



Chairman
Mike Marelli

TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:30 p.m.

Also in attendance was Dennis Main, Avalonia Board President, Northern Town Committee Chair, Finance Committee Chair, via Zoom.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Vice Chair James Harwood
Commissioner Betsy Graham
Commissioner Barbara Kil
Chairperson Michael E. Marelli
Commissioner Dave Cohen
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Roberta Levandoski

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from June 12, 2025, as written.

Approve minutes as amended to change Lantern Valley "Alliance" to "Association" in two places.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

AYE 7 Harwood Graham Kil Marelli Cohen Edgecomb Levandoski

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.
DEEP application #202505542.

Discussion and correspondence with Avalonia regarding various land acquisition projects, trails etc.

DEEP application for resident to install a dock on riverfront property in Gales Ferry.

The Ledyard Town Council is looking for nominations for applications to form a Sustainable Ad Hoc Committee

RESULT: DISCUSSED

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

None.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

The Whitehall parking lot has been cleared by Public Works.

Chairman Marelli went on a Scout's trail walk with Dennis Main of Avalonia Land Conservancy on property at Stoddard's Wharf.

Chairman Marelli met with the new Nathan Lester House Museum Director.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

Mr. Cohen cleared some debris at Glacier Park.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Financial Reports.

General Fund = \$3,575.

WhiteHall = \$19,639.

The Trail Maintenance funds have not been moved yet for the new fiscal year.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

No report.

4. Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.

No report.

5. Recommendations to Burton Woods Management Plan Update.

No report.

6. Lantern Hill Valley Association Request.

The Commission recommended that the Alliance asks for donations for a specific project.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

The Commission will have a table at LEAF (Ledyard Education Advancement Foundation), a nonprofit that raises money for Ledyard schools, at its Back to School Bash on August 23, 2025, from 3:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on the Town Green.

There was human excrement and toilet paper near the trail at Glacier and Kettlehole parks. The Commission is requesting more police patrols through the parks parking lots. Also discussed putting up signs that say there are cameras and/or putting up cameras in the parking lot. The Commission will bring this report to the Town Council for advice.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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

Ms. Graham discussed a state program in which Aquatic Invasive Species stamps sold to power boaters who travel in intercoastal waters and suggested that anyone who uses inland lakes and rivers, like kayakers, paddle boarders and those who picnic along the shore, also buy a stamp to support the program. The stamp is \$7.00 per season.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 8:11 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: James Harwood

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