



TOWN OF LEDYARD

CONNECTICUT

Conservation Commission

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Mike Marelli

~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 10, 2025

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Zoom Meeting Link:

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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.

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
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 13, 2025

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

II. ROLL CALL

Present	Commissioner Betsy Graham Commissioner Barbara Kil Chairperson Michael E. Marelli Commissioner Dave Cohen Commissioner Roberta Levadoski
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 Levadoski

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.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Correspondence.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 25-2001

Agenda Date: 6/10/2025

Agenda #: 1.

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.

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.

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.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Financial Reports.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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

FOR 2025 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR: 0101 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 APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT 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: 0210 CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT 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 APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	5,932	6,609	12,541	.00	.00	12,540.85	.0%

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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.

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.

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.

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.

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 #: 25-2022

Agenda Date: 6/10/2025

Agenda #: 1.

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.

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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