



TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Historic District Commission

~ AGENDA ~

Chairman Karen
Parkinson

Regular Meeting

Monday, May 18, 2026

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex -Hybrid Format

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://ledyardct.zoom.us/j/83042239829?pwd=4aWvZrWjgyRadVigqLqcmzyZLY4Lr9.1>

Meeting ID: 830 4223 9829

Passcode: 585712

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

IV. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2026, as written.

Attachments: [Historic minutes 4-20-26](#)

VI. TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

1. Town Council Liaison - Councilor Ty Lamb.

VII. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

1. General Report.
2. Financial Report.

Attachments: [Capital account YTD 5-13-26](#)
[General fund YTD 5-13-26](#)
[NLH donation account YTD report 5-13-26](#)
[Sawmill donation account report 5-13-26](#)

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Sawmill Committee.
2. Nathan Lester House - Mr. Kelley.
3. Research/Preservation - Ms. Chittim.
4. Center School - Mr. Geer.
5. Social Media - Ms. Lamb.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion in response to Dave Schroeder's request for HDC assistance with Gales Ferry Historic District having local zoning recognition, continued.

2. Sustainable CT Ad Hoc Committee Discussion: Action Item 5.5. continued.

Attachments: [5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources sustainable CT](#)

3. Any Other Old Business to Come Before the Commission.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Other New Business to Come Before the Commission.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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File #: 26-0712

Agenda Date: 5/18/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 20, 2026, as written.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

Historic District Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman Karen
Parkinson

Regular Meeting

Monday, April 20, 2026

7:00 PM

Town Hall Annex -Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Parkinson called the Regular Meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

- Present** Commissioner Douglas Kelley
 Commissioner Kelly Lamb
 Commissioner Ammie Chittim
 Chairman Karen Parkinson
 Commissioner Rebecca Watford
- Alternate** Alternate Member Vincent Godino
 Alternate Member Kenneth Geer
 Alternate Member Anne Roberts-Pierson

Also in attendance:
Grace Ayers, Jennifer Ayers, & Jennifer Finlayson (American Heritage Girls Stars and Stripes)
Corey Watford
Kim Millar, Dave Schroeder

Ms. Chittim was present via Zoom

III. APPOINTMENT OF ALTERNATES

Not needed.

IV. RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNER'S COMMENTS

Will be discussed under Old Business #1.

V. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Special Meeting Minutes from March 2, 2026, as written.

Amend to change
"Ms. Roberts-Pearson" to "Ms. Roberts-Pierson"
email from "Alice-lhdc@att.net" to "Ann-lhdc@att.net"
"Historic District Boundaries" to "Gales Ferry District Boundaries"

2. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 16, 2026, as written.

Amend to change

"Chairperson Robinson" to "Chairperson Parkinson".

Change "1976" to "1974".

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Karen Parkinson

SECONDER: Douglas Kelley

AYE 5 Kelley Lamb Chittim Parkinson Watford

VI. TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORTS

1. Town Council Liaison - Councilor Ty Lamb.

No report.

VII. CHAIRPERSON REPORT

1. General Report.

Chairperson Parkinson and Mr. Kelley went to the Spicer ruins for a cleanup party. Mr. Kelley added that he has wanted to visit the Spicer Ruins and said it was an amazing and beautiful visit. He said that he now understands why Chairperson Parkinson is so passionate about the Spicer Ruins and encouraged the Commissioners to visit the site.

Chairperson Parkinson and Mr. Schroeder attended the Economic and Conservation Commissions meetings this past month. Chairperson Parkinson feels that these Commissions are supportive of the Gales Ferry Project.

2. Financial Report.

Chairperson Parkinson asked if there is money that must be spent by the end of the fiscal year, Mr. Kelley added that everything should be submitted by the beginning of June. Ms. Chittim will send the cost estimates for archeological dig equipment.

VIII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

The Commission will review the correspondence that Ms. Watford presented regarding the CT house Bill #5508 *an Act concerning Historic Districts and Historic Preservation*.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Sawmill Committee.

- There are four people in the volunteer group and may be adding more.

- Mr. Ganong is working on a frame for the head gate which Mr. Godino explained is needed to let the water into the turbine for operation of the saw.

- Mr. Godino was working with Mr. Ganong to get the Sawmill open for the season. The opening day on April 4, 2026, went well.

- Mr. Geer delivered some white oak logs taken from Mr. Godino's property.

