

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

12 Van Tassel Drive Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

Center

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission

~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 2025 7:00 PM Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Upcoming Events and Activities.

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Member Comments.

VI. REPORTS

1. Reports.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2025.

Attachments: P&R minutes 11-18-25

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Discuss ideas for FY26-27 Capital Projects
- 2. Any Other Old Business to Come Before the Commission.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. Discussion and possible motion to APPROVE the FY2026-27 budget.
- 2. Election of Officers.
- 3. Motion to APPROVE 2026 Calendar Meeting dates as written.
- **4.** Any Other New Business to Come Before the Commission.

X. ADJOURNMENT

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File #: 25-3003 Agenda Date: 12/16/2025 Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Upcoming Events and Activities.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:



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File #: 25-3010 Agenda Date: 12/16/2025 Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Member Comments.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:



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File #: 25-3011 Agenda Date: 12/16/2025 Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Reports.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:



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File #: 25-3004 Agenda Date: 12/16/2025 Agenda #: 1.

MINUTES

Minutes:

Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2025.



12 Van Tassel Drive Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission

Meeting Minutes

Chairman Kenneth J. DiRico

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

7:00 PM

Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens
Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DiRico called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Ledyard Senior Center.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Chairperson Kenneth J. DiRico

Chairman Lucrezia Finegan Chairman Carol Ann Schneider

Chairman Lauren Hawes Chairman Loretta Kent

Alternate Member Stephanie Bacon

Chairman Paula Crocker

Excused Alternate Member Vanessa Sotelo

In addition, the following were present:

Scott Johnson, Director of Ledyard Parks, Recreation and Senior Center William Barnes, Town Council Liaison Terry Fedors Sandra Fedors Barbara Kil, Tri Town Trail Karen Parkison, Tri Town Trail President

Tom Olson, Tri Town Trail

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. TTT Update

Mr. Olson and Ms. Parkinson gave a presentation on the Tri Town Trail in Preston, Ledyard and Groton from the start of the project to where the project is today. The trail has multiple user, 50% dogwalkers and 50% walkers. There has been a partnership with Parks & Recreation throughout the entire process. Preston Park has an ADA path to the trail. Fundraisers are done throughout the year for maintenance and there will be a luminary trail on December 13, 2025

2. Upcoming Events and Activities

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

VI. REPORTS

- Courtney Sizer has given notice and her last day will be November 26, 2025.
- Community Center bathrooms have flooded Public Works is working on fixing this issue.
- Water has been shut off at Judge Crandall Field
- Irrigation at Colonel Ledyard Park and Judge Crandall have been completed
- There have been issues with the basketball schedule with coaches arriving earlier than their start time. Coaches have been told to wait for access before going into schools.

MOTION to approve the Director's Report

This was Approved and so declared.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan SECONDER: Loretta Kent

AYE 7 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Bacon Crocker

EXCUSED 1 Sotelo

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MOTION to approve the November 4th Special Meeting Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Loretta Kent SECONDER: Lucrezia Finegan

AYE 7 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Bacon Crocker

EXCUSED 1 Sotelo

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS Youth Sports Oversight

Youth sports oversight was discussed as as per last meeting determined to be the clubs/league responsibility to have coaches adhere to rules and regulations. Clubs/leagues should participate in safe sports and have everyone sign a code of ethics. There will be a meeting for youth sports next spring.

A sub committee will be formed to adapt final rules and regulations and prepare a formalized Town of Ledyard youth sports regulations for all youth sports.

MOTION to establish a Youth Sports Sub Committee

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Loretta Kent SECONDER: Lauren Hawes

AYE 7 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Bacon Crocker

EXCUSED 1 Sotelo

2. MOTION to approve the Parks, Recreation and Senior Citizens Department Joint Logo

The new LOGO was discussed and the commission chose the Oak Tree with bench with the rounded lettering.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Loretta Kent SECONDER: Paula Crocker

3. Discuss ideas for FY26-27 Capital Projects

Installation of cameras at town parks and upgrading of Senior Center cameras to Commercial-grade equipment

Implementation of individual door access codes that can be changed frequently. It was noted this may not be possible at the Senior Center due to ADA door system

Replace playground mulch

Upgrades to Blonder Park bathrooms and correction of existing plumbing issues.

Upgrade of Town Green Light Switches to LED

Installation of new lights at the football field

Replacement or repair of bleachers at several fields; noted that these are costly to maintain.

Installation of a new Senior Center sign featuring the updated logo

Purchase a fryer for the Senior Center kitchen; need to extend the kitchen hood to add a fryer

Considering purchase of a bounce house for individuals to rent and for Camp to utilize; liability to be reviewed

Purchase of portable tents for events

Updates to the pavilion and parking lot at Lantern Hill Park

Mr. Johnson will prioritize this list prior to next meeting,

4. Any Old Business Proper to come before the Commission

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION to dedicate a plaque honoring Ms. Janet Barnett at future pavilion at LHU Park

Ms. Terry Fedors and Ms Sandra Fedors gave a presentation to honor Ms. Janet Barnett with a plaque and/or the dedication of the future pavilion at LHU Park. Ms. Fedors stated that Ms. Barnett was an advocate for teen mothers, an NFA fair officer, Long Pond Volunteer, Food Pantry Volunteer and Amistad Program volunteer giving countless dedicated hours to the community.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan SECONDER: Loretta Kent

AYE 7 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Bacon Crocker

EXCUSED 1 Sotelo

1. Discussion and possible motion to dedicate the future pavilion at LHU Park in Janet Barnett's name

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Paula Crocker SECONDER: Lucrezia Finegan

AYE 7 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Bacon Crocker

EXCUSED 1 Sotelo

3. Discussion and possible motion to charge for Coffee in the main room.

It was noted that the charge for coffee was discontinued after the COVID pandemic to get more people into the building, also at that time we were received the coffee free from TVCCA.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

AYE 7 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Bacon Crocker

EXCUSED 1 Sotelo

4. MPOTION to change the meeting time to 5:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

AYE 7 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Bacon Crocker

EXCUSED 1 Sotelo

5. Any New Business Proper to come before the Commission

X. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Schneider moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ms. Finegan

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m. VOTE: 7-0 Approved and so declared



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File #: 25-3007 Agenda Date: 12/16/2025 Agenda #: 2.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

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Department Comment/Recommendation:



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File #: 25-3009 Agenda Date: 12/16/2025 Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Discussion and possible motion to APPROVE the FY2026-27 budget.

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Department Comment/Recommendation:



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Agenda #: 2. File #: 25-3017 **Agenda Date:** 12/16/2025

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject: Election of Officers.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:



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File #: 25-3016 **Agenda Date:** 12/16/2025 **Agenda #:** 3.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Motion to APPROVE 2026 Calendar Meeting dates as written.

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Department Comment/Recommendation:



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File #: 25-3008 Agenda Date: 12/16/2025 Agenda #: 4.

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