relief act 0.pdf

For more information about the above topics, call the Assessor's Office at 860-376-5115; email: assessor@lisbonct.com

#### The Town of Lisbon Welcomes a New Assessor

Rosalyn C. Dupuis is a Certified CT Assessor I, who recently came to Lisbon from the Town of Griswold. She has 34 plus years in Town and City Government, with extensive experience in both small towns and large cities. Ms. Dupuis has successfully taken the Tax Collector courses and certification exam. Her Municipal background includes working in Town Clerks Offices, Human Resources and Finance, Pension Board, as a member to the Board of Finance and liaison to the police department, and is currently a Certificated Moderator for the Town of Waterford.

In her spare time, she continues her education in the healing modalities of Reiki, Healing Touch, Integrated Energy Therapy and many others. These practices have assisted her in her previous time spent volunteering for Hospice. Her three cats are often the receivers of practice sessions. She is a collector of stones and gems from all over the world and can be found at gem shows throughout Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Ms. Dupuis loves a good book with a cup of coffee, or crocheting a blanket as a gift for a friend. Weekends are spent at local farmers markets, and as downtime with friends.



# **Lisbon Historical Society Quarterly Notes** *By Kim Sperry*

Burnham Tavern Update: Building and Grounds chairman Ken Mahler reports that construction of the sashes and window frames are in process. An existing original window and an historic photograph from the late 1800s will serve as a pattern to custom build each new window, one at a time. We had difficulty in sourcing materials due to either a lack of availability or price out of reach. Ultimately, we were required to purchase a minimum of 1,000 board feet of milled antique cedar telephone poles, which is more than the job requires, the excess will be sold or held for future restoration work. The window sills were just refinished after being scraped, filled and painted with two finish coats. All sills are original to the house, except one and are in remarkable condition considering they date back to about 1770. The next major project are clapboards for which we will be writing grants to cover the expense.

John Bishop House Update: A brief summary of the chimney inspection is based on the formal report submitted from De Sciscio Construction. The kitchen fireplace appears to be in good condition, however minor mortar joint repointing is needed within the firebox, and the fireplace, smoke shelf and flue chamber should receive a basic cleaning. It is recommended that the bake oven dome and its floor area receive a basic cleaning repointing as necessary. The front parlor fireplace, smoke shelf and flue chamber are recommended to receive a basic cleaning, and the firebox and floor repointed and fractured brick replaced as necessary; parging is recommended to be applied to areas of the smoke shelf. Work will commence as soon as the cost estimate and contractor are available.

The south face of the Bishop House received a new coat of paint after scraping and priming, also several clapboards were replaced. Due to cost constraints and order of need we refinish one side at a time.

Paul Adams has fully to restored the period herb garden and it is looking great. Broom corn and scarlet runner beans are reaching maturity behind the picket fence.

Anshei Israel Synagogue Update: The synagogue, no longer a house of worship, is a museum opened by appointment. Email Paula Adams at padams60@sbcglobal.net for information. Additionally, A Refuge in the Country, a booklet on the history of the synagogue is available upon request and at the Lisbon Town Hall.

**Newent Church Update**: The former congregational church, like the synagogue is no longer a house of worship and is now leased to the Lisbon Historical Society. A number of projects are in the works, painting is a priority subject to cost and timing as is new signage and restoration of the memorial garden.

A rental agreement for groups to use the social hall for parties, gatherings, or meetings is nearly finalized. Interested parties should reach out to Vicky Lawhead at 860-376-9153 who keeps the calendar.

Cans and Bottles Update. We are thankful for your donation of these redeemable glass, plastic, and aluminum bottles and cans that are marked CT or CTRV. Your donations support the John Bishop House, Anshei Israel Synagogue, Burham Tavern and Newent Church. Although the State legislature added new products to the redemption stream like Gatorade, and tea beverages there are still a few exceptions. Wine bottles, plastic milk jugs, plastic food packing, High Noon and Fishers Island are not redeemable and should be recycled in blue bins on recycle day. Additionally, it is impossible for the bar code readers at the redemption centers to process crushed aluminum cans and plastic bottles. 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, and there is no cost to the Amazon customer, go to Smile.Amazon.Com

