



TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

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Town Council ~ AGENDA ~

Chairman S. Naomi
Rodriguez

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

7:00 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers

In-Person: Council Chambers Town Hall Annex

Remote: Information noted below:

Join Zoom Meeting from your Computer, Smart Phone or Tablet:

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
- V. RESIDENT & PROPERTY OWNERS (COMMENTS LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES)
- VI. COMMITTEE COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS
- VII. COMMENTS OF TOWN COUNCILORS
- VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the following Town Council Minutes:

- Special Meeting of February 12, 2025
- Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2025

Attachments: [TC-MIN-2025-02-12-SP- EX-SESSION](#)
[TC-MIN-2025-02-12](#)

- IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications List - February 26, 2025

Attachments: [Communications List-2025-02-26](#)[Anderson-Ethics Commission-email-2025-02-12](#)[Blacker-Gales Ferry Distict Meeting Invite--email-2025-02-13](#)[Blacker-Sewer Project-Capacity-email-2025-02-13](#)[Johnson-Third Party Flags-email-2025-02-12](#)[Mayor -Town Council- Directing Town Staff-2025-02-13](#)[Blacker-to Treaster Dredging-email-2025-02-15](#)[Jelden-Town Council Representastion-Permaent Municipal Building
Cmt \(PMBC \) Mtgs-email-2025-02-15](#)[Action Ltr - Retirement Board Mtg 2025-02-18](#)[Blacker-Freedom of Information Act Reqeust-Gales Ferry](#)[Distrc-2025-02-18](#)[Board of Education-response to Town Council ltr 2025-
-email-2025-02-18](#)[Lamb-Topics for Comunity Relations Cmt for DEI email-2025-02-18](#)[Board of Education-Reschedule Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Budget
Presentation-email-2025-02-20](#)[Blacker -Spectators of Manassas-email-2025-02-21](#)[Board of Education - FY-2025-2026 Response to LTC ltr to
Reschedule Presentation ltr-2024-02-24](#)[Blacker-Roudebush meeting -email-2025-02-26](#)[Soreto-Playscape Projects email-2025-02-24](#)[Vincent- Playscape Projrects & 2025 Black History Month
Activites-email-2025-02-16](#)[Whitescarver-Resignation-Planning & Zoning email-2025-02-10](#)[ACTION LTR-TOWN COUNCIL MTG-2025-02-12](#)[ACCEPTED MARTYS WAY & VILLAGE DRIVE-TOWN
COUNICL LTR-2025-02-13](#)[St Vil- Black History Month Contest-High School- Deadline Date
Extended to March 7-2025- email dated 2024-20-20](#)[St Vil- Black History Month Contest-Middle School- Deadline Date
Extended to March 7-2025- email dated 2024-20-20](#)[Action Ltr-Town Council Sp. Meeting-2025-02-19](#)[St Vil- Black History Month Contest -Elementary School -Deadline
Date Extended to March 7-2025- email dated 2024-20-20](#)[Board of Education - FY-2025-2026 Reschedule Presentation
ltr-2024-02-24](#)[Communit Speaks Out-Open House March 1, 2025](#)

X. REFERALS

XI. COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE, LIAISON REPORTS

1. Administration Committee

2. Community Relations Committee for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

3. Finance Committee

4. Land Use/Planning/Public Works Committee

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XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR

- *1. MOTION to reappoint the following members to the Permanent Municipal Building Committee to complete a three (3) year term ending March 26, 2028.

- Mr. Gerald Tyminski (U) 58 Partridge Hollow, Gales Ferry
- Mr. Joseph Gush (R) 57 Town Farm Road, Ledyard.

Attachments: [RE-Appointment Endorsment-Permanent Municipal Bulding Cmt-RTC-2025-02-04](#)

- *2. Motion to approve four tax refunds in the combined total amount of \$13,146.20 each exceeding \$2,400.00 in accordance with tax collector departmental procedures.

- Patricia Ference \$3,112.39
- Jessica Johnson \$2,619.98
- Law Office Sean Donohue for Amanda Plante \$3,079.65
- Sheela Nerurkar \$4,334.18

Attachments: [AIR-25-1444 Tax Refunds](#)

Administration Committee

3. MOTION to appoint Ms. Minna DeGaetano (D) 10 Marla Avenue, Ledyard, as a Regular Member to the Retirement Board to complete a three (3) year term ending January 20, 2026 to fill a vacancy left by Mr. Panosky.

Attachments: [Retirement Board-DeGaetano to Regular Member-email-2024-12-30](#)
[RETIREMENT BOARD-2024-12-11](#)
[Resignation Panosky - Retirement Board-2024-11-19](#)

4. MOTION to appoint Mrs. Karen Parkinson (R) 55 Rose Hill Road, Ledyard, as a Regular Member to the Historic District Commission to complete a five (5) year term ending December 4, 2026 to fill a vacancy left by Mr. Barnes.

Attachments: [RETIREMENT BOARD-2024-12-11](#)
[Appoint Alternate Member Parkinson to Regular Member-Histoirc](#)
[Disstrict Commission-email-2025-02-07](#)
[Resign-Barnes-Historic District Commission-2025-01-26](#)
[HISTORIC COMMISION-2025-02-10](#)

5. MOTION to appoint Ms. Lauren Hawes, (U) 8 Warbler Way, Gales Ferry, as a Regular Member to the Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission to complete a three (3) year term ending June 28, 2025 to fill a vacancy left by Ms. Cobb.

Attachments: [Appointment - Park-Recreation & Senior Citizens- Alternate Hawes to Regular Member-DiRico email-2025-01-14](#)
[Resignation-Cobb-Parks-Recreation & Senior Citizens-ltr-2024-01-07](#)
[PARKS-REC-SENIOR CITIZENS-2025-02-03](#)

6. MOTION to appoint Mr. Nathaniel Woody (U) 770 Long Cove Road, Gales Ferry, as an Alternate Member to the Planning & Zoning Commission to complete a three (3) year term ending October 31, 2026 filling, vacancy left by Mr. Miello.

Attachments: [APPOINT APPLICATION-WOODY-PLANNING & ZONING-2025-01-20](#)
[PLANNING & ZONING-2025-02-03](#)

7. MOTION to appoint Ms. Sherry Gruzowski (R) 26 Saw Mill Drive, Ledyard, to the Ledyard Housing Authority Road, Gales Ferry, to complete a five (5) year term ending March 31, 2028 filling a vacancy left by Ms. Crocker.

Attachments: [RTC-Appoint Application-Gruszkowski-Housing Authority-2025-02-04](#)
[HOUSING AUTHORITY-2025-02-04](#)
[Resignation-Crocker-Housing Authroty-ltr-2024-11-25](#)

Finance Committee

8. MOTION to authorize overexpenditure of winter operations budget accounts 10140103-51815 (Snow Overtime), 10140103-58300 (Employee Reimbursement), and 10140107-56301 (Salt and Sand) due to higher-than-normal winter operation's needs.

Attachments: [Winter Operations Budget Tracking 2-18-25](#)

9. Motion to overspend 10120101-51630 (Public Safety Employees) to allow for the hiring of two police officer candidates in FY25 to replace two officers planning retirement in FY26.

10. MOTION to approve a revised Appendix A- Qualifying Income Schedule in accordance with Ordinance #200-005 (rev. 1) "An Ordinance to Provide Property Tax Relief for Certain Homeowners Age Sixty-Five or Over or Permanently and Totally Disabled (rev.1)" for the filing period of February 1, 2024 - May 15, 2024.

Attachments: [Qualifying Income Limits 2025-Ordinance.doc](#)
[Qualifying Income Limits 2025-Ordinance](#)
[ORD-#200-005 \(rev 1\) -An Ordinance Tax Relief](#)
[Elderly-2019-12-11.docx](#)
[Ordinance](#)

General Business

11. Discussion and possible action on a Resolution Concerning Public Benefits Charges on Electric Bills to Consumers.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

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Although we try to be timely and accurate these are not official records of the Town.

The Town Council's Official Agenda and final Minutes will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.



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File #: 25-1503

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

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MINUTES

Minutes:

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- Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2025



TOWN OF LEDYARD
CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL

Chairman S. Naomi Rodriguez

MINUTES
LEDYARD TOWN COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025; 6:30 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex Building.
- II. ROLL CALL –

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Location
William Barnes	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
April Brunelle	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
Jessica Buhle	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
Carmen Garcia-Irizarry	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
Kevin Dombrowski	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
S. Naomi Rodriguez	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
Tim Ryan	Town Councilor	Excused	
Tony Saccone	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
Gary St. Vil	Town Councilor	Present	Remote

III. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

1. MOTION to enter into an executive session to discuss pending negotiations on a real estate matter.

The executive session to include all Town Councilors present, and Mayor Allyn, III, Public Works Director/Town Engineer Steve Masalin, and Administrative Assistant Roxanne Maher. Moved by Chairman Rodriguez, seconded by Councilor Buhle

VOTE: 8 - 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT:	APPROVED 8 - 0
MOVER:	S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman
SECONDER	Jessica Buhle, Town Councilor
AYES:	Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Rodriguez, Saccone, St. Vil
EXCUSED:	Ryan

Entered into executive session at 6:30 p.m.

Came out of executive session at 7:02 p.m.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Dombrowski moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Buhle

VOTE: 8 - 0 Approved and so declared. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

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

I, S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman of the Ledyard Town Council,
hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of
the minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting held on February 12, 2025

S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman



TOWN OF LEDYARD
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Chairman S. Naomi Rodriguez

MINUTES
LEDYARD TOWN COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025; 7:00 PM
HYBRID FORMAT
VIDEO CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

DRAFT

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex Building.

Chairman Rodriguez welcomed all to the Hybrid Meeting. She 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.

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- III. ROLL CALL –

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Tim Ryan	Town Councilor	Excused	
Tony Saccone	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
Gary St. Vil	Town Councilor	Present	Remote

- IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS – None.

- V. RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

Mrs. Eleanor Murray, 26 Devonshire Drive, Gales Ferry, stated that she was present this evening to address the following issues:

- Ethics Commission** – Mrs. Murray stated she was in-favor of the Town establishing an Ethics Commission. She stated of the 169 Connecticut towns that Ledyard was one of the 20 or so towns that does not have an Ethics Commission. She stated that every town needed to have an Ethics Commission because there were things going on that the town could take care of themselves. She noted that Councilor Garcia-Irizarry has taken an incredible amount of abuse regarding the proposed Ordinance she drafted to establish an Ethics Commission, stating that Councilor Garcia Irizarry kept her cool and that she admired her efforts.
- Public Benefits Charge-** Mrs. Murray stated that tonight’s Agenda included a discussion regarding the Public Benefits Charge that has been included on their electric bills. She stated that she did not know what the Town Council could do about the additional charge because it was in the hands of the State Legislature. She stated the Public Benefits Charge was passed to help with the Covid-19 Pandemic; however, she noted the law did not have a sundown, noting that it has been in place for over three-years. She stated her electric bill included a \$400 Public Benefit Charge this month. She stated Eversource advertises that they would come to your house to tell you new ways to save money, but they never do anything about collecting their own bills. She stated that Eversource needed to spend money to get their own bills collected and not put their lack of collecting bills on the backs of the people who were paying their bills.

Chairman Rodriguez thanked Mrs. Murray for her comments regarding the Public Benefit Charge that were on the electric bills. She explained because the Councilor who was going to discuss the Public Benefit Charge was ill this evening that they would defer the discussion to their February 26, 2025 meeting.

Mayor Allyn, III, stated that they were all feeling the impact of the Public Benefit Charge and he presented electric bills from homes that had electric heat and heat pumps noting that their bill were over \$1,000 a month.

Mr. Steve Munger, 12 Nutmeg Drive, Gales Ferry, stated that he respected that the members of the Town Council were investing their time; however, he stated that he disagreed with some of the things they were doing. He noted twelve years ago when there was a fire at his home Ms. Naomi Rodriguez organized a fundraiser for his family. He stated at that time he did not know Ms. Rodriguez but that they have since become good friends, noting that she did so much for his family. He stated although he and Chairman Rodriguez may not always agree that he valued their friendship. Mr. Munger continued by stating that he was present this evening to address the following:

- **Ethics Commission** – Mr. Munger questioned the following:
 - ✓ Does Ledyard need an Ethic Commission?
 - ✓ Does the town have data showing how many issues have occurred in the past ten years that would have benefited by having an Ethics Commission?
 - ✓ Does Ledyard have 100 issues every month for the town to need an Ethics Commission to look at them?
 - ✓ Is an Ethics Commission a mechanism to use against the people someone did not like ?

Mr. Munger stated that Ethics Commissions were abused by the people in power. He stated Ledyard has not had an Ethics Commission all this time; and therefore, he questioned how did the town handle other incidents over the years. He stated an Ethics Commission was just one more committee that could cause more problems than it might actually solve. He stated that he was not saying that there may never be a reason in which they might need an Ethics Commission. He stated although he has not done much research on the need for the town to establish an Ethics Commission, but because of what he has seen, that he was against the town having an Ethics Commission. He stated if the town does move forward with establishing an Ethics Commission that he hoped that it would be used for the right reasons, and not for the reasons he thought they wanted to set up the Commission.

- **Flying Third Party Flags on Town Property** – Mr. Munger stated he was once again present to address the flying Third Party Flags on Town Property. Mr. Munger stated that he was against flying any flag other than the US American Flag on town property. He stated that he was not against the Pride Flag or any Flag; but that he was against flying any flag on town property other than the US American Flag. He stated that we were all Americans, noting that was the one thing left in this country that we were all part of. He stated that we were not all part of this flag or that flag, and he commented by flying third party flags that the town would upset some people. He stated the town's Elected Officials were responsible for keeping the community together. He stated his decision to live in Ledyard was based on the great schools and the town's great reputation. He stated the support he received from the community when his home burned twelve years ago was the reason he would do anything for this town. He stated that he believed in taking care of the people who took care of him and his family; and that he thought the Elected Official's job was to keep the community this way.

Mr. Munger continued by stating the Pride Flag was not the issue. He stated by flying other flags that they would be creating a problem that did not exist. He noted the Supreme Court decision in Boston. He stated although he did not know all the facts that it was his understanding that Ledyard would be losing some income from the Casino and from some other things. Therefore, he stated he did not think Ledyard needed to expose themselves to lawsuits down the line because of flying other flags. He questioned who would decide which flags go up, and which ones do not go up. He questioned why create the potential for a problem and that would involve a lot of financial issues down the line. He stated we should remember that we are Ledyard; and we were all together. He stated all he could see that would come from flying other flags was fighting and arguments between people who actually like each other. He stated the issue of flying third party flags should be a dead issue. He stated that they did not need to divide the community any more than it was already. He concluded his comments by stating that his comments were not about the Pride Flag, it was about flags in general. Thank you.

Mr. Kevin Blacker, 11 Church Road, Noank, stated the he also owned personal property at 483 Shewville Road, Ledyard “*The 97 Farm*”. Mr. Blacker questioned the order of the Agenda noting that when he looked at tonight’s agenda he thought that the Water Pollution Control Authority Chairman Ed Lynch’s Report was going to take place before “*V. Residents Comments*” so that the public could ask questions. Chairman Rodriguez explained that WPCA Chairman Ed Lynch would be providing his Report under “*VI. Committee/Commission/Board Reports*”. Mr. Blacker stated that perhaps he misunderstood the Agenda noting that he was under the impression that the public would be able to address the Council after the Sewer Presentation. Chairman Rodriguez stated that they would play it by ear.

Mr. Blacker stated he was present to comment on the following:

- **Ledyard Sewer Line Extension Project** – Mr. Blacker stated in addition to the Ledyard Sewer Line Extension Project that he hoped that WPCA Chairman Mr. Lynch would also touch on the watermain breaks in the Highlands area, and the need to replace those watermain. Mr. Blacker stated the cause of the watermain breaks were unknown, although Groton Utilities seemed to think that one plausible reason could be related to the fires that occurred up there, and it could be related to closing the hydrant. Mr. Blacker recommended the Fire Departments receive training on how to open and close the fire hydrants from the Water Treatment Plant Operator so that they understood how a water system worked and the importance of communication and properly closing the water lines to avoid costly breaks. He also suggested the town think about how they were going to pay to repair the watermain breaks without impacting the town’s taxes, noting that he heard that Ledyard was looking at a potential 4 mil increase for the upcoming budget year 2025/2026; with 3.7 of the mil rate increase coming from the Board of Education.

Stonington’s Solar Array Project – Mr. Blacker noted the Solar Array proposal that was currently with the Siting Council. He explained that the solar project would be on top of Ledyard’s aquifer; however, he stated Ledyard did not submit a comment to the Siting Council regarding the proposed project. He stated although the solar array proposal was not going to be withdrawn that the aquifer was an important asset of the town; and that Ledyard should keep a close eye on it.

- **Ethics Commission** - Mr. Blacker questioned, in absence of an Ethics Commission, whether any Town Officials have alerted the Commission on Human Rights; or the Department of Justice regarding the alleged Civil Rights Complaint concerning a former Town Official or Officials. He stated that there might be some type of Ethical responsibility here.
- **Gales Ferry District** – Mr. Blacker noted the issues he has raised regarding the Gales Ferry District, because what he has observed them doing was concerning. He stated that Town Council Chairman Rodriguez said that the Town Council does not have any jurisdiction over the Gales Ferry District; and so there was nothing they could do. Mr. Blacker stated the actions of the Gales Ferry District were going to have a large impact on this town; particularly related to the Gales Ferry Intermodal (GFI) - Cashman Development (former Dow Chemical Styrenics site); noting that he thought this development would be good for Ledyard.

Mr. Blacker went on to note that he filed a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request regarding the Gales Ferry District based on what he has observed. He explained at 1:00 p.m. the Gales Ferry District called a public meeting for a select group to take place at 7:00 p.m. that same evening; which was illegal. He stated there were members voting who were not present; and he commented that this was just blatant Red Flags. He stated the Gales Ferry District’s actions were going to have a very large impact on the future of Ledyard; and at the very least the Town Council should be paying attention. Thank you.

Mr. Mike Cherry, 5 Whippoorwill Drive, Gales Ferry, attending remotely via Zoom, stated that he was planning to attend the Administration Committee’s meeting at 5:30 p.m. this evening, however, he stated the Zoom Link was broken. He stated he was interested in seeing how the Administration Committee’s new Chairman Jessica Buhle did at her first meeting, and he noted that it was his understanding that she did well. Mr. Cherry continued by addressing the proposed Ordinance to establish an Ethics Commission. He suggested that residents read the proposed Ordinance and understand it. He stated the proposed Ordinance deals with Fiscal Conflicts of Interest; however, it does not address all the other things that people have been talking about. Therefore, he stated that people should thoroughly read the

proposed Ordinance, because they may need to do something else; before the proposal is presented at a Public Hearing. Mr. Cherry continued by noting that a couple of people have asked if Ledyard had problems. He stated during the 40-years he has lived in town that there were two problems, and he stated by using the procedures that were in place that both people ended up in jail. He stated that he would look forward to the Public Hearings regarding the proposed Ethics Commission Ordinance, and he congratulated Councilor Buhle for making it through her first meeting as a Committee Chairman.

Ms. Angela Cassidy. 62 Hurlbut Road in Gales Ferry, attending remotely via Zoom, stated that surprisingly, she somewhat agreed with Mr. Mike Cherry regarding the proposed Ordinance to establish an Ethics Commission. She stated that she agreed that the proposal was orientated towards Fiscal Conflicts and Ethical Conflicts, which she believed was already addressed in the Town Charter. However, she stated that the Town Charter does not provide consequences or outline a process. She suggested that the town rethink the proposal, noting that she submitted a letter that included more details. She thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to address them this evening, and she stated that she hoped they would come to a good decision.