- Mr. Godino found a company that can custom make the saws. The cost is \$2,150 including shipping for two saws.

- Mr. Godino received the cost report for the two concepts from the engineering firm. The estimates are approximately 100K less than the original estimate.

- Mr. Geer and Mr. Godino will get an approximate cost estimate for dredging the pond.

2. Nathan Lester House - Mr. Kelley.

Mr. Kelley's report:

"In late March we were able to have the worrying large oak at the right of the entrance drive down. We'd needed to save a good part of our budget to handle it, but the effort was very worth it. At the same time, a new danger was discovered in another tree which had a large section mostly broken off, and hanging over the drive, power lines, and entrance to the trails. Since it could not be delayed, H&H handled the unscheduled danger as well. We were lucky to handle everything at once, but there is a hit to our budget. I will be asking for a vote to use the Donations account to cover this.

On the 22nd, Jack Desormier conducted an interview with Councilor William Barnes at the house. The interview will be part of his documentary film tracing the history of the Ledyard Sawmill, and especially its restoration in the 1970s.

Jack returned on April 4 to interview Andrea Buka of the Ledyard Historical Society for additional remembrances.

The Ledyard Garden Club held their spring cleanup at the Great Oak Garden on April 28. They were able to rethink portions of the rear shade garden which suffered from a tree falling into it during a late summer storm.

Tricia Marcek has pushed her Prehistoric Garden project forward with sod removal, additional tree planting, and the relocation of the dinosaur tracks from behind the house. We thank our partners at Public Works for their work in moving the tracks and obtaining large stones to help place the fossils. More work is imminent as Tricia completes another phase of her Master Gardener project.

Public Works has also recently assisted us by filling in a large pothole on the entrance drive. We appreciate the communication we have with that department and how it helps enhance the park.

Lastly, time supporting the Garden Shed project which our American Heritage Girl volunteer has

been working is moving toward plan completion. Grace Ayers is joining us this evening to present her project for your approval."

Mr. Kelley explained that when H&H was taking down the great Oak Tree a new danger was spotted. One of the leading great oak branches must have taken a hit during the blizzard and was hanging over the driveway, the power lines and over the entrance to the trails. This branch needed to be taken down immediately before it fell on its own. Although necessary it was an unscheduled hit to the NLH budget. After the Great Oak Tree removal there is only \$1,700 in the account, which will need to be saved for things such as the Port-a-John. Mr. Kelley would like to use the NLH donation account, which will require a vote to spend these funds.

Motion to AUTHORIZE taking \$1,200 from the Nathan Lester House Donation budget to pay H&H Landscaping for emergency tree removal.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Doug Kelley

SECONDER: Ammie Chittim

AYE 5 Kelley Lamb Chittim Parkinson Watford

Tricia Marcek and volunteers have made significant progress on the prehistoric garden project. Several trees were donated and planted by Sprigs and Twigs. Public Works moved the tracks from the chicken coop area to front garden. Ms. Marcek has taken this project on as her Master Gardiner project. Public Works has filled in a large pothole in the entrance drive. Mr. Kelley added that communication with Public Works has grown very strong and has helped enhance the park.

American Heritage Girl, Grace Ayers from St. Paul's in Bristol CT was in attendance to present her Junior Timber Framing project. After attending an American Heritage Girl camp out in which Miss Ayers built a large fire pit so future campers could enjoy she asked Mr. Kelley about other project possibilities. Mr. Kelley gave her a (large) list to choose from, and Miss Ayers picked the Garden Shed. The frame size will be 8' x 10', built using 7' x 7' logs. Miss Ayers shared some photos with the Commission. The cost is approximately \$1,500 and Miss Ayers has already received many donations to help offset the cost. On October 10, 2026, the American Heritage Girls Troop will be attending another NLH camp out, and plan to raise the shed that day. Chairperson Parkinson mentioned she has a timber barn to view if interested. Ms. Chittim made a request to be informed when the Timber Framing Project start date will occur. She added that it would be a great public outreach opportunity and would want to put it on social media and to get the Town involved. Chairperson Parkinson said she is in the Ledyard Rotary Club and this project would be a great one to present to the Club and possibly get funding. Mr. Kelley presented a few draft drawings of the project. Mr. Kelley explained that this project would just include the frame; a future project could be the enclosure of the shed. Ms. Roberts-Pierson asked if the shed would sit on a stone platform. Mr. Kelley answered no there will not be a true foundation but rather a bed of crushed gravel placed under the shed and spread 2' out. He further explained that at some point the shed may be moved. Mr. Kelly has already obtained a building permit from the Town. Eventually windows will be put in using reclaimed materials.