## Senior Center

#### **Autumn Events & Activities**

By Ara Wilnas Senior Center Coordinator

#### September

- Thursday September 7<sup>th</sup> 9-10:30 Blood Pressure Screening by Uncas Health
- Friday September 8<sup>th</sup> Art Class with Jacqui
- Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> Love on a Plate lunch Special Stuffed Shells
- Wednesday September 13<sup>th</sup> Public meeting for Shooting Stars Come share your ideas for trips & events at the center
- Friday September 15<sup>th</sup> Trip to Davenport's Restaurant in RI
- Monday September 18<sup>th</sup> Chair Yoga and Senior Fitness Classes with a focus on Fall Prevention
- Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> Celebrate September Birthdays with cake
- Tuesday September 19<sup>th</sup> Chair Massage
- Wednesday September 20<sup>th</sup> Trip to the Big E for CT Day
- Friday September 22<sup>nd</sup> AARP Safe Driving Class
- Friday September 29<sup>th</sup> Movie Matinee at the center with popcorn (showing: Book Club)

#### **WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:**

- 11:30 Daily Lunch
- Lunch Special every Thursday

#### **MONDAYS** (Sign up day for paid trips/events)

- 10:00 Crafting (Jewelry Making and more)
- 12:00 Chair Yoga
- 1:00 Senior Fitness

#### **TUESDAYS**

- 9:30 Quilting
- 10:00 Crafting
- 10:30 Rummikub
- 12:00 Pitch

#### **WEDNESDAYS**

- Sign up day for paid trips/events
- 9:30 Caning, Carving & Basket Making
- 10:00 Pool

#### **THURSDAYS**

• 12:00 Bingo - (sales from 10:30 — 11:30)

#### **FRIDAYS**

11:00 Crafting (Diamond Art and more)

## Senior Center

**Autumn Events & Activities** — Continued

#### **October**

- Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup> Flu Vaccine Clinic by Uncas Health
- Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> Love on a Plate lunch Special Beef Stew
- Wednesday October 11<sup>th</sup> Public meeting for Shooting Stars Come share your ideas for trips
   & events at the center
- Wednesday Oct. 18<sup>th</sup> Fall Foliage Cruise trip with River Quest and picnic lunch option
- Friday October 20<sup>th</sup> Veteran's Breakfast
- Wednesday October 25<sup>th</sup> Medicare Advocacy Presentation
- Saturday October 28<sup>th</sup> Wooden Pen Turning Workshop

#### **November**

- Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 9-10:30 Blood Pressure Screening by Uncas Health
- Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> Public meeting for Shooting Stars Come share your ideas for trips & events at the center
- Tuesday November 14<sup>th</sup> Turkey Day Lunch
- Wednesday November 15<sup>th</sup> Red Cross Blood Drive

#### **December**

- Friday December 1<sup>st</sup> AARP Safe Driving Class
- Thursday December 7<sup>th</sup> 9-10:30 Blood Pressure Screening by Uncas Health
- Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> See Dreamgirls at the Goodspeed

More events, trips, and classes added every month. For more up to date information or to receive our monthly newsletter, call 860-376-2329 or email <a href="mailto:awilnas@lisbonct.com">awilnas@lisbonct.com</a>. The "Lisbon Link" is also available online at <a href="mailto:awww.lisbonct.com/senior-center">www.lisbonct.com/senior-center</a>.

## From The History Books

#### **DIGGING FOR TREASURE**

By Marcia Shafer, Lisbon Town Historian

Treasures that have been found on our property are shoe parts, toys, buttons, many shards of china or ceramics, salt glazed parts of jugs, many glass bottles of various sizes and colors, pig scraper candle holders, half a frame to make the buckshot for making the ammunition for colonial guns, small pieces of old glass bottles that would have contained drinking fluids, keys, marbles, candle snuffers, salt glazed pottery, and various sizes of door straps.

My favorite item is the first object we found after we moved into our home back in 2001. It is a metal spoon with the initials HMF in script and has a solder area joining the handle to the bowl of the tablespoon size eating utensil. There is a small area missing at the tip of the spoon and a split in the spoon towards the center of the bowl of the spoon. There are symbols for the maker on the back of the handle.



Spoon found on our historic property in Lisbon. It is believed this spoon belonged to Hannah or Susannah Fitch, wife of Asa Fitch.

If you are going to do any digging along a rock wall, move piles of dirt, or any area that is going to become a new building, you will want to have your tools ready to work for you. If an old building is being taken down, you might find a treasure trove of items. First get a pair or two of gloves that will keep your hands clean but be able to feel objects through them in case you don't see them at first. If you need to get permission to dig that is your first task unless you own the land or site.

You will also need a trowel or small garden shovel, old toothbrush or some soft bristle paint brushes, a tape measure, pen or pencil and notebook to document your finds, a cell phone or camera for pictures. You might want a magnifying glass to see the finer details of the objects.

