

January 3, 2023

Subject: Application for LYME FIRE COMPANY inclusion on Customer Ballot for 2023 Essex Savings Bank Community Investment Program.

Question:

How does Lyme Fire Company benefit and/or assist low- and moderate-income families and individuals?

Response:

The Lyme Fire Company is an all-volunteer community-based organization. The mission of the Lyme Fire Company is to provide for the safety and health of the Town of Lyme as well as surrounding communities (Old Lyme, Old Saybrook, Essex, and Deep River) through emergency services (including mutual aid for surrounding towns when called upon), fire prevention, and public education. Lyme Fire Company works with local private/public organizations including the Lyme Ambulance Association, Lyme Emergency Operations Center (mitigation of natural/man-made disasters), the Hamburg Fair Association (education booth at the annual fair), Lyme Veterans Committee, the Lyme Garden Club and Lyme School system (fire prevention education). The Lyme Fire Company is also the official sponsor of Lyme Boy Scout Troop #26.

Every year the Fire Company sponsors two large community events, the Annual Steak Dinner serving over 500 steak dinners and Breakfast with Santa for up to 200 families. Special events such as celebration of life memorial services for deceased town residents are often held at Hamburg station. During weather-related emergency situations, the Fire Company opens Hamburg and Hadlyme fire stations for public use (rest rooms, showers, kitchen facilities and shelter) by all members of the community, especially senior citizens and other town residents with limited resources. The Fire company maintains an awareness of residents with power sensitive, at-home medical equipment.

Any money the Lyme Fire Company receives through the Essex Savings Bank Community Investment Program will be applied to training new members to better serve the Town of Lyme as well as surrounding communities. Training will improve the ability of Lyme Fire Company to provide emergency services in addition to serving as a resource for town residents in particular low- or moderate-income individuals, disabled individuals and senior citizens.

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