



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Ledyard Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman
Jennifer Eastbourne

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

5:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

- Present** Committee Member Carol Ann Schneider
 Chairman Jennifer Eastbourne
 Committee Member Kathrine Kohrs
 Committee Member Jennifer Bingham
 Committee Member Sarah Martic
- Excused** Committee Member Carol Christiansen
 Committee Member Julie Brousseau
- Absent** Committee Member Jennifer Holdsworth

Chairperson Eastbourne and Jennifer Bingham were present via Zoom.
Also in attendance was Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council.
Sara Martic was late (5:10 p.m.)

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting minutes from September 5, 2023, and Regular Meeting minutes from October 3, 2023, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Kathrine Kohrs

SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

AYE 5 Schneider Eastbourne Kohrs Bingham Martic

EXCUSED 2 Christiansen Brousseau

ABSENT 1 Holdsworth

VI. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Ledyard Beautification Committee Financial Reports.

Chairperson Eastbourne expressed the need for a Treasurer and asked the Committee to let her know if anyone is interested. She added that a Secretary is also needed.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Kathrine Kohrs

SECONDER: Jennifer Bingham

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VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Future Projects Discussion.

Wreathes - Chairperson Eastbourne reported that handmade wreathes were delivered to the Senior Center. The wreathes were put together in collaboration with Paula Crocker from Senior Housing. The wreathes were delivered to residents who signed up to receive them. The recipients were very appreciative. Chairperson Eastbourne said it was a very worthwhile project. The Committee was asked if they would like to participate again next year. Ms. Kohrs suggested having a quick how-to session beforehand to assure that the wreathes are made tight enough to hold up. Ms. Martic said she teaches a wreath making class and may be able to donate extra materials.

SCRRRA - January 6, 2023, will be the paper making class at St. Luke's Church at 2:00 p.m. There will be a limit of 20 kids, on a first come first serve basis. Chairperson Eastbourne said she wants parents to stay as opposed to dropping off their children. The Committee will just need to bring seeds and SCRRRA will provide everything else. Chairperson Eastbourne asked if the Committee should provide snacks. Ms. Kohrs said she doesn't think the Committee needs to provide snacks since it isn't at a mealtime. Ms. Kohrs asked if there is a suggested age range for the class. Chairperson Eastbourne said she believes it is a minimum age of seven but will confirm. Ms. Martic will not be able to attend.

Earth Day - Chairperson Eastbourne said the Committee should start thinking about Earth Day, which is on April 22, 2024. She suggested a Town wide clean-up with a gathering either before or after the clean-up. Since Earth Day is on a Monday Ms. Kohrs suggested the 21st since the 20th would most likely be Little League opening day. Ms. Schneider suggested Earth Month where residents pick what day they would like to do the clean-up. The idea of having a Town meet up event after the neighborhood cleanups was suggested. Also, the possibility of having food trucks present, some food trucks may donate for non-profits. Contest such as a nip collecting could be held. Tentatively April 21st from 2-4 p.m. will be the event date/time. The Committee will reach out to Scott Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director to reserve the upper Town Green and Pavilion.

Daffodil Days - Chairperson Eastbourne said some Towns sell daffodil bulbs in September/October. Ms. Kohrs suggested partnering with Holdridge Nursery, maybe even hold a vote between 3-4 different daffodil varieties to see which one will become the official daffodil of

Ledyard. Ideas of where to sell the bulbs include a table outside of the Holdridge's, the Town Green or during the last Farmer's Market. Another idea is to hold a Daffodil Festival during blooming season. The festival could include daffodil bouquet sales, daffodil baked goods, Little Miss/Mr. Daffodil and a 5K road race. The festival could be held in Spring 2025.

Coffee mugs or teacups bouquets - Fill mugs and/or teacups with greens or flowers to give to nursing home residents, or senior housing residents (specifically shut ins). This could be a Valentine's Day event. Ms. Martic said that she has a license to get wholesale flowers from a distributor in Rhode Island at cost. Ms. Kohrs also suggested bringing bouquets to the Town Departments. Perhaps even sell them at the Senior Center or the Library. Chairperson Eastbourne asked if they should be delivered on February 14th which is a weekday or earlier on the 11th. The Committee liked the February 11th date better. The Committee would try to get the teacups donated and purchase floral foam. The boxwood would be cut from Ms. Kohrs' yard. Ms. Martic will get a quote for the floral foam. The Committee needs to get the number of Town Departments and the shut ins for the total number of mugs/teacups. Chairperson Eastbourne will ask Mr. Johnson for available dates at the senior center for the Committee to meet and assemble bouquets.

- 2. Future clean up sights/Adopters.

No discussion.

- 3. Any Other Old Business to Come before the Committee.

None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Motion to APPROVE the 2024 Ledyard Beautification Committee meeting dates as written.

Chairperson Eastbourne asked to have the November meeting moved from Election Day which is why the meeting in November appears a week later than usual on the calendar.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Kathrine Kohrs

SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

AYE 5 Schneider Eastbourne Kohrs Bingham Martic

EXCUSED 2 Christiansen Brousseau

ABSENT 1 Holdsworth

- 2. Any Other New Business to Come before the Committee.

None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the meeting at 5:47 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jennifer Eastbourne

SECONDER: Kathrine Kohrs

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