When you decide that there aren't any more items in that location you can move to an area next to the first 12 inch x 12 inch square. When you have become more skilled at locating and digging objects, they recommend you do a 3 foot x 3 foot area but you start small until you have refined your skills. You should put each item in a zip lock bag and label it: where you found it, its size, and what you think it might be. Take the paint brush and gently brush around the object until you can clean a small area and determine what you might be seeing. Then gently take a spade or a garden shovel and make a big circle around it and clear the soil off. Do it slowly and gently so that you don't break any part of the object that is underground. Keep doing this until you have freed the object from the dirt. Set the object off to the side, continue to brush the dirt away from the site and see if there are any more objects in the same location.

#### **DIGGING FOR TREASURE** (continued)

As an amateur just starting to dig for items, you should start with a small area 12 x12 inch square until you become skilled at seeing an object, cleaning the area with a brush, and note any changes in the type of soil it is sticking out of (if you can see changes in color or different layers of dirt). A professional archaeologist is needed to come in for further studies on the objects or the location where found. Find a landmark and measure the distance between the two spaces.

The most important item is to have something to sift the dirt and remove small pebbles or items from the dirt. For a beginner a small colander or sieve would work until you can get or build a sifter with a wooden frame and the smallest wire fencing to fit over the frame. You might want a bucket or tarp to put the dirt on while you search and sift so you can replace what you have dug up. Save the top layer of the grass and dirt plug you dug up so to put it back where you found it.

You are an amateur archaeologist when you happen to be moving rocks, digging a hole, playing in the dirt, or just happen to notice an object laying on the ground or sticking partially out of the ground. Once you find one piece of treasure you get the urge to keeping looking for more pieces to see if you can make a complete or near compete item/treasure.

If it is just lying on the ground, you can pick it up and look at it to determine what it might be. For an object that is sticking out of the ground and seems to be partially buried, you would want to dig it up very carefully and see what the object is or was. Your best action is to brush it with a paint brush first to see how big it is or how far it is sticking out of the ground and what might still be in the ground.

It is possible to find shards or chips of dishes that people threw out, or dropped. There are many nails that can be found and various other items. Don't be surprised if you find bones. These may have been food for the people who lived there before you, an animal bone, or if you find many bones or a shape of a creature or small animal don't be surprised. If you find the body of a person call the police.

In colonial days they just threw items over the rock walls or down an outhouse seat, or in an area that didn't have foot traffic. Another recommended area is around a flower bed or while you are starting a new flower bed. Also, an old tree to sit under for shade, farm land or around foundations of buildings but ask permission first to do that area.

Keep your gloves on while you are digging, sifting materials, or looking for items in the soil. There may be sharp objects or items in the soil that could injure your hands. Pieces of glass that might have been from window frames, rusty nails, pieces or shards of china or ceramics, broken pieces of salt glazed pottery, buttons, or marbles, possibly wires or rusted out pieces of farm equipment. Added to this list of treasures are parts of bottles-especially the very thick bottom of the bottle. These could cause injury to your fingers or hands and cause nasty infections. Pay close attention while you are digging, as you need to dig in small layers so that you don't miss any objects or damage an unseen item.

When you are finished with your dig site you need to return the sifted soil back into your dig pit and if possible, put the grass plug back and pack it down so the grass roots can take hold again and soon no one will know you dug there. Plus, the yard will look nice and even. Now you need to document where you dug, how far down you dug when you found an object or item, describe it by size, color, and any unique features or colors. Depending on what you find, you might be able to draw a picture of the item or a written description taking measurements of the object as well.

Save all the objects you find because you never know when you might find more of the same and be able to make an object whole again. Ask other people what they think it might be, or if it is an item that requires skilled archeologists to determine what it might be or how old it might be, what country it may have come from, what it was used for, and whether it may have any significant monetary value.

The current State Archaeologist is Dr. Sarah P. Sportman and her email address is <a href="mailto:sarah.sportman@UConn.edu">sarah.sportman@UConn.edu</a>. If you want some expert advice about what you might have found, you can write to her and send pictures of what you have that she needs to be aware of with a description and she can determine if it is a minor object or of major importance.

#### **SAINT MARY'S FOOD PANTRY**

Saint Mary's in Jewett City is the Town's designated Food Bank.

Food can be picked up at the Rectory every second and fourth Tuesday of the month, 10am – 11am and 3pm – 4pm. To donate, please call: 860-376-2044

For important distribution information and calendar, visit the Town's website: https://www.lisbonct.com/home/pages/town-services

# PICKLEBALL AT LISBON MEADOWS PARK

Evening Pickleball sessions will begin at the Lisbon Meadows Park Tennis/
Pickleball Courts beginning August 31, 2023. Thursday evening sessions run from 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM. In November, these Thursday evening sessions will take place indoors at Lisbon Central School. The outdoor Thursday morning sessions at the Pickleball Courts are held from 9:00 AM to Noon, until the end of October.

