

## **History of Rogers Lake West Shores Association, Inc.**

Rogers Lake West Shores Association is a State Chartered Association operating as a municipality within the Towns of Lyme and Old Lyme.

The purposes of the Association are to benefit and promote, by united action, the common interests of the property owners and residents of the Rogers Lake West Shores Communities.

The communities of Rogers Lake West Shores include the land, bordering on the west shore of Rogers Lake, the territorial limits being specified in House Bill No. 5264, Charter 2, Section 3 and 4, enacted by the Senate and the House of Representatives of the State of Connecticut, May 31, 1937. All rules, regulations and laws governing the Association are included in the House Bill.

In 1927, the Rogers Lake Tennis Club was organized. Property owners became members upon the purchase of property in Rogers Lake West Shores. On July 31, 1937, the property owners organized the Rogers Lake West Shores Association, Inc. having obtained a state charter, through the House of Representatives, Bill No. 954, on May 31, 1937.

The first meeting of the Rogers Lake West Shores Association was held on August 7, 1937. Taxes were first levied as of July 1, 1938. The initial tax rate set by the Association was 5 mills. This rate carried on through 1939. The present tax rate is 1 mill.

The property on which our Rogers Lake Community Center is located and was deeded to the Association by the Rogers Lake Tennis Club on September 17, 1938. At that time there was a log cabin clubhouse located on the property which was destroyed by fire in 1945.

The residents and property owners built the present Community Center. Our West Shore people, men and women alike contributed many hours of labor. They who labored set us examples of community concern and certainly a challenge to do our share in the continued maintenance of property and community programs. The Community Center was dedicated on August 29, 1959.

The Rogers Lake West Shores Women's Auxiliary was organized in January 1958 to support the Association in its endeavors and as a social organization to promote friendship. This group, made up of women from Rogers Lake West Shores, both property owners and other residents, originally met in members' home and planned projects to make money for equipment to be used in the Community Center. Some of the first items to be purchased by the Women's

Auxiliary included chairs and large tables to be used at the Center. The Auxiliary is currently inactive, but can be reactivated if there is enough interest.