



The Lisbon Quarterly

A Newsletter for Lisbon Residents

What to Expect During this Unusual Election Season: An Important Message from the Registrar of Voters



Registrar of Voters

2020 Presidential Preference & State Primary

By Mary Grant, Registrar of Voters

Effects of COVID19 on the 2020 Election Process:

Covid-19 regulations require special emergency procedures. Executive orders will be in place during the 2020 elections.

In-person Voting at the Polls:

Please be aware that there will be new one-way entrance and exit locations at both polling locations with 6ft social distancing between each voter. We are asking all voters to bring a blue or black pen to mark their ballot as well as wear a mask for your own safety.

Absentee Voting:

Absentee Primary Ballots are available to any qualified voter who applies for a Democrat or Republican Primary ballot because of the Covid-19 illness per Executive Order 7QQ. The Absentee Ballot Application will be provided by the Secretary of State or from the Town's website @ <https://www.lisbonct.com/town-clerk/pages/elections>. Your ballot can be returned by mail or deposited in the secure election drop box located at Lisbon Town Hall.

Important Dates:

July 21 – Absentee ballots become available

August 6 – Deadline for new voters and for unaffiliated voters to enroll in a party for voting in its primary. For new voters, mail -in applications must be postmarked or received by the Registrar of Voters by this date. For unaffiliated voters the mail-in application must be received (not merely postmarked) by the Registrar of Voters by this deadline.

August 10 – (12:00 noon deadline) – In-person enrollment deadline for new voters & unaffiliated enrolling in a party.

August 11 – Democratic & Republican Presidential Preference & State Primaries will be held in both districts with polls open from 6:00am-8:00pm.

District 1 voting at Lisbon Town Hall

District 2 voting at Lisbon Senior Center

Town of Lisbon Spring Clean Up



WHEN?

Collection Starts at 7 a.m. on Monday, June 8, 2020

WHERE?

**Acceptable items will be picked up at curbside.
All items must be at the curb by 7 a.m. on June 8, 2020**

WHAT?

Acceptable and Non-Acceptable items are listed below.

Acceptable Items

(Keep different items separate at curb)

- Furniture:** Springs removed, especially from sleeper sofas
- Appliances:** (2 per household) Doors must be removed from refrigerators and freezers.
- Leaves:** In large 30 gallon brown paper leaf bags. No plastic bags.
- Old Wood & Pallets:** (No longer than 3 feet in length)
- Other Metal Items:** (Must be separated from wood and furniture)
- Automobile Tires:** (No tires on rims, no truck or larger tires accepted)

Items NOT Accepted

(These items will not be picked-up)

- NO:** Refuse, Recyclables, Rubble (stone, concrete, brick, construction debris)
- NO:** Household Hazardous Waste
- NO:** Car Parts, Auto Batteries, or Antifreeze: (residents may take these items to the Willimantic W. Paper's Recycling Site on Roode Road in Plainfield).
- NO:** Propane Tanks, or 55 Gallon Drums
- NO:** Contractor, Business, or Industrial Debris
- NO:** Electronics - TVs, Computers, etc.
- NO: Brush -** Brush will not be accepted and chipped at curbside this year for the safety of Lisbon's highway crew. Instead, during the 2 week Spring Clean-up period, residents may bring their brush to the Lisbon Public Works garage located at 486 River Road (Route 12) between the hours of 7 a.m. and 1 p.m. Monday through Friday. (Call Public Works at 860-204-0355 to obtain chipped brush after spring clean-up)

Questions? Please call the Lisbon Town Hall at: 860-376-3400

Town Clerk's Corner

June is Dog License Renewal Month!

By Laurie Tirocchi, Town Clerk

Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic, dog licenses will only be renewed by mail or drop box for the 2020/2021 dog year. All dog tags and licenses will be mailed to you. Per CT Governor's Executive Order 7II, the imposition of the late fee for obtaining a dog license this year has been extended from July 1 to August 1, 2020.