Motion to APPROVE Grace Ayer's Junior Timber Frame Garden Shed project behind the Nathan Lester House.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Douglas Kelley

SECONDER: Ammie Chittim

AYE 5 Kelley Lamb Chittim Parkinson Watford

3. Research/Preservation - Ms. Chittim.

Ms. Chittim said she has nothing to pass along. Chairperson Parkinson asked about dates for the archeological digs. Ms. Chittim replied that it is too cold right now and she is waiting for warmer weather to begin. Ms. Chittim is also waiting for the purchase orders to order new equipment. Ms. Chittim has been working on a digitizing map with the Historical Society.

Mr. Kelley reported that he is making a bit of progress on getting wifi at the NLH and will keep the Commission updated.

4. Center School - Mr. Geer.

Ms. Watford said that she will be part of the opening of the schoolhouses for tours and will be able to work 1:00 - 3:00. Ms. Watford suggested having the School open for appointments only during the off season, similar to what the NLH does, Mr. Geer agreed. The Library may use the Schoolhouse for a program in the fall. Ms. Watford said she will get the Schoolhouse spring cleaning done.

5. Social Media - Ms. Lamb.

Ms. Lamb said with her recent resignation the Commission will need someone to take over the Social Media portion as well as writing the minutes.

Discussions regarding the ownership of the Commission's different Facebook pages. The Commission needs to have more control/ownership of the pages. It was suggested that all social media pages should have at least two Commissioners as Administrators. Presently there are the following social media pages: Facebook Ledyard Historic Commission District page (Doug, Kelly, and Missy Dyson are users), Nathan Lester House Facebook (Doug, Kelly and Victoria are users), Sawmill Pond Facebook (possibly Alan Gonang).

Next month will be Ms. Lamb's last month on the Commission.

X. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion in response to Dave Schroeder's request for HDC assistance with Gales Ferry Historic District having local zoning recognition, continued.

Mr. Schroeder reported that he asked for and received a pre-application hearing with the Planning and Zoning Commission scheduled for May 14. During this informal discussion he will present then be asked questions and given feedback. Mr. Schroeder mentioned that a few Citizens group meetings have occurred. Mr. Schroeder added that overall, the public felt that the

Historic area approved by the Commission was too small. There was also feedback that the description of the Historic Village is too centered in the far past.

2. Sustainable CT Ad Hoc Committee Discussion: Action Item 5.5. continued.

Chairperson Parkinson reported that there is some Sustainable CT Community homework to be completed by the Commission. The Commissioners will need to put together an inventory of list of things that have been done, historical sites etc. Chairperson Parkinson suggested a committee of sort to compile the inventory. The deadline is sometime in the fall. Once the Town is recognized as a sustainable community, then points that can be acquired which will help with grants. Chairperson Parkinson asked for volunteers for the committee. Mr. Kelley, Ms. Watford, Roberts-Pierson and Ms. Chittim volunteered to assist with the inventory.

3. Any Other Old Business to Come Before the Commission.

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

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Chairperson Parkinson wanted to discuss America 250. Chairperson Parkinson reported that she went through the Town's website, to count which houses were built before the revolution. There are 62 still standing. Karen thought it would be festive to have the homeowners hang bunting for the 4th of July. This brought her to the question of what if there are owners who would want to but could not afford to or would not be able to physically hang the bunting? Could the Commission find money and volunteers to help?

Other America 250 ideas -

A drive-through with a map of all these pre-revolution houses. Possibly have a fun fact of each house or a scavenger hunt. Ms. Chittim said she may be able to work with Historical Society to digitalize the map and post it online.

Reenactment Colonel Ledyard for Memorial Day parade. Chairperson Parkinson is working on this.

Mr. Kelley said he is on the America 250 Committee and could possibly solicit contributions.

Since Ledyard contributed so many lives to the battle of Fort Griswold maybe identify these homes and have stars put outside of the houses which could be part of the scavenger hunt.

Mr. Kelley shared that he was asked to be part of an interview on the Ledyard Life podcast. The podcast aired this past Friday (April 17, 2026). The focus was on this Commission. Mr. Kelley said you could view the video by searching for "Ledyard Life" on YouTube.

