



The Lisbon Quarterly

A Newsletter for Lisbon Residents

An Important Message from the Tax Assessor's Office

Supplemental Motor Vehicle Bills will be sent out in late December for all vehicles registered at DMV between October 2nd, 2018 and August of 2019. These bills are calculated based on the number of months of ownership within that timeframe. Assessment credit for the prior ownership of another vehicle on the same license plate is also deducted, if applicable. Motor Vehicle values are obtained primarily by using NADA "clean retail" values published annually. For specialty vehicles, other valuation guides may be used. With proof of vehicle disposal and proof of plate cancellation, motor vehicle assessments may be prorated to the last month of ownership. All other changes to motor vehicle assessments, including mileage and condition adjustments, must be presented to the Board of Assessment Appeals.

Real Estate Assessment Notices for all properties where the assessment has increased by over \$100 will be mailed out between December and February. Properties that have had permit or other work done recently or had changes in land size by deed or survey are typically the properties to see such an increase. Information will be included in the notice on how to review the changes with the Assessor and/or appeal final values to the Board of Assessment Appeals in Spring of 2020.

Personal Property Assessment Notices for all business and personal property will be mailed between February and March 2020. This notice will include the statutory 25% assessment penalty for non-filed/late/incomplete accounts. Business property is priced new and then depreciated on a schedule approved by the State of CT Office of Policy & Management.

Unregistered motor vehicles such as campers, farm and work trucks, construction & farming equipment, vehicles registered elsewhere that are stored in Lisbon, ATV's and other recreational vehicles may also be classified as personal property and valued using the same standards as motor vehicles but may not be prorated for disposal within the tax year. The Board of Assessment Appeals will hear assessment change requests on personal property in Spring 2020.

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Town Clerk's Corner

Lisbon Boards Seeking Members

There are a number of Committees and Boards that have vacancies that need to be filled. If you are interested in any of the positions currently available, please contact the Selectman's Office at 860-376-3400 for more information. Below is a list of Boards currently looking to fill vacancies:

Board of Finance

The Board of Finance meets every third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 PM at Lisbon Town Hall. There are currently three vacancies for alternates.

Planning and Zoning Commission

The Planning and Zoning Commission is held every first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in Lisbon Town Hall. There is currently a vacancy for one alternate.

Zoning Board of Appeals

The Zoning Board of Appeals meets every Fourth Tuesday of the month at 7:15 PM, in Lisbon Town Hall. There is currently one vacancy for an alternate.

Water Pollution Control Authority

The Lisbon WPCA is currently looking to fill one vacancy position. The WPCA meets every first Thursday of the month, 7:00 PM at Lisbon Town Hall.

Farmers' Market Committee

The Lisbon Farmers' Market Committee meets every third Thursday of the month, at 7:00 PM in the Lisbon Town Hall. The Committee currently has an opening for one alternate. The Committee seeks energetic members to help make decisions affecting the market.

Recreation Committee

The Recreation Committee has an opening for two new Committee members. The Recreation Committee is responsible for bringing the different sports programs, trips and other activities to our town residents. It is also responsible for overseeing the maintenance of the trails and ball fields at Lisbon Meadows Park.

If you have any questions, contact the Town Clerk's Office: 860-376-2708.

Important Voter Information

2020 Presidential Primary — Important Deadlines

January 28, 2020—Deadline for enrolled party members to transfer enrollment from one party to the other, for voting in their "New" party's presidential primary.

March 14, 2020—Absentee ballots for military and overseas voters become available (45 day ballot).

April 7, 2020—Absentee Ballots become available.

April 23, 2020—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 Registrar of Voters or voter registration agency, by this date. For unaffiliated voters, the mail-in application must be received (not merely postmarked) by the Registrar of Voters by this deadline. (See exception below for in-person enrollment).

April 27, 2020—In-person enrollment deadline, for new voters and unaffiliated voters enrolling in a party in person at Town Hall, for voting in a primary.

April 28, 2020—Presidential Preference Primary. Polls open 6 AM to 8 PM.

