



Chairman
Mike Marelli

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Conservation Commission ~ AMENDED AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 11, 2023

6:45 PM

Mayor's Office

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting ID: 827 9593 7282

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2023, as [23-1812](#) written.

Attachments: [Conservation minutes 6-13-23](#)

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

VII. OLD BUSINESS

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6. Field clearing at White-Hall Property. [23-1809](#)
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VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Transfer of 538R to Avalonia. [23-1814](#)
2. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission. [23-1742](#)

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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File #: 23-1812

Agenda Date: 7/11/2023

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes for June 13, 2023, as written.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 13, 2023

6:45 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:48 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
Commissioner James Harwood
Commissioner David Holdridge
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Betsy Graham
Commissioner Michael E. Marelli

Excused Commissioner Amy Stephenson
Alternate Member Jessica Buhle
Alternate Member Barbara Kil

Betsy Graham was present via Zoom.
Town Councilor Naomi Rodriguez was also present.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2023, as written.

Ms. Graham said the Lantern Hill Valley Park is on the list of possible sites for a pollinator pathway. The site was omitted from the May 9, 2023, minutes. It has been noted in the minutes of this meeting June 13, 2023;

The following seven locations are under consideration:

1. Town Green by the Food Pantry.
2. Highland Lake where runoff from the parking lot caused erosion.
3. Sawmill Park.
4. Blonders Park by Pavillion.
5. Pfizer Ball Park behind chain back stop - although not likely.
6. Erickson Park - also not likely.
7. Lantern Hill Valley Park.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: David Holdridge

SECONDER: James Harwood

AYE 6 Levandoski Harwood Holdridge Edgecomb Graham Marelli

EXCUSED 3 Stephenson Buhle Kil

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Ms. Graham and Ms. Levandoski collected and distributed information on native plants and invasive species at the Regatta Day festival held on June 10, 2023, in Gales Ferry. The Commission now has the materials, which will be used at tables at the upcoming Ledyard Farmers' Markets. Chairman Marelli said the two did an excellent job finding source material to hand out. Although the table was off to the side and did not get a lot of foot traffic. Ms. Graham added that the table was next to the Mystic River Watershed Association which worked out well.

Chairman Marelli reported that Avalonia Land Conservancy has taken ownership of Pike Marshall Preserve. He walked the property with Conservancy members and others, starting on Lambtown Road and hiking to the Burton Property. There will be a walk, at a yet to be determined date, with Ledyard High School's athletics department to develop a plan for cross-country trails for the High School.

Chairman Marelli also met Kevin Rowley, owner of 148 Stoddard's Wharf and walked around the 240-acre property. It is not for sale, but preservation groups are interested. It abuts the open space at 152 Stoddard Wharf.

Chairman Marelli attended the Ledyard Land Use Committee meeting, which is working on a list of all town properties and who has administrative control. The list is not yet finalized.

Ledyard Land Use is holding a public hearing Sept. 13, 2023, to discuss town-owned 538-R Colonel Ledyard Highway, which Avalonia Conservancy is interested in owning. The Conservation Commission will discuss whether to endorse the proposal at the next meeting. Chairman Marelli will distribute maps of the area.

This was Discussed.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

Chairman Marelli reported that he walked the Burton Property and the trails looked fine.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Financial Reports.

No changes since the last meeting.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Parks and Recreation selected a rain garden for Sawmill Park and riparian gardens at Lantern Hill Valley Park and Highland Lake Park.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

Ms. Levandoski suggested that the Commission purchases a Ledyard Conservation banner that can be displayed whenever the Commission is at a public event. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Ms. Graham suggested that the Commission obtains business cards or some kind of badge to identify members. Will be discussed further at the next meeting.

The Commission is looking for someone to clear fields at the White-Hall Property. Chairman Marelli will contact Rocky Landscaping and Ms. Graham will post something on the Commission's Facebook page.

Ms. Graham also suggested that the Commission research new signage for White-Hall that can be seen by traffic in both directions - will be discussed further at the next meeting.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

None.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:17 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Holdridge, seconded by Commissioner Harwood, that this be Approved and so declared. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: David Holdridge

SECONDER: James Harwood

AYE 6 Levandoski Harwood Holdridge Edgecomb Graham Marelli

EXCUSED 3 Stephenson Buhle Kil

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File #: 23-1740

Agenda Date: 7/11/2023

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Property Walks.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1739

Agenda Date: 6/13/2023

Agenda #: 2.

REPORT

Staff/Committee Report:
Financial Reports.

G/L ACCOUNT DETAIL

Org: 301 Object: 21266
 WHITEHALL PARK TRUST 0301-00-0000-00000-21266 -

YEAR	PER	JOURNAL	EFF DATE	SRC TR	PO/REF2	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	POSTED
2023	11	389	05/17/2023	API 1	20231674	W 051823T	225.00	Y
2023	03	90	09/07/2022	API 1	20231674	W 090822T	225.00	Y
2023	00	3	07/01/2022	SOY 1		SOY BAL	-22,514.89	Y

Total Amount: -22,064.89

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Town and Schools of Ledyard

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 6-27-23

FOR 2023 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD	EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT
0101 GENERAL FUND	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET				BUDGET	USED
10110213 CONSERVATION COMMISSION								
10110213 56100 OPERATING	1,150	0	1,150	60.00	.00	1,090.00	5.2%	
10110213 57300 NEW EQUIP	1,500	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%	
10110213 58790 MISC EXP	925	0	925	.00	.00	925.00	.0%	
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	3,575	0	3,575	60.00	.00	3,515.00	1.7%	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,575	0	3,575	60.00	.00	3,515.00	1.7%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,575	0	3,575	60.00	.00	3,515.00		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 6-27-23

FOR 2023 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	3,575	0	3,575	60.00	.00	3,515.00	1.7%	
** END OF REPORT - Generated by Christina Hostetler **								

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 6-27-23

FOR 2023 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT	
0210 CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USED	
21090305 MISCELLANEOUS CNR								
21090305 58922 TRAIL MNT	0	5,932	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS CNR	0	5,932	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	0	5,932	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	5,932	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 6-27-23

FOR 2023 13							
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	0	5,932	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%
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File #: 23-1743

Agenda Date: 7/11/2023

Agenda #: 3.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Background:

Parks and Recreation selected a rain garden for Sawmill Park and riparian gardens at Lantern Hill Valley Park and Highland Lake Park.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1806

Agenda Date: 7/11/2023

Agenda #: 4.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Ledyard Conservation Banner purchase.

Background:

During the June meeting the Commission discussed the possibility of purchasing a banner to be used for public events.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1808

Agenda Date: 7/11/2023

Agenda #: 5.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Ledyard Conservation business cards or badges.

Background:

During the June meeting the Commission discussed the possibility of obtaining business cards or badges to identify members at public events.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1809

Agenda Date: 7/11/2023

Agenda #: 6.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

Background:

The Commission is looking for someone to clear fields at the White-Hall Property. Chairman Marelli will contact Rocky Landscaping and Ms. Graham will post something on the Commission's Facebook page.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1810

Agenda Date: 7/11/2023

Agenda #: 7.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

New signage at White-Hall Property.

Background:

During the June meeting Ms. Graham suggested that the Commission research new signage for White-Hall that can be seen by traffic in both directions.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1741

Agenda Date: 7/11/2023

Agenda #: 8.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1814

Agenda Date: 7/11/2023

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Transfer of 538R to Avalonia.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1742

Agenda Date: 7/11/2023

Agenda #: 2.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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