



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Ledyard Beautification Committee

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Jennifer Eastbourne

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2024

5:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Eastbourne at 5:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Committee Member Julie Brousseau
 Committee Member Carol Ann Schneider
 Chairman Jennifer Eastbourne
 Committee Member Kathrine Kohrs
 Committee Member Sarah Martic
Excused Committee Member Jennifer Bingham
Absent Committee Member Carol Christiansen

Committee Member Julie Brousseau was present at 5:02 p.m., via Zoom.
Naomi Rodriguez, Town Councilor was present at 5:14 p.m.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from February 6, 2024, as written.

Julie Brousseau was not present for the minutes vote.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carol Ann Schneider

SECONDER: Kathrine Kohrs

AYE 5 Brousseau Schneider Eastbourne Kohrs Martic

EXCUSED 1 Bingham

ABSENT 1 Christiansen

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Ledyard Beautification Committee Financial Reports.
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Carol Schneider is the new Treasurer. No changes since last month in the fiscal reports. Ms. Schneider asked who to see in case of fiscal report questions, Chairperson Eastbourne said to reach out to Christina Hostetler, Town Hall Assistant.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Future Projects Discussion.

The Committee's next event is the Earth Day Clean-up. Scott Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director reserved a spot for the LBC, on the Town Green for Sunday April 21 from 2:00 - 4:00. Chairperson Eastbourne asked the Committee to decide on Earth Day event day projects.

Ms. Kohrs suggested challenging residents to collect as much trash as they can and whoever collects the most bags will win prizes, perhaps donated gift cards? She also suggested a trash to treasure contest, where participants bring their creations to the Town Green to be judged, maybe even ask the Mayor to be the judge? Ms. Kohrs suggested organizing even more events to draw people to the event.

Ms. Martic asked if a road clean-up is feasible. Tim Ryan, Town Councilor said he would shy away from sponsoring an event that involves cleaning a road, for liability reasons.

Ms. Schneider suggested holding some demonstrations at the Town Green, maybe a SCRRRA class. Chairperson Eastbourne said that SCRRRA has a very good composting class and that she would reach out to see if they could sponsor an event on the Green. She added that SCRRRA has a Girl's Scout event earlier that day but maybe could attend afterwards. A composter may even be a good prize.

The Committee can suggest that residents form teams with neighbors or friends and take photos of the number of bags which will be used for judging the trash collecting contest.

Ms. Kohrs suggested a "fill the dumpster event", maybe Willimantic Waste/Castella would donate a dumpster? Ms. Brousseau volunteered to reach out to Willimantic Waste/Castella to see if they would donate a dumpster. If Willimantic Waste/Castella says they will donate, then Chairperson Eastbourne will reach out to Mr. Johnson to see if the dumpster would be allowed on the Green. Ms. Schneider suggested asking Arc to bring one of their donation recycling bins, she will contact the Arc Director.

It was suggested to ask a Public Works representative to attend the event, maybe hold a touch the truck booth. Councilor Rodriguez asked Mr. Masalin if he could join the LBC meeting for a few questions, he obliged. Ms. Kohrs welcomed him to the meeting and gave him a brief summary of what the Committee is planning for the Earth Day event. She asked Mr. Masalin if he or a representative could attend the event, maybe for a touch the truck booth for children. He believes that date is available but would confirm the date with the Committee. He suggested contacting Dave Aldridge from SCRRRA. Ms. Kohrs asked him for a contact name at

Willimantic Waste/Casella he said to call Mark Morgan. The Committee thanked Mr. Masalin for answering their questions.

Chairperson Eastbourne suggested letting some of the other Commissions know about the event. Specifically, Conservation, Cemetery and Historic. It may be a good way to line up volunteers for various Committee events by having representatives there.

Ms. Martic volunteered to ask vendors at the next Farmer's market if anyone is interested in participating in the event. Councilor Ryan offered to ask Scotts to be a food vendor.

Ms. Kohrs suggested a medicine collection. Councilor Rodriguez will inquire with the Police department.

Ms. Schneider suggested the Fire Department be invited.

ACTION ITEM: Ask SCRRRA if they can give a demonstration during the clean-up event on the Town Green. Chairperson Eastbourne.

ACTION ITEM: Ask Willimantic Waste/Casella to donate two dumpsters for the clean-up event on the Town Green. One for trash and one for recycling. Ms. Brousseau.

ACTION ITEM: Ask Arc to bring a donation recycling bin to the clean-up event on the Town Green. Ms. Schneider.

ACTION ITEM: Ask Scotts to be a vendor at the clean-up event on the Town Green. Councilor Ryan.

ACTION ITEM: Ask the Police Department if they could have a medicine bottle collection at the clean-up event on the Town Green. Councilor Rodriguez.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Nip Bottle Tax Surcharge Discussion continued.

The Committee is waiting for information from Councilor Ryan. Possible Ad Hoc Committee?

Councilor Ryan gave an update.

He started by inviting the Committee to attend the March 7, 2024, Finance meeting. At the last Finance meeting there was an in-depth discussion on ARPA and nip bottles. Under the nip bottle discussion there was an idea brought up to use smart recycling and trash bins which are solar powered. These bins also compact the trash. Councilor Ryan volunteered to put together a spreadsheet of all the costs involved with using the solar bins such as pouring the concrete slab, installation, repairs etc. He would also like to capture the costs for all the suggested ideas in this spreadsheet. He added that unlike ARPA funds there is no deadline upon when to spend the funds.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. LBC joint meeting with other Boards discussion.

Chairperson Eastbourne asked Christina Hostetler, Town Hall Assistant about holding a joint meeting in the future. Chairperson Eastbourne will let Ms. Hostetler know what date the Committee decides to hold the joint meeting.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 5 :41 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Kathrine Kohrs

SECONDER: Julie Brousseau

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ABSENT 1 Christiansen

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