2019 Municipal Elections Results

Congratulations to the winners of the Nov 5th Election

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| • First Selectman | Thomas Sparkman |
| • Selectman | Robert Browne, Bill Surfus |
| • Treasurer | Chris Maynard |
| • Tax Collector | Gail Izbicki |
| • Board of Finance | Thomas Wakely |
| • Board of Education | Lauren Baah, Jenny Danburg, Judy Jencks |
| • Board of Assessment Appeals | Steve Beck, Susan Hull |
| • Planning & Zoning Commission | Randy Brown, Ben Hull
Jason Lebel, Tim Minor |
| • Planning & Zoning Alternate | Gary Ritacco |
| • Zoning Board of Appeals | Steve Beck, Robert Jencks |
| • Constables | Steve Beck, Trevor Danburg
Jason Lebel |

Farmers' Market

A Message from the Market Manager

By Amanda Moreno, Market Manager

- Although it is winter, and the market is in "hibernation", the Committee members are far from asleep! The Lisbon Farmers' Market actively researches new vendors this time of year, in the hopes of recruiting them for the upcoming season. It is hoped that by February or March, we have a good handle on who will be joining us, and on what days. By May, the Market should have everyone in place for opening day at the end of June. If you or someone you know is a local or regional (CT Grown) farmer, crafter, food truck, or other food producer, please let them know about us! For more information about the Market and to download an application form, go to the Farmers' Market Committee page on the Lisbon Town website: <https://www.lisbonct.com/farmers-market-committee>. Any other questions may be directed to Amanda Moreno, Market Manager by email: lisbonfarmersmarket@gmail.com or by phone 860-917-4158. Or, you may call the Town Hall at 860-376-3400

Senior Center

Senior Center Trips

- * December 9 – Trip to Log Cabin for Carpenter's tribute show
- * December 16 – Trip to Yankee Candle/Forest Park Lights/Cracker Barrel
- * December 22 – Trip to Newport Playhouse – "A Christmas Cactus"

Senior Center Specials

- * December 5 – Blowout Bingo
- * December 6 – Paint Night w/Nicole
- * December 20 – Winter Breakfast
- * Closed December 25 & 26, January 1
- * January 3 – Red Cross Blood Drive
- * January 8 – Foot Clinic
- * January 14 – Club Lisbon with Jose Paulo
- * January 22 – Shepherd Pie special
- * January 31 – Meat Loaf special

Call the Senior Center 860-376-2329 to make your reservation for trips, or for more information about the Senior Center Specials.

Slater Library

December 2019:

- Make-a-Craft Mondays @ 4pm; for ages 6 and up. Drop in and make a craft for yourself or for your holiday gift-giving!
- December 2nd: Holiday Trivet
- December 9th: Cornstarch Clay Ornament
- December 16th: Snowy Glass Jar
- Saturday Stories with Miss Gen meets the first Saturday of the month. December 7th @ 11 am. For ages 6 and under; siblings are welcome!
- Wee Play; Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Open playgroup with a craft; drop-in, no sign-up required.
- Winter Wonderland Lego Time! December 27th and 28th during library hours. Drop-in and create a winter-inspired masterpiece!

January 2020:

- Saturday Stories with Miss Gen meets the first Saturday of the month. January 4th @ 11 am. For ages 6 and under; siblings are welcome!

- Toddler Story Time for ages 2-4, Wednesdays @ 9:30 am, January 15th – March 18th. Sign-up is required and begins January 6th for Griswold and Lisbon residents; all others may sign up as space allows.
- Wee Play; Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Open playgroup with a craft; drop-in, no sign-up required.

February 2020:

- Saturday Stories with Miss Gen meets the first Saturday of the month. February 1st 11 am. For ages 6 and under; siblings are welcome!
- Wee Play; Wednesdays at 10:30 am. Open playgroup with a craft; drop-in, no sign-up required.
- Take Your Child to the Library Day, February 8th, @ 11 am - Join us for "Purple Crayon Day!", with a reading of *Harold and the Purple Crayon* followed by a Harold-inspired craft. Participants will receive a their own copy of *Harold and the Purple Crayon* to bring home!
- American Girl Tea, February 15th @ 2 pm for ages 4-10. Signup is required.
- Save the date for the Dr. Seuss Birthday Party! Saturday, March 7th 12:30 – 1:30 pm.