As a resident of Connecticut, it is the law to license your dog yearly through the Town Clerk's office of the Town in which you reside, beginning as soon as the dog has reached the age of 6 months. Newly obtained dogs must be licensed within 30 days of new ownership. In order to license a dog, proof of a current rabies vaccination with expiration date is required and if applicable proof of the dog being spayed or neutered. The fee to register a dog is \$8.00 for a neutered/spayed dog and \$19.00 for an unaltered dog. Please include a copy of any updated rabies certificate, if required. If you have a new dog, please send the dog license application with the necessary supporting documents and payment (The application can be found <https://www.lisbonct.com/town-clerk/pages/dog-licenses>). Dog licenses expire on June 30th of each year. Therefore, license renewals occur yearly in the month of June. If a dog is not registered in a timely fashion, there is a statutory fee of \$1.00 per month assessed. If you have any questions about registering your dog, please contact the Town Clerk's Office at 860-376-2708.

Assessor's Office

Renter's Rebates

By Gail Gwiazdowski, Tax Assessor

Senior or disabled low-income renters may be eligible for a partial rebate of rent and utility bills, excluding telephone and cable. The filing period is April 1 through October 1.

PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR BLIND OR TOTALLY DISABLED PERSONS

Connecticut law provides for a \$3,000 assessment exemption for taxpayers who are legally blind. Proof of the blindness (certification by a qualified medical practitioner) must be presented to the Assessor prior to October 1 in order for the exemption to be applied to that assessment year's tax bill.

Connecticut law also provides for a \$1,000 exemption for totally disabled persons who are receiving benefits under a federal, state or local retirement plan, which contains requirements comparable to those of the Social Security Administration. Proof of disability must be presented to the Assessor prior to October 1 in order for the exemption to be applied to that assessment year's taxes.

Applications for the Renter's Rebate, Blind or Totally Disabled Persons are available at the Assessor's Office. For more information, please call 860-376-5115 or email: assessor@lisbonct.com.

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Board of Finance

2020/2021 Budgets

By Wayne Donaldson, Chairman

The Board of Finance approved the town budget in the amount of \$2,899,519.00 as requested by the First Selectman, and the Board of Education budget of \$9,881,519.00 as requested by the Board of Education. Due to increases in the grand list and other savings we were able to maintain the current mill rate of 23.23 mills with no increase. The Board of Finance is looking for residents to participate as Alternate Members. Interested residents should contact the Board of Finance Chair at:

Lisbon.BOF.Chairman@hotmail.com.

2018/2019 Annual Report

may be found online:

<https://www.lisbonct.com/board-finance>

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, donated library books, to name a few.

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

Farmers' Market

COVID-19 and the 2020 Market Season

It is with great disappointment that the Lisbon Farmers' Market Committee must inform all market goers that the 2020 market season will not be held due to the restrictions caused by COVID-19. Aside from the obvious health and safety concerns for market visitors, vendors and volunteers at this time, the guidelines set forth by the State of Connecticut and Department of Agriculture would have caused undue hardship on the five committee members who selflessly run the market each week.

The Farmers' Market Committee is currently searching for new Committee members and volunteers. Members should be willing to attend monthly meetings throughout the year to make decisions affecting the market. Members should also be willing to be present at the market, to help set up vendors and monitor the market. The Lisbon Farmers' Market is held each Thursday, 2:30 PM—7:00 PM, from late June through late September, at Lisbon Meadows Park. Other duties would include year-long promotion of the market and searching for qualified vendors well in advance of each new season. If you have the drive and energy to keep the Lisbon Farmers' Market going as a vital part of the Community, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the Clerk to the Boards for more information:

ejoseph@lisbonct.com.

Want to support our Market vendors, even while the market is closed? Visit the Lisbon Farmers' Market Facebook page regularly for posts and contact information of your favorite vendors, throughout this growing season!



@lisbonfarmersmarket

Trail Committee

Burnham Tavern Trail Update

By Joe Lewerk, TC Chairman

Before all the leaves burst out on the Burnham Tavern Trail property, Trail Committee volunteers were busy improving one particularly soggy length of trail with multiple loads of woodchips. Some work remains to smooth out the trail at various locations and continuous maintenance will be required, but the Tavern Trail is essentially complete. Please enjoy the trail through passive means from the access point at the 62 Kimball Road parking area or from the trailhead opposite Strawberry Fields on North Burnham Highway. Report any maintenance or safety issues to the town hall.



By Cheryle Joly, Chairperson, Fall Festival Committee

As of this time the Community Center is closed. No new reservations are being accepted.

Due to COVID-19 and the restrictions put upon us, there will be no Fall Festival in September and no Road Race.