Mr. Kelley said that Kim and Jim Millar live near the Yale houses; they found a weird little hole in the ground and asked Mr. Kelley to inspect it. They then showed Mr. Kelley the entire complex. Mr. Kelley said the complex was astonishing and said it is just another example of

how this community is unique.

Ms. Godino asked if the Commission needs a computer and said he could possibly donate one.

XII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 8:26 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Douglas Kelley

SECONDER: Rebecca Watford

AYE 5 Kelley Lamb Chittim Parkinson Watford

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File #: 26-0675

Agenda Date: 5/18/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Town Council Liaison - Councilor Ty Lamb.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 26-0666

Agenda Date: 5/18/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

General Report.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 26-0668

Agenda Date: 5/18/2026

Agenda #: 2.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Financial Report.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-13-26

FOR 2026 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT
0210	CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USED
21010103 HISTORIC DISTRICTS								
21010103	54300 REP MAINT	18,579	0	18,579	.00	.00	18,579.00	.0%
21010103	54500 BLDG MAINT	33,378	10,000	43,378	13,139.17	2,500.00	27,739.04	36.1%
21010103	54500 G0014 BLDG MAINT	39,765	0	39,765	39,764.83	.00	.00	100.0%
	TOTAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS	91,722	10,000	101,722	52,904.00	2,500.00	46,318.04	54.5%
	TOTAL CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	91,722	10,000	101,722	52,904.00	2,500.00	46,318.04	54.5%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	91,722	10,000	101,722	52,904.00	2,500.00	46,318.04	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-13-26

FOR 2026 13

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	91,722	10,000	101,722	52,904.00	2,500.00	46,318.04	54.5%

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-13-26

FOR 2026 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	GENERAL FUND	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
10110103 HISTORIC DISTRICTS								
10110103	54500 BLDG MAINT	7,500	0	7,500	6,440.00	.00	1,060.00	85.9%
10110103	54501 SML MAINT	3,151	864	4,015	290.00	2,150.00	1,575.00	60.8%
10110103	56100 OPERATING	4,015	-864	3,151	1,512.99	952.01	686.00	78.2%
10110103	56101 SML OPERAT	1,605	0	1,605	839.02	435.89	330.09	79.4%
10110103	58790 MISC EXP	1,500	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%
	TOTAL HISTORIC DISTRICTS	17,771	0	17,771	9,082.01	3,537.90	5,151.09	71.0%
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	17,771	0	17,771	9,082.01	3,537.90	5,151.09	71.0%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	17,771	0	17,771	9,082.01	3,537.90	5,151.09	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-13-26

FOR 2026 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	17,771	0	17,771	9,082.01	3,537.90	5,151.09	71.0%	

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Town and Schools of Ledyard



YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-13-26

FOR 2026 13									
ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT	
0208	DONATIONS AND GRANTS	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USED	
20810201 DONATIONS/GRANTS EXPENSES									
20810201	54203 24203 LESTER DON	13,556	375	13,931	4,500.00	.00	9,430.57	32.3%	
	TOTAL DONATIONS/GRANTS EXPENSES	13,556	375	13,931	4,500.00	.00	9,430.57	32.3%	
	TOTAL DONATIONS AND GRANTS	13,556	375	13,931	4,500.00	.00	9,430.57	32.3%	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	13,556	375	13,931	4,500.00	.00	9,430.57		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-13-26

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
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GRAND TOTAL	13,556	375	13,931	4,500.00	.00	9,430.57	32.3%
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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-13-26

FOR 2026 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT
0208	DONATIONS AND GRANTS	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USED
20810201 DONATIONS/GRANTS EXPENSES								
20810201	54202 24202 SAWMILL DO	7,232	769	8,001	.00	.00	8,001.00	.0%
	TOTAL DONATIONS/GRANTS EXPENSES	7,232	769	8,001	.00	.00	8,001.00	.0%
	TOTAL DONATIONS AND GRANTS	7,232	769	8,001	.00	.00	8,001.00	.0%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	7,232	769	8,001	.00	.00	8,001.00	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-13-26

FOR 2026 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	7,232	769	8,001	.00	.00	8,001.00	.0%	

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File #: 26-0667

Agenda Date: 5/18/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Correspondence.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 26-0670

Agenda Date: 5/18/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Sawmill Committee.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 26-0671

