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Upon retirement, Pat Butler moved to Waterford with her husband, Jack, to fulfill his life-long dream to live near the water. Pat has had two careers. She was an instructor of writing and English for 20 years, and then she entered the financial planning field. The job was also one of teaching – one on one with people who needed direction and assistance in reaching their financial goals. Pat says, "I have always been a planner, and I found managing money easy. It was surprising to find out how difficult this is for many others". Eventually, Pat's company offered her a regional position to train other advisors, so she spent six years on the road traveling to offices from Maine to Tennessee. She gave dozens of presentations to clients of advisors during that time – the largest was to 1,000 people at Mohegan Sun!

After working for so many years, Pat was happy to retire and find time to volunteer. She learned about Main Street through an opportunity posted to www.volunteermatch.org and immediately got involved writing newsletter articles and press releases. She joined the Board of Directors in 2008. Pat enjoys helping where she can, especially in the areas of grant writing and development. She says, "I guess I am eager to see the organization with a healthy bottom line".

Pat likes to work behind the scenes, but she does enjoy attending the food strolls and helping at event hospitality tables.

"New London Main Street is making a difference! Jack and I love the diverse restaurant choices and the feeling of revival in the air. It's an uphill battle, but one that is well worth doing."

In her spare time, Pat enjoys overseeing the survival of some orchids, herbs and flowers that live with her! She has been blessed with an amazing group of friends who meet regularly as a book club/dinner gang. She says that she plays lousy bridge, but has three fellow players who indulge her, and they always have a good time. They never remember who wins!

We thank Pat for her dedication and willingness to pitch in wherever needed!