LISBON FIRE DEPARTMENT

Annual Santa Parade

GIFT DROP OFF

DECEMBER 5TH, 5:30-9PM OR ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH BY 2PM

Fri. Dec. 6th at 4:30PM

138 to River Rd.
 Bushnell Road
 Ross Hill Road Ext.
 Sylvandale Road
 River Rd. (1 - 225)
 Lee Road
 Dogwood Drive
 Kanahan Road
 Mell Road
 Blueberry Lane
 Ames Road
 Preston Allen Road
 Kendall Road
 Kendall Road Ext.
 Strnad Road
 Kenyon Road
 McNeeley Road
 Versailles Road
 Paper Mill Road
 Allen Road
 Kinsman Hill Road Ext
 Town House Road

Sat. Dec. 7th at 3:30PM

138 towards Ross Hill
 Ross Hill Road
 Bayberry Lane
 Strawberry Fields
 Phillips Road
 N. Burnham Hwy (500 - 198)
 Oak Drive
 Meadowbrook Cir.
 Kimball Road
 Kimball Heights
 Rex Road
 Baron Road
 Regina Drive
 Sullivan Road
 Gavin Way
 Westminster Road
 Inland Road
 Kinsman Hill Road
 N. Burnham Hwy (198-1)
 Autumn View Drive
 Lisbon Heights

Sun. Dec. 8th at 3:30PM

S. Burnham Hwy to Mell Rd
 Barber Farm Road
 River Rd (225 - 689)
 Round Hill Court
 Tunnel Hill Rd
 Tunnel Hill Court
 Lower Blissville Rd
 Ice House Rd
 Blissville Rd
 John St
 Jurewicz St
 Nora St
 Graham Terrace
 James St
 Bundy Hill
 Lisbon Mobile Park
 Remik Rd
 School House Rd
 Club House Rd
 Ethel Acres
 Laurier Lane
 Rocky Hollow Rd
 South Burnham to Fire House

For Additional Information or Questions Please Contact

Lisbon Firehouse 860-376-2558

Matt Babcock 860-608-5044

Mike Gallagher 860-334-9344

From The History Books

By Marcia Shafer, Lisbon Town Historian

The Angel Gabriel and the Great Colonial Hurricane

Do you know where your family originally came from? When and why did they come to this country? Did they land along the eastern coast after a long sea voyage? Or did they come by train, wagon, or even airplane? Was the incentive to come here based on economic or political reasons? Were your ancestors among the very rich, or the very poor?

One of the first ships to land in the New World with people who eventually settled in Lisbon, Connecticut, was documented in a book entitled "The wreck of the Angel Gabriel in 1635". The Angel Gabriel was a 240-ton galleon. She was very similar to the Mayflower, but eighteen feet longer. Captain Robert Andrews of Norwich, England, was owner and master of the ship.

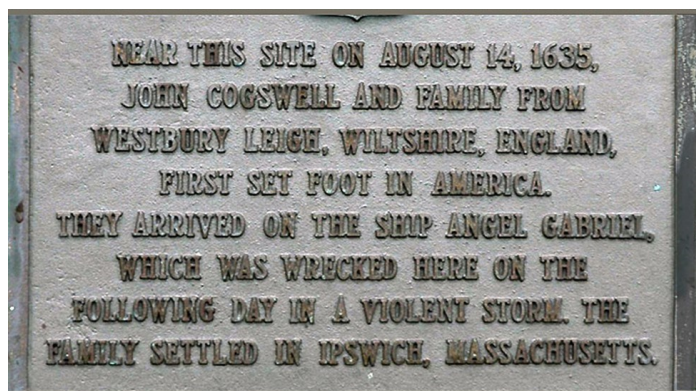
Sailing from Bristol, England, on June 4, 1635, the Angel Gabriel, in a ramada with four other ships (the James, the Elizabeth (Bess), the Mary and the Diligence), reached Pemaquid Point, Maine on August 14, 1635. She made anchor and set ashore many of the passengers for the night. A storm later known as "The Great Colonial Hurricane" struck the area and the Angel Gabriel was torn from her anchors and destroyed. According to the ship's log of the James and the journal of Increase Mather, whose father Richard Mather and family were on the James, the following was recorded: "At this moment,... their lives were given up for lost; but then, in an instant of time, God turned the wind about, which carried them from the rocks of death before their eyes. ...her (James) sails rent in sunder, and split in pieces, as if they had been rotten ragges..."

