

Basic Detail Report



Title Interview with Janice Lamb

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Description (a) Interview with Janice Lamb. Interviewed by Peter Moran on

August 11, 2022 at the Stonington Historical Society. (b) Photograph of Janice

Lamb taken at her interview. She was interviewed as part of the Connecticut

Historical Society's Community History Project discussing her experience during

the COVID-19 Pandemic. At the time of the interview Janice worked at

Stonington High School. She has two adult children. Her son has Spina Bifida

and is on the Autism spectrum and her daughter attends West Point Military

Academy. Janice went into detail about how COVID affected her son's life,

since he is disabled. She discusses changes to his schooling, nursing, daily

schedule, therapy, and the impact of COVID on his physical, mental, and

emotional well-being. Janice also discussed the family's concern that her son

would get COVID and the measures they took to protect him while family

members were sick. Janice shared details of her daughter's school schedule

and experiences as a college student during the pandemic. She also shared

details of her mother's lifestyle while living in a retirement community during

COVID. As an employee at Stonington High School, Janice was initially worried

about not being paid during the pandemic if the school shut down. She was an

hourly employee and worked as the Career Center and Senior Project

Coordinator. Janice shared stories about working with students at polls during

the 2020 presidential election, having to arrange interviews between local

reporters and high school students about the 2020 election and the January 6,

2021 insurrection, and students' feeling about mask mandates in schools.

Janice knew a Pfizer employee who was working on the vaccine and received

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updates about it from her friend. Janice did receive a vaccine and had faith that the people working on the vaccine were “brilliant scientists.” She did contract COVID after receiving the first vaccine. Janice described the precautions she and her friends took while traveling during the pandemic. She also discussed how she was able to stay physically and socially active with friends and the precautions they took to protect themselves. Janice discussed the Black Lives Matter movement in Stonington, Connecticut and mentioned a Change.org petition started by students to enact change at Stonington High School.

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