



Chairman
Mike Marelli

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Conservation Commission

~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6:30 PM

Remote Only

PLEASE NOTE:

THIS MEETING WILL BE REMOTE ONLY

DUE TO THE FORECAST OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

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<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85199548654?pwd=GhvbJmc3qaPqCGdHYlcGuVye8xnorv.1> Dial

Or by Audio Only: Telephone: +1 646 558 8656; Meeting ID: 851 9954 8654; Passcode: 791291

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE regular Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2024, as written.

Attachments: [Conservation minutes 1-9-24](#)

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational Items.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.
2. Financial Reports.

Attachments: [White Hall GL account detail 1-30-24](#)
[Conservation general YTD 1-30-24](#)
[Trail Maintenance YTD 1-30-24](#)

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.
4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.
5. New signage at White-Hall Property.
6. Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.
7. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Budget item.
2. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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File #: 24-0105

Agenda Date: 2/13/2024

Agenda #: 1.

MINUTES

Minutes:

Motion to APPROVE regular Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2024, as written.



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 9, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

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

Betsy Graham and Barabara Kil were present via Zoom.
Barbara Kil joined the meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Also in attendance:
Town Councilors Gary Paul, Liaison to the Commission
Town Councilor Naomi Rodriguez.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Special Meeting Minutes from December 12, 2023, as written.

Barbara Kil was not present for this vote.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Roberta Levandoski

AYE 5 Levandoski Harwood Edgecomb Graham Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Holdridge

IV. CORRESPONDANCE

1. Correspondence.

Pamphlet from the Connecticut Land Conservation Council.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational Items.

Besty Graham will attend a meeting of the Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed on January 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m. to noon at Mystic Aquarium. Ms. Graham asked if other members of the Commission could also attend the meeting.

The State of Connecticut is updating its Plan of Conservation and Development. The Commission will wait until the State adopts a new plan before deciding to comment. The Commission will use the document when doing its own planning for Town properties.

Ms. Graham reported that the Lantern Hill Valley Park is trying to get a grant to an aquatic survey for Bush Pond and Long Pond. They are looking for Town support to apply for a grant to do the survey but the deadline to apply is the end of January. Councilor Rodriguez said she will inquire if there is anything the Town can do to support the application or provide funds for a survey.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

Mr. Harwood walked White-Hall property and took down a few branches that were blocking paths. He said the blue and yellow trails are passable. Kettle Hole Park looks good for the winter.

Ms. Levandoski reported that the rain garden at the Ledyard up-down Sawmill is in good condition after recent heavy rains.

Chairman Marelli reported that the rain garden at Highland Park is not working properly and will need to be corrected. He also reported that Avalonia Land Trust is doing a forest management plan for Pike Marshall property. Chairman Marelli will contact the State of Connecticut to see if the State Forester can survey the Burton Preserve.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Financial Reports.

No change since last month.

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

No comments.

4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

No comments.

5. New signage at White-Hall Property.

No comments.

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

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Areas of interest and goals for 2024.

1. Trails need to be re-marked. The Commission will create a list of what trails need attention.
2. Work with Avalonia to coordinate signs and paths for Pike Marshall property.
3. Discuss sustainability and resilience for forests and open space in Town and how the Commission can be of assistance to the Town.
4. Redo the Highland Park Rain Garden.
5. Finish planting the riparian buffer at new Lantern Hill Park.
6. Work with the Town Council's Community Relations Committee and invite the public to Lantern Hill Park, possibly provide a history of Long Pond. Councilor Paul offered to assist.
7. Work more closely with Avalonia Land Trust for better access to the Hoffman Preserve.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:31 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE 6 Levandoski Harwood Edgecomb Graham Kil Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Holdridge

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File #: 23-2236

Agenda Date: 2/13/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Correspondence.

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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File #: 23-2346	Agenda Date: 2/13/2024	Agenda #: 1.
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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Informational Items.

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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File #: 23-1893

Agenda Date: 2/13/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Property Walks.

Background:

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1897

Agenda Date: 2/13/2024

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
2024	05	30	11/01/2023	API	1	20241228	W 110223T	225.00	Y
2024	02	185	08/08/2023	API	1	20241228	W 081023T	225.00	Y
2024	00	3	07/01/2023	SOY	1		SOY BAL	-22,064.89	Y

Total Amount: -21,614.89

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Town and Schools of Ledyard

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 1-30-24

FOR 2024 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	65.00	.00	1,085.00	5.7%	
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	65.00	.00	3,510.00	1.8%	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,575	0	3,575	65.00	.00	3,510.00	1.8%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,575	0	3,575	65.00	.00	3,510.00		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 1-30-24

FOR 2024 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	3,575	0	3,575	65.00	.00	3,510.00	1.8%	
** END OF REPORT - Generated by Christina Hostetler **								

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 1-30-24

FOR 2024 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	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS CNR	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 1-30-24

FOR 2024 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
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File #: 23-1743

Agenda Date: 2/13/2024

Agenda #: 3.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Background:

From the December 12, 2023, meeting:

Ericson Park in Gales Ferry, Sawmill Park and Highland Lake are complete for the winter. There is still work to be done at Bush Pond.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1809	Agenda Date: 2/13/2024	Agenda #: 4.
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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

Background:

Department Comment/Recommendation:
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File #: 23-1810

Agenda Date: 2/13/2024

Agenda #: 5.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

New signage at White-Hall Property.

Background:

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 24-0003

Agenda Date: 2/13/2024

Agenda #: 6.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.

Background:

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1894	Agenda Date: 2/13/2024	Agenda #: 7.
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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 #: 24-0132	Agenda Date: 2/13/2024	Agenda #: 1.
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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Request for Budget item.

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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File #: 23-1895

Agenda Date: 2/13/2024

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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