



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Ledyard Farmers Market Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Pamela Ball

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 1, 2025

5:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

In-Person; Annex Meeting Room, Town Hall Annex Building

Remote Participation: Information Noted Below:

Join Zoom Meeting from your Computer, Smart Phone or Tablet:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81783822826?pwd=thLJsmVhHihQCxQiMs2OBDq6oSDevQ.1>
Or by Audio Only: Telephone: +1 646 558 8656; Meeting ID: 817 8382 2826; Passcode: 537877

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Pamela Ball at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Ball welcomed all to the Video Conference Meeting; and she noted that the remote meeting information for the Farmers Market Committee and members of the Public to participate in tonight's meeting was available on the Agenda that was posted on the Town's Website - Granicus-Legistar Meeting Portal.

II. ROLL CALL

Alternate Member Mr. Bill Thorne was seated as a Regular Member.

Present Chairperson Pamela Ball
Commissioner Allison Troy
Recording Secretary Sarah Martic
Treasurer William Thorne
Chairperson Ethan Foltz

Excused Commissioner Ellin Grenger

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

None.

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Eagle Scout Michael attending remotely via Zoom, proposed an Eagle Scout project to help the Farmers Market by making improvements to the Storage Shed which

would include installing new shelving, rodent proofing, repainting, portable power supply and trash can covers. Ms. Ball would work with Michael to coordinate time and to provide Michael access to the Storage Shed.

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Foltz suggested the Farmers Market Committee discuss extending the dates of the Market for the 2026 Season. The Committee agreed to defer this discussion to a meeting when all members of the Committee were present.

The Farmers Market Committee expressed a Huge Thank You to the Town and to the Parks & Recreation Commission for their support during the year.

Ms. Ball noted that the Farmers Market Website would be updated to thank everyone for a Great 2025 Season. She also noted that the newsletter would be sent and that posts would be created on their Social Media site.

VI. TREASURER REPORTS

Financial Reports Fiscal Year 2025/2026

- Year to Date Report - September 23, 2025
- Purchase Orders Report - September 23, 2025

Treasurer Mr. Thorne reviewed the Financial Reports noting the Total Munis Balance was in the amount of \$31,175.33.

The Committee discussed looking into creating a Venmo Account; which was an on-line App that would allow them to send and receive money, pay bills, etc.

VII. MARKET MANAGER REPORT

Market Manager/Chairman Ball suggested the Farmers Market Committee look into getting a computer, printer, and ink for the volunteer members serving on the Farmers Market Committee would not be using their personal computers to conduct the business of the Farmers Market.

1. Website Management and Newsletter

Ms. Ball went on to explain that the Farmers Market Google drive was half full and that they would need to update it for more storage. She also commented on the Drop Box and 3x media.

VIII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the following Ledyard Farmers' Market Minutes:

- Regular Meeting Minutes May 7, 2025
- Regular Meeting Minutes June 5, 2025

Moved by Ms. Martic, seconded by Ms. Ball

~~VOTE~~:0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Sarah Martic

SECONDER: Pamela Ball

IX. OLD BUSINESS

- 2. Any Old Business proper to come before the Committee

X. NEW BUSINESS

- 2. Review and Close Out the 2025 Summer Market.

- MOTION to make a \$400.000 donation to the Ledyard Rotary.

Moved by Ms. Ball, seconded by Ms. Martic

Discussion: Ms. Ball noted that the Rotary was scheduled for two Markets. However, she stated that they did three Markets, due to a Musician not being able to perform at the last minute, noting that the Rotary filled-in doing three performances for the season. She stated in-lieu of payment that the Farmers Market has been making a donation to the Ledyard Rotary.

~~VOTE~~:0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Pamela Ball

SECONDER: Sarah Martic

AYE 5 Ball Troy Martic Thorne Foltz

EXCUSED 1 Grenger

- MOTION to make a \$250.000 donation in the form of an Amazon Gift Card to Paula Watkins.

Moved by Ms. Ball, seconded by Ms. Troy

Discussion: Ms. Ball noted the significant amount of time Ms. Watkins gave to the Market volunteering at the Market and in doing all social media content for the Season. To recognize and thank Ms. Watkins the Farmers Market agreed to make a donation.

~~VOTE~~: 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Pamela Ball

SECONDER: Allison Troy

AYE 5 Ball Troy Martic Thorne Foltz

EXCUSED 1 Grenger

· **MOTION** to make a \$100.00 donation to Guiding Eyes for the Blind.

Moved by Ms. Troy, seconded by Ms. Ball

Discussion: Ms. Troy noted the significant amount of time that Lauren & Dune Rugh volunteered to help the Market this Season. To recognize and thank Lauren & Dune Rugh for their efforts the Farmers Market Committee would be making \$100.00 donation to Guiding Eyes, noting that this was a non-profit Organization that Lauren & Dune Rugh supported.

NOTE: 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Allison Troy

SECONDER: Pamela Ball

AYE 5 Ball Troy Martic Thorne Foltz

EXCUSED 1 Grenger

2. **MOTION** to approve the Ledyard Farmers Market Committee Meeting Schedule for 2026 as presented in the draft dated September 25, 2025.

2026 CALENDAR MEETING SCHEDULE

Ledyard Farmers' Market Committee first **Wednesday** at 5:30 p.m. Town Hall Annex Building

January 7	February 4	March 4	April 1	May 6
October 7	November 4	December 2	January 6, 2027	

Ledyard Farmers' Market Committee first **Thursday** at 5:30 p.m. Town Hall Annex Building

June 4	July 2	August 6	September 3
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^ Denotes meeting cancelled due to holiday

* Denotes regular meeting date scheduled is different from regular schedule

Moved by Ms. Ball, seconded by Ms. Martic

Discussion: Ms. Ball noted that during the winter months the Committee would be meeting on the first Wednesday of the month; and once the Market opened in June the Committee would be meeting on the first Thursday of the month.

NOTE 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Sarah Martic

SECONDER: Pamela Ball

AYE 5 Ball Troy Martic Thorne Foltz

EXCUSED 1 Grenger

3, Discussion regarding Committee Member Terms.

The Farmers Market Committee reviewed when each of the members terms would be due for renewal, noting that two members would come due in 2026.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Any New Business proper to come before the Committee
None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 6:16 p.m.

Moved by Mr. Thorne, seconded by Ms. Ball

~~VOYD~~ Approved and so declared

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Ball
Committee Chairman

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