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>

Lisbon Central School

By Melissa Krauss, Chairperson, Board of Education

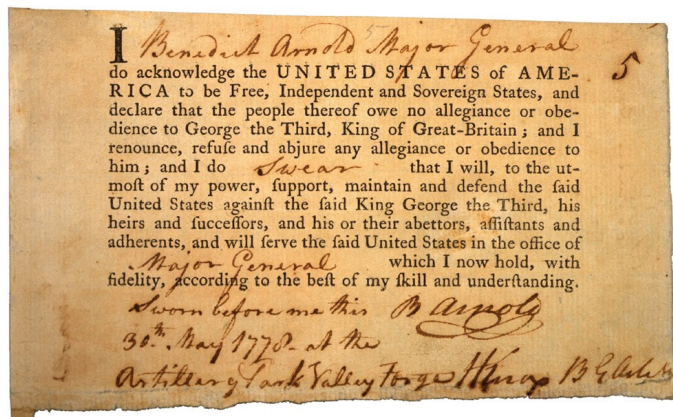
What a strange trip it's been during these last few months of school. Our teachers and staff have been working remotely with our students and our administrative staff has been working overtime to make sure we are up to date with daily guide line changes. We are excited to hold a graduation of a different kind this year for our eighth graders. A "drive through" ceremony will be held on the afternoon of June 12th.

We are proud of all of our eighth grade and high school graduates. We wish you much success in the future!

From The History Books

By Marcia Shafer, Lisbon Town Historian

The Process of Emigration



When an emigrant comes to America or goes to another country, they need to have a conditional authorization that allows them to enter the country of choice. This is called a Visa or a Passport and it allows them to enter, remain in and/or leave the particular country or territory. Some give them the right to work in that country.

A Tourist Visa is good for 10 years and then a new passport must be obtained before the expiration date. Renewal of the passport is easier as the original form does not have to be redone as long as the information is all the same

A Green Card allows a non-US citizen to provide proof of lawful permanent resident status and gives authorization to live and work anywhere in the United States. It must be renewed every 10 years.

Naturalization is the process of granting citizenship, privileges, and responsibilities to foreign born immigrants. The USA creates records about the immigrant seeking to become an American citizen. Naturalization in the colonies required being a resident in the colonies for a set number of years. Each colony had its own length of time: two years to 14 years depending on what year a person sought their naturalization. There were 3 types of naturalization:

1-Denization where land could be bought or sold but any heirs could not inherit the land. This person was allowed to vote but not hold public office. 2-During the colonial period a type of naturalization was done by renouncing all former country loyalties and the immigrant was granted full privileges by an Oath of Allegiance.

3-Collective Citizenship was used for a group of people without any supporting documents being created. This Collective Citizenship occurred in 1776 with all those living in the US except native Americans and Africans. The first naturalization law was enacted in 1790.

A Declaration of Intention was needed to renounce allegiance to their foreign government and also to prove they lived in the country long enough to apply for citizenship. A Petition for Citizenship could not be filed until a lapse of 2-3 years after the Declaration of Intention was filed. The document was to be filed in a court nearest to where the immigrant settled. At this time an Oath of Allegiance was also signed to pledge Allegiance to the US and sign a written oath. When all the requirements were completed, the immigrant was sworn in as a citizen and issued a Certificate of Citizenship or Certificate of Naturalization.

In 1906 the INS (Immigration and Naturalization Services) became known as United States Citizenship and Immigration Services. A Certificate of Arrival was required to when they petitioned for citizenship.

The documentation used for most of this article came from the United States Naturalization and Citizenship site on the internet. It has a considerable amount of information regarding naturalization with lists of the process, record types to use, websites with on line records and research sources. The Census Records of 1900, 1910, 1920, and 1930 ask the year an immigrant arrived in the US. The 1920 census record asks if the person was naturalized.

At the present time the cost for the Naturalization application is \$640.00. <https://www.uscis.gov/us-citizenship/citizenship-through-naturalization>.



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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.

Burnham Tavern Update: Closing in the ell is nearly complete. The new foundation, planking, sill, beams and girts are securing that part of the building. During construction, the restoration carpenter noticed a peculiar joining of wood to the main house and very dissimilar choices of wood for the sill, frames, beams roofline, and the sill between the house and ell. Further research will determine if this wood was taken from an earlier structure on the same footprint. We have finally secured a plan to re-roofing the Tavern with traditional wood shingles our hope to schedule work to start in September. At the same time, we will make certain the chimney is in order so the new roof will be secure around it. Therefore, the mason we used for the two recent foundation repairs has looked at the chimney and has a plan to repair, repoint, and replace bricks and the flashing around it.