Chairman Rodriguez thanked the residents for their comments this evening.

VI. COMMITTEE COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

- Water Pollution Control Authority Chairman Ed Lynch – Ledyard Low-Pressure Sewer Main Extension Project.

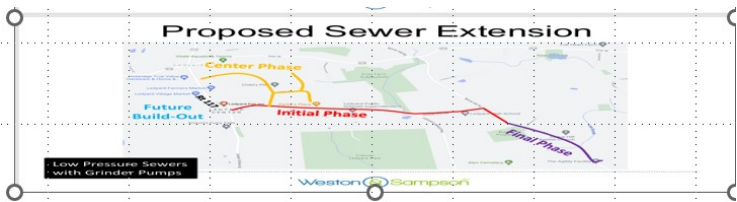
Chairman Rodriguez welcomed Water Pollution Control Authority Chairman Ed Lynch to give his Report regarding the Ledyard Low Pressure Sewer Main Extension Project.

Water Pollution Control Authority Chairman Ed Lynch thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to present a report regarding the progress of work to date on the Ledyard Low-Pressure Sewer Main Extension Project. He continued by reviewing the following PowerPoint Presentation:

❖ Project Overview

Mr. Lynch described the original Plan for the Ledyard Center Low-Pressure Sewer (LPS) Line Extension Project stating that it was a low-cost opportunity for the town, noting that no tax dollars have been used to date. He proceeded to review the Low-Pressure Sewer (LPS) Line Extension Project as follows:

- ✓ Phase I Initial Phase – Town to Construct a Low-Pressure Sewer (LPS) to run under the Multi-Use Pathway from Ledyard Center to the High School.
- ✓ Phase II Center Phase- Extend the Low-Pressure Sewer (LPS) Line across parcels. This would involve Developers Investment.
- ✓ Phase III - Town would replace the current 3-inch sewer pipe where it bottlenecks along Gallup Hill Road from the High School to the Pennywise Lane with a larger pipe to the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- ✓ Future Build-out
 - Cost to be determined
 - Private Developers to extend the Low-Pressure Sewer (LPS) Line west on Route 117.



Mr. Lynch went on to explain that the Low-Pressure Sewer (LPS) Project would alleviate the need to maintain the 25-year-old Pump Station at Lakeside, noting the Lakeside Pumpstation was falling apart and would cost \$35,000 to \$50,000 upgrade.

❖ **Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility**

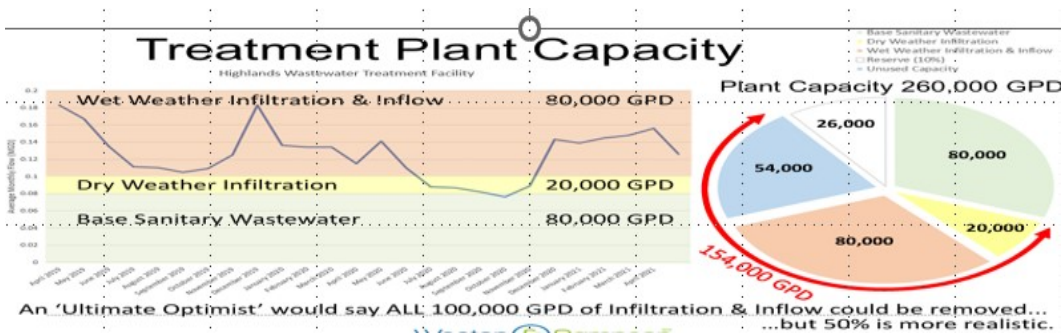
Mr. Lynch noted in 2014 the townspeople authorized funding to make significant upgrades to the Wastewater Treatment Plant making the Facility fully automated. He provided an overview as follows:

- Recent Plant \$1.3 Million Upgrades included:
 - Screen Plant
 - Decaners
 - Blowers
 - Piping
 - Pumps
 - Thickener
 - Controllers
- Opportunity:
 - Construction of the Multi-Use Pathway Trail / Development and
 - American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding
- Multi-Phase Approach – Low-Cost Operational Design for the Town (LPS)

Mr. Lynch reviewed the Wastewater Treatment Facility Capacity as follows:

❖ **Present Wastewater Facility Capacity**

- ✓ Immediate Plant Capacity 54,000 Gallons Per Day (GPD)
- ✓ Phase II – Center Phase estimated Wastewater Flow 49,000 Gallons Per Day (GPD)
- ✓ Ultimate Optimal Treatment Capacity 154,000 Gallons Per Day (GPD)
- ✓ Future Build-Out estimated Wastewater Flow 110,000 Gallons Per Day (GPD)
- ✓ Realist Max Available at the Wastewater Treatment Capacity 104,000 Gallons Per Day (GPD)
- X Future Build-out Estimated Wastewater Flow 110,000 Gallons Per Day (GPD)



Mr. Lynch explained that the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility was currently only running around 83,000 Gallons Per Day, noting that they have a permit for about 220,000 Gallons Per Day. However, he stated in the springtime the Plant runs at 500,000 Gallons Per Day. He stated if they used the Plant at its full capacity they would receive more funds, putting less pressure on their rate payers.

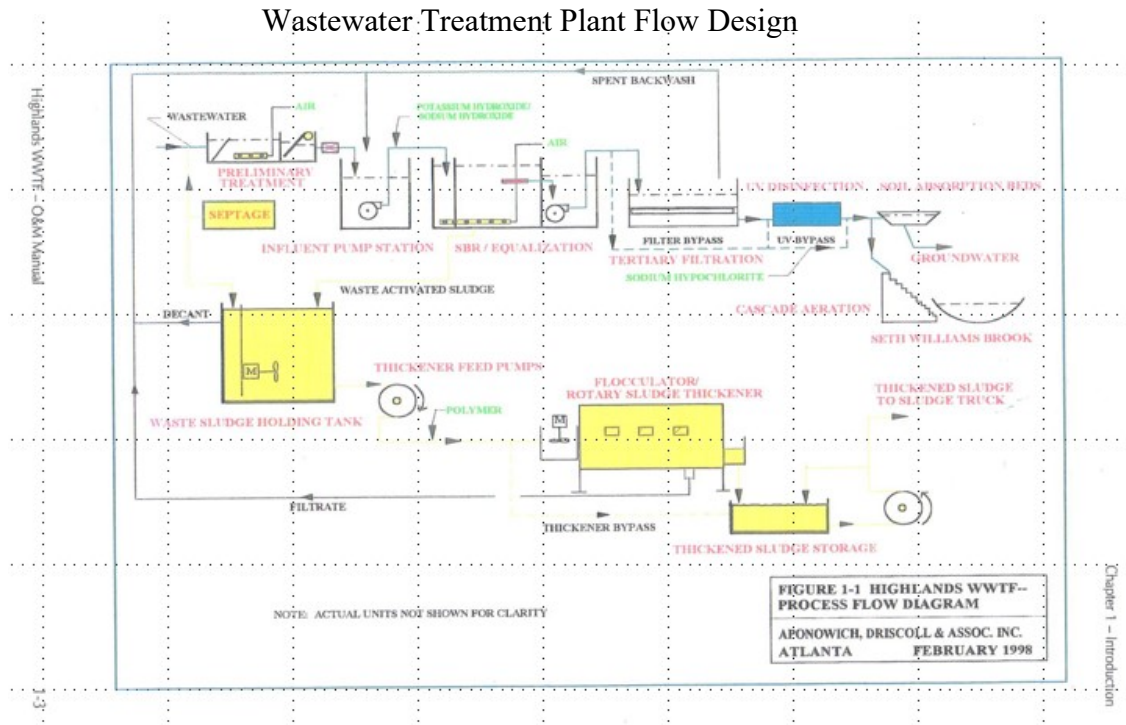
Mr. Lynch went on to provide an overview of the Flow of the Wastewater Treatment Plant as follows:

• ***Water Discharged from the Wastewater Treatment Plant***

Mr. Lynch addressed concerns he has heard about the quality of the water that was being discharged from the Wastewater Treatment Plant. He explained the Ledyard WPCA has a “Screening Plant” and he reviewed process as follows:

- ✓ The water comes into the Plant. – Mr. Lynch stated people throw all kinds of things down the toilet such as Baby Wipes, etc. He stated these types of things do not work well with the plugs and pumps, which was the reason they have a *Screening Plant*.
- ✓ Screening Equipment takes those kinds of things out of the waste stream, compacts it, dewateres it, and then sends it to the incinerator.
- ✓ Pumps then sends the waste to Single Batch Reactors (SBR); where they adjust the ph (potential for hydrogen). The ph for water was 7; which was neutral and pure water.
- ✓ Blowers aerates the waste, it reduced the nitrates to reduce all the bio burden where they balance each of the two aerators.
- ✓ Solids were then settled out, and they decant; and take liquid.
- ✓ Sand Filters then take out all the solids, and they get recycled back.
- ✓ Drum Thickener – The solids then go to the Drum Thickener to be dewatered; and the solids go to the incinerator, and then they recycle the bugs back. Mr. Lynch stated that the bugs were good.
- ✓ Ultraviolet Process then sterilizes the water, making the water that comes out safe to drink. Mr. Lynch noted that was how safe the water discharged from the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility was.

Mr. Lynch stated because Ledyard’s wastewater was so pure the Department of Health likes them to recharge the groundwater. He stated the water goes into the ponds, and that the water also percolates down into the groundwater; noting that the farmers have asked them to discharge their water during a drought. He noted septic systems stating that it was truly amazing with what happens when that water percolates down in the ground.



❖ Development

WPCA Chairman Ed Lynch explained that the Low-Pressure Sewer Line Project (LPS) was a Multiphase Plan that would address the following:

- Fixed Costs and a Static Customer Base – Increasing customer base would also help to increase tax revenues.
- Proven to Increase Capacity



❖ Phase I – Multi-Use Pathway Trail from Ledyard Center to the High School

- Phase I cost \$1.2 Million and was paid using American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding. (Red Line on map above)

❖ Phase II – Gallup Hill- Developers Investment

- Cost to be determined. (Yellow line on map above)
- Private Developers would pay for the costs to extend the sewer line across parcels.

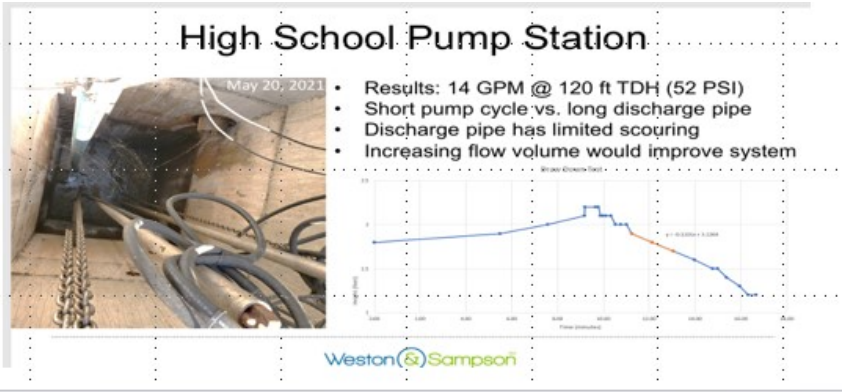
Mr. Lynch explained that Grinder Pumps would be installed for Habitat for Humanity Homes that would be built on Colby Drive.

- Habitat for Humanity usage 11,600 gallons/day
- 2 Colby Drive



❖ Phase III from the High School to Pennywise Lane

- Cost \$950,000 – This would replace the current sewer pipe where it bottlenecks along Gallup Hill Road from the High School to the Pennywise Lane with a larger pipe to the High School Pump Station and then onto the Wastewater Treatment Plant.



❖ Future Projects



Mr. Lynch stated that he would be happy to give them a tour of the Wastewater Treatment Plant Facility so folks could see how it worked, noting that the Plan operated 24/7.

Mr. Lynch noted that this concluded his Report and he offered to answer questions regarding the Low-Pressure Sewer Line Extension Project this evening or anytime after tonight, noting that residents were also welcome to attend the WPCA Meetings.

The Town Council and Mr. Lynch discussed in further detail the following:

- ***How often does the Wastewater Treatment Plant's discharge water***

Mr. Lynch stated the discharge water was tested every day. He explained that they sample for various components, but most particularly nitrates. He stated for other things such as heavy metals they test on a weekly basis or monthly basis. He stated their biggest concern was nitrates.

- ***How does the Wastewater Treatment Plant regulate the Nitrates***

Mr. Lynch explained that they use blowers to regulate the Nitrates, which oxygenates the water. He also noted that the aerobic folks (bugs) like to eat nitrates; and he stated that they were not too concerned about the Nitrates because they charge the groundwater.

Build the Sewer System and they will Come – How much more sewer infrastructure does the town need to build?

Mr. Lynch stated because of the current upfront equipment, pumps, screening, etc., that the Wastewater Treatment Plant can handle a higher capacity. He stated to support a lot of Development they would probably need to build another Single Batch Reactor (SBR), which was basically a square concrete tank with some pipe underneath to aerate the water. He stated the additional piping would significantly increase the output. He stated as he mentioned earlier that they run those things differently in the springtime, because of the increase of water, noting that they run continuously. He went on to explain because they were getting ground water incursion into the sewer system, that one of their projects would be to find out where the water was coming from. He explained when it rained a lot and the groundwater comes up that it was getting into their sewer system, making the processing more challenging. He stated if they could reduce some of the water incursion, they could increase the Plant's capacity.

Mr. Lynch stated if a big developer came in, that the WPCA would talk to them about the need to add another Single Batch Reactor (SBR). He stated that he did not know the cost to add another Single Batch Reactor (SBR) but that he would research it and get that information back to the Town Council.

Mr. Lynch went on to explain that the WPCA would need to go back to the State Department of Public Health (DPH) add another Single Batch Reactor (SBR) to increase the Wastewater Treatment Plant's capacity and to change the license they currently have. Mr. Lynch stated that they already have signed Agreements with Developers to tie into the sewer system on Colby Drive.

Phase I from Ledyard Center past the Bill Library to the High School

Mr. Lynch stated Phase I was done simultaneously with the Multi-Use Pathway Trail. He stated Phase I has been completed

Phase III from the High School to Pennywise Lane

Mr. Lynch stated the High School now has its own Pump Station and with the installation of the larger 6-inch sewer line that was installed on top of the existing line that they have a high-pressure line. He stated that the installation of the sewer line was going well, noting that they were only about 80 feet away from Pennywise Lane.

Odor Control

Mr. Lynch stated that the old Pump House on Gallup Hill would be used for Odor Control, explaining with low-pressure systems they have to address Odor Control because the sewage would not always be flowing.

Phase II Private Developers

Mr. Lynch stated that Private Developers would pay for the costs to extend the sewer line across parcels and to Fairway Drive and Colby Drive. He noted the following:

- ✓ Habitat for Humanity – Colby Drive – Mr. Lynch stated the WPCA has signed an Agreement with Habitat for Humanity with the usage of about 11,600 gallons per day.
- ✓ Proposed Development for about 150 apartments or condominiums
- ✓ Age 55+ Apartments – Mr. Lynch stated there was a proposal to turn the lower wing of the former Ledyard Center School into 12 one-bedroom apartments for residents who were Age 55+.

Wastewater Treatment Plant Staffing

Mr. Lynch stated with expanding the sewer system and the additional development that they would not need to hire additional staffing. He stated although he would like them to have more than one Plant Operator because things do happen on weekends or holidays, so it would be good to have additional coverage.

Highlands Water Lines

Mr. Lynch stated the water lines were cast iron, and were initially put in during the early 1960's. He stated the same Developer built the developments in the Highlands, Lakeside Condominiums, and Fox Run Apartments, noting that with the higher development some things may not have been right. He also noted because of the age of the pipes that they were going to run into issues.

Councilor Saccone noted as a Firefighter that he could say that it would take a lot for the Firefighters to shut down a hydrant or a nozzle quick enough to disturb pipes downstream. He also noted that there was no fire anywhere in the Highlands downstream of where he lived, and he explained that they have pressure reducers on their lines. He stated that they were seeing almost 150 pounds of pressure, which he not did like to see, and therefore, they drive the water pressure back to 120 pounds. He stated there was a lot of water pressure in the Highlands, noting that he has not heard anyone complain when they turn on their showers.

Available Grants for Water and/or Sewer Systems/Wastewater Treatment Plants

Mr. Lynch stated that he would be interested in seeking any Grant Funding to support the Low-Pressure Sewer System in Ledyard Center or for projects such as the rehabilitation of sewer pipes or water lines.

Chairman Rodriguez thanked Mr. Lynch for his thorough Report this evening and she asked him to share his email address for folks to contact him after tonight's meeting if they had questions. Mr. Lynch stated his email address is: wpca@ledyardct.org. He also noted that the WPCA meets each month on the fourth Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.; and that the public was welcome to attend their meetings.

Chairman Rodriguez thanked WPCA Chairman Ed Lynch for attending tonight's meeting.

VII. COMMENTS OF TOWN COUNCILORS

Councilor Barnes stated that he would like to thank Chairman Rodriguez and all of the Town Councilors for the warm welcome. He stated that he and his wife have enjoyed raising their children in the wonderful town of Ledyard. He stated that it was his honor and pleasure to be a part of the Town Council, and that he looked forward to many educational and rewarding experiences in the months to come. He stated that he wanted to extend a warm *thank you* to all of you, and of course, to his dear friend Mayor Fred Allyn, III.

Councilor Barnes continued by stating on the morning of January 13, 2025 an employee of Ledyard Congregational Church was robbed and assaulted on church property. He stated that he wanted to express his deepest appreciation to the Ledyard Police for the prompt and thorough response, which included a sweep of the property with police dogs from a nearby town. He stated that they reviewed the video footage of the limited cameras they have at the facility noting that the Police were there within minutes. He stated although the Police department was not far from the Church that they arrived with all the personnel you would expect, and you would want in a situation like that. He stated the response was tremendous; and that he wanted to express his deepest appreciation to all of the Ledyard Police who were involved. Thank you.

Councilor Saccone recognized the town's Public Works Department noting that the snow removal went well. He stated that his street was usually one of the last to be plowed, but that it was actually done relatively soon after the storm passed. He noted that the snow came down in bursts for three to four hours.

Councilor Buhle commented on the recent snowstorm, and she noted that her own personal public works crew, that being her son Declan, did an amazing job shoveling the driveway and cleaning off her car today, noting he did an awesome job.

Councilor Buhle stated when she was preparing for the Administration Committee meeting that was held earlier this evening, that when she opened the Town Charter on the town's website she realized that it was in a pdf format, and so it was not searchable. She stated that she emailed MIS Director Justin Dube and asked if the Town Charter could be made searchable with a click. She stated within 15 minutes a searchable Town Charter was uploaded to the town's website. She stated although this did not seem to be a big deal that it actually was because it was important for the town to create environments that were accessible and inclusive for residents who use screen readers, or who have difficulty reading things, or need to be able to enlarge text or search for information. She stated that when we take small changes that were not huge, that they were making a difference in their town. She noted that she appreciated the responsiveness of MIS Director Justin Dube and Administrative Assistant Roxanne Maher.

Chairman Rodriguez thanked everyone who comes out to the Town Council meetings and those who attended the Administration Committee meeting earlier this evening. She stated that the Town Council welcomes their comments, that they liked to hear from the residents.

