



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman Ty Lamb

Regular Meeting

Monday, July 15, 2024

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex -Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Lamb.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner William Barnes
Commissioner Douglas Kelley
Chairman Ty Lamb
Commissioner Kelly Lamb
Alternate Member Karen Parkinson
Excused Alternate Member Kenneth Geer
Commissioner Ammie Chittim
Non-voting Alternate Member Vincent Godino

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Karen Parkinson was appointed as a voting member.

IV. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting minutes from June 17, 2024, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Ty Lamb

SECONDER: William Barnes

AYE 5 Barnes Kelley Lamb Lamb Parkinson

EXCUSED 2 Geer Chittim

VI. TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

1. Town Council Liaison - Councilor Tim Ryan.

Tim Ryan, Town Councilor said that the Finance Committee has not met for a couple weeks. Councilor Ryan would like the Commission to provide some ideas on projects that could use the available ARPA funds. He requested that the Commission sends him a short scope of work and a

rough estimate. He added that all are invited to attend the next Finance Committee meeting to discuss this further. Chairman Lamb said he would attend the next Finance meeting.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. PRESENTATIONS

1. Beautification Committee Presentation.

The Ledyard Beautification Committee wasn't present.

VIII. CHAIRMAN REPORT

1. General Report.

Chairman Lamb attended the last Ledyard Beautification Committee meeting. The LBC had intended to attend this meeting, but they were not present, there may have been a miscommunication. The LBC may possibly hold a Veterans Day event/presentation. They may ask for assistance from the Town Council. The LBC would like to display Veterans pictures on "election day" type signs to promote Ledyard Veterans.

There are lead concerns at the Nathan Lester House.

Any projects over and above the present ARPA projects will need to be presented to the Finance Committee. Chairman Lamb requested that the plans are given to him. He will need the drafts by the end of August.

Chairman Lamb will attend the next Finance Committee, Administration Committee and the Land Use/Planning/Public Works Committee meetings.

The street sign direction/marker for the Nathan Lester House needs to be placed in a better location.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

2. Financial Report.

Account balances were discussed.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

IX. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

X. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Sawmill Committee - Mr. Barnes.

Chairman Lamb said that Mr. Kelley and Mr. Barnes can still use the Holdridge account, but they must get invoices and follow timely submission.

Reported issues getting the blades sharpened, looking into other options.

Dam permit updates: An engineering company would charge \$20,000.00 for permit assistance only. Mr. Godino has volunteered to help with the permit, he has started the draft. CT form GP-015 PE needs to be completed. The Permanent Municipal Building Committee has access to the State forms and may be able to provide assistance. Mr. Barnes has an engineering license and can help with the application process.

There are several smaller ARPA projects on the list. Will need to use capital once the ARPA funds are exhausted. Councilor Ryan added to keep in mind that the projects need to be obligated in this calendar year but does not need to be spent in the calendar year.

Two cost estimates from John Kelley-

Black Smith Shop and exterior repairs approximately \$10,000.00. Beth Ackley has the structural assessments; these results might affect what work will be completed.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Nathan Lester House - Mr. Kelley.

Attendance at the NLH on open weekends is down significantly from last year. Lower attendance is attributed to the weather, as well as the Fog of War film settings being taken down, which was a big draw last season. The barns have not been restaged with the permanent collection yet as they are being used for materials storage for restoration.

The new barn doors on the front of the main barn have been completed to satisfaction. They are modeled on the existing door immediately to the right and give the intended impression they are original to the structure.

Working with Ledge Light to evaluate the lead situation. Ordered to stop all work. Sharon Primmit, NLH Caretaker was loaned a HEPA vacuum to start the cleaning. The contractor lent a second HEPA vacuum for the historical area. There will be discussions for the facilitation of future actions through Mr. Kelley.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Research/Preservation - Ms. Chittim.

Ms. Chittim was not present. There will be a kickoff meeting with Gosha regarding the pollinator garden on August 2, 2024. In the process of setting up "dig safe" with the State. The project will start in the fall.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Center School - Mr. Geer.

No new information.

5. Social Media - Ms. Lamb.

Continuing to attract more followers and page engagements. Since the end of 2023 there are 53

more followers.

Planning to continue posting activities of our historical sites and Committee activities. Request that all members follow the Face book Ledyard historical District Commission page. Once following, please invite as many people as possible to also follow the page. The more followers the better for the Commission's information to be passed on to Town residents.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

XI. OLD BUSINESS

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

None.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

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Motion to CANCEL the Commission's August 19, 2024, meeting.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Ty Lamb

SECONDER: Douglas Kelley

AYE 5 Barnes Kelley Lamb Lamb Parkinson

EXCUSED 2 Geer Chittim

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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