Agricultural endeavors are in full swing, the cornfields have been fertilized, and those fields not in production have been mowed. The milkweed field is off to a slow start this year, but we are hopeful that is only weather related.

John Bishop House Update: The carriage shed is scheduled to be resealed and the window trim painted. The original front doors rebuild and appropriate hardware installation are still on the to-do list as soon as our carpenter is available.

Cans and Bottles: Although all the redemption centers remain closed and our revenue stream is at a standstill 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.

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.



FREE Adult Education Programs

Did you know that *Norwich Regional Adult Education (NRAE)* offers **FREE** day and evening classes? We serve residents from the school districts of Norwich, Bozrah, East Lyme, Franklin, Ledyard, Lisbon, North Stonington, Preston, Salem, Sprague, Stonington, and Voluntown. Whether it's obtaining a high school diploma, preparing for the GED® exam, learning *English as a Second Language*, or *Citizenship Preparation*, NRAE has a variety of programs to help you take the next step to your future! In addition to our Norwich location, we also offer programs at Stonington High School and East Lyme High School, including high school completion programs and English as a Second Language classes. Distance learning is also available!

English as a Second Language Program ⇒

Learn how to read, write, and speak English at any level. Day and evening classes are available.

Adult Basic Education (ABE) ⇒ Academic preparation for adults to improve reading, writing, & math skills.

Citizenship Preparation ⇒ Class content includes American history and government, civic participation, and practice with the 100 naturalization questions.

We offer three different pathways for earning a high school diploma:

Adult High School Diploma Program ⇒ Adults gain credits toward finishing their high school diploma by attending day or evening classes.

GED® Program ⇒ We are a GED® testing site and offer *GED® Test Preparation & Academic Preparation* classes.

National External Diploma Program (NEDP) ⇒ This portfolio-based program is recommended for adults who are highly motivated and self-directed, have occupational skills, and have acquired life experience.

Continuing Education Courses and Day Trips for Fall

In addition to our academic program, NRAE also offers a great variety of continuing education / enrichment courses and day trips. Classes include areas such as: Culinary, Cake Decorating, Arts & Crafts, Fitness, Spanish, Financial Literacy, Health & Wellness, and much more! These courses offer a great opportunity to meet new people and socialize with friends - all while learning something new! Keep watching our website for our new fall offerings! You can find our course catalog online at:

www.NorwichPublicSchools.org/register-adult-ed.

For more information on any of our programs, please call 860.823.4299.

Check us out online at

<https://www.norwichpublicschools.org/norwich-regional-adult-education>

Registration is ongoing.



Slater Library is currently closed to the public, but until we open again, please take advantage of the following available services:

For those needing WiFi, Slater Patron Temporary WiFi is open access during this time of isolation. Please feel free to use the WiFi outside the library or in your vehicle. If you need a library card or need to have your library card renewed to access our online books, email (slaterlibrary@yahoo.com) or call and leave a message (860) 376-0024 and Becky will contact you to renew your card or to issue you a 3-month temporary library card.

Online resources available to Slater Library patrons:

Download the Libby app with your valid library card for access to e-books and audiobooks on your phone or tablet.

*Newly added to our platform of e-books and audiobooks is the "Simply E". Download the app and check out the list of new titles available through the Connecticut State Library's e-GO platform. This platform provides patrons more than 18,000 more books and is part of the New York Public Library system.

The following resources do not require a library card. These are some free resources that are available right now:

RBdigital: The state uses RBdigital for e-Books and Audiobooks. "Connecticut Residents: For access to RBdigital without a library card please use the following access code when registering: ctstatelib20".

Children's Corner:

We miss you all at Slater Library, but being apart doesn't mean that we can't stay connected! One way to stay in touch is to join us on the Slater Fox Trail! Print a picture of Slater Fox (below) and take him with you on your social distancing adventures! Snap a picture of Slater Fox at a location or with you doing something fun. Parents can share the pictures with us via our email: slaterlibrary@yahoo.com and we will share to our Facebook page. If you don't have a printer and would like to pick up a hard copy of Slater Fox, drop by the library. Copies will be available under the fox rock near the front entrance.