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2025
Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Dombrowski

VOTE: 8 – 0 Approved and so declared

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Rodriguez stated a Communications List has been provided on the meeting portal for tonight's meeting, and she noted referrals were listed. She also noted that she and Mayor Allyn, III, sent a letter to State Senator Martin Looney, State Senator Cathy Osten and others in the Legislature regarding Public Act 24-46 *"An act establishing a property, exempt tax exemption for veterans who have a service-connected, permanent, and total disability rating"*. She noted that they hoped to receive a response soon.

X. COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE, LIAISON REPORTS

Administration Committee

Councilor Buhle stated the Administration Committee met earlier this evening and in addition to forwarding several appointments to the Town Council that the Committee also discussed the subject of an Ethics Commission for the town. She noted the appointments would be on the Town Council's February 26, 2025 Agenda.

Community Relations Committee for Diversity Equity & Inclusion

Councilor Brunelle stated the Community Relations Committee for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion met on January 15, 2025 and discussed the following: (1) Upcoming events which included a Black History Month Poetry Slam at Lucille's Restaurant on February 17, 2025. Councilor Brunelle stated that other events were being planned throughout the year; (2) Farmers Market – Councilor Brunelle stated that the Committee would be reaching out to reserve two dates for this summer to host booths at the Farmers Market to provide information to residents.

Councilor St. Vil stated that the Committee has been working to roll-out the 2025 Black History Month Activities which would include the following: (1) Poetry Slam at Lucille's Restaurant, as Councilor Brunelle noted; (2) Student Black History Month Essay & Poster Contest – Councilor St. Vil stated that the Committee has again partnered with the schools to facilitate the Contest. He stated the Program included the following: Poster Contest for Elementary School Students; and an Essay Contest for the Middle School and High School Students. He stated if you know a child in the District who would like to participate in the Program that information regarding the Contest was available at all of the schools and on the town's website at www.ledyardct.org. He stated prizes would be awarded to the winners at a future Town Council Meeting; (3) New Life Christian Church will be holding a Black History Month Celebration on February 28, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. He noted all were welcome to attend.

Finance Committee

Councilor Saccone stated the Finance Committee met on February 5, 2025 and have a couple of items on tonight's agenda.

Land Use/Planning/Public Works Committee

Councilor St. Vil stated the LUPPW Committee met on February 3, 2025 and have two items on tonight's Agenda to accept two new streets into the Town's Road Inventory.

Historic District Commission

Councilor Barnes stated he attended the Historic District Commission's January 27, 2025 meeting. He stated the Commission was making progress regarding the historic designation of the Spicer Homestead Ruins, noting that the A2 Survey has been completed.

Chairman Rodriguez stated that she planned to attend the Historic District Commission's February 24, 2025 meeting to deliver the Spicer Homestead Ruins A2 Survey.

Conservation Commission

Councilor Barnes noted the Conservation Commission met on February 11, 2025 and discussed the transfer of two parcels to Avalonia Land Conservancy for future stewardship and management.

Permanent Municipal Building Committee

Councilor Brunelle stated that she attended the PMBC's February 3, 2025 meeting via Zoom because she has been sick. She stated the PMBC discussed the Juliet W. Long School HVAC Project noting that because the one bid that was received came in higher than the authorized budget amount that they would need to rebid the project; and that they hoped to receive more bids. She went on to explain that they may also need to increase the Bond Authorization. However, she stated because of the time involved the project may be delayed for another year.

Gales Ferry Fire Department

Councilor Saccone stated the town's Fire Departments were their own organizations explaining that they handle the administration to operate the Fire Department as well as manage the emergency fire response. However, he stated the fire trucks and other apparatus were purchased by the town. He stated the Gales Ferry Fire Department's Brush Truck was 22 years old and has reached the end of its useful life. He stated these vehicles were expensive and he explained because the town keeps their fire trucks for a long time that they would want to make sure the new Brush Truck was State-of-the Art. He stated within the next few month the Gales Ferry Department would be coming to the town for funding to replace the Brush Truck.

Retirement Board

Chairman Rodriguez reported that the Retirement Board will be meeting on February 18, 2025.

Ledyard Farmers Market

Chairman Rodriguez stated the Ledyard Farmers' Market Committee has been planning for the 2025 Summer Market.

Councilor Buhle stated that the Farmers Market Committee would be writing a letter of support to include the 2025 Small Town Economic Assistant Program (STEAP) Grant Application to replace the playscape at the Town Green.

Library Commission

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated the Library Commission met on January 27, 2025 and she reported that Library Director Jennifer Smith has submitted her resignation, noting that she has taken a job closer to her family. She stated that the Library Commission was disappointed noting that Ms. Smith brought a lot of new life and new programs to Ledyard Libraries. Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated that she wished Ms. Smith all the best in her new position., stating that Ms. Smith would be missed.

Board of Education

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated the Board of Education met on February 11, 2025 and she reported on the following: (1) Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget – Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated last week the Board of Education held a Budget Workshop; (2) Reviewed the Town Council’s February 6, 2025 letter requesting additional information be provided regarding: (a) *What is the increase in the Labor Contract Agreements for Fiscal Year 2025/2026;* (b) *What Labor Contract Agreements are due for renegotiation.;* and (c) *Budget Salary Lines – asking that the Board of Education provide the number of staff that will be paid from each salary line.* Councilor Garcia-Irizarry noted that the Board of Education indicated that they did not understand the questions, and were going to ask for clarification. She stated that she explained that in accordance with the Chapter VII of the Town Charter that the Board of Education “...shall annually prepare a budget submission to include the information required by the Town Council..... The Board of Education budget will be submitted via the Mayor so that the budget document submitted to the Town Council represents the total fiscal requirements of the Town no later than the 4th Monday in February. The Budget document shall be in a format that is compatible with the budget...” Councilor Garcia-Irizarry noted that the Board of Education stated that the information the Town Council was requesting was easily accessible, and that it was already in the Munis Report. She also noted that some members of the Board of Education commented that perhaps they needed to teach the Town Council how to read the Munis Report; (3) Juliet W. Long HVAC Project – Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated as Councilor Brunelle reported during her Permanent Municipal Building Committee (PMBC) Report this evening, the Board of Education was concerned that they may lose the Grant Funding because the Project keeps getting delayed for a number of reasons which included having to redesign the HVAC System to comply with changes the State made for HVAC systems in schools which increased the cost; and because they only received one bid which came in higher than the approved amount of the Bond Authorization.

Economic Development Commission

Councilor Buhle stated the EDC met on February 4, 2025 and discussed: (1) Route 12 Corridor Study; (2) Connecticut Main Street Grants – Councilor Buhle stated that they were looking at all options to make the town’s main street areas better.

XI. MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Allyn, III, reported on the following: (1) Ledyard Center Sewer Line Extension Project - Mayor Allyn noted that Phase III would tie into the system within the next week to ten-days; (2) Lantern Hill Road Bridge Replacement – Mayor Allyn stated the work to replace the Lantern Hill Road Bridge which was between Stonington and Ledyard would begin on April 1, 2025 with a December 1, 2025 completion date. He noted that traffic would be impacted with some closures; (3) Bottle Bill - Mayor Allyn noted that the State increased the bottle/can deposits from 0.5 cents to 0.10 cents and also started to include other beverages such as sports drinks and juices. He reported that the increase for the bottle returns has proved to be positive noting that the redemption rate for the 3rd Quarter of 2023 was 45%; the redemption rate for 3rd Quarter of 2024 was 72.4%; and that they were waiting for the results of the 4th Quarter for this year; (4) General Dynamics - Electric Boat February 3, 2025 Meeting – Mayor Allyn stated he attended the meeting, noting that the USS DC (Columbia class) was 53% complete. He stated during the last three years that General Dynamics invested \$2.2 Billion in Groton and Quonset Point. He stated that 800 High School Graduates were hired in the last two-years, noting that the hiring was lower for 2024 & 2025; however, he stated that there were 3,000 people in pipeline. He stated that the supply chains were in 48 states (not AK, ND), with 333 suppliers in Connecticut. Mayor Allyn stated Electric Boat continues to press for Southeastern Connecticut to step up to increase housing opportunities; (5) Ledyard Center Development – Mayor Allyn stated on February 4, 2025 he met with a Developer who has submitted a Plan to build 12 Rental Units for Age 55+ in the lower wing of the former Ledyard Center School. He stated the Plan would be reviewed at the Planning & Zoning Commission’s February 13, 2025 meeting; (6) Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Preparation – Mayor Allyn stated that work continues on the budget. He stated based on the Department Head’s budget request and the Board of Education’s draft budget that the budget would require a 5 mil increase. However, he stated that he has been working through the budget submittals line by line and has been able to lower the projected increase to 3.48 mils (0.53 General Government and 2.95 Board of Education) which was still too high. He stated that the Governor’s budget proposal represented an increase of a 6 tenths of 1% in funding to Ledyard; which was effectively flat funding. He stated that this was discouraging because the Governor touts tax reductions across

the board for residents; however, he stated this was generally untrue, because it just passed a tax increase to the lower tier of government. He noted the following examples: (a) Motor Vehicle Tax - Senate Bill # SB1276 – Mayor Allyn explained that this was a major contributor to the loss in the Grand List; which was now a tax increase to town residents.; (b) Public Act 24-46 *“An Act Establishing a Property Tax Exemption for Veterans Who Have a Service-Connected Permanent and Total Disability Rating”*- Mayor Allyn stated the Veterans Tax Exemption has created a .46 mil gap in Ledyard’s budget, noting that this was another place that would have to be made up with a local tax increase. He stated that he fully supported the Legislation for Veterans who were 100% totally and permanently disabled and could not work. He presented 92 Veterans Tax Exemption Applications, noting that some of the Applicants were fully employed earning very good six figure salaries, working every day; and were receiving this benefit. He stated what concerned him was the question *“Are you unemployable due to the service-connected disabilities?”* and the response was *“Yes”*. He stated 84 of 92 the Applications claim they were *“permanently and totally disabled”* therefore, he did not think adding *“100% “* to the *“permanently and totally disabled”* language would make a difference; (c) Third Party Taxation Proposal – Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation - Mayor Allyn explained that the Third-Party Taxation Proposal would take away the town’s ability to collect taxes from third party (non-Indian) business operating at the Mashantucket Pequot Foxwoods Casino. He stated if this Bill was signed into law that Ledyard would see another \$600,000 loss in tax revenue or 0.48 mils; resulting in an additional tax increase for Ledyard residents. He noted that the State has had the benefit of 7-years of budget surpluses, yet they continue to flat fund the municipalities. He stated that he would be submitting an updated Org Chart for the Town Council’s reference, noting that the Org Chart was always included in the Annual Budget Handout Book for residents, noting that the Org Chart showed that the General Government Staffing was quite lean. Therefore, he stated the question was *“Where do we go from here?”* He stated for the General Government side of business that the next question was: *“What department or departments do we need to close?”* He stated the Electric Public Benefit Charge (PBC) was harming hundreds of Ledyard households. He stated the United Way Asset Limited Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) Report, which documents the poverty rates, showed that Ledyard’s ALICE numbers were increasing; (7) Library Director – Mayor Allyn announced that Library Director Jennifer Smith has taken a job closer to her family in Central Connecticut. He stated that he was sorry to see her go after being in Ledyard for three years, noting that Ms. Smith implemented positive changes and additional programs in our libraries. He stated the job has been posted, and applications were coming in; (8) Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) Legislative Committee February 6, 2025 Meeting - Mayor Allyn stated he attended the meeting noting that there was *“Not a lot of good in the Governors proposed budget”*. He reported that there was \$1 Billion in new spending, which was up 4.4%. He stated the Motor Vehicle tax was hurting all towns, noting the following: Windsor’s motor vehicle taxes would go down 10%, Guilford’s motor vehicle taxes would go down 12%, Ledyard’s and Watertown’s motor vehicle taxes would go down 13%, Norwich’s motor vehicle taxes would go down 15%, and Bristol’s motor vehicle taxes would go down by \$2.1 Million. He stated that he submitted Written Testimony regarding Senate Bill # SB1276; (9) Mayor Appointments – Mayor Allyn stated for the Town Council’s awareness, that he recently made appointments to the following Committees: Economic Development Commission (EDC); Connecticut 250 Committee (CT250); Social Services Board; and the Conservation Commission. He stated all Mayoral Appointments are included in the Correspondence List as they happen; (10) Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority (SCRRA) February 12, 2025 Meeting – Mayor Allyn stated he attended the meeting earlier today, noting that there have been no changes at the State level to address the disposal of trash. He stated that Connecticut was still trucking 40% of their solid waste (850,000 tons/year) to landfills in other states. He stated Tipping Fees (tonnage cost) will increase in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025/2026 to \$78.39 per ton. He stated their SCRRA Contract was in place through December 31, 2030; however, he stated after that, the tonnage price would go to increase to Market Rate, which was projected to be \$135-\$145/ton (+175% over current). He stated in response to SCRRA’s Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an Organic Operator they received four responses. He stated that he would provide more information as it becomes available; (11) Prides Corner Nursery – Mayor Allyn stated Prides Corner Nursery would like to make a donation in the Name of the Town of Ledyard to a charitable organization of the Town Council’s choosing. He asked the Town Council to consider Prides Corner Nursery’s request and plan to have a charitable organization in mind for their February 26, 2025 meeting.

Questions to the Mayor

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry questioned whether Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority (SCRRA) has received the Permit for the Preston Facility. Mayor Allyn stated that the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) has not yet issued the Permit. He stated that DEEP was probably the single slowest moving government entity in the State of Connecticut. He stated the Department of Transportation (DOT) was probably the next slowest.

Councilor Barnes noted Mayor Allyn’s comments regarding the Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP), and he stated during the time he served on the Historic District Commission they received American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding to make some repairs at the Up-Down Sawmill. He noted the time constraints involved to meet ARPA deadlines and he stated that they received DEEP’s approval within a week. Therefore, he stated that he wanted to recognize that occasionally DEEP does come through.

Councilor Buhle stated because the Town Council would be deferring their discussion regarding the Public Benefit Charge (PBC) on their electric bills to their February 26, 2025 meeting that she wanted to ask whether Municipalities and Boards of Educations were also being impacted by the Public Benefits Charge. Mayor Allyn stated that Municipalities and Boards of Educations were also being impacted by the Public Benefits Charge, and that the cost for the schools was astronomical. Councilor Buhle stated that 77% of the Public Benefits Charge was being used to pay for the 2017 Millstone-Dominion Agreement; and 23% was being used to pay Paste Due Accounts. She stated the Public Benefit Charge was put in place July 2024 and was supposed to be a ten-month Plan. Therefore she stated that hopefully there was an end in-sight. Mayor Allyn stated that he hoped it would end soon, noting that he would look into when the Public Benefit Charge was scheduled to end. Councilor Buhle stated that it would be good to know when the Public Benefit Charge was going to end so that they could plan for the costs in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget.

Councilor Saccone addressed the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget preparation, and he stated that he, Councilor Buhle, and Councilor Ryan would diligently go through the budget. However, he stated that the taxpayers need to understand that much of the budget was out of their control. He noted as Mayor Allyn, III, reported that the town would see reduced funding from the State as well as a 13% reduction in motor vehicle taxes; and other losses in revenue. He stated although it does not sound like a lot that it all adds up to be a lot; and that these things were significantly impacting towns; however, he stated the town still had to provide services and pay their bills.

XII. OLD BUSINESS – None.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

- MOTION to amend the Agenda to add the following:
MOTION to adopt a proposed “*Municipal Certification of Resolution ~2025Office of Policy and Management Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program*” as presented in the draft dated February 12, 2025.
Moved by Chairman Rodriguez, seconded by Councilor Buhle

VOTE: 8 – 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT:	APPROVED 8 - 0
MOVER:	S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman
SECONDER:	Jessica-Buhle, Town Councilor
AYES:	Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Rodriguez, Saccone, St. Vil
EXCUSED:	Ryan

Chairman Rodriguez noted the Resolution would be added under “General Items” as Item #6

Finance Committee

- 1(a) MOTION to approve the proposed “*Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ Ledyard Playscape Improvement Projects*” as presented in the draft dated February 5, 2025; with the exception not to exceed \$1 million.

In addition, the Parks & Recreation Commission shall review and approve the Conceptual Plan to be submitted as part of the Application;

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town’s local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

Res . 003-2025/Feb 12

MUNICIPAL CERTIFICATION OF RESOLUTION
SMALL TOWN ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
~STEAP 2025 ~
LEDYARD PLAYScape IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

I, Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk of the Town of Ledyard, a municipality organized and existing under the laws of the State of Connecticut, hereby certify that the following is a true copy of the resolution adopted by the Ledyard Town Council of said municipality at its Regular Meeting held on _____.

RESOLVED, that Mayor Fred B. Allyn, III, be, and hereby is, authorized to accept on behalf of the Town of Ledyard, a 2025 Connecticut STEAP Grant in the amount of \$1 Million for the *Ledyard Playscape Improvement Projects* for the following Town Parks: Town Green, Aljen Heights, ~~Blonders Park~~, East Drive/Christy Hill Park; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that Mayor Fred B. Allyn, III, is hereby authorized to enter into and execute any and all agreements, contracts and documents necessary to obtain said 2025 STEAP Grant with the State of Connecticut.

Approved by the Ledyard Town Council on: _____

S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman

I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that the above resolution has in no way been altered, amended or revoked, and is in full force and effect.

AND I DO FURTHER CERTIFY that Mayor Fred B. Allyn, III is the Mayor of the Town of Ledyard, and has been since May 1, 2017.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Town of Ledyard this _____ day of _____, 2025.

(Seal) _____
Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk
Town of Ledyard

Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Saccone
Discussion: Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Director Scott Johnson, Jr., stated that he would first like to mention that the STEAP Grant required the Town to identify their 20% Local Funding before the Grant Application was submitted. However, he noted that tonight’s motion stated that the Town’s 20% Local Funding would be identified after they received notification that the Grant was approved. Therefore, he stated that he thought that they would need to update the language in the motion to identify the Town’s Local Match. He stated because the STEAP Grant needed to be submitted by February 20, 2025 that he has been working to get the Plans and Costs together in-time to meet the Application deadline.

Mr. Johnson continued by presenting the plans to replace the following Playscapes:

- \$600,000 - Town Green ADA Park included new equipment, installation, Poured In Place (PIP) Surfacing, R&D of existing equipment.
- \$250,000 - Colonel Ledyard/Blonders Park included new Playground Equipment, installation, Poured In Place (PIP) Surfacing under new equipment and under existing swings and R&D of existing equipment.
- \$150,000 - Aljen Heights Park included new Playground Equipment and swings, installation, Poured In Place (PIP) Surfacing under new equipment and swings and R&D of existing equipment
- \$200,000 - Christy Hill Park includes new Playground Equipment and swings, installation, Poured In Place (PIP) Surfacing under new equipment and swings, and R&D of existing equipment.
- \$1,200,000 Total Cost for all four Playscapes. Mr. Johnson stated although these were rough numbers, that he should be able to operate within these budgetary numbers.

Councilor Dombrowski stated although he was not opposed to the Playscape Projects that he had concerns about them not following the process. He stated tonight's motion does not identify the funding source for the Town's 20% Local Match, and he questioned the amount of the 20% Local Match and the funding source. Mr. Johnson stated that based on a \$1,200,000 Grant Application that the Town's 20% Local Match would be about \$200,000; and that they would need to discuss the funding source this evening.

