



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Ledyard Farmers Market Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman Pamela Ball

Regular Meeting - Hybrid Format

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

5:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Ball at 5:32 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Chairperson/Market Manager Pamela Ball
Commissioner Ellin Grenger
Commissioner Ethan Foltz
Commissioner Allison Troy
Recording Secretary Sarah Martic
Alternate Treasurer William Thorne

Also in attendance was Kat? (need last name) who is a volunteer working on the Market newsletters.

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

None.

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None.

V. MEMBER'S COMMENTS

None.

VI. TREASURERS REPORT

1. Financial Reports.

Mr. Thorne said he prefers to look at financials by Market season instead of Fiscal Year which wouldn't make sense for this Committee.

Market funds on hand at the start of Market (CY) 2026: \$23,246 (1 Jan 2026).

Total vendor payments for Market 2026: \$8,288.

Total expenses for Market 2026: \$1,768 (mostly computer & printer for Market Manager).

Total funds available: \$29,766.

To cover FY 25-26 Market entertainment, Mr. Thorne recommended the following Purchase Orders be increase as indicated below:

Performance Date	Performer	Current PO	Current PO Amount	Recommended Increase
6/3/2026	Nick Casey	20260135 0	\$300	
6/10/2026	Austin Neal	20260121 250	\$50	
6/17/2026	Kevin Salley	20260120 25	\$175	
6/24/2026	Brad Bensko	20260150 0	\$200	

Overall, the Committee is in good shape financially.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. MARKET MANAGER REPORT

1. Chairperson Report.

Chairperson Ball said most discussions will be held under Old Business and noted that the Committee will go into executive session towards the end of the meeting. During the executive session the Committee will discuss the speaker project, contest update, and vote on funding for advertising the contest.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting minutes from April 1, 2026, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Pamela Ball

SECONDER: Allison Troy

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1. MOTION to enter Executive Session to discuss Vendor Contracts.

Executive session was entered at 6:20 p.m. and exited at 6:33 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Pamela Ball

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IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion regarding 2026 Weekly Themes.

Chairperson Ball said that half of the themes are set, the other half could be without a theme.

4th of July -

Mr. Thorne said he would like to up the game on the July Market's red, white and blue theme day for America 250. Mr. Thorne is attending the America 250 Committees meeting on May 12, 2026. Mr. Thorne would like a booth that lays out Ledyard's involvement with the Revolutionary War, he will take the lead on that. He requested authorization to purchase flags and bunting for the booth. Mr. Thorne has reached out to a Band Director regarding patriotic music. Chairperson Ball said no vote is required to purchase America 250 supplies so long as there was no objection from the Committee Members, everyone agreed to the purchase. Kat?? said she volunteers at the Submarine Museum and asked if Mr. Thorne would be interested, she also said she would look for a point of contact for the Navy Band.

Children's events -

Chairperson Ball asked Ms. Troy if she has everything she needs for the children's events. Ms. Troy said that she would like to purchase red, white and blue children's headbands. She added that she has been trying to get in contact with the Children's Museum, but they haven't been responsive. Ms. Grenger asked about the Nature Center attending again since it has been a few years. Ms. Troy replied that she would like to reach out to them to ask if they have animals that are less sensitive to music. Ms. Grenger said she is on the Nature Center Board and checked with their Educators who said would be happy to come back to the Market. Ms. Troy plans to speak to Holdridge Farm Nursery regarding a planting activity. Chairperson Ball requested that Ms. Troy let her know about the giveaways and weekly children's events so Kat? could include that information in the email blasts. Chairperson Ball suggested getting 200 puppy stuffed toys this year since 125 was not enough last year. Chairperson Ball told Ms. Troy to send her order requests to Christina Hostetler, Town Hall Assistant. Mr. Thorne said he will increase the non-reoccurring purchase order to assure there is plenty available for purchases. The Library will only be able to participate in the Market once. Ms. Grenger suggested kids' yoga and/or hula hoops. Rosalie Garstka will attend the first Market with her miniature donkeys; Ms. Troy will also ask her to attend the 4th of July Market Day. Michael? (need last name) suggested Xen's Critters. He attended a Library event where Xen brought a goat, bunnies and a turtle. Ms. Troy found their contact information and will reach out to them. Lastly, Mr. Thorne will contact potential magicians, Chairperson Ball said that would be perfect for Harry Potter Day.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Preparations for the Summer 2026 Market, continued.

Music -

Ms. Martic confirmed that the musicians are all set.

T-shirts -

Ms. Grenger reported that she has orders for herself, Mr. Foltz, Mr. Troy, Chairperson Ball and Mr. Thorne but no one else. Ms. Martic and Mr. Foltz volunteered to reach out to the others.

No Smoking Signs -

Mr. Thorne spoke with Scott Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director regarding the "no

smoking" signs. Mr. Johnson explained that it isn't an ordinance but rather a policy. Mr. Johnson said the Committee can hang temporary signs as needed. Mr. Thorne will take inventory of the signs from last year and order new signs as needed using Copycats Inc Printing Services. Chairperson Ball suggested adding "no alcohol" to the signs and said the Committee also needs two more "no dog" signs.

Chairperson Ball reported that Mr. Foltz has the computer up and running.

Electronic Signs -

The Committee thought it would be good to have some teasers for the Market.

Balloons - Mr. Thorne asked about balloons and inflators and volunteered to hang them up when he hangs up the signs. Chairperson Ball will give Mr. Thorne the balloon supplies.

Open House -

Chairperson Ball reported that on May 20, 2026, between 5-7 p.m. she is holding an open house for new vendors to find the event space, see the space and to find the correct entrance to the Market. In the past, vendors found the open house to be useful. Ms. Grenger volunteered to attend.

Maple Syrup -

Miguel (need last name) from Puerto Lima said he could get maple syrup from New Hampshire. Chairperson Ball said that since the Market is not CT certified they could have products from anywhere in New England and asked for input from the Committee. Ms. Martic said that other vendors have been turned away for not having products being made in CT, so she did not like the idea, Ms. Grenger agreed. Chairperson Ball said she will encourage Miguel? to use CT maple syrup. Mr. Thorne volunteered to research CT maple businesses that would be willing to wholesale syrup to another vendor.

New member -

Chairperson Ball said she is meeting with a potential new member to see their availability and how they would fit in with the Committee.

Recycle Bins -

Mr. Thorne found some on the Home Depot that would work, he asked how many would be needed. The bins would be used only for the Market. Maybe the Boy Scouts would be willing to take the bottles for their return deposits? Mr. Thorne would put a lock on the bins for when the market isn't running. It was decided that three bins would be sufficient.

Porta-john -

Mr. Thorne will make sure an ADA porta-john, and a hand-washing station is available.

Trash -

Chairperson Ball will contact CWPM to arrange trash pickup.

Farmer Market Manual -

Chairperson Ball is halfway completed creating a manual that will help answer all questions for the next Chairperson.

Signup schedule -

Mr. Thorne suggested encouraging all members and volunteers to share dates on which they are not available to work at the Market.

Stickers -

Micheal? asked about viewing stickers before opening day. Chairperson Ball requested that a high-resolution picture is sent to her and she will post it. A small donation would be requested for the stickers.

Contest -

Chairperson Ball said she has all the contest results and would like to run the \$600 advertisement that was run previously. The advertisement would be something like "thank you from the Market for voting us , , ,".

Motion to APPROVE spending \$600.00 to purchase an advertisement in Connecticut Magazine.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Pamela Ball

SECONDER: Ethan Foltz

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

None.

X. NEW BUSINESS

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

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 6:35 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Ethan Foltz

SECONDER: Sarah Martic

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