

Roxanne Maher

From: Ritter, Matthew D. <MRitter@goodwin.com>
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 11:40 AM
To: Gary St. Vil
Cc: Roxanne Maher; Fred Allyn, III
Subject: RE: Request for Legal Opinion Regarding Budget Amendment Authority

Gary – I am in receipt of your email. I will respond soon after I have time to review everything. Thanks.



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From: Gary St. Vil <GSVil@ledyardct.org>
Sent: Thursday, May 29, 2025 8:59 AM
To: Ritter, Matthew D. <MRitter@goodwin.com>
Cc: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>; Fred Allyn, III <mayor@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Request for Legal Opinion Regarding Budget Amendment Authority

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Dear Mr. Ritter,

My name is Gary St. Vil, and I serve as a Town Councilor in Ledyard, Connecticut. I am writing to request your legal opinion regarding a motion I introduced—subsequently passed by the Town Council on Tuesday, May 27, 2025—amending the Fiscal Year 2025–2026 budget.

The motion stated:

“I move to amend the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget to reduce the following line items: Finance – Department Head Wages (Acct. 10112101-51600): reduce by \$17,083 to \$115,917. Town Clerk – Department Head Wages (Acct. 10110311-51600): reduce by \$7,639 to \$69,761. Land Use – Department Head Wages (Acct. 10114301-51600): reduce by \$6,084 to \$102,066. Human Resources – Director Wages (Acct. 10110251-51606): reduce by \$1,442 to \$96,408. These changes total \$32,248, resulting in a revised general government budget of \$29,901,179.”

Following this action, the Mayor issued a letter (attached) asserting that the Town Council lacks authority to amend the aforementioned budget line items. I am requesting your legal assessment of this matter. Specifically, please review relevant Connecticut statutes and the Ledyard Town Charter and ordinances, and advise on whether the Town Council has legal authority to make such amendments.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,
Gary St. Vil
Ledyard Town Councilor

From: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 3:00 PM
To: Town Council Group <TownCouncil@ledyardct.org>
Cc: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>
Subject: FW: Letter to Council regarding improper action 5-27-25

From: Fred Allyn, III <mayor@ledyardct.org>
Sent: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 2:44 PM
To: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Letter to Council regarding improper action 5-27-25

Roxanne,

I've attached a letter outlining the improper action taken by the Ledyard Town Council on Tuesday May 27, 2025. Please share with the Council so they can determine how they plan to correct this issue.

Best,

Fred

Fred B. Allyn III



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