Mayor Allyn addressed the Town's 20% Local Match, and he explained that in accordance with Ordinance # 200-009 *"An Ordinance Providing for the Transfer of Certain Revenue From The Real Estate Conveyance Tax to Specific Town of Ledyard Fund"* *".....A sum equal to forty percent (40%) of the money received through conveyance tax shall be deposited to Fund 0203; the Parks and Recreation Capital and Non-Recurring Expense Fund"* . He provided some background regarding Ordinance #200-009 explaining when real estate was sold in Ledyard, that by way of the State's taxation, the town collects a fee for the sale. He stated in many towns the Conveyance Tax goes directly into their General Fund. However, he stated 1967 Ledyard decided to take 40% of the Conveyance Tax and set it aside in a Capital Account for Parks & Recreation; set aside 40% for Public Works Capital Expenses; and in more recent years decided to set aside 20% for Open Space.

Mayor Allyn went on to explain that the Parks & Recreation Capital Fund 0203 currently had an unencumbered balance of \$401,000 noting that this Fund has gained about a \$100,000 each year for the last three-years. He explained that if the 2025 STEAP Grant gets approved that they would essentially be removing \$1 million of projects from the Parks & Recreation's Capital Plan. Therefore, he stated that he did not think it was unreasonable to take at least a portion of the \$200,000 Local Match from the Parks & Recreation Capital Fund 0203.

Chairman Rodriguez noted that the 2025 STEAP Grant was for \$1 million, however, she noted the Playscape Plans Mr. Johnson presented this evening totaled \$1,200,000; noting that the \$200,000 would be the town's local share. Therefore, she questioned whether the Mayor was proposing that half of the \$200,000 come from the Parks & Recreation Capital Fund 0203. Councilor Dombrowski stated if all of the Town's \$200,000 Local Match came from Fund 0203 that it would be half of the \$401,000 balance in the Parks & Recreation Capital Fund 0203.

Councilor Buhle stated when they were preparing the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget that she wanted the town to allocate \$100,000 to use as the town's matching funds to apply for grants this year. However, she stated they chose not to allocate those funds, noting that she was specifically told that the town would use funding from the Undesignated Account as the town's local matching funds, when the time came to apply for a grant. She stated in attending several Parks, Recreation, & Senior Citizens Commission meetings that she was aware of several capital projects that needed to be done. Therefore, she stated that the Town's 20% Local Match should not come from Parks & Recreation Capital Fund 0203; because she did not want to cripple Parks, Recreation, & Senior Citizens Commission's ability to take care of other capital needs in the upcoming year.

Mr. Johnson stated that the Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission currently had \$302,826.65 of open projects; and that they proposed \$165,000 for Capital Projects in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025/2026; which would bring the balance of the Parks & Recreation Capital Fund 0203 to about \$40,000. He went on to explain to use money from Fund 0203 that in accordance with Ordinance 200-012 “ *An Ordinance Creating a Municipal Park and Recreation Capital and Non-Recurring Expense Fund for The Town of Ledyard*” that “*authorization by the annual budget meeting of the Town or upon authorization by a special Town meeting of the Town, the monies in said fund may be used for capital and non-recurring expenditures*”. He stated because of the February 20, 2025 Grant Application submission date that they would not have time to approve to appropriate the \$200,000 from Fund 0203 for the Town’s 20% Local Match.

Chairman Rodriguez questioned whether Parks & Recreation Commission has reviewed the Playscape Plans and approved them. Mr. Johnson explained that the original Plan was only to replace the Playscape at the Town Green, and that the Commission has reviewed and approved that Plan. However, he stated for the other three Parks (Aljen Heights, Blonders Park, and East Park) that the Commission would review them at their February 18, 2025 meeting.

Councilor Dombrowski stated that they were not following the process; which was the reason they were jumping through hoops now to make the February 20, 2025 Grant Application deadline. He stated that Mr. Johnson was asking the Town Council to approve a motion that does not identify the funding source for the Town’s \$200,000 Local Match, and for a Playscape Projects Plan that the Parks, Recreation, & Senior Citizens Commission have not yet approved. He stated this request should have gone to the Finance Committee with the funding identified, before it came to the Town Council.

Councilor Buhle stated that the Parks, Recreation, & Senior Citizens Commission’s role was to vote on the “Conceptual Plan” not the funding source for the Town’s 20% Local Match, noting that was where the disconnect was. She stated the Finance Committee voted to move the item forward to the Town Council as presented this evening. She stated based on the motion the Finance Committee was saying that they would figure out where the Town’s Local 20% Match would come from, if the town received the grant.

Mr. Johnson stated the original Conceptual Plan was to replace the Playscape at the Town Green, which was approved years ago; explaining that Blonders Park, Aljen Heights, East Drive was Phase II, noting that last week he was tasked with adding these Parks to the Plan for the STEAP Grant Application. .

Chairman Rodriguez suggested they amend the Motion to identify the funding source for the Town’s 20% Local Match; and she questioned the balance of the Undesignated Fund. Mayor Allyn noted that currently the Town’s Undesignated Fund Balance was 7.5% of their expenditure budget. However, he stated at the recommendation of the Auditor the Town Council adopted a “*Town of Ledyard Fund Balance Reserve Policy*” which called for the town to increase its Undesignated Fund to 15% to help with the town’s Bond Ratings and to receive more favorable interest rates when they bond/borrow money. However, he stated they keep whittling down the Undesignated Fund Balance.

Councilor Dombrowski stated that he supported the Playscape Projects; however, he stated that Mr. Johnson was now saying the Grant Application Rules have changed; and now the town has to approve the matching funds to apply for the grant. He also stated that the Parks, Recreation, & Senior Citizens Commission has not done their part to allow the Town Council to move forward on the request. He stated because the process was not followed that he did not know what they could do this evening.

Councilor Buhle stated the 20% Local Match was not required, but that it was highly recommended. Therefore, she questioned the reason they could not move forward with the Motion as written this evening. Mr. Johnson stated because the four Playscapes totaled \$1,200,00; which was \$200,000 over the \$1 million grant, that they had to provide the local match.

Mayor Allyn stated that they could submit their STEAP Grant Application for the Playscape Projects without a 20% Local Match. However, he stated that he did not know how their Application would be graded within the state’s evaluation rubric. He stated that Ledyard would be competing with 143 Municipalities that qualify to apply for STEAP Grants, noting that this year there was \$30 million that would be awarded, noting that everyone would not be receiving \$1 million in grant funding. Therefore, he questioned whether they wanted to try to lower the cost of their projects to make their Grant Application more appealing. He stated that they may be more likely to receive the grant if they were looking for \$600,000 instead of \$1 million. Chairman Rodriguez stated submitting their STEAP Grant Application for a lower amount may be a good plan. Therefore, she asked Mr. Johnson which Parks he would take off the list.

Councilor Buhle stated if the Town were to submit their STEAP Grant Application for \$1 million; which three Parks would Mr. Johnson submit. Mr. Johnson stated that he would cut Colonel Ledyard Park from the List.

The Town Council stated if they remove Colonel Ledyard -Blonders Park off the List that the “not to exceed \$1 million” would not have to change. They asked that Colonel Ledyard -Blonders Park be removed from the Resolution before it was signed.

VOTE: 8 – 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT:	APPROVED 8 - 0
MOVER:	Jessica Buhle, Town Councilor
SECONDER:	Tony Saccone, Town Councilor
AYES:	Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Rodriguez, Saccone, St. Vil
EXCUSED:	Ryan

****POST MEEETING NOTE**: 2/19/2025** At the Town Council’s Special Meeting of February 19, 2025 Item 1(a) was rescinded “*Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ Ledyard Playscape Improvement Projects*” and a corrected Resolution was adopted.

Chairman Rodriguez explained that Item #1(b) was included on tonight’s agenda as an “*Alternate Plan B*”, in the event they were not ready to move forward with the Playscape Projects. Therefore, she stated with the approval of Item #1(a) that no action was necessary for the next item.

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Director Scott Johnson, Jr. questioned whether it would be a good idea to act on Item #1(b) as a backup just in case the cost estimates for all the Playscapes do not come in on time. He stated that a separate Grant Application would need to be submitted for the two projects.

Mayor Allyn, III, stated the Town Green Playscape and the sewer line on Fairway Drive and Colby Drive would exceed the \$1 million grant.

The Town Council agreed not to act on Item 1(b).

No Action on the

- 1 (b)
- Discussion and possible action on the
MOTION to approve the proposed “*Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ for the Sewer Line Installation on Fairway Drive and Colby Drive*” as presented in the draft dated February 5, 2025 with the exception not to exceed \$1 Million.

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town’s local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

NO ACTION

2. MOTION to authorize the Registrars to overspend Account #10110303-51710 Other Wages for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year to cover expenses related to Early Voting, Regular Elections, and Budget Referendum. The overspend is expected to be approximately \$3,200.
Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Saccone
Discussion: Mayor Allyn, III stated the Registrar’s request for additional funding was related to the Early Voting for the Primary Elections that were held in August and for the 2024 Presidential Election.

Councilor Saccone questioned whether these funds were in addition to the \$10,000 they received from the State. Registrar of Voters Diana Mann stated that Councilor Saccone was correct, noting that the \$10,000 received from the State was to purchase equipment and to prepare the lower level of the Town Hall to be used as a voting location for referendums and for early voting. Councilor Saccone questioned whether the Registrars would include expenses in their 2025/2026 Budget to cover these costs. Ms. Mann explained that the State was considering reducing the Early Voting from 14-days to 7-days; therefore, the cost would not be quite as much going forward because they would not need as many Poll Workers.

VOTE: 8 – 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT:	APPROVED 8 - 0
MOVER:	Jessica Buhle, Town Councilor
SECONDER:	Tony Saccone, Town Councilor
AYES:	Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Rodriguez, Saccone, St. Vil
EXCUSED:	Ryan

Land Use/Planning/Public Works Committee

3. MOTION to accept Marty’s Way into the Town’s Road Inventory in accordance with Ordinance #300—025 “*An Ordinance Regulating the Addition of Any New Street or Highway to the Highway System of the Town of Ledyard*”; including its infrastructure, that was approved as part of Application PZ#22-8SUB; Eagles Landing 24- Lot Open Space Subdivisions, 79 Vinegar Hill Road, Ledyard, Connecticut, on August 11, 2022, along with written recommendations of the Director of Public Work’s dated December 19, 2024, and all supporting documentation, including warranty deeds with the following condition:
- (1) The warranty deeds shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Public Works and/or Town Attorney prior to acceptance.

Moved by Councilor St. Vil, seconded by Councilor Dombrowski
Discussion: None.

VOTE: 8 – 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT:	APPROVED 8 - 0
MOVER:	Gary St. Vil, Town Councilor
SECONDER:	Kevin Dombrowski, Town Councilor
AYES:	Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Rodriguez, Saccone, St. Vil
EXCUSED:	Ryan

4. MOTION to accept Village Drive Extension into the Town’s Road Inventory in accordance with Ordinance #300—025 “*An Ordinance Regulating the Addition of Any New Street or Highway to the Highway System of the Town of Ledyard*”; including its infrastructure, that was approved as part of Application PZ#21-10RESUB, Fire Side Farm 4-Lot Resubdivision, 34 Village Drive, Ledyard, Connecticut, on December 19, 2021, along with written recommendations of the Director of Public Work’s dated December 19, 2024, and all supporting documentation, including warranty deeds with the following conditions:
- (1) The warranty deeds shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Public Works and/or Town Attorney prior to acceptance; and
- (2) The Applicant shall submit P.E. and Utilities Certification per Section 3. A (1); (2); & (3) prior to acceptance.
- Moved by Councilor Dombrowski, seconded by Councilor Garcia-Irizarry

Discussion: None.

VOTE: 8 – 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT:	APPROVED 8 - 0
MOVER:	Kevin Dombrowski Town Councilor
SECONDER:	Carmen Garcia-Irizarry, Town Councilor
AYES:	Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Rodriguez, Saccone, St. Vil
EXCUSED:	Ryan

General Items

No Action on the

5. Discussion and possible action on a *Resolution Concerning Public Benefits Charges on Electric Bills to Consumers*.

Chairman Rodriguez noted that Councilor Ryan asked that this item be included on tonight’s agenda. Therefore, she suggested they defer this discussion to their February 26, 2025 meeting so that Councilor Ryan can participate in the discussion.

NO ACTION

6. MOTION to adopt a proposed “*Municipal Certification of Resolution ~2025 Office of Policy and Management Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program*” as presented in the draft dated February 12, 2025.
Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Dombrowski
Discussion: Mayor Allyn, III, explained the Office of Management & Policy (OPM) was accepting Grant Applications to assist Municipalities with the maintenance of neglected burial grounds and cemeteries. He stated the Grant amount was \$5,000 and does not require any local funding. He stated the Cemetery Committee has developed a Plan for the use of the funding which included removing brush, fixing gravestones, repairing fences and a number of other maintenance items. He stated the Application due date was February 13, 2025.

VOTE: 8 – 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT:	APPROVED 8 - 0
MOVER:	Jessica Buhle, Town Councilor
SECONDER:	Kevin Dombrowski, Town Councilor
AYES:	Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Rodriguez, Saccone, St. Vil
EXCUSED:	Ryan

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Buhle, moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Brunelle.

VOTE: 8 - 0 Approved and so declared. The meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

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

I, S. Naomi Rodriguez, 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 February 12, 2025.

S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 25-1502

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #:

AGENDA ITEM
CORRESPONDENCE

Subject:

Communications List - February 26, 2025

Correspondence List:

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COMMUNICATIONS LISTING FOR FEBRUARY 26, 2025

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ms. Anderson email dated 2/12/2025 re: Ethics Commission
2. Mr. Blacker email dated 2/15/2025 re: Response to Treaster Dredging Harbors
3. Mr. Blacker email dated 2/13/2025 re: Sewer System Capacity
4. Mr. Blacker email dated 2/13/2025 re: Invite to Planning & Zoning Mtg 2/13/2025
5. Ms. Johnson email dated 2/12/2025 re: Third Party Flags
6. Mayor ltr dated 2/13/2025 re: Directing of Town Staff
7. Mr. Jelden email dated 2/14/2025 re: Town Council Representation to Permanent Municipal Building Committee (PMBC)
8. Retirement Board ltr dated 2/18/2025 re: Actions of 2/18/2025 Mtg
9. Mr. Blacker email dated 2/18/2025 re: Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Request-Gales Ferry District
10. Board of Education email dated 2/18/2025 re: Will response to Town Council ltr dated 2/6/2025 requesting information Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget
11. Mr. Lamb email dated 2/18/2025 re: Topics for Community Relations Cmt for DEI
12. Board of Education email dated 2/19/2025 re: Reschedule Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Presentation to Town Council
13. Housing Authority -RTC ltr dated 2/18/2025 re: Reappointment Endorsement
14. Cemetery Cmt-RTC-DTC-dated 2/18/2025 re: Reappointment Endorsement
15. Mr. Blacker email dated 2/20/2025 re: Spectators of Manassas
16. Board of Education Chairman Favry email dated 2/24/2025 re: Response to Town Council ltr dated 2/24/2025 re: Reschedule BOE Budget Presentation
17. Ms. Soreto Vincent email dated 2/24/2025 re: Playscape Projects & Black History Month Activities
18. Ms. Vincent email dated 2/26/2025 re: Playscape Projects & Black History Month Activities
19. Mr. Blacker email dated 2/26/2025 re: Roudebush suggested meeting
20. Mr. Whitescarver email dated 2/10/2025 re: Resignation – Planning & Zoning Commission

OUT GOING CORRESPONDENCE

1. Admin Asst ltr to Mayor dated 2/13/2025 re: Action ltr. Town Council Regular Meeting of February 12, 2025.
2. LTC ltr to Planner dated 2/13/2025 re: Accepted Marty's Way & Village Drive
3. Councilor St. Vil email to Principle Hunter, Principal Early, Principal Fagan re: Extend Black History Month Contest to March 7, 2025
4. Admin Asst ltr to Mayor dated 2/14/2025 re: Action ltr – Town Council Sp. Meeting of Febrry 19, 2025
5. LTC ltr to Board of Education dated 2/24/2025 re: Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Education Budget Presentation and follow up to LTC ltr dated 2/6/2025 requesting additional budget information.

NOTICE OF AGENDAS

1. Planning & Zoning Commission Sp. Agenda 2/20/2025
2. Historic District Commission Agenda 2/24/2025
3. Library Commission Agenda 2/24/2025
4. Water Pollution Control Authority 2/25/2025

5. Retirement Board Agenda 2/18/2025
6. Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Agenda 2/18/2025
7. Agricultural Commission Agenda 2/18/2025
8. Zoning Board of Appeals 2/19/2025 Cancelled
9. Finance Cmt Agenda 2/19/2025
10. Community Relations Cmt for DEI Agenda 2/19/2025
11. Town Council Agenda 2/26/2025

MINUTES

1. Historic District Commission Minutes 1/27/2025
2. Library Commission Minutes 1/27/2025
3. Water Pollution Control Authority Minutes 1/28/2025
4. Planning & Zoning Commission Minutes 1/9/2025

5. Retirement Board Minutes 1/21/2025
6. Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Minutes 1/21/2025
7. Finance Cmt Minutes 2/5/2025
8. Town Council Sp. Mtg Minutes 2/12/2025
9. Town Council Minutes 2/12/2025

MISCELLANEOUS

1. Community Speaks Out – Open House – March 1, 2025

REFERRALS

Administration Committee

1. Housing Authority -RTC ltr dated 2/18/2025 re: Reappointment Endorsement
2. Cemetery Cmt-RTC-DTC-dated 2/18/2025 re: Reappointment Endorsement

Roxanne Maher

From: Lee Ann Anderson <anderson.redtop@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 1:27 PM
To: Town Council Group; Roxanne Maher
Subject: Urgent Need for an Ethics Commission and a Code of Ethics

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to strongly urge immediate action on the establishment of an Ethics Commission and the adoption of a comprehensive Code of Ethics for Ledyard. Despite numerous letters and discussions on this matter over the past several months, there has been little progress. The continued absence of clear ethical guidelines and accountability measures is a serious concern that demands urgent attention.

Without an enforceable Code of Ethics and a dedicated Ethics Commission, there is no formal mechanism to address conflicts of interest, abuses of power, or breaches of public trust. This gap not only allows unethical behavior to persist unchecked but also undermines transparency and erodes public confidence in our town's governance.

The delay in addressing this critical issue is unacceptable. Ethical governance should not be seen as an optional consideration but as a fundamental responsibility. Many other municipalities have long recognized the necessity of an Ethics Commission and a Code of Ethics, implementing these measures to strengthen public trust and ensure accountability. Ledyard must do the same without further delay.

I respectfully urge you to make this a priority and take decisive steps to implement an Ethics Commission and a comprehensive Code of Ethics. The community deserves leadership committed to integrity, accountability, and transparency.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue. I look forward to seeing meaningful progress soon.

Sincerely,
Lee Ann Anderson Berry

Roxanne Maher

From: Kevin Blacker <kjblacker@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 10:20 AM
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Cc: Russell Blair; foi@ct.gov; Mike Cherry; Brian Smith; Gregory Stroud; Francisco Uranga; Greg Smith; David Collins; Marc Fitch; Lee Howard; Elizabeth Burdick; Harry Heller; Fred Allyn, III; Chase Davis; Roxanne Maher; Naomi Rodriguez; Alan Perrault; Eric; willis@halloransage.com; Angela Cassidy
Subject: FOIA Observation. Gales Ferry District

Email list Lee Ann Berry Anderson used to alert Gales Ferry District of Cashman meeting, looks a lot different than the one the district used to invite people to the **secret meeting called 6 hours in advance to hire the same lawyer the District President hired to personally represent herself.**

I read Angela Cassidy's letter to Administrative Committee on need for Code of Ethics and Ethics Commission. Sounds like Gales Ferry needs one more.

