



Chairman  
Mike Marelli

# TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

## Conservation Commission

### ~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, June 10, 2025

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

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#### REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

**Zoom Meeting Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86204323815?pwd=apOhYILLR99lj5hPc1HFVFHDI1pg9X.1>

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2025, as written.

**Attachments:** [Conservation minutes 5-13-25](#)

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Correspondence.

**V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

1. Public Comments.

**VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Informational items.

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Property Walks.
2. Financial Reports.

**Attachments:** [Conservation general YTD 5-28-25](#)  
[Trail Maintenance YTD 5-28-25](#)  
[White Hall GL account detail 5-28-25](#)

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.
4. Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.
5. Recommendations to Burton Woods Management Plan Update.
6. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

#### **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Lantern Hill Valley Association Request.
2. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

#### **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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**File #:** 25-1999

**Agenda Date:** 6/10/2025

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from May 13, 2025, 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  
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Chairman  
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#### Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, May 13, 2025

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:42 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

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

Also in attendance:  
Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairman  
William Barnes, Town Council Liaison

#### III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2025, as written.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Michael E. Marelli

**SECONDER:** Betsy Graham

**AYE** 5 Graham Kil Marelli Cohen Levandoski

**EXCUSED** 2 Harwood Edgecomb

#### IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.  
None.

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson, asked to speak to the Commission. She apologized for presenting it a month late but said that April was "Volunteer Appreciation month" and the Town Council would like to thank you for your volunteer work on this Commission. She read "you and your fellow Commission members time and talent and are a critical component to making our Town operate and a great place to live. We are thankful, we are grateful and recognize all of your hard work and would just like to say thank you".

The Commissioners thanked Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

## **VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

### **1. Informational items.**

- Zoe Wu, a High School Senior who is on the board of the Alliance for Mystic River Watershed was nominated for the Aquarion Water Company Environmental Champions Award.

- Burton Woods: A check for \$2000 was cut to FW Foresters.

- Tick Awareness signs:

Ms. Graham went to Ledge Light Health District after speaking with Liz Burdick, Planner Director, about wording for signs and LLDH gave her one sign for free (their last sign).

Discussed putting signs at all trail heads in town, even those not managed by CC. Need to determine how many trails.

Commissioners volunteered to reach out to other entities to see if they would want to participate:

Avalonia - Mr. Cohen.

Tri-Town - Ms. Graham

Parks and Recreation - Chairperson Marelli.

State of Connecticut - Ms. Graham.

There was also a suggestion to have it posted on the Town website and/or distribute tick informational packets.

- Regatta Fest - June 7, 2025, 4:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Erickson Park. The Commission will set up a booth.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Property Walks.**

White-Hall - Ms. Graham shared photos of the entrance. The area to the left of the parking lot needs to be cleared, possibly knocked down with a D/R type trimmer. Chairman Marelli will also talk to Steve Masalin, Public Works Director to see if they can use their machine to grind it

down. Discussion was had regarding applying weed killer after to keep it in under control.

Glacier Park: Mr. Cohen cleaned up ten or so empty cardboard boxes left by the surveyor. Boxes had held survey stakes. The Commissioners also talked about trying to control weeds in the parking area by trimming and application of weed killer. Chairman Marelli will look research weed killer application steps.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**2. Financial Reports.**

Excess funds transferred into the Trail Maintenance account. \$12,540 was confirmed to be in the Trail Maintenance account.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.**

The plants were reported to have survived the winter at Ms. Graham's property. The plants will remain there until the site work is completed, date unknown.

Both Sawmill and Highland Parks need weeding. Is this the responsibility of Parks and Recreation? If so, someone with plant knowledge should be present to assure that good plants don't get pulled. Wood chips would be helpful to keep weeds down

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**4. Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.**

Nothing new to report.

**5. Recommendations to Burton Woods Management Plan Update.**

This is a long-term discussion. The Commission must think about grant applications given the scale and scope of the management plan.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

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

None.