Agenda Date: 5/18/2026

Agenda #: 2.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Nathan Lester House - Mr. Kelley.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 26-0672

Agenda Date: 5/18/2026

Agenda #: 3.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Research/Preservation - Ms. Chittim.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 26-0674

Agenda Date: 5/18/2026

Agenda #: 4.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Center School - Mr. Geer.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 26-0673

Agenda Date: 5/18/2026

Agenda #: 5.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Social Media - Ms. Lamb.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 26-0662

Agenda Date: 5/18/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Discussion in response to Dave Schroeder's request for HDC assistance with Gales Ferry Historic District having local zoning recognition, continued.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 26-0676

Agenda Date: 5/18/2026

Agenda #: 2.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Sustainable CT Ad Hoc Committee Discussion: Action Item 5.5. continued.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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5.5 Inventory and Assess Historic Resources

5 – 50 Points

Action Updates

This action was last updated in 2026. A version of this action from the prior program year is [available for comparison](#). Edits are highlighted in yellow.

Objective

Proactively plan for and implement projects to protect your community's historic resources for education and reuse.

Complementary Action:

- [Assess Climate Vulnerability](#)

What to Do

Best practices for historic places can be found within the Secretary of the Interior's [Standards for the Treatment of Historic Places](#). Technical assistance is available from Preservation Connecticut; see Sustainable CT's [no-cost assistance page](#) for more details.

The more you do, the more points you earn.

1. Identify multiple priority historic assets within your community and actions required to sustain their long-term viability. All assets should be listed regardless of public or private ownership. Actions are only required for assets that are municipally-owned; they should be specific to each asset listed. Please include a short description of each location and note if the location is privately or municipally owned. **(10 points)**

Assets may include:

- Historic buildings,
- Parks,
- Natural resources,
- View-sheds,
- Public spaces,
- Stone walls,
- Other

Submit: The list of priority historic resources and the list of actions required to sustain their long-term viability. The [State Historic Preservation Office](#) can help pay for such services. If your list was created more than three years ago, also include a brief description of how it is still relevant and used by your municipality.

2. For at least one historic asset in your municipality, perform a conditions assessment, feasibility study, or long-term maintenance plan that uses the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Places. Include in the assessment the sustainability of each building present, possibility of energy retrofits, vulnerability to natural hazards and climate change, etc. You may assess the viability for up to three different assets. **(10 points per asset, up to 3 assets or 30 points)**

Submit: A completed [worksheet](#) and the conditions assessment, feasibility study, or long-term maintenance plan that uses the Secretary of the Interior's [Standards for the Treatment of Historic Places](#) for each historic resource listed in your inventory. The [State Historic Preservation Office](#) can help pay for such services. If your assessment was completed more than three years ago, include a brief description of how it is still relevant and used by your municipality.

3. Sponsor or host an educational workshop or program to educate owners of historic homes on how to manage their historic building(s) sustainably (for example, through energy audits or energy efficiency upgrades). Educational workshops must have taken place in the last three years; current, long-term educational programs that provide ongoing information are also eligible for points. [Preservation Connecticut](#) and the [State Historic Preservation Office](#) offer these workshops and [may be able to assist your municipality](#). **(5 points)**

Submit: A brief overview of outreach (suggested 5 sentences maximum), including target populations (if any); date of event (if applicable); and at least one example of educational materials disseminated in the last three years, which could include flyers, articles, letters, newsletters, presentations, or digital communications. For websites, submit both a hyperlink and a screenshot of the relevant webpage(s).

4. Achieve "Certified Local Government" status. See the [Certified Local Government Program](#) on the CT Department of Economic and Community Development website for additional information on how to work towards your certification. Certified Local Government status may unlock grant opportunities and other support for preservation activities in your community. **(5 points)**

Submit: Proof of recognition from the National Park Service regarding attainment of *Certified Local Government* status.

Engaging Partners

Sustainable CT encourages regional collaboration and other forms of partnership. For every action, please complete the "Partners" box in your submission, indicating the name(s) of any municipalities and/or organizations you partnered with (if any) and a brief description of your municipality's role. If you collaborate with other municipalities, each community will receive points. For additional information, please see the "[Partners Guidance Document](#)".

Potential Municipal and Community Collaborators

Staff from the planning and zoning, parks and recreation, public works, and economic development departments could be helpful in implementing this action. Your historic preservation commission, planning and zoning commission, energy commission, local historic society, local art league, CT Department of Economic and Community Development, Office of Culture and Tourism, and Preservation Connecticut could help implement this action.

