



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission

Meeting Minutes

12 Van Tassel Drive
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Kenneth J. DiRico

Special Meeting

Tuesday, June 30, 2026

5:30 PM

Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens
Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Kenneth DiRico called the meeting to order at 5:52 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Lauren Hawes
Commissioner Loretta Kent
Chairman Kenneth J. DiRico
Commissioner Lucrezia Finegan
Commissioner Carol Ann Schneider
Director Scott Johnson Jr.

Excused Alternate Member Vanessa Sotelo
Alternate Member Stephanie Bacon

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

None.

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

None

VI. REPORTS

Director Scott Johnson, Jr. provided the following Report:

Gym & Pavilion dedications were approved
Summer Camps - Consolidated into two sites this year due to low enrollment in the lowest age group.
Additional benefits include savings on staffing, bussing, event planning, equipment rentals, etc.

STEAP Grant Update - Nearing the end of the contracting phase and it is progressing as expected.

MOTION to accept the Directors Report as presented
Moved by L Finnegan, seconded by L. Hawes
VOTE: 5 - 0 Unanimously.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Parks, Recreation, & Senior Citizens Minutes of April 21, 2026
The Commission deferred approving the April 1, 2026 Minutes to their July 21, 2026 meeting.

RESULT: TABLED

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Develop a Youth Sports Council bylaws, policies and procedures.

Determination of whether to make the Youth Sports Council a subcommittee of this Commission versus a stand-alone Council was pending input from the Town Attorney

RESULT: CONTINUE

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION to accept a donation to purchase AEDs and storage boxes to purchase AED boxes

Moved by L. Hawes, seconded by L. Kent

Discussion: Funds were raised by a High School Student to purchase AED Boxes, with the intent to make them available for Little League. The Student's intent was to install them on town property; therefore, she was donating the funds to the town to be used in conjunction with Parks & Recreation's existing plan to install the AEDs. The donation would all for one to two additional AEDs

VOTE: 5- 0 Motion passed unanimously

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lauren Hawes

SECONDER: Loretta Kent

AYE 5 Hawes Sotelo DiRico Finegan Schneider

EXCUSED 2 Kent Bacon

2. MOTION to grant a Bid Waiver to American Ground and Snow Management of Mystic, Connecticut, to install the Lantern Hill Valley Parking lots due to receiving less than the required three bids for Bid # 2026-04 (Park Lot Installation), in accordance with Ordinance #200-001 (rev 1) "An Ordinance for Purchasing".

Moved by

Discussion: It was noted that because they did not receive the required three Bids in response to

Bid # 2026-04 (Park Lot Installation); that the Commission would need to request the Town Council grant a Bid Waiver. In accordance with Ordinance #200-002 "Purchasing Ordinance" three bid were required.

VOTE: 5 - 0 Motion was approved unanimously

RESULT: RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Loretta Kent

AYE 5 Hawes Kent DiRico Finegan Schneider

EXCUSED 2 Sotelo Bacon

X. ADJOURNMENT

L. Kent moved to Adjourn, seconded by C. Schneider

VOTE: 5 - 0 Motion approved unanimously

The Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kenneth DiRico
Chairman