**An important message concerning voting procedures**

Dear GNHA Member,

**Who are the voters?**

Only those specifically named on the deed recorded at the East Lyme Town Hall, are eligible to vote and will be given a ballot. *If you are a property owner whose name is not listed (such as those in a partnership or trust), please be advised that proof of ownership – i.e., the deed to the property - must be presented to the registration desk to receive a voting ballot.*

More specifically, If the East Lyme Grand List has ownership on your property listed as:

* ‘et al’ - the deed is the only proof of all specific owners who receive ballots
* Trust - the trustee is the voter who receives a ballot. If there are more than one trustee for a Trust that owns property, only one ballot will be distributed to the one trustee authorized to vote at the Annual Meeting. Proof that the trustee is the authorized one to vote should be presented at the time the ballot is requested.
* Corporation or LLC - there is 1 ballot distributed for the property, which will be given to the authorized member or corporate officer of the corporation or LLC authorized to vote at the Annual Meeting. Proof that the person is the authorized member or corporate officer should be presented at the time the ballot is requested.

**What’s the voting process?**

Once again at this year’s Election Meeting, property owners will be registered to vote and given a ballot upon arriving at the Clubhouse. Given that some property owners may wish to be accompanied by non-property owners, we will allow interested non-property owners to attend. *As in federal, state and municipal elections, please bring proper identification.*However, any voice votes taken at the meeting will also require property owners to raise their ballot in the air for counting. This will ensure that only property owners are voting on GNHA issues.

Finally, during the election of governors, property owners will be required to submit their completed ballot in accordance with our verbal instructions. If anyone holding a ballot wishes to leave our annual meeting prior to voting, their blank ballot must be returned to a member of the registration staff before departing.

We will try our best to register voters in the most efficient way possible, and your prompt arrival will help ensure this outcome. On behalf of the Board of Governors, thank you in advance for your cooperation with these procedures.