Funding

If available, below are potential funding sources specific to this Action. For a complete listing of potential funding opportunities to assist with implementing Sustainable CT Actions, please visit the [Sustainable CT Grants Portal](#), which is searchable by Action. Please also visit the [Support for Your Town](#) page for opportunities for technical assistance and other supports.

- [Urban Act Grant Program](#)
- [Sustainable CT Community Match Fund](#)
- [State Funding Readiness Project](#)

Funding outlined below may be beneficial to creating the historic inventory and/or implementing action items listed in your inventory.

- [Historic Restoration Fund Grant](#)
- [Survey and Planning Grants for Historic Inventories](#)
- [Planning and Pre-Development Grants](#)
- [Partners in Preservation Grant](#)

Funding available to communities with Certified Local Government status:

- [Historic Preservation Enhancement Grants \(HPEG\)](#)
- [Supplemental Certified Local Government Grants](#)

Resources

Toolkits, Calculators, Guidance Documents

- CT Trust for Historic Preservation, "[Inventory of Local Historic Districts and Local Historic Properties, Connecticut](#)"
- Connecticut State Historic Preservation Office, [Connecticut Cultural Resources Information System](#)
- Preservation Connecticut, [Circuit Riders](#)
- National Park Service, Technical Preservation Services, "[Sustainability](#)"
- National Park Service, "[NPS-28: Cultural Resource Management Guideline](#)"
- National Preservation Institute, "[What are 'Cultural Resources'?](#)"
- [GSA](#)
- Certified Local Governments: [CT Department of Economic and Community Development](#)
- [National Park Service - Certified Local Government Program](#)
- National Park Service, "[The Treatment of Historic Properties](#)"
- [Energize CT](#)
- [Sample Preservation Restriction/Easement](#)
- National Trust for Historic Preservation, "[Climate and Culture](#)"
- National Park Service, "[National Park Service Cultural Resources Climate Change Strategy](#)"
- New London Fire Department Headquarters Building, [Conditions Assessment Report](#)
- The First Church of Christ Congregational East Haddam, [Connecticut Conditions Assessment Report](#)

Organizations and Relevant Programs

- [CT Trust For Historic Preservation](#)
- [CT Main Street](#)
- CT Department of Community and Economic Development, [Office of Culture and Tourism](#)
- CT Department of Community and Economic Development, [State Historic Preservation Office](#)
- [Advisory Council on Historic Preservation](#)
- [American Alliance of Museums](#)
- [National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers](#)
- [National Park Service](#)
- [National Trust for Historic Preservation](#)
- [National Endowment for the Humanities](#)

Why This Matters

Every community has a variety of historic resources that include buildings, landscapes, monuments, art installations, archaeological sites, stone walls, and public spaces. The reuse of buildings is ultimately recycling them for a new use and utilizing the embodied energy it contains. This embodied energy, which is the measurement of energy used in the process of building, from the extraction of raw materials like harvesting trees - to the final installation of the finished material, is saved when a building is reused. Protecting historic resources also retains the touchstones of communities; places that have existed for decades anchor a community and enhance the quality of life for its residents and visitors. Proactive planning for preservation allows a municipality to know what they have, why it's important to the people and environment, and welcome potential opportunities for new uses.

Benefits

Historic resources perform a vital function in a community by:

- Contributing to local community character,
- Instilling attachment to place,
- Attracting a talented workforce, and

- Encouraging tourism.

By protecting local historic resources from a host of threats, (for instance, climate change), you ensure that present and future generations can enjoy these sites.

CT Success Stories

- [Cheshire - Oct 2022 Certification](#)
- [Darien - Oct 2022 Certification](#)
- [Wilton - Oct 2022 Certification](#)
- [Granby - Sep 2023 Certification](#)
- [Branford - Sep 2023 Certification](#)
- [Bristol - Sep 2023 Certification](#)
- [Haddam - May 2024 Certification](#)
- [Marlborough - May 2024 Certification](#)
- [Old Saybrook - May 2024 Certification](#)
- [Thomaston - May 2024 Certification](#)
- [Southbury - Oct 2024 Certification](#)
- [Suffield - Oct 2024 Certification](#)
- [Vernon - May 2025 Certification](#)
- [Mansfield - Oct 2025 Certification](#)
- [Southbury - Oct 2025 Certification](#)



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