



TOWN OF LEDYARD

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Town Council Meeting Minutes

Chairman Gary St. Vil

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

7:00 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers

WORKING DRAFT

In-Person: Council Chambers Town Hall Annex
Remote: Information noted below:

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Audio Only: Telephone: +1 646 558 8656; Meeting ID: 826 2856 6542 ; Passcode: 729500

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman St. Vil called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex Building.

Chairman St. Vil welcomed all to the Hybrid Meeting. He stated for the members of the Town Council and the Public who were participating via video conference that the remote meeting information was available on the Agenda that was posted on the Town's Website - Granicus-Legistar Meeting Portal.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

Present: Town Councilor William Barnes
Town Councilor Ty Lamb
Town Councilor Adrienne Parad
Town Councilor James Thompson
Chairman Gary St. Vil
Town Councilor Tim Ryan
Town Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry

Excused: Town Councilor April Brunelle
Town Councilor Jessica Buhle

IV. PRESENTATIONS

V. RESIDENT & PROPERTY OWNERS (COMMENTS LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES)

Mr. Brandon Graber, 42 Church Hill Road, Ledyard addressed the State's approved budget which included Supplemental Funding for Ledyard to help provide relief on their tax base. He stated Ledyard would be receiving an additional \$481,30 in Supplemental Education Aid Funding, noting that the State used a formula to delineate Board of Education money versus Town money. He stated although there were no guidelines on how towns could use the additional supplemental funding that he hoped the Town Council would honor the State's calculation, noting that there was a reason there was a certain amount of money for the Board of Education and a certain amount of money for the General Government. He stated that the money have a divider in how much of the money would be used on which side of the fence.

Mr. Brandon Sabbag, 16 Nutmeg Drive, Gales Ferry, stated he watched the Finance Committee's May 6, 2026 meeting during which they discussed a plan on how to use the additional \$2,185,138 in State Revenues (Supplemental Education Aid \$481,304; and Supplemental Pequot-Mohegan \$1,703,834). He noted the Finance Committee's plan included reducing the amount of revenue that was supposed to come from the Mill Rate Stabilization Fund; and to use the remainder of the funding bring the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 to the adjusted/equalized Mill Rate. He stated that he would prefer to see all of the additional \$2,185,138 be used to reduce the Mill Rate for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027.

Mr. Sabbag went on to note last year a significant number of residents shot the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget down because they knew they would see the highest tax increase in over a decade. He went on to note in preparing the upcoming Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget that the Town Council unanimously approved to use \$1.8 million out of the Mill Rate Stabilization Fund. He stated based on his quick math that if the Town put 100% of additional \$2,185,138 revenue coming the State toward lowering the mill rate and lowering the taxes, that the average family would save about \$470 over the course of the upcoming year, based on the value of their home. He stated there has been some conversation about using the additional \$2,185,138 state revenue to bring the mill rate increase down to a net neutral level. However, he stated the Town may run into another "No Vote" this year, commenting that a lot of people saw their taxes go up high with the current year's budget and with the 2025 Revaluation they were going to see a tax increase. He addressed the use of the Mill Rate Stabilization Fund in previous year's budgets to help stabilize the mill rate increase, noting that there were multiple years that although they budgeted using the Mill Rate Stabilization Fund that they did not have to use those revenues. He suggested the Town Council lower the taxes, and make their town more affordable. He stated by using the full \$2,185,138 of state revenue to lower the mill rate that it would be going toward both the Board of Education side of the budget and the Town side of the budget. He stated the Town Council has already approved a budget to send to the Townspeople to vote on, noting that during their Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget presentation that the Board of Education Members said that they were happy with their proposed budget. He stated if the Town Council would use the full \$2,185,138 of state revenue to lower the mill rate the he thought they would get a "Yes Vote" at the May 19, 2026 Budget Referendum; and they would gain

respect from the Townspeople, then the previous Town Council did. He concluded his comments by stating the Town Council should take the full 2,185,138 of state revenue and give it back to the taxpayers to lower the projected mill rate for the proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget.