**XIII. NEW BUSINESS**

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

None.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:30 p.m.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Michael E. Marelli

**SECONDER:** Betsy Graham

**AYE**                5     Graham Kil Marelli Cohen Levandoski

**EXCUSED**        2     Harwood Edgecomb

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**File #:** 25-2012

**Agenda Date:** 6/10/2025

**Agenda #:** 1.

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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 #:** 25-2001

**Agenda Date:** 6/10/2025

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Public Comments.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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# TOWN OF LEDYARD

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**File #:** 25-2004

**Agenda Date:** 6/10/2025

**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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# TOWN OF LEDYARD

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**File #:** 25-2008

**Agenda Date:** 6/10/2025

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Property Walks.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 25-2005

**Agenda Date:** 6/10/2025

**Agenda #:** 2.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Financial Reports.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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# Town and Schools of Ledyard

## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-28-25

| FOR 2025 13                      |                               |                 |                  |                |              |              |                  |          |  |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|----------|--|
| ACCOUNTS FOR:                    | GENERAL FUND                  | ORIGINAL APPROP | TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS | REVISED BUDGET | YTD EXPENDED | ENCUMBRANCES | AVAILABLE BUDGET | PCT USED |  |
| 10110213 CONSERVATION COMMISSION |                               |                 |                  |                |              |              |                  |          |  |
| 10110213                         | 56100 OPERATING               | 1,150           | 0                | 1,150          | 1,075.00     | .00          | 75.00            | 93.5%    |  |
| 10110213                         | 57300 NEW EQUIP               | 1,500           | 0                | 1,500          | .00          | .00          | 1,500.00         | .0%      |  |
| 10110213                         | 58790 MISC EXP                | 925             | 0                | 925            | 925.00       | .00          | .00              | 100.0%   |  |
|                                  | TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION | 3,575           | 0                | 3,575          | 2,000.00     | .00          | 1,575.00         | 55.9%    |  |
|                                  | TOTAL GENERAL FUND            | 3,575           | 0                | 3,575          | 2,000.00     | .00          | 1,575.00         | 55.9%    |  |
|                                  | TOTAL EXPENSES                | 3,575           | 0                | 3,575          | 2,000.00     | .00          | 1,575.00         |          |  |

## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-28-25

| FOR 2025 13  |                    |                      |                   |              |              |                     |             |  |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|--|
|  | ORIGINAL<br>APPROP | TRANFRS/<br>ADJSTMTS | REVISED<br>BUDGET | YTD EXPENDED | ENCUMBRANCES | AVAILABLE<br>BUDGET | PCT<br>USED |  |
| GRAND TOTAL  | 3,575              | 0                    | 3,575             | 2,000.00     | .00          | 1,575.00            | 55.9%       |  |
| ** END OF REPORT - Generated by Christina Hostetler ** |                    |                      |                   |              |              |                     |             |  |

## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-28-25

| FOR 2025 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    | 6,609    | 12,541  | .00          | .00          | 12,540.85 | .0%  |  |
| TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS CNR       | 5,932    | 6,609    | 12,541  | .00          | .00          | 12,540.85 | .0%  |  |
| TOTAL CAPITAL & NON RECURRING | 5,932    | 6,609    | 12,541  | .00          | .00          | 12,540.85 | .0%  |  |
| TOTAL EXPENSES                | 5,932    | 6,609    | 12,541  | .00          | .00          | 12,540.85 |      |  |

## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-28-25

| FOR 2025 13  |                    |                      |                   |              |              |                     |             |  |
|--|--------------------|----------------------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------------|-------------|--|
|  | ORIGINAL<br>APPROP | TRANFRS/<br>ADJSTMTS | REVISED<br>BUDGET | YTD EXPENDED | ENCUMBRANCES | AVAILABLE<br>BUDGET | PCT<br>USED |  |
| GRAND TOTAL  | 5,932              | 6,609                | 12,541            | .00          | .00          | 12,540.85           | .0%         |  |
| ** END OF REPORT - Generated by Christina Hostetler ** |                    |                      |                   |              |              |                     |             |  |

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 |
|------|-----|---------|------------|-----|----|----------|-----------|------------|--------|
| 2025 | 10  | 241     | 04/14/2025 | API | 1  | 20253213 | W 041425C | 975.00     | Y      |
| 2025 | 03  | 264     | 09/16/2024 | API | 1  | 20251941 | W 091924T | 225.00     | Y      |
| 2025 | 00  | 3       | 07/01/2024 | SOY | 1  |          | SOY BAL   | -19,639.89 | Y      |

Total Amount:                    -18,439.89

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**File #:** 25-2002

**Agenda Date:** 6/10/2025

**Agenda #:** 3.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

**Background:**

**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 25-2006

**Agenda Date:** 6/10/2025

**Agenda #:** 4.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 25-2011

**Agenda Date:** 6/10/2025

**Agenda #:** 5.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Recommendations to Burton Woods Management Plan Update.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 25-2007

**Agenda Date:** 6/10/2025

**Agenda #:** 2.

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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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# TOWN OF LEDYARD

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**File #:** 25-2022

**Agenda Date:** 6/10/2025

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Lantern Hill Valley Association Request.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 25-2010

**Agenda Date:** 6/10/2025

**Agenda #:** 2.

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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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