All who were left aboard the Angel Gabriel for the night had perished. The survivors who had been put ashore that night eventually departed Pemaquid for towns in northeastern Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire. Although searches have been conducted for the wreck, no physical evidence of the ship has yet been found. The smaller, faster ships, the Mary, the Bess, and the Diligence, had managed to outrun the storm, and landed in Newfoundland on 15 August 1635. All one hundred-plus passengers aboard the James

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In August 2010, many of these descendants gathered to dedicate a bronze plaque at Colonial Pemaquid commemorating the wreck of the Angel Gabriel on its 375th Anniversary.



NORWICH REGIONAL Adult Education

BUILDING BRIGHT FUTURES

Did you know that *Norwich Regional Adult Education (NRAE)* offers **FREE** classes for Lisbon residents age 17 and older? We serve residents 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.

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 Allows adults to 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 diploma 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 Spring 2020

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, Dance & Fitness, Spanish, Financial Literacy, Excel, Sign Language and much more! These courses offer a great opportunity to meet new people and socialize with friends - all while learning something new!

Registration for our spring offerings will begin in January, so watch your mail for the Norwich Regional Adult Education course brochure. You can also find our course catalog online at:

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

Registration is ongoing. For more information, please call 860-823-4299.



LISBON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Lisbon Historical Society Quarterly Notes

By Kim Sperry

Save the Date: Winter Open House: Saturday, December 7.
Open house, hearth cooking, and much more!

Burnham Tavern Update: Ken Mahler reports that inspection of the girt between the attic and second floor reveal no problems requiring repair or restoration. This is very good news and a cost savings for the overall project. Ken also reports that the leaks in the roof have been patched just in time for winter weather. Restoration on the ell in the back of the house is scheduled for the winter months, as this is an interior project.

John Bishop House Update: The front and north side of the John Bishop House was painted as scheduled. The next project is to rebuild the original exterior door.

Anshei Israel Synagogue: Open by request; call Paula Adams, 860-887-8052 to make an appointment.

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. Opportunities exist to put your administrative talents to use as we elect officers to fill the positions of President, Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary annually. Every winter we host a bash to thank our members and others who support us throughout the year. At \$5.00 a year, membership dues make it possible for everyone to sign on. Come to a business meeting on the second Friday of the month in the Lisbon Town Hall, 7:00 p.m. Call President Paula Adams at 860-887-8052 to talk membership, or chat with us at the can and bottle shed if you are curious about membership.

Cans and Bottles: Many thanks go out to contributors to our can and bottle redemption program. Ken Mahler, who administers and organizes the can and bottle program, says that as

long as CT is somewhere on the label, the bottle, or can is redeemable. Poland Springs water bottles with the red strip around the label, Gatorade, Snapple, tea beverages, wine bottles, plastic milk jugs, and all others that do not have CT in the list of states are recyclable and should be disposed of in your home blue bin for weekly pickup. 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.

Brrr, the days are short, and with frosty winds, winter is upon us. Did you know that the oldest pair of ice skates known, dating back to about 3000 B.C., was found at the bottom of a lake in Switzerland. During the Middle Ages, both men and women skated on the canals of the Netherlands and the first skating club was established in Edinburgh in 1742.

The 19th century saw the introduction of the sports of speed and figure skating. In 1848 E. W. Bushnell of Philadelphia, PA invented the first all iron ice skate that could be clipped onto a boot and in 1865, famous American skater, Jackson Haines developed the two plate all metal blade. Leather heel skates on were found in the JBH attic and a pair of badly corroded skates were unearthed while excavating the carriage shed foundation.

Keep abreast on upcoming events, open houses, cooking classes, and Burnham Tavern updates by visiting our Facebook page and lisbonhistoricalct.org

WINTER PARKING BANS

The Winter Parking Ban is in effect for Town-owned roads and is enforced when the weather is expected to be hazardous for vehicles. Any vehicle found parked on Lisbon Town roads during the ban may be towed at the owner's expense.