For more information or to sign up, call the Pickleball director, Steven Berger at

860-214-4514

## **Lisbon Quarterly Newsletter**

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# Emergency Management

In the event of a Local, Regional or even a State or Federal emergency, our Director of Emergency Management is available to answer your questions:

## Jonathan Arpin

Emergency Management Director **1-(860)-625-0026** 

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

In December 2023, Newent Congregational Church will be celebrating its 300th anniversary. The Town Historian would be grateful for any historic items or pictures of the church from 1723 to 2023, to help to record its history. Copies will be made of the pictures, news clippings or other documentation and the originals will be returned to the owners. Email Marcia Shafer, Lisbon Town Historian at: lisboncthistorian@yahoo.com.



26 Main St. Jewett City, CT (860) 376-0024

#### Fall 2023 Programs

- Save the date for the upcoming Friends of Slater Library Book And Yard Sale! Saturday, September 30th from 9 am – 2 pm.
- Fall programming! Call the library @ (860) 376-0024 to sign up!
   Upcoming Teen/Adult programs include:
- September 26th @ 6 pm: "Jane Austen's Regency" presented by Kandie Carle, the Victorian Lady. Kandie will entertain and educate us on the clothing and customs of the Regency era. Not to be missed!
- October 10th @ 6 pm: The Ghost Stories of Connecticut presented by Charles F. Rosenay (the Showman) and Nick Grossman (the Shaman). A paranormal orientation and seminar with ghost-hunting equipment an author's reading. A full paranormal investigation/ghost-hunting event!

#### **Weekly Program**

Chess Club, Saturdays 10:30 am – 1:30 pm; drop in program for all ages (not a "learn to play chess" program).

#### **Monthly Programs**

- Yarn and Darn! Next meeting September 15<sup>th</sup>. We are meeting on the third Friday of the month from 3-4 pm. Bring any hand work that you are working on: knitting, crocheting, embroidery, sewing you name it!
- Book Clubs @ Slater Library:
- First Mondays @ 1:00 pm
- Second Fridays @ 1:30 pm
- Historical Fiction Book Club Last Thursdays @ 5:30 pm-6:30 pm

Contact the library for more information.

#### **Children's Programs**

- "Let's Lego" Tuesdays 3-5 pm, drop in and free build! Display your creation at the library
- Wee Play Playgroup, Fridays @ 11 am; drop in the library and connect with other caregivers and make new friends!
- Saturday Stories with Mrs. Brown on the 2nd Saturday of the month @ 10:30 am
- Baby and Me (infant to 18 months) and Toddler Story Time (age 2-4). Fall 2023 date TBA.



#### By Ellen Joly, President

The Fall Festival Committee has been busy making improvements to the Lisbon Community Center (the "barn") at Lisbon Meadows Park. A new and desperately needed roof has been installed; sidewalks and a new entry way are planned for this fall; and new round tables were purchased for use by those renting the Barn. The Barn is open until November 1st for rentals and will open again April 2024. Although the traditional Lisbon Fall Festival will not be taking place this year, the 5k Road Race is! The Road Race is scheduled for Sunday, October 1, 2023 at 10:00 AM. Sponsors include: DiRoma Landscaping, Stilly's, Tulli's Taphouse, Sunfox Campground, Eastern Savings Bank and Winn Waste.

Applications for the Road Race are available here: https://runsignup.com/Race/CT/Lisbon/LisbonFallFestivalRoadRace



#### **WANTED:**

# Market Committee Members And Volunteers!

2023 has been a successful season but we need **YOU** to help keep it that way for future seasons!

All interested parties should email us: farmers\_market@lisbonct.com

Interested in becoming a vendor in 2024?
Visit our website for vendor information
and applications:

https://www.lisbonct.com/farmersmarket-committee

Just a few markets left for the season! We'll be closing after the 9/14/23 market, so don't miss out. We have a great variety of vendors. Save yourself a trip to the store and check out your community market instead! Vegetables, fruit, meats, poultry, eggs, baked goods, preserves, cut flowers, honey and maple syrup, food trucks, ice cream and more. Thursdays 3:30—6:30 at Lisbon Meadows Park, Route 169. See you at the market!



# Lisbon Adult Co-Ed Volleyball



Adult Co-Ed Volleyball will be starting 09/07/2023

Open to all Lisbon Residents at no cost!

Non-Resident Participant fee: \$5/week or \$40 for the season

Location: Lisbon Central School
15 Newent Rd
Lisbon, CT 06351

Thursday evenings from 7pm—9pm
Through 6/6/23

I look forward to meeting you at the net!

For more information or questions, contact:
Rob Rhoades
860.237.1223