Sincerely,
Kevin Blacker

----- Forwarded Message -----

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Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 at 07:43:35 AM EST

Subject: Reminder of tonight's Planning and Zoning Meeting! 6pm Town Hall Annex

Reminder of tonight's Planning and Zoning Meeting! 6pm Town Hall Annex ☆LAST Meeting discussing Cashman Application ☆ Decision has to be made no later than February 20th.

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85275228633?pwd=aZbO30REjurKaImH0PnGcRDlwQwQo5.1>

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Respectfully,
Lee Ann Berry
President,
Gales Ferry District

RE: Zoom tonight?

1 message

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<phillip_fiore@msn.com>, Ed Murray <murrayed9@gmail.com>, Missy.dyson@gmail.com
Carlo M Porazzi <porazzicm@gmail.com>

I will be there.

[Quoted text hidden]

Roxanne Maher

From: Roxanne Maher
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 9:46 AM
To: Town Council Group
Subject: FW: Letter to Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council, Mayor Allyn, Stonington. Bill Lucey

From: Kevin Blacker <kjblacker@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 11:30 PM
To: Naomi Rodriguez <NaomiR@ledyardct.org>; Eric <bsaofnl-eric@yahoo.com>; Fred Allyn, III <mayor@ledyardct.org>; Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>; Elizabeth Burdick <planner@ledyardct.org>; smasa@town.ledyard.ct.us; Betsy Graham <megdvmlcc@gmail.com>; Bill Lucey <blucey@savethesound.org>; Sharon Lynch <slynch@gwu.edu>; selectmen@stonington-ct.gov; Brian Smith <brian@brianscottsmith.com>; Gregory Stroud <gregory.stroud@ctexaminer.com>; Greg Smith <g.smith@theday.com>; Francisco Uranga <f.uranga@ctexaminer.com>; David Collins <d.collins@theday.com>; Doug Schwartz <thedougschwartz@gmail.com>; J.D. Fontanella <j.d.fontanella@gmail.com>
Cc: duartem@grotonutilities.com; William D. Saums <bsaums@centechsolutions.com>; William Saums <WSaums@ledyardct.org>; water pollution control authority <wpca.ledyard@ledyardct.org>; Jerry Grabarek <dbggrabarek@sbcglobal.net>
Subject: Letter to Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council, Mayor Allyn, Stonington. Bill Lucey

Dear Chairwoman Rodriguez and Mayor Allyn,

I see potential sewage treatment plant has to benefit town. Ed Lynch good guy. Admire that he's not afraid to take questions. I see weakness in current plan Ed Lynch described. Addressing or Engineering it out now will avoid significant cost/headache in future.

Sincerely,
Kevin Blacker

Ledyard sewage treatment plant running at 83,000 gallons per day. Permit is for 250,000. In spring it runs at 500,000 gallons per day

Running at 2x permit limit easy target for environmental group, down stream neighbors, businesses, or towns to sue/stop.

Weston Sampson says Ledyard can add up to another 100,000

Projected sewage flow estimated off water use- inaccurate way to estimate. Doesn't account for water infiltration and illegal sump pumps drained into sewer. That's why you see the difference between what Ledyard plant is designed for and what it's running at in reality.

Can WPCA definitely say they can effectively treat 600,000+ gallons per day during the spring? I don't think so.

Lynch referenced the GU Watershed- no reference of Mystic River Watershed- biggest environmental and economic asset of region.

Lynch said sewage effluent is used to recharge ground water- which Stonington drinks. *becomes sterile- no virus' bugs*. In spring because ponds are full- at that time the effluent is discharged to stream- when plant is running at 2x capacity.

Does Ledyard WPCA test for PFAS? as they recharge Stonington's drinking water as well as their own resident's private wells? If so what method of testing?

Saccione to got a little defensive for Fire Department- M. Duarte said they didn't know cause of breaks- but it could have been related to fires in the area. Dombrowski comments indicated lack of understanding of water distribution system. Asking Mauricio to have a

Water Treatment Plant Operator do an hour training on Water distribution system would be good for Fire Department and all town residents- could help Ledyard limp the old Highlands system along until get \$ to replace.

Grinder pumps. Town of Groton and GU have grinder pumps and both own and maintain. I bet GU Mauricio Duarte and TOG Bob Domurat know why. In Groton they have to come around during every power outage and run. I'd see if Bob D. would come up to a WPCA meeting to share some info with WPCA.

Steve Masselin- fire hydrant near high school get moved or hit yet?

Sincerely,
Kevin Blacker

Roxanne Maher

From: Sue Johnson <suedebjohnson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, February 12, 2025 3:17 PM
To: Roxanne Maher
Subject: Flags

Hello

We just want it known that we are opposed to any flags other than the American, State and POW flags being flown over town hall.

Thank You

Sue & Paul Johnson



TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

Fred B. Allyn III
Mayor

Kristen Chapman
Executive Assistant to the Mayor

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1551
Telephone (860) 464-3222
FAX (860) 464-1126

February 13, 2025

Chairman S. Naomi Rodriguez
Ledyard Town Council
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339

Dear Chairman Rodriguez:

As we are all working together for the betterment of our community, we must be mindful to comply with the provisions of our Town Charter, specifically with regard to the directing of Town staff.

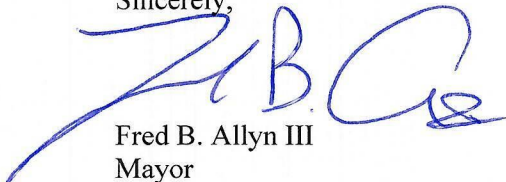
In accordance with Section 10: Relations to the Administrative Service of the Ledyard Town Charter "*The Town Council and its members shall deal with personnel through the Mayor, and neither the Town Council nor any member thereof shall give orders to any of the subordinates of the Mayor either publicly or privately*".

As a friendly reminder, I would direct members of the Town Council to first contact your Administrative Assistant, Roxanne Maher with matters pertaining to town departments. My Executive Assistant, Kristen Chapman is also available to facilitate inquiries related as such.

I trust that you will share this with members of the Town Council. Your cooperation in ensuring the Town Council adheres to these provisions is most appreciated.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,



Fred B. Allyn III
Mayor

Roxanne Maher

From: Roxanne Maher
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2025 3:14 PM
To: Town Council Group
Subject: Fwd: Eric Treaster

Begin forwarded message:

From: Kevin Blacker <kjblacker@sbcglobal.net>
Date: February 15, 2025 at 2:42:56 PM EST
To: Eric <bsaofnl-eric@yahoo.com>
Cc: Paul Whitman <thamessaf48@att.net>, Bruce Edwards <bruce@trvmedia.com>, Angela Cassidy <acassidy1122@yahoo.com>, Lee Ann Anderson <anderson.gfdistrict@gmail.com>, Lee Howard <l.howard@theday.com>, Brian Smith <brian@brianscottsmith.com>, Gregory Stroud <gregory.stroud@ctexaminer.com>, Francisco Uranga <f.uranga@ctexaminer.com>, Greg Smith <g.smith@theday.com>, David Collins <d.collins@theday.com>, Marc Fitch <marc@insideinvestigator.org>, Elizabeth Burdick <planner@ledyardct.org>, Peter Gardner <dieter.gardner@yahoo.com>, Harry Heller <hheller@hellermccoy.com>, "Fred Allyn, III" <mayor@ledyardct.org>, Chase Davis <cdavis@jaycashman.com>, Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>, Naomi Rodriguez <NaomiR@ledyardct.org>, Ledyardcalu Info <info@ledyardcalu.com>, Alan Perrault <aperrault@jaycashman.com>, Mike Cherry <mj.cherry@comcast.net>, Doug Schwartz <thedougschwartz@gmail.com>, Aundre Bumgardner <aundre.bumgardner@cga.ct.gov>, htuckerbraddock@gmail.com, "Capon, J Anthony" <tcapon@pitt.edu>
Subject: Eric Treaster

Eric.

Back in 2018 when I started fighting on State Pier. It was because I saw the importance of the facility to the region.

With State Pier out- the cargo and services that would have been housed there got pushed upstream some to Gales Ferry others to Montville.

State Pier far superior location. Below 3 bridges. Below the sub base. Deeper water. Closer to the major highways. Fully industrial. It's not the gravel Cashman wants its the space. There's 35 acres at State Pier. Greater than the 26 he's seeking.

Logistec would have handled dredge spoils there. Logistec would have won if the process was not corrupt. Instead its been proposed both be hauled in and trucked out of Gales Ferry and Montville. In Montville- between the dredge proposal and their salt operation (which is only viable because they shut down State Pier) would result in 690 trucks per day through tiny residential streets. Both applications withdrawn. Cashman could bring his spoils to State Pier.

Marty Wood offers alternatives to Cashman leveling the mountain. Wood says- why can't they remediate the contaminated latex dump. Wouldn't it be cheaper. His comments indicate total lack of understanding of market/business reality. If Gales Ferry. Ledyard, and Cashman don't want years more all out war. Need to find Cashman achievable, viable, alternatives to his current proposal and help get them in place.

Gales Ferry has built an impressive monster political opposition machine. I admire many things about you, Bruce Edwards. Angela Cassidy. Jo Lee Isenberg. Lee Ann Berry. Pretty much all the rest of them. Change a few gears CALU could be Cashman's biggest supporter.

To me with Clarity. Jay Cashman is the man that should be running our State Pier.

The current contract at State Pier is easily broken. Regardless of vote Thursday its headed to court. Do both sides want to wager future on tumbling dice? How many years of four hour blood pressure pumping meetings? With every proposal more? What's the hope? Cashman will give up and go away? Gross misjudgement of the man- if anyone thinks that. The man is an **easy-out**. Anyone that's used the tool knows what I mean. The harder you turn the screw on him, the harder he's going to dig in. When I say it that way. I'm the same- and so is everyone in Gales Ferry. So on its current path. There's going to be a bunch of losers all around in Ledyard or Gales Ferry unless something is changed.

Imagine the 40 acres on side of Decatur mountain farmed instead. Boy Scouts taking an annual hike across the hay fields and pasture. Jay Cashman running State Pier.. Rest of GFI developed with focus on high tax producing, low neighborhood impact uses, and everyone laughing about the 3 years we all spent fighting.

Sincerely,
Kevin Blacker

P.S.- Harry Heller, best land use lawyer around, would still be fighting. Because He represents Gateway- current operator of State Pier.... but Harry's happy when he's fighting... because like an old fashioned gas pump.; meters spinning.

then possibly be loaded in
York, New Jersey and Boston
for [REDACTED]. The
[REDACTED] from Mexico

IMPROVING FERRY SYSTEMS

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market, LOGISTEC is well positioned to
London pier to service key
ferrying people and products

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Roxanne Maher

From: Chris Jelden <chrisjelden@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 15, 2025 8:25 AM
To: Town Council Group
Cc: BOE@ledyard.net
Subject: Inquiry on Town Council Representation at PMBC Meetings

Hello Members of the Town Council,

I'm writing with a specific question regarding the Permanent Municipal Building Committee (PMBC). I was unable to locate contact information for PMBC Chair Joseph Gush, so I'd appreciate it if you could loop them into this conversation.

At the Board of Education meeting on February 11th, there was considerable discussion about the progress of the JWL HVAC project, and concerns were raised regarding Town Council attendance at PMBC meetings. My own quick review of the PMBC meeting minutes from the past year revealed that only 3 out of 15 meetings had any Town Council representation—with a 10-month stretch showing no attendance at all.

I understand that the members of the Town Council cannot attend every committee meeting given the number of groups in Ledyard. However, to better understand what right looks like in relation to the PMBC meetings, I would like clarification on a few points:

- What are the Town Council's expectations regarding its own representation at PMBC meetings?
- What are Chair Gush's expectations for Town Council involvement?
- If there is a gap between these expectations, what steps are being taken to bridge it?

I ask these questions not only out of concern for the HVAC project's timely completion (I'd love to see it finished before my first grader enters JWL, especially as my fourth grader has already faced extreme heat issues) but also to help ensure that our community's key projects are well-supported through effective interagency communication.

I appreciate all the work being done by the Town Council, Board of Education, and PMBC, and I thank you for taking the time to address these questions.

Respectfully,

Christopher Jelden



Chairman John Rodolico

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT RETIREMENT BOARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1551
(860) 464-3220

February 18, 2025

Mayor Fred B. Allyn, III
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Dear Mayor Allyn:

At its Regular Meeting held on February 18, 2025, the Retirement Board took the following actions.

- Approved payment of USI invoice #90102783, dated October 31, 2024, in the amount of \$800.00, for benefit calculation of Dennis Deslandes and annual pension liability breakout for WPCA members.
- Approved a monthly retirement benefit for Sheryl Trocchio in the amount of \$1,880.47 as of May 1, 2025, payable in the normal form of a Modified Cash Refund Annuity, based on her service and earnings through this retirement date.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Hostetler
Town Hall Assistant

cc: Director of Finance
Director of Human Resources
Treasurer
Town Council

Roxanne Maher

From: Kevin Blacker <kjblacker@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 7:08 AM
To: russell.blair@ct.gov
Cc: galesferrydistrict@gmail.com; Angela Cassidy; dave@harnedart.com; Eric; Lee Ann Anderson; porazzicm@gmail.com; MARK COEN; Harry Heller; Peter Gardner; mgawendo@crklewinllc.com; Alan Perrault; Chase Davis; Brian Smith; Gregory Stroud; Greg Smith; Francisco Uranga; David Collins; Marc Fitch; Lee Howard; Elizabeth Burdick; Ledyardcalu Info; Roxanne Maher; Naomi Rodriguez; State of Connecticut Attorney General; Andrew Brown; Mike Cherry; Fred Allyn, III
Subject: Re: FOIA Complaint against Gales Ferry District

Request referral of this complaint to CHRO as well.

Sincerely,
Kevin Blacker

STATE
FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT
MEETING
(To be used for a complaint)

Any field outlined in red must be filled

1. Today's Date: 2/4/2025

2. Name of person filing complaint: K

3. Street address: 11 Church St.

06340

10. Please provide a brief summary of

On Feb. 4. I received a partial FOIA response. In the contents I learned that the Gales Ferry 100 hours in advance. According to their FC members were invited to the meeting.

A consequential hiring decision was made by Cashman, region, state, and country. The members were allowed to vote before the hiring. The hiring that evening is/was also separately reviewed by the President.

Kevin Blacker

Signature

On Tuesday, February 4, 2025 at 04:13:06 PM EST, Kevin Blacker <kjblacker@sbcglobal.net> wrote:

Through the partial FOIA response I received today from Gales Ferry District today

I learned how Gales Ferry District secretly called a meeting. The invitation was sent to a small number of district members, all of the same mind set on the controversial issue to be voted on. Less than 6 hours of notice was provided.

The provided "minutes" from the meeting- so lacking in detail they appear illegitimate- show 3 members Jerry Brown, Todd Rice, and Angela Cassidy voted to approve before this meeting- FOIA employee confirmed this is simply not allowed. **That such would not be understood by GF District is alarming- and in my opinion telling of larger ethical problems**

District member (one not invited to the secret meeting) has stated meeting minutes he observed were altered/tampered with/removed. I'd be interested to know if he'd be willing to sign an affidavit attesting to it.

There is a stinky appearance of a conflict of interest. Lee Ann Berry Anderson personally and simultaneously hired same lawyer to represent herself- and the District- which she is President of. It makes the district and herself look bad. Makes them easy target.

This is an official complaint to the FOIA Commission. I request that you review FOIA docket #2024-0835 in light of contents of the FOIA response I received today.

I request a hearing. I also request the commission compel GF District to fully comply with my FOIA request- which they have not.

Sincerely,
Kevin Blacker

Roxanne Maher

From: Anthony Favry <afavry@ledyard.net>
Sent: Tuesday, February 18, 2025 8:44 AM
To: Roxanne Maher
Cc: Jason S. Hartling; Kenneth Knight; BOE@ledyard.net; Town Council Group; Fred Allyn, III; Matthew Bonin; Anita Cleetus
Subject: Re: Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Preparation Information

Good Morning Roxanne -

Thank you for sharing and apologies for the delayed response, I have been away since the 1st.

I know the Superintendent acknowledged receipt and that this request was discussed at last week's BoE meeting. I will send follow up to this request this week.

Thank You,
Anthony Favry
Chairman, Ledyard Board of Education

On Thu, Feb 6, 2025 at 11:41 AM Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org> wrote:

Good Morning Chairman Favry:

Please find attached a letter from Chairman Rodriguez date February 6, 2025

Requesting some additional information for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget.

A hard copy will be mailed via US Ground Mail.

Thank you,

Roxanne

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Roxanne Maher

From: Anthony Favry <afavry@ledyard.net>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 2:03 PM
To: Roxanne Maher
Cc: Jason S. Hartling; tlamb@ledyard.net; Naomi Rodriguez; Kristen Chapman
Subject: Re: Board of Education FY 25/26 Budget Presentation - Town Council Mtg 2/26/2025

Good Afternoon Roxanne,

The BoE cannot present next week because the Superintendent is out of the office. We will need to coordinate availability for an alternative date.

Thank You,
Anthony Favry
Chairman, Ledyard Board of Education

On Thu, Feb 20, 2025 at 2:01 PM Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org> wrote:



Good Afternoon Mr. Hartling:

For next week's Town Council meeting scheduled for February 26, 2025 it would be helpful if you could send your Fiscal Year 2025/2026 presentation to me ahead of time so that I can attach it to the Agenda packet.

Having it as part of the packet will make it easier to display on the screen during

The meeting.

Please let me know if you have any questions, or I can be of any assistance.

Thank you,

Roxanne

Roxanne M. Maher

Administrative Assistant to

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Roxanne Maher

From: Roxanne Maher
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 10:55 AM
To: Town Council Group
Subject: FW: Spectators of Manassas

From: Kevin Blacker <kjblacker@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 9:28 AM
To: Fred Allyn, III <mayor@ledyardct.org>; Elizabeth Burdick <planner@ledyardct.org>; Francisco Uranga <f.uranga@ctexaminer.com>; Gregory Stroud <gregory.stroud@ctexaminer.com>; Brian Smith <brian@brianscottsmith.com>; Greg Smith <g.smith@theday.com>; David Collins <d.collins@theday.com>; Marc Fitch <marc@insideinvestigator.org>; Doug Schwartz <thedougschwartz@gmail.com>; Kimberly Drelich <k.drelich@theday.com>; Lee Howard <l.howard@theday.com>; Eric <bsaofnl-eric@yahoo.com>; Harry Heller <hheller@hellermccoy.com>; Chase Davis <cdavis@jaycashman.com>; Peter Gardner <dieter.gardner@yahoo.com>; Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>; Ledyardcalu Info <info@ledyardcalu.com>; Alan Perrault <aperrault@jaycashman.com>; Naomi Rodriguez <NaomiR@ledyardct.org>; Mike Cherry <mj.cherry@comcast.net>; Cathy Osten <catherine.osten@cga.ct.gov>; wcarroll@cohenandwolf.com; willis@halloransage.com; Paul Whitescarver <pwhitescarver@secter.org>; Angela Cassidy <acassidy1122@yahoo.com>; Capon, J Anthony <tcapon@pitt.edu>; Andrew Brown <abrown@ctmirror.org>; Tom Dudchik <tom.dudchik@gmail.com>; Gales Ferry District <galesferrydistrict@gmail.com>; dave@harnedart.com; Town Council Group <TownCouncil@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Spectators of Manassas

Ribbe. Miello, Harwood, Wood. Craig. All smiles. The hometown heros given a standing ovation by the Spectators of Manassas. 1861.