VI. COMMITTEE COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

None

VII. COMMENTS OF TOWN COUNCILORS

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the following Town Council Minutes:

- Public Hearing Minutes of April 21, 2026
- Special Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2026
- Regular Meeting Minutes of April 22, 2026

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carmen Garcia-Irizarry

SECONDER: William Barnes

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications List - May 13, 2026

X. REFERRALS

XI. FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 BUDGET UPDATE

The Town Council discussed the additional supplemental State Revenues Ledyard was scheduled to receive for the upcoming 2026/2027 Fiscal Year as follows:

- Supplemental Education Aid: \$481,304
- Supplemental Pequot-Mohegan \$1,703,834.
- Total: \$2,185,138

It was reported that at their May 6, 2026 meeting the Finance Committee discussed a plan for how these additional supplemental state revenues would be used to stabilize the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 projected Mill Rate; which included minimizing the use of the Mill Rate Stabilization Fund with a goal to bring the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 to the adjusted/equalized Mill Rate. This new revenue information would be presented at the May 18, 2026 Annual Town Meeting.

XII. COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE, LIAISON REPORTS

1. Administration Committee Report Fiscal Year 2025/2026

RESULT: .

- 2. Community Relations Committee for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Report- Fiscal Year 2025/2026

RESULT: .

- 3. Finance Committee Report Fiscal Year 2025/2026

RESULT: .

- 4. LUPPW Committee Report Fiscal Year 2025/2026

RESULT: .

XIII. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Report Fiscal Year 2025/2026

RESULT: .

XIV.. OLD BUSINESS

- 3. Finance Committee

XV. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. MOTION to approve three tax refunds in the combined total amount of \$24,255.39. Each refund exceeding \$2,400.00 individually. Council action is required in accordance with tax collector departmental procedures.

- Devon & Angela Hunter \$3,596.83
- Scient Federal Credit Union for Ryan & Kerrie Landry \$7,686.86
- Hajjar Management Co. Inc. for Gales Ferry Realty Trust \$12,971.70

Councilor Ryan stated in accordance with policies established for the Tax Collection Department, the Town Council was required to approve refunds to taxpayers exceeding \$2,400.

Councilor Ryan went on to note the tax refunds for Devon & Angela Hunter and Gales Ferry Realty were overpayments, because three tax installments were paid instead of required two. He also noted that the tax refund for Ryan & Kerrie Landry was due to a military related property assessment adjustment.

VOTE: 7- 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Tim Ryan

SECONDER: Carmen Garcia-Irizarry

AYE: 7 Barnes, Lamb, Parad, Thompson, St. Vil, Ryan, and Garcia-Irizarry

EXCUSED: 2 Brunelle, and Buhle

- 2. MOTION to transfer tax accounts in the amount of \$112,659.56 listed in the report dated

April 8, 2028, to the “Suspense File”

In addition, authorize the transfer of non-refundable over payments in the amount of \$265.89 to the general fund listed in the report dated April 8, 2026.

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry explained this action would remove the taxes that were not paid from an active status to a non-active status; explaining that the accounts that were being transferred would remain on the tax roll and would be flagged as a “Suspense Item”. She stated that these were tax bills were already five-years past due.

Mayor Allyn, III explained as part of year-end housekeeping the Tax Collector presents a list of accounts classified as “*uncollectable*” to be transferred to the “*Suspense List*”. He stated in most cases these were motor vehicle taxes in which the person moved out of the area; or the person has passed away. He stated except for bankruptcy or deceased, the remaining bills would be sent to a collection agency and would remain on the tax rolls for fifteen years from their due date.

Overpayments:

Per State Statute Section 12-129 and the Town of Ledyard Ordinance #200-002 over payments under \$5.00 shall be transferred to the general fund. For the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 the total amount of overpayments that were less than \$5.00 were in the amount of \$265.89.

VOTE: 7- 0 Approved and so declared

MOVER: Carmen Garcia-Irizarry

SECONDER: Tim Ryan

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Thompson

VOTE: 7 - 0 Approved and so declared. The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Transcribed by Roxanne M. Maher
Administrative Assistant to the Town Council

I, Gary St. Vil Chairman of the Ledyard Town Council,
hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and
correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Town Council
Meeting held on Mafy 13, 2026.

Gary St. Vil Chairman

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