SOARING OVER THE LAST GREEN VALLEY: UPDATE ON LOCAL BALD EAGLES

December 3, 2019

Slater Library @ 6:30pm

An Adult/Teen Topic

The Last Green Valley National Heritage Corridor has the perfect habitat for bald eagles. This program presented by Chief Ranger, Bill Reid revisits the history of our national symbol and describes the unique characteristics of this majestic creature. Over the past decade eagles have been returning to the region and nesting along our rivers and lakes. This update on the local population will let you know where to look! Join us and learn TLGV is doing to assist in monitoring nests and the statewide midwinter eagle survey.

To reserve a seat for this event please visit Slater Library at 26 Main St. in Jewett City
or call 860-376-0024.

Tuesday Topics are brought to you with funding from
"Friends of Slater Library"

Lisbon Recreation Committee
Ski and Snowboard Club 2020

Mount Snow

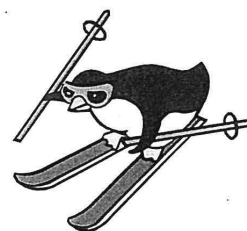
One Cool Mountain

One Hot Deal!

Two Sunday Trips:

January 26, 2020

February 23, 2020



***Transportation by Deluxe Motor-coach**

Lisbon residents, act quickly to reserve a seat on the bus!

NO REFUNDS IF YOU CANCEL WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE TRIP

Participants are also welcome to drive themselves

**Sponsored by the Lisbon Recreation Committee*

Cost for two trips:

	Full Mountain Lift Ticket 2 days	Rental (Ski or SB) 2 days	Group Lessons 2 days
Adult (19 +)	\$100	\$76	\$85
Age 18 and under and Seniors	\$85	\$56	\$85
Helmet Rental (2 days)		\$20	

Or

Beginners package – ages **13 - adult**	LOWER MOUNTAIN LIFT TICKET	RENTALS INCLUDED	GROUP LESSONS INCLUDED	\$105 2 days
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Payment due by Friday, December 20, 2019

Bus Departs: 6:00 AM from Lisbon Central School

Bus Returns: 8:30 PM to Lisbon Central School

Call Steve Brown at 860-917-0781 for details or

email at sbrownshu@gmail.com

See next page for more details

All payments must be finalized and form (below) turned into the **Lisbon Town Hall Recreation Department mailbox**
or given directly to Steve Brown!

	Lift Ticket Full Mountain 2 days		Rental (Ski or SB) 2 days		Group Lessons (Ages 12+)		Beginners Pkg 2 days		Grand Total
Age	Price	Qty	Price	Qty	Price	Qty	Price	Qty	
Adult (19 +)	\$100		\$76		\$85		\$105		
Under 18 and seniors	\$85		\$56		\$85		\$105		
Helmet rental			\$20						
	Sub Total		Sub Total		Sub Total		Sub Total		

☐ We will be riding on the bus. # riding _____

☐ We will not be riding on the bus, but will drive ourselves

Make checks payable to Lisbon Recreation Committee

Payment due by Friday, December 20, 2019

NO REFUNDS IF YOU CANCEL WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF THE TRIP

Names of people attending ski trips:

1. _____ age _____ 2. _____ age _____
3. _____ age _____ 4. _____ age _____
5. _____ age _____ 6. _____ age _____

Contact phone number(s): _____

Parent Authorization – Medical Release Form for under 18 AND without parent

In case of emergency, if family physician can not be reached, I hereby authorize _____ to
be treated by another physician who is available.

Date _____ Signed _____

Emergency phone number _____

Name of Family Physician _____

Phone Number _____

**All students not accompanied by an adult must have the following medical release form filled out and returned to Mr. Brown.

If possible, please send copy of insurance card

Your payment reserves your seat on the bus, which is limited to 55
seats (first come first serve)

- 5th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult
 - Food is available at the lodge but you are welcome to bring your own
- *****

Call Steve Brown at 860-917-0781/ sbrownshu@gmail.com for details

Act Quickly!!! Space on the Bus is Limited!!!

Or feel free to drive yourself and still get a great deal!