I expect Harry Heller to hit with the speed and force of a slug from an 873. It's a haunting sound, a round racked for purpose. A man wears a look- not just on his face- but on his whole body- when he's going to do something mean, and unpleasant, but necessary. I've seen it many times, including tonight all over Harry. He'll carry no Winchester- won't need one- his mind is the weapon. Scribble scrabble on a legal pad; his ammo.

My prediction. ZBA. Court. I predict multiple lawsuits.

Gales Ferry has enjoyed the calm, known waters. A courtroom is the ocean. A cold, unforgiving, unpredictable, serious place.

I forsee years of conflict if compromise is not reached.

Sincerely,
Kevin Blacker

Roxanne Maher

From: Anthony Favry <afavry@ledyard.net>
Sent: Monday, February 24, 2025 8:36 PM
To: Roxanne Maher
Cc: Jason S. Hartling; BOE@ledyard.net; Town Council Group; Fred Allyn, III; Kenneth Knight; Matthew Bonin; BoE Members
Subject: Re: Board of Education Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Presentation

Good Evening Chairman Rodriguez,

I unfortunately was out of town on vacation beginning February 7th, and did not return to town until February 18th, and subsequently received the meeting invite on the 20th, which I responded to that email promptly indicating the date did not work. As done in the past, I might suggest that we engage in a dialogue to coordinate dates recognizing the need to coordinate across multiple schedules.

With respect to the Town Council's request, the Board and Superintendent is aware of the request and have been working on collating the information. At the Board's request, we requested the Superintendent socialize with us the information gathered so we had the opportunity to review and socialize any questions or commentary prior to releasing to the Town Council. We apologize our response has not been at the speed you desire; however, we have a responsibility and obligation to ensure we are informed and aligned on the information being shared given that we are accountable for this information.

Thank you for refreshing our memory of the dates we presented to Town Council. I should also remind you that the Superintendent works for the Board of Education as the governing body and he is accountable to us. Any discussions and/or requests of the Board of Education should be made directly to the Board for purpose of record and visibility across the entire Board. Additionally, should you or any member of Town Council require information, I would request this too be made of the Board vs. requests being made to individual members of the Board. I am sure you can understand and respect the goal of transparency. This was a common practice in the past which seems to have been lost. Additionally, ongoing collaboration and open dialogue has also been a thing of the past. There seems to be a desire to continually remind the Board of their obligations and responsibilities, but possibly better time would be spent fostering a stronger relationship between both governing bodies as we should all ultimately share common goals and objectives in the end.

Thank You,
Anthony Favry
Chairman, Ledyard Board of Education

On Mon, Feb 24, 2025 at 4:03 PM Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org> wrote:



Good Afternoon Superintendent Harting & Chairman Favry:

Please find attached Chairman Rodriguez's letter dated February 24, 2025
regarding the Board of Education's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Presentation.

Thank you,

Roxanne

Roxanne M. Maher

Administrative Assistant to

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Roxanne Maher

From: Kevin Blacker <kjblacker@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 8:25 AM
To: Sally Roudebush; Paul Whitescarver
Cc: Bruce Edwards; Chase Davis; Eric; Mike Cherry; Doug Schwartz; joannekelley44@gmail.com; phillip_fiore@msn.com; Fred Allyn, III; Elizabeth Burdick; Alan Perrault; Gales Ferry District; Brian Smith; Gregory Stroud; Francisco Uranga; Greg Smith; David Collins; Marc Fitch; Harry Heller; Naomi Rodriguez; Roxanne Maher; Ledyardcalu Info
Subject: Good op-ed Mr. Roudebush. Paul Whitescarver, when's the meeting?

Dear Mr. Roudebush,

Good idea to have Paul Whitescarver host a meeting.

Location location. Location. A fun. Neutral spot. A way from the battleground. To meet.

I can picture it. Everyone smiling. People shaking hands.

A mini Boxing Day 1914 just like in the song.

I know the spot if anyone's interested.

Sincerely,
Kevin Blacker

[31:29](#)



Roxanne Maher

From: Vanessa Sotelo <vanessa.sotelo81@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 10:57 AM
To: Town Council Group; Roxanne Maher
Subject: Comments on the grant for playground and Black History month

Good morning,

I would like to extend my appreciation for the excellent work that the town council is putting in and especially the application for a grant for which the funds are to go to an accessible playground on the green area of Ledyard. I can see how many families in the community will benefit from this. Additionally, I am very thankful that there is a celebration of Black History month. I believe that this is very important for the culture of our community.

Sincerely,

Vanessa Sotelo

Roxanne Maher

From: Mac User <sdvincent19@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 12:07 PM
To: Town Council Group
Cc: Roxanne Maher
Subject: Thank you and letter of support

Good afternoon Counselors. First, please accept my thanks as a Gales Ferry resident of 30 years for the good work you are doing. I especially want to thank you for working on establishing an Ethics Commission for our town. I can not see any reason to oppose this endeavor.

Additionally, special thanks to Counselor Buhle for her hard work on the Ledyard Playscape Improvement Projects. Our young children will certainly benefit from your dedication and hard work. Thank you.

Finally, but not least, I would like to thank Counselor Gary St. Vil for his work on establishing events to celebrate Black History Month. Again, our town is better for these events.

Thank you for your attention to this correspondence.

Sheila Vincent
19 Friar Tuck Dr
Gales Ferry, CT 06335

Roxanne Maher

From: Roxanne Maher
Sent: Wednesday, February 26, 2025 11:45 AM
To: martyengrew@gmail.com
Cc: Roxanne Maher
Subject: FW: Resignation from Planning and Zoning

Hello Marty:

Per our conversation, please see email below.
Roxanne

From: Fred Allyn, III <mayor@ledyardct.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 25, 2025 9:24 AM
To: Kristen Chapman <mayoral.asst@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Fw: Resignation from Planning and Zoning

Fred B. Allyn III
Mayor, Town of Ledyard, CT
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Ledyard, CT 06339
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NOTE: Town Hall is open Monday-Thursday 7:30-4:45,
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From: Paul Whitescarver <pwhitescarver@secter.org>
Sent: Monday, February 10, 2025 4:35 PM
To: Fred Allyn, III <mayor@ledyardct.org>
Cc: Elizabeth Burdick <planner@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Resignation from Planning and Zoning

Mr. Mayor and to the Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission,

I have decided to resign my seat on the Planning & Zoning commission due to it preventing me from advocating for economic development projects in the region. My role as the Executive Director of the Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region is to promote economic development within the Council of Governments geographic region and across all sectors of the economy. With that said, seCTer works with entities involved in the Blue Economy including Cashman Dredging and Gateway Terminal.

Furthermore, seCTer will be advocating for increased housing development to meet known shortages, improved access to childcare and upgrades to municipal infrastructure. I will always be trying to get to “yes” provided all regulations are met in many of the requests that will be coming before the commission. I believe my role at seCTer will always provide a real and perceived conflict of interest to our constituents in my participation on the commission.

Having served in the Navy for close to 40 years, I want to thank you and the Town of Ledyard in providing me a continued avenue to serve my community. The commission gave me a great deal of insight into municipal economic development that has assisted me in my growth as a regional advocate for development.

Finally, I commend the commissioners in their continued service to the community. The sacrifice each of the commissioners provides on a voluntary basis is often overlooked.

Sincerely,

Paul Whitescarver
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February 13, 2025

Mayor Fred Allyn, III
Town of Ledyard
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Dear Mayor Allyn:

At its Regular Meeting held on February 12, 2025 the Town Council took the following actions:

- Amended the Agenda to add the following:
MOTION to adopt a proposed "*Municipal Certification of Resolution ~2025 Office of Policy and Management Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program*" as presented in the draft dated February 12, 2025.
- Approved the proposed "*Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ Ledyard Playscape Improvement Projects*" as presented in the draft dated February 5, 2025; with the exception not to exceed \$1 million.

In addition, the Parks & Recreation Commission shall review and approve the Conceptual Plan to be submitted as part of the Application;

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town's local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

- Authorize the Registrars to overspend Account #10110303-51710 Other Wages for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year to cover expenses related to Early Voting, Regular Elections, and Budget Referendum. The overspend is expected to be approximately \$3,200.
- Accepted Marty's Way into the Town's Road Inventory in accordance with Ordinance #300—025 "*An Ordinance Regulating the Addition of Any New Street or Highway to the Highway System of the Town of Ledyard*"; including its infrastructure, that was approved as part of Application PZ#22-8SUB; Eagles Landing 24- Lot Open Space Subdivisions, 79 Vinegar Hill Road, Ledyard, Connecticut, on August 11, 2022, along with written recommendations of the Director of Public Works dated December 19, 2024, and all supporting documentation, including warranty deeds with the following condition:
 - (1) The warranty deeds shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Public Works and/or Town Attorney prior to acceptance.

- Accepted Village Drive Extension into the Town's Road Inventory in accordance with Ordinance #300—025 "*An Ordinance Regulating the Addition of Any New Street or Highway to the Highway System of the Town of Ledyard*"; including its infrastructure, that was approved as part of Application PZ#21-10RESUB, Fire Side Farm 4-Lot Resubdivision, 34 Village Drive, Ledyard, Connecticut, on December 19, 2021, along with written recommendations of the Director of Public Works dated December 19, 2024, and all supporting documentation, including warranty deeds with the following conditions:
 - (1) The warranty deeds shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Public Works and/or Town Attorney prior to acceptance; and
 - (2) The Applicant shall submit P.E. and Utilities Certification per Section 3. A (1); (2); & (3) prior to acceptance.
- Adopt a proposed "*Municipal Certification of Resolution ~2025 Office of Policy and Management Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program*" as presented in the draft dated February 12, 2025.
- Deferred discussion and possible action on a *Resolution Concerning Public Benefits Charges on Electric Bills to Consumers* to the Town Council's February 26, 2025 meeting..

The Town Council *did not* act on the following, which was included on the Agenda as an alternate for the STEAP Resolution for the "*Ledyard Playscape Improvement Projects*". (see above)

Discussion and possible action on the
 MOTION to approve the proposed "*Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ for the Sewer Line Installation on Fairway Drive and Colby Drive*" as presented in the draft dated February 5, 2025 with the exception not to exceed \$1 Million.

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town's local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

Please feel free to contact Chairman Rodriguez should you have any questions regarding this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Roxanne M. Maher
 Administrative Assistant
 to the Ledyard Town Council

cc: Director of Finance
 Treasurer
 Cemetery Committee
 Land Use Director/Town Planner
 Parks, Recreation, & Senior Citizens Director
 Public Works Director/Town Engineer
 Registrars
 Town Clerk



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February 13, 2025

Ms. Elizabeth Burdick
Director of Land Use & Planning
Town of Ledyard
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Dear Ms. Burdick:

At its Regular Meeting held on February 12, 2025 the Town Council took the following actions:

- Accepted Marty's Way into the Town's Road Inventory in accordance with Ordinance #300—025 "*An Ordinance Regulating the Addition of Any New Street or Highway to the Highway System of the Town of Ledyard*"; including its infrastructure, that was approved as part of Application PZ#22-8SUB; Eagles Landing 24- Lot Open Space Subdivisions, 79 Vinegar Hill Road, Ledyard, Connecticut, on August 11, 2022, along with written recommendations of the Director of Public Work's dated December 19, 2024, and all supporting documentation, including warranty deeds with the following condition:
 - (1) The warranty deeds shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Public Works and/or Town Attorney prior to acceptance.
- Accepted Village Drive Extension into the Town's Road Inventory in accordance with Ordinance #300—025 "*An Ordinance Regulating the Addition of Any New Street or Highway to the Highway System of the Town of Ledyard*"; including its infrastructure, that was approved as part of Application PZ#21-10RESUB, Fire Side Farm 4-Lot Resubdivision, 34 Village Drive, Ledyard, Connecticut, on December 19, 2021, along with written recommendations of the Director of Public Work's dated December 19, 2024, and all supporting documentation, including warranty deeds with the following conditions:
 - (1) The warranty deeds shall be reviewed and approved by the Director of Public Works and/or Town Attorney prior to acceptance; and
 - (2) The Applicant shall submit P.E. and Utilities Certification per Section 3. A (1); (2); & (3) prior to acceptance.

Please feel free to contact Chairman Rodriguez should you have any questions regarding this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne M. Maher
Administrative Assistant
to the Ledyard Town Council

cc: Public Works Director/Town Engineer
Town Clerk

Roxanne Maher

From: Gary St. Vil
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 8:37 AM
To: Ryan Earley
Cc: Jason S. Hartling; Naomi Rodriguez; Roxanne Maher
Subject: 2025 BHM Contest: Deadline Extended to Friday, March 7th

Good morning Principal Earley,

Thank you for your continued support promoting the 2025 Black History Month contest and I would like to let you know that the **contest deadline has been extended to Friday, March 7, 2025. Additionally, students will now have the option to pick one of two essay topics.** Revised contest details are below.

Contest Duration: January 21 – March 7, 2025

Essay Contest Topics: Write an essay (minimum of 500 words) on one of the following two topics:

1. African Americans and Labor. Discuss the various and profound ways that African American work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary have played in shaping our country's history.
2. What does Black History Month mean to me?

Prizes for Ledyard Middle and High School Students:

- 1st Place - \$100
- 2nd Place - \$50
- 3rd Place - \$25

Submission Guidelines:

- Essay should include the participant's name, school, and grade
- Only one essay submission per student. No Group Projects
- This contest is open to all students residing in Ledyard, including those that are home-schooled or attending a private or Technical/Magnet school
- Essays should be sent via email to Town Councilor Gary St. Vil at gsvil@ledyardct.org

Award Notification: Winners will be notified by March 10, 2025 and acknowledged by the Town Council at the March 12th Town Council meeting (student attendance is encouraged).

If you have any questions or require further information, please reach out to me at gsvil@ledyardct.org or 860-980-0656.

Respectfully,

Gary St. Vil

Ledyard Town Councilor
gsvil@ledyardct.org
860-980-0656

From: Gary St. Vil
Sent: Monday, January 20, 2025 7:30 PM
To: Ryan Earley <rearley@ledyard.net>
Cc: Jason S. Hartling <jhartling@ledyard.net>; Naomi Rodriguez <NaomiR@ledyardct.org>
Subject: 2025 Black History Month Contest (Ledyard Middle School)

Dear Principal Earley,

As we embark on the celebration of Black History Month, the Town Council's Community Relations Committee - DEI would like to collaborate with Ledyard Public Schools to offer students an opportunity to showcase their creativity and express their thoughts on the significance of Black History Month. Please share the contest details below with your teachers and students.

Students at Ledyard Middle School can participate in the Essay Contest below. The contest is entirely voluntary, however, we encourage every student to participate. Ledyard Middle School and Ledyard High School submissions will be combined and a 1st , 2nd and 3rd place winner selected.

Contest Duration: January 21 – February 21, 2025

Essay Contest Topic: African Americans and Labor. Discuss the various and profound ways that African American work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary have played in shaping our country's history.

Prizes for Ledyard Middle and High School Students:

- 1st Place - \$100
- 2nd Place - \$50
- 3rd Place - \$25

Submission Guidelines:

- Essay should include the participant's name, school, and grade
- Only one essay submission per student. No Group Projects
- This contest is open to all students residing in Ledyard, including those that are home-schooled or attending a private or Technical/Magnet school
- Essays should be sent via email to Town Councilor Gary St. Vil at gsvil@ledyardct.org

Award Notification: Winners will be notified by February 24, 2025, and acknowledged by the Town Council at the February 26th Town Council meeting (student attendance is encouraged).

We believe that these contests will not only encourage creative expression but also foster a deeper understanding of the significance of Black History Month. If you have any questions or require further information, please reach out to me at gsvil@ledyardct.org or 860-980-0656.

Respectfully,

Gary St. Vil

Ledyard Town Councilor

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Roxanne Maher

From: Gary St. Vil
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 8:46 AM
To: Amanda Fagan
Cc: jhepburn@ledyard.net; Jason S. Hartling; Naomi Rodriguez; Roxanne Maher
Subject: 2025 BHM Contest: Deadline Extended to Friday, March 7th

Good morning Principal Fagan,

Thank you for your continued support promoting the 2025 Black History Month contest and I would like to let you know that the **contest deadline has been extended to Friday, March 7, 2025. Additionally, students will now have the option to pick one of two essay topics.** Revised contest details are below.

Contest Duration: January 21 – March 7, 2025

Essay Contest Topics: Write an essay (minimum of 500 words) on one of the following two topics:

1. African Americans and Labor. Discuss the various and profound ways that African American work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary have played in shaping our country's history.
2. What does Black History Month mean to me?

Prizes for Ledyard Middle and High School Students:

- 1st Place - \$100
- 2nd Place - \$50
- 3rd Place - \$25

Submission Guidelines:

- Essay should include the participant's name, school, and grade
- Only one essay submission per student. No Group Projects
- This contest is open to all students residing in Ledyard, including those that are home-schooled or attending a private or Technical/Magnet school
- Submissions received before February 21st will be entered into the contest
- Essays should be sent via email to Principal Fagan at afagan@ledyard.net and Town Councilor Gary St. Vil at [gsuil@ledyardct.org](mailto:gsvil@ledyardct.org)

Award Notification: Winners will be notified by March 10, 2025 and acknowledged by the Town Council at the March 12th Town Council meeting (student attendance is encouraged).

If you have any questions or require further information, please reach out to me at [gsuil@ledyardct.org](mailto:gsvil@ledyardct.org) or 860-980-0656.

Respectfully,

Gary St. Vil

Ledyard Town Councilor

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From: Gary St. Vil

Sent: Monday, January 20, 2025 7:17 PM

To: Amanda Fagan <afagan@ledyard.net>

Cc: jhepburn@ledyard.net <jhepburn@ledyard.net>; Jason S. Hartling <jhartling@ledyard.net>; Naomi Rodriguez <NaomiR@ledyardct.org>

Subject: 2025 Black History Month Contest (LHS)

Dear Principal Fagan,

As we embark on the celebration of Black History Month, the Town Council's Community Relations Committee - DEI would like to collaborate with Ledyard Public Schools to offer students an opportunity to showcase their creativity and express their thoughts on the significance of Black History Month. Please share the contest details below with your teachers and students.

Students at Ledyard High School can participate in the Essay Contest below. The contest is entirely voluntary, however, we encourage every student to participate. Ledyard Middle School and Ledyard High School submissions will be combined and a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner selected.

Contest Duration: January 21 – February 21, 2025

Essay Contest Topic: African Americans and Labor. Discuss the various and profound ways that African American work and working of all kinds – free and unfree, skilled, and unskilled, vocational and voluntary have played in shaping our country's history.

Prizes for Ledyard Middle and High School Students:

- 1st Place - \$100
- 2nd Place - \$50
- 3rd Place - \$25

Submission Guidelines:

- Essay should include the participant's name, school, and grade
- Only one essay submission per student. No Group Projects
- This contest is open to all students residing in Ledyard, including those that are home-schooled or attending a private or Technical/Magnet school
- Essays should be sent via email to Town Councilor Gary St. Vil at gsvil@ledyardct.org

Award Notification: Winners will be notified by February 24, 2025, and acknowledged by the Town Council at the February 26th Town Council meeting (student attendance is encouraged).

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Respectfully,

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Chairman S. Naomi Rodriguez

February 24, 2025

Mayor Fred Allyn, III
Town of Ledyard
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Dear Mayor Allyn:

At its Special Meeting held on February 19, 2025 the Town Council took the following actions:

- Rescinded the following, as approved by the Town Council at their February 12, 2025 meeting:

MOTION to approve the proposed “*Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ Ledyard Playscape Improvement Projects*” as presented in the draft dated February 5, 2025; with the exception not to exceed \$1 million.

In addition, the Parks & Recreation Commission shall review and approve the Conceptual Plan to be submitted as part of the Application;

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town’s local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

- Approved the proposed “*Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ Ledyard Playscape Improvement Projects*” for the following Parks: Town Green, Aljen Heights, Blonders Park, and East Park, as presented in the draft dated February 5, 2025; with the exception not to exceed \$1 million.

In addition, the Parks & Recreation Commission shall review and approve the Conceptual Plan to be submitted as part of the Application;

And, appropriate \$179,000 from CNR Undesignated, as the Town’s 20% Local Match, upon the receipt of the Grant approval.

The Town Council **did not** act on the following items, which were included on the Agenda as alternate option plans in the event the STEAP Resolution for the “*Ledyard Playscape Improvement Projects*” was not ready. (see above)

- Discussion and possible action on the MOTION to approve the proposed “*Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ Ledyard Community Green Improvement Project; to Include the Replacement of the Playscape*” as presented in the draft dated January 22, 2025; with the exception not to exceed \$550,000.

In addition, the Parks & Recreation Commission shall review and approve the Conceptual Plan to be submitted as part of the Application;

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town's local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

- Discussion and possible action on the MOTION to approve the proposed "*Municipal Certification of a Resolution for Small Town Economic Assistance Program ~ STEAP 2025 ~ for the Sewer Line Installation on Fairway Drive and Colby Drive*" as presented in the draft dated January 22, 2025 with the exception not to exceed \$610,00.

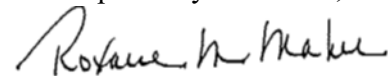
And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town's local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

- Discussion and possible action on the MOTION to approve the proposed "*Ledyard Community Green Improvement Project To Include Playscape And Sewer Line Installation On Fairway Drive And Colby Drive*" as presented in the draft dated February 10, 2025 with the exception not to exceed \$1 Million. .

And, if Grant Funding is approved, Town Council approval will be requested for the Town's local matching funds, when that amount is known, and before any contract is signed and the project is commenced.

Please feel free to contact Chairman Rodriguez should you have any questions regarding this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



Roxanne M. Maher
Administrative Assistant
to the Ledyard Town Council

cc: Director of Finance
Treasurer
Parks, Recreation, & Senior Citizens Director
Public Works Director/Town Engineer

Roxanne Maher

From: Gary St. Vil
Sent: Friday, February 21, 2025 8:53 AM
To: lhunter@ledyard.net
Cc: swilliams@ledyard.net; Jason S. Hartling; Naomi Rodriguez; Roxanne Maher
Subject: 2025 BHM Contest: Deadline Extended to Friday, March 7th

Follow Up Flag: Follow up
Flag Status: Completed

Good morning Principal Hunter,

Thank you for your continued support promoting the 2025 Black History Month contest and I would like to let you know that the **contest deadline has been extended to Friday, March 7, 2025**. Revised contest details are below.

Contest Duration: January 21 – March 7, 2025

Poster Contest Theme: Create a poster depicting Black History Month

Prizes for Elementary Students:

- Grades K-2: Gift cards to BAM (1st Place - \$50, 2nd Place - \$25, 3rd Place - \$10)
- Grades 3-5: Gift cards to BAM (1st Place - \$50, 2nd Place - \$25, 3rd Place - \$10)

Submission Guidelines:

- Write the participant's name, school, and grade on the back of the poster
- Only one poster submission per student. No Group Projects
- This contest is exclusively for elementary school students
- This contest is open to all students residing in Ledyard, including those that are home-schooled or attending a private or Technical/Magnet school
- Hard Copy of posters should be held at the main office for pickup by Town Councilor Gary St. Vil on March 7, 2025 at 3:30 PM

Award Notification: Winners will be notified by March 10, 2025 and acknowledged by the Town Council at the March 12th Town Council meeting (student attendance is encouraged).

If you have any questions or require further information, please reach out to me at gsvil@ledyardct.org or 860-980-0656.

Respectfully,

Gary St. Vil
Ledyard Town Councilor
gsvil@ledyardct.org

From: Gary St. Vil

Sent: Monday, January 20, 2025 7:23 PM

To: lhunter@ledyard.net <lhunter@ledyard.net>

Cc: swilliams@ledyard.net <swilliams@ledyard.net>; Jason S. Hartling <jhartling@ledyard.net>; Naomi Rodriguez <NaomiR@ledyardct.org>

Subject: 2025 Black History Month Contest (Gallup Hill School)

Dear Principal Hunter,

As we embark on the celebration of Black History Month, the Town Council's Community Relations Committee - DEI would like to collaborate with Ledyard Public Schools to offer students an opportunity to showcase their creativity and express their thoughts on the significance of Black History Month. Please share the contest details below with your teachers and students.

Students at Gallup Hill School can participate in the Poster Contest below. The contest is entirely voluntary, however, we encourage every student to participate. Gallup Hill School and Gales Ferry School submissions will be combined and a 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winner selected.

Contest Duration: January 21 – February 21, 2025

Poster Contest Theme: Create a poster depicting Black History Month

Prizes for Elementary Students:

- Grades K-2: Gift cards to BAM (1st Place - \$50, 2nd Place - \$25, 3rd Place - \$10)
- Grades 3-5: Gift cards to BAM (1st Place - \$50, 2nd Place - \$25, 3rd Place - \$10)

Submission Guidelines:

- Write the participant's name, school, and grade on the back of the poster
- Only one poster submission per student. No Group Projects
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- Hard Copy of posters should be held at the main office for pickup by Town Councilor Gary St. Vil on February 21, 2025 at 3:30 PM

Award Notification: Winners will be notified by February 24, 2025, and acknowledged by the Town Council at the February 26th Town Council meeting (student attendance is encouraged).

We believe that these contests will not only encourage creative expression but also foster a deeper understanding of the significance of Black History Month. If you have any questions or require further information, please reach out to me at gsvil@ledyardct.org or 860-980-0656.

Respectfully,

Gary St. Vil

Ledyard Town Councilor

gsvil@ledyardct.org

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February 24, 2025

Superintendent Jason Hartling
Chairman Anthony Favry
Ledyard Board of Education
4 Bonders Boulevard
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Dear Gentlemen:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your responses to the Town Council's February 6, 2025 letter in which additional information was requested regarding the Board of Education's proposed Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget; and you were invited to present the Education Budget at the Town Council's February 26, 2025 meeting.

While we understand it may require some time to gather the budget information requested, it was disappointing to learn two-weeks after the receipt of our February 6, 2025 letter, that the Board of Education would not be attending our February 26, 2025 meeting, which was communicated to us only after the Zoom Invite was sent out; and the Agenda was posted.

In my conversation with Mr. Hartling to reschedule the Board of Education's Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget Presentation, he mentioned that the Board of Education does not give their Budget Presentation to the Town Council until after the Mayor submits his proposed budget in March. However, past records show that each year the Board of Education has presented their proposed budget to the Town Council in February. To refresh our memories and for reference, the following Town Council Meeting dates are noted at which the Board of Education presented their proposed budget:

- February 28, 2024
- February 22, 2023
- February 23, 2022
- February 24, 2021
- February 26, 2020
- February 27, 2019

Also, to date your response regarding the budget information previously requested has not been received. The information below is again being requested to provide clarity and to help the Finance Committee and Town Council understand the Board of Education's budgetary needs, in working to prepare a responsible budget for the coming year:

- (1). What is the increase in the Labor Contract Agreements for Fiscal Year 2025/2026.
- (2). What Labor Contract Agreements are due for renegotiation.

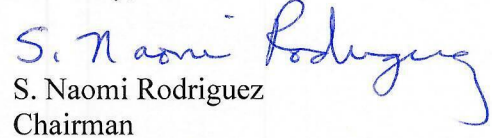
- (3). Budget Salary Lines – Please provide number of staff that will be paid from each salary line. (Please see attached January 21, 2025 Minutes page 10 & 11).

Per the Town Charter Chapter VII, Section 4 (page 30) *“The Board of Education shall require the Superintendent of Schools to prepare a budget proposal for the ensuing fiscal year. This budget document shall contain the information requested by the Town Council and shall be in a format that is compatible with the budget submission for the general government.”*

As we all have busy schedules, and we work hard each and every day to balance our jobs, families, and volunteer roles in our community, timely responses and maintaining open communication is not only a courtesy, but an essential piece to making all our efforts work.

Please contact me to reschedule your Budget Presentation or should you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,


S. Naomi Rodriguez
Chairman

Attachement:

Town Charter Chapter VII; Section 4 (page 30)

cc: Town Council
Mayor Fred Allyn, III
Board of Education Members
BOE Director Finance

TOWN CHARTER

CHAPTER VII: FINANCE AND TAXATION

SECTION 4 DUTIES OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION ON THE BUDGET

The Board of Education shall require the Superintendent of Schools to prepare a budget proposal for the ensuing fiscal year. This budget document shall contain the information requested by the Town Council and shall be in a format that is compatible with the budget submission for the general government.

The Board of Education shall include in its budget submission the latest revenue figures for the current fiscal year and the best estimates of education-related revenue sources for the ensuing fiscal year. The Board of Education shall also include as part of the budget submission, any steps taken to address changing enrollment.

The Board of Education shall participate in the review of municipal improvements and capital projects that is conducted by the Mayor and the Planning Commission during the budget preparation process so that the Board's capital needs are reflected in a unified list of projects for the Town. Such Capital Improvement Plan shall be included in the Board of Education Budget.

The Board of Education shall specify the date of submission for the budget proposal developed by the Superintendent of Schools. This date will be early enough to permit a thorough review of the proposed budget and any modifications to the draft budget that are deemed necessary. The Board of Education shall submit its final budget proposal to the Mayor no later than the fourth Monday in February for it to be included in the Mayor's budget submission.

Roxanne Maher

From: Joe Delacruz <jdelacruz@hilleryco.com>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 4:20 PM
To: Town Council Group; Fred Allyn, III; Kristen Chapman
Subject: Open house
Attachments: CSO March 1st Invite.pdf; SB 492R.docx

Hi all,

I would like invite the all of you to join us on March 1st from 2 – 4 pm at our open house. Purchasing a building has been a top priority as rental fees for our events have been steadily increasing. We are encouraging folks in the community to stop in, and see the progress we have already made. We plan to be completed with renovations by our official ribbon cutting date of May 31st. We would like to recognize both Ledyard and Groton for distributing funds from the Opioid settlement to our organization allowing us to pay for sober living and provide activities to folks in our area. We are scheduled to provide and update to the Groton Town Council at their COW on the 25th of February and will reach out after budget season to come in front of your Council on a day that works for you.

I also wanted to make you aware that there is a public hearing tomorrow for (Old SB 492) SB 1285. I attached my letter of support to give you an idea of why its important to me, but understand that it will be tough for folks in the legislature to support. There are questions of losing federal funding, because providing a place to use illicit drugs would violate federal law, but we are losing folks at a rate where something different needs to be considered. I encourage you to send in emails about this bill no matter what your feelings, because I believe the best laws are made when more folks weigh in.

Joe de la Cruz
Community Speaks Out
860-271-1834



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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 24-0539	Agenda Date: 2/26/2025	Agenda #: 1.
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REPORT
ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2024/202 Report:
Administration Committee

Meeting Action Detail:



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741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 24-0540

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #: 2.

REPORT
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Report:

Community Relations Committee for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

Meeting Action Detail:



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 24-0541

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #: 3.

REPORT
FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Report:
Finance Committee

Meeting Action Detail:



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 24-0542

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #: 4.

REPORT
LAND USE/PLANNING/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Report:
Land Use/Planning/Public Works Committee

Meeting Action Detail:



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 24-0561

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #: XIII

REPORT

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Report Fiscal Year 2024/2025:



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 25-1409

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #: *1.

APPOINTMENT

Motion/Request:

MOTION to reappoint the following members to the Permanent Municipal Building Committee to complete a three (3) year term ending March 26, 2028.

- Mr. Gerald Tyminski (U) 58 Partridge Hollow, Gales Ferry
- Mr. Joseph Gush (R) 57 Town Farm Road, Ledyard.

Background:

As Committee members terms come to an end they are asked whether they would like to continue to volunteer to serve on the Commission.

In addition, the Committee and their respective parties are asked to provide a recommendation/endorsement.

The terms of these two Permanent Municipal Building Committee Members are due to expire in March, 2025.

Both Members are interested in continuing to serve the town and their reappointments have been endorsed by both the Retirement Board and their respective party.

Administrative Notes:

Please see attached.

Nominating Committee Recommendation:

N/a

Minority Representation - CGS 9-167a:

In accordance with Chapter IV; Section 8 of the Town Charter “Except as otherwise provided for in this Charter, the Town Council may appoint members to fill vacancies in other offices, boards, and commissions established by this Charter and by ordinance as vacancies may occur, and appointing members to such offices, boards, and commissions as may be created in the future. Such appointments shall be made by the Town Council for such terms and upon such conditions as provided in the respective ordinance”.

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TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339-1551
(860) 464-3200

Chairman S. Naomi Rodriguez

February 4, 2025

Mr. Joseph Gush, Chairman
Permanent Municipal Building Committee
57 Town Farm Road
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Dear Mr. Gush:

Members of the Permanent Municipal Building Committee is due for re-appointment as listed below. The Administration Committee of the Town Council would like your recommendations.

Please complete the shaded areas of each Commission members block and kindly return to the Town Council Office. .

Permanent Municipal Building Committee

3 Year Term

Member's Name	Party Affiliation	Term Expiration	Commission Recommendation	Town Committee Endorsement	Attendance
Mr. Gerald Tyminski 58 Partridge Hollow Gales Ferry, CT 06335	U	3/26/2025	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	Y N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Excellent <input type="radio"/> Good <input type="radio"/> Fair <input type="radio"/> Poor
Mr. Joseph Gush 57 Town Farm Road Ledyard, CT 06339	R	3/26/2025	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	Y N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Excellent <input type="radio"/> Good <input type="radio"/> Fair <input type="radio"/> Poor

Committee Comments:

The committee endorses re appointment of both candidates
Jac Gush 5 FEB 25

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your attention regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Roxanne M. Maher

Roxanne M. Maher
Administrative Assistant



TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339-1551
(860) 464-3200

Chairman S. Naomi Rodriguez

February 4, 2025

Mr. Cory Watford, Chairman
Republican Nominating Committee
429 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Dear Mr. Watford:

Members of the Permanent Municipal Building Committee is due for re-appointment as listed below. The Administration Committee of the Town Council would like your recommendations.

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Committee Comments:

[Signature]
2/4/2025

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your attention regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Roxanne M. Maher

Roxanne M. Maher
Administrative Assistant



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 25-1444

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #: *2.

TAX REFUND

Motion/Request:

Motion to approve four tax refunds in the combined total amount of \$13,146.20 each exceeding \$2,400.00 in accordance with tax collector departmental procedures.

• Patricia Ference	\$3,112.39
• Jessica Johnson	\$2,619.98
• Law Office Sean Donohue for Amanda Plante	\$3,079.65
• Sheela Nerurkar	\$4,334.18

Background:

In accordance with policies established for the Tax Collection Department, refunds to taxpayer exceeding \$2,400 are to be approved by the Town Council.

Finance Director Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

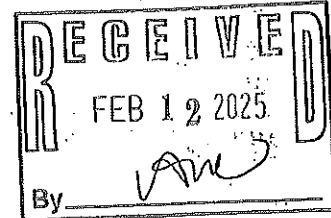
Application for Refund of Taxes Paid

Return to: Ledyard Tax Collector's Office
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339

Amount of Refund
\$3,112.39

Date: January 22, 2025

Patricia Ference
57 Partridge Hollow Rd
Gales Ferry, CT 06335



PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND DATE BELOW:

I am entitled to this refund because I have made the payments from funds under my control, and no other party will be requesting this refund.
I understand that false or deliberately misleading statements subject me to penalties for perjury and/or for obtaining money under false pretenses.
I hereby apply for a refund of taxes paid in accordance with Conn. Gen Sate. 12/129.

Patricia L. Ference
Signature of Applicant/Agent
(Title of agent, where applicable)

[Signature]
Tax Collector's Signature

2/10/25
Date Signed

2/10/25
Date

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Date of Payment: *1/8/2025*
Grand List Year: *2023*
Grand List Number: *58400*
Payment Type: *Check*
X Received by mail/email

Tax Type: *MV PP RE SMV*
Reason: *Double payment for Jan installment*
Property Owner: *Patricia Ference*
Property Location: *6 57 Partridge Hollow Rd*
Hand delivered in the office

ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BODY

At a regular meeting of the Ledyard Town Council, held on the _____ day of _____, 2025, it was voted to refund property taxes amounting to \$_____ to _____.

Application for Refund of Taxes Paid

Return to: Ledyard Tax Collector's Office
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339

Amount of Refund

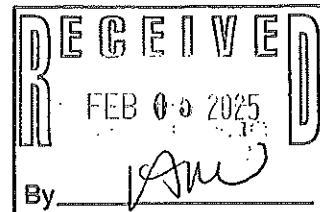
\$2,619.98

Date: January 28, 2025

Jessica Johnson

9 Martys Way

Gales Ferry, CT 06335



PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND DATE BELOW:

I am entitled to this refund because I have made the payments from funds under my control, and no other party will be requesting this refund.

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I hereby apply for a refund of taxes paid in accordance with Conn. Gen Sate. 12/129.

[Signature]
Signature of Applicant/Agent
(Title of agent, where applicable)

[Signature]
Tax Collector's Signature

2-5-25
Date Signed

2/12/2025
Date

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Date of Payment: 1/15/2025
Grand List Year: 2023
Grand List Number: 27200
Payment Type: Check
Received by mail/email

Tax Type: MV PP RE SMV away
Reason: Double payment for Jan installment
Property Owner: Jessica Johnson
Property Location: 6 Pequot Dr
X Hand delivered in the office

ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BODY

At a regular meeting of the Ledyard Town Council, held on the _____ day of _____, 2025, it was voted to refund property taxes amounting to \$ _____ to _____.

S. Naomi Rodriguez

Application for Refund of Taxes Paid

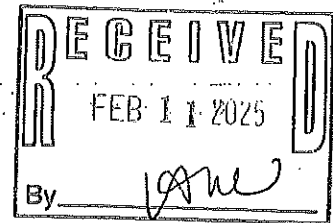
Return to: Ledyard Tax Collector's Office
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339

Amount of Refund

\$3,079.65

Date: January 2, 2025

Law Office of Sean C Donohue
111 Huntington St, Suite 1
New London, CT 06320



PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND DATE BELOW:

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✓ [Signature]
Signature of Applicant/Agent
(Title of agent, where applicable)

[Signature]
Tax Collector's Signature

✓ 2/11/25
Date Signed

2/11/2025
Date

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Date of Payment: 12/30/2024
Grand List Year: 2023
Grand List Number: 164020
Payment Type: Check
☒ Received by mail/email

Tax Type: MV PP RE SMV
Reason: Double payment for second installment
Property Owner: Amanda Plante
Property Location: 57 Church Hill Rd
Hand delivered in the office

ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BODY

At a regular meeting of the Ledyard Town Council, held on the _____ day of _____, 2025, it was voted to refund property taxes amounting to \$ _____ to _____.

S. Naomi Rodriguez

Application for Refund of Taxes Paid

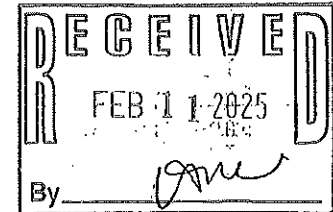
Return to: Ledyard Tax Collector's Office
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339

Amount of Refund

\$4,334.18

Date: January 29, 2025

<i>Sheela Nerurkar</i>
<i>4 Kerrie CT</i>
<i>Gales Ferry, CT 06335</i>



PLEASE READ, SIGN, AND DATE BELOW:

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✓ *Sheela Nerurkar*
Signature of Applicant/Agent
(Title of agent, where applicable)

[Signature]
Tax Collector's Signature

✓ *02/07/2025*
Date Signed

2/12/25
Date

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Date of Payment: *7/22/2024*
Grand List Year: *2023*
Grand List Number: *164615*
Payment Type: *Check*
☒ *Received by mail/email*

Tax Type: *MV PP RE SMV*
Reason: *Double payment for July installment*
Property Owner: *Sheela Nerurkar*
Property Location: *4 Kerrie CT*
☐ *Hand delivered in the office*

ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BODY

At a regular meeting of the Ledyard Town Council, held on the _____ day of _____, 2025, it was voted to refund property taxes amounting to \$ _____ to _____.

S. Naomi Rodriguez



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 24-1202

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #: 3.

APPOINTMENT

Motion/Request:

MOTION to appoint Ms. Minna DeGaetano (D) 10 Marla Avenue, Ledyard, as a Regular Member to the Retirement Board to complete a three (3) year term ending January 20, 2026 to fill a vacancy left by Mr. Panosky.

Background:

Mr. Daniel Panosky has moved out of town and has resigned from the Retirement Board.

Retirement Board Chairman John Rodolico has requested Alternat Member Ms. Minna DeGaetano be appointed as a Regular Member to fill Mr. Panosky's vacancy. (see attached email 12/30/2024)

Administrative Notes:

Please see attached Roster

Nominating Committee Recommendation:

(type text here)

Minority Representation - CGS 9-167a:

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Roxanne Maher

From: John Rodolico <reppop@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Monday, December 30, 2024 10:57 AM
To: Roxanne Maher
Cc: Naomi Rodriguez
Subject: Retirement Board Appointment

Ledyard Town Council:

This memo is requesting the appointment of Minna DeGaetano as a regular member of the Ledyard Retirement Board. Minna is currently an Alternate Member and has been an active contributor to the Board for the past year.

Respectfully,

John Rodolico
Chairman
Retirement Board

RETIREMENT BOARD

	Name	Term Expiration
R	Thorne, William 3 Adios Lane Ledyard, Connecticut 06339	1/20/2027
R	Codding, Roger 13 Helmlock Circle Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339	1/20/2025
D	Wadecki, Sharon 44 Fanning Road Ledyard, Connecticut 06339	1/20/2026
R	Rodolico, John (Chairman) 40 Long Pond Road Ledyard, Connecticut 06339	1/20/2025
R	Vacant (Panosky, Daniel)	1/20/2026

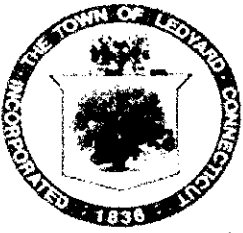
Alternate Members

R	Vacant (Codding, Roger)	8/26/2026
D	DeGaetano, Minna 10 Marla Avenue Ledyard, Connecticut 06339	8/26/2026

Non-Voting Members

Finance Director – Matthew Bonin, Finance Director
Town Employee - Ian Stammel , Treasurer
Town Council Liaison -

Town Council Appointment	3 Year Term	5 Reg. Members 2 Alt. Members 3 Ex-Officio Members Finance Director Town Councilor Town Employee
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TOWN OF LEDYARD
CONNECTICUT

RETIREMENT BOARD

Town of Ledyard
Ledyard, CT 06339
<http://www.ledyardct.org>

Chairperson John Rodolico

To: Ledyard Town Council

From: Retirement Board

Date: November 19, 2024

Please be advised that Daniel Panosky has resigned from the Ledyard Retirement Board effective October 15, 2024. I am requesting that the Town Council provide a replacement at its earliest possible convenience.

Sincerely,

Chairperson John Rodolico



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 25-1418

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #: 4.

APPOINTMENT

Motion/Request:

MOTION to appoint Mrs. Karen Parkinson (R) 55 Rose Hill Road, Ledyard, as a Regular Member to the Historic District Commission to complete a five (5) year term ending December 4, 2026 to fill a vacancy left by Mr. Barnes.

Background:

With Mr. Barnes January 22, 2025 appointment to the Town Council he submitted his resignation from the Historic District Commission, in accordance with the Town Charter (Please see attached email dated 1/26/2025) .

Town Charter, Chapter III; Section 1:

No member of the Town Council shall, during his term of office, except as provided in Section 2 of this chapter, hold or accept any position, office or employment under the government of the Town of Ledyard or any political subdivision thereof which is filled by appointment by the Mayor, Town Council, or any board or commission created by ordinance, Charter, or statute. No person holding any elected office under this Charter or provisions of any ordinance or of the General Statutes shall, except as provided in Section 2 of this chapter, be a member of the Town Council during his continuance in such office.

Historic District Commission Chairman Earl (Ty) Lamb requested in an email dated February 7, 2025 that Alternate Member Mrs. Karen Parkinson be appointed/moved from an Alternate Member to a Regular Member to fill Mr. Barnes' vacancy . (please see attached email)

Administrative Notes:

Please see attached Roster

Nominating Committee Recommendation:

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Minority Representation - CGS 9-167a:

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R	Vacant (Panosky, Daniel)	1/20/2026

Alternate Members

R	Vacant (Codding, Roger)	8/26/2026
D	DeGaetano, Minna 10 Marla Avenue Ledyard, Connecticut 06339	8/26/2026

Non-Voting Members

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Town Council Appointment	3 Year Term	5 Reg. Members 2 Alt. Members 3 Ex-Officio Members Finance Director Town Councilor Town Employee
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Roxanne Maher

From: Ty Lamb <tlamb@ledyard.net>
Sent: Friday, February 7, 2025 6:19 PM
To: Roxanne Maher
Subject: LHDC - Membership

Dear Roxanne,

Recent events have seen William Barnes appointed to the Town Council and in his new capacity has stepped down from the LHDC. This opens up a regular member seat on the LHDC.

At our last meeting of the LHDC, a general discussion occurred, and it was recommended without one negative comment to request that Karen Parkinson be moved from her alternate position on the LHDC to the regular member seat. As Chairman, I would like to pass this request to the administration subcommittee for their consideration. I fully endorse Karen and her willingness to take this position. She brings an energy to get things done and a great background in grant writing, which the LHDC needs. Otherwise her background and past achievements for the town are widely known.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me.

Yr.,
Ty Lamb

Roxanne Maher

From: William Barnes
Sent: Sunday, January 26, 2025 6:27 PM
To: Naomi Rodriguez
Cc: Roxanne Maher; Earl Lamb
Subject: Ledyard Historic District Commission Resignation

Chairman Rodriguez,

Pursuant to Chapter III, Section 1 of the Town of Ledyard Charter, I am ineligible to serve on the Historic District Commission and with mixed emotions submit my resignation. It has been an honor and pleasure to serve as part of the commission since March 2018. I look forward to remaining connected while serving as their Town Council liaison.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns. I have included the current Historic District Commission Chairman, Ty Lamb, on copy for awareness.

Sincerely,
William Barnes

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

	Name	Term Expiration
R	Vacant (Barnes, William)	12/ 04/ 2026
D	Chittim, Ammie, M 972 Shewville Road Ledyard, Connecticut 06335	12/ 06/ 2028
D	Lamb, Earl (Chairman) 95 Lambtown Road Ledyard, Connecticut 06339	12/ 06/ 2027
D	Kelley, Douglas 40 Pinelock Drive Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	12/ 03/2025
U	Lamb, Kelly 93 R Lambtown Road Ledyard, Connecticut 06339	12/ 06/ 2024
<u>ALTERNATES</u>		
IT	Geer, Kenneth 23 Thomas Road Ledyard, Connecticut 06339	12/ 03 /2025
D	Godino, Vincent 1906 Center Groton Road Ledyard, Connecticut 06339	12/ 06/ 2024
R	Parkinson, Karen 55 Rose Hill Road Ledyard, Connecticut 06339	12/ 06/ 2028

Town Council Appointment 5 Year Term 3 Alt. Members 5 Reg. Members



TOWN OF LEDYARD

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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 25-1406

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #: 5.

APPOINTMENT

Motion/Request:

MOTION to appoint Ms. Lauren Hawes, (U) 8 Warbler Way, Gales Ferry, as a Regular Member to the Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission to complete a three (3) year term ending June 28, 2025 to fill a vacancy left by Ms. Cobb.

Background:

Ms. Cobb has moved out of town and has resigned from the Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission.

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission Chairman Kenneth DiRico has requested Alternate Member Ms. Lauren Hawes be appointed as a Regular Member to fill Ms. Cobb's vacancy. (see attached email 1/14/2025)

Administrative Notes:

Please see attached Roster

Nominating Committee Recommendation:

(type text here)

Minority Representation - CGS 9-167a:

In accordance with Chapter IV; Section 8 of the Town Charter "Except as otherwise provided for in this Charter, the Town Council may appoint members to fill vacancies in other offices, boards, and commissions established by this Charter and by ordinance as vacancies may occur, and appointing members to such offices, boards, and commissions as may be created in the future. Such appointments shall be made by the Town Council for such terms and upon such conditions as provided in the respective ordinance".

Chapter IV, Section 9: "In making appointments and removals, the Town Council shall act by the affirmative votes of at least a majority of all its members.

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Connecticut General Statutes

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More than 9 Two-thirds of total membership	

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(b) Prior to any election for or appointment to any such body, the municipal clerk, in cases of elections, and the appointing authority, in cases of appointments, shall determine the maximum number of members of any political party who may be elected or appointed to such body at such election or appointment. Such maximum number shall be determined for each political party in the following manner: From the number of members of one political party who are members of such body at the time of the election or appointment, subtract the number of members of such political party whose terms expire prior to the commencement of the terms for which such election or appointment is being held or made and subtract the balance thus arrived at from the appropriate number specified in column II of subsection (a) of this section.

Roxanne Maher

From: kenneth dirico <diricokj@comcast.net>
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:15 PM
To: Carmen Garcia Irizarry; Naomi Rodriguez; Scott Johnson; Roxanne Maher
Subject: Adjustment of Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Center Commission

Chairman Councilor Garcia-Irizarry,

As Chairman for the Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Center Commission I would like to move Alternate Member Lauren Hawes to commissioner status in place of the recent resigned Commissioner Jessica Cobb.

If the Administration Committee has any questions or needs to discuss this request further please reach out to me or Director Scott Johnson.

Sincerely,

Ken DiRico
Chairman
Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Center Commission

Jessica Cobb
7 Whippoorwill Dr.
Gales Ferry, CT 06335
January 7, 2025

ATTN: Ledyard Town Clerk Patricia Riley

CC:

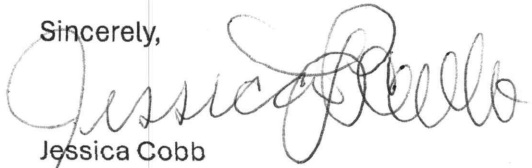
Ledyard Town Council Administrative Assistant Roxanne Maher
Ledyard Parks and Recreation and Senior Citizens Commission Chair Ken DiRico
Ledyard Parks and Recreation and Senior Center Director Scott Johnson
Ledyard DTC Nominating Chair Naomi Rodriguez

It has been my honor and privilege to serve on the Ledyard Parks and Recreation and Senior Citizens Commission for the last several years, and it is with regret that I announce my resignation from this commission effective January 16, 2025.

I want to thank Chairman DiRico for his hard work and leadership on this commission, and I thank Director Johnson for his dedication to the providing superior services to the residents of Ledyard. I also thank my fellow commissioners for the hours they are volunteering to help improve the programs that Ledyard offers to the community.

My sincerest thanks go to the Town of Ledyard for allowing me this opportunity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jessica Cobb", written in dark ink.

Jessica Cobb

PARKS, RECREATION AND SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

	Name	Term Expiration
D	Vacant (Cobb, Jessica)	6/28/2025
U	Crocker, Paula P.O. Box 452 1500 Route 12 Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	6/28/2025
U	DiRico, Kenneth Melanie Lane Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	6/28/2026
R	Finegan, Lucrezia 1331 Baldwin Road Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	6/28/2026
R	Vacant (Harding, Margaret Anne)	6/28/2025
U	Kent, Loretta 1363 Baldwin Hill Road Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	6/28/2027
D	Schneider, Carol 101 Inchcliffe Drive Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	6/28/2026

Alternate Members

U	Hawes, Lauren 8 Warbler Way Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	6/28/2027
D	Bacon, Stephanie 6 Patricia Court Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	6/28/2025

Town Council Appointment

3 Year Term 7 Regular Members; 2 Alternate Members



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 25-1407

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #: 6.

APPOINTMENT

Motion/Request:

MOTION to appoint Mr. Nathaniel Woody (U) 770 Long Cove Road, Gales Ferry, as an Alternate Member to the Planning & Zoning Commission to complete a three (3) year term ending October 31, 2026 filling, vacancy left by Mr. Miello.

Background:

Mr. Woody has a BS in Biochemistry, University of Maine 1999; PHD in Chemometrics, University of Delaware, 2003

Mr. Woody previously served on the Planning & Zoning Commission for many years, and as the Commission's Chairman. He is knowledgeable in Land Use Regulations and the governing CGS.

Mr. Woody is currently works as a Senior Comp Chemist.

Administrative Notes:

The Planning & Zoning Commission currently has one Alternate Memaber vacancy. (see attached roster).

Nominating Committee Recommendation:

(type text here)

Minority Representation - CGS 9-167a:

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Application Form

Profile

Nathaniel Woody
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

natewoody7@gmail.com
Email Address

770 Long Cove Rd
Home Address Suite or Apt

Gales Ferry CT 06335
City State Postal Code

Home: (607) 426-0341
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Planning & Zoning Commission: Submitted

Education & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

Participation in the community is an important part of being a member of the community. I have experience in the planning field and I think my experience can benefit the commission and the town.

Community Involvement

Educational Background

BS in Biochemistry, University of Maine 1999 PhD in Chemometrics, University of Delaware 2003

Pfizer Senior Comp Chemist
Employer Job Title

Upload a Resume

Party Affiliation

Party Affiliation *

☒ Unaffiliated

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Please Agree with the Following Statement

If selected as a board member, I understand that information on this application is subject to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and may be disclosed to anyone requesting this information.

☒ I Agree

Signature (type full name below)

Nathaniel Woody

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION

	Name	Term Expiration
R	Miello, Matthew 12 Cardinal Lane Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	10/31/2026
D	Wood Marcelle (Marty) 11 South Glenwoods Road Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	10/31/2027
U	Ribe, Beth 129 Rose Hill Road Ledyard, Connecticut 06339	10/31/2027
U	Craig, Howard 64 Stoddards View Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	10/31/2025
R	Whitescarver, Paul 6 Stoddards View Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	12/ 31/ 2026

ALTERNATES

D	Spaziani, Rhonda 9 Sunset Road Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	10/31/2026
	Vacant (Miello)	12/31/2026
D	Harwood, James 10 Eska Drive Ledyard, Connecticut 06339	12/31/2025

Town Council Appointment

3 Year Term

5 Reg. Members
3 Alt. Members

Zoning Citation Officer

Eric Treaster
10 Huntington Way
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339
Email: bsaofnl-eric@yahoo.com

Blight Enforcement Officer

Eric Treaster



TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 25-1408

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #: 7.

APPOINTMENT

Motion/Request:

MOTION to appoint Ms. Sherry Gruzkowski (R) 26 Saw Mill Drive, Ledyard, to the Ledyard Housing Authority Road, Gales Ferry, to complete a five (5) year term ending March 31, 2028 filling a vacancy left by Ms. Crocker.

Background:

Ms. Gruszkowski has a BS in Elementary Education from Longwood College-Farmville Va; and a MS in Early Childhood Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va.

Ms. Gruszkowski has been a Ledyard resident for 27 years and would like to give back to her community.

Ms. Gruszkowski is employed as a Children's Ministry Director.

Administrative Notes:

Ms. Paula Croker resigned from the Housing Authority
The Housing Authority has one vacancy.(see attached roster).

Nominating Committee Recommendation:

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Minority Representation - CGS 9-167a:

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Application Form**Profile**

sherry J Gruszkowski
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

sherryg5@outlook.com
Email Address

26 Saw Mill Dr Community Building
Home Address Suite or Apt

Ledyard CT 06335
City State Postal Code

Mobile: (860) 389-1038
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Housing Authority: Submitted

Education & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I have lived in Ledyard for 27 years, raised our children here and would love to give back to the community.

Community Involvement

Para at GH Elementary School, Ledyard Food Pantry, Clothing Exchange, currently Children's Ministry Director Gallup Hill Baptist Church

Educational Background

BS Elementary Education Longwood College-Farmville VA MS Early Childhood ODU - Norfolk.VA Resume available upon request

Gallup Hill Baptist Church, Ledyard CT Children's Ministry Director
Employer Job Title

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Party Affiliation

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☒ I Agree**Signature (type full name below)**

Sherry J Gruszkowski

We recommend Appoitmant



3/4/2025

HOUSING AUTHORITY

	Name	Term Expiration
R	Cassabria, Thomas 18 Silas Dean Road Ledyard, Connecticut 06335	03/ 31/ 2029
U	Waterhouse, Dayna 60 Kings Highway Unit #10 Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	03/ 31/ 2027
U	Boyd, Margaret 257 Whalehead Road Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	03/ 31/ 2026
R	Duzy, Charles 4 Harvard Terrace Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06335	03/ 31/ 2025
U	Vacant (Crocker, Paula)	03/31/2028

Director, Bookkeeper, Manager

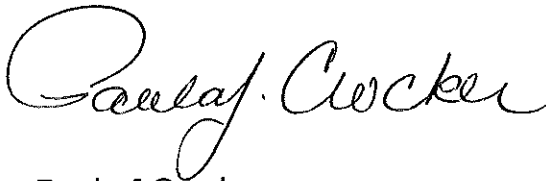
Colleen Lauer
60 Kings Highway
Kings Corner Manor
Gales Ferry, CT 06335
464-7365

November 25, 2024

Ledyard Town Council
Ledyard Town Hall
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339

Please accept this letter as my resignation from the Ledyard Housing Authority effective immediately.

V/R

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Paula J. Crocker". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and contact information.

Paula J Crocker
[pjic4753@aol.com](mailto:pjc4753@aol.com)
860-984-7404

cc: Ledyard Housing Authority
Charles Duzy, Chairman



TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 25-1420

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #: 8.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS REQUEST (FBR)

Motion/Request:

MOTION to authorize overexpenditure of winter operations budget accounts 10140103-51815 (Snow Overtime), 10140103-58300 (Employee Reimbursement), and 10140107-56301 (Salt and Sand) due to higher-than-normal winter operation's needs.

Background:

This winter season started with limited snow and ice management needs, but this trajectory has changed, and the costs are presently projected to be very close to and potentially exceed the budgeted amounts. The attached graph shows the trends for this winter season in historical context.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

Recommend the granting of authority to overexpend the winter operations accounts that would most likely have inadequate funding if needs continue on the recent trend.

Finance Director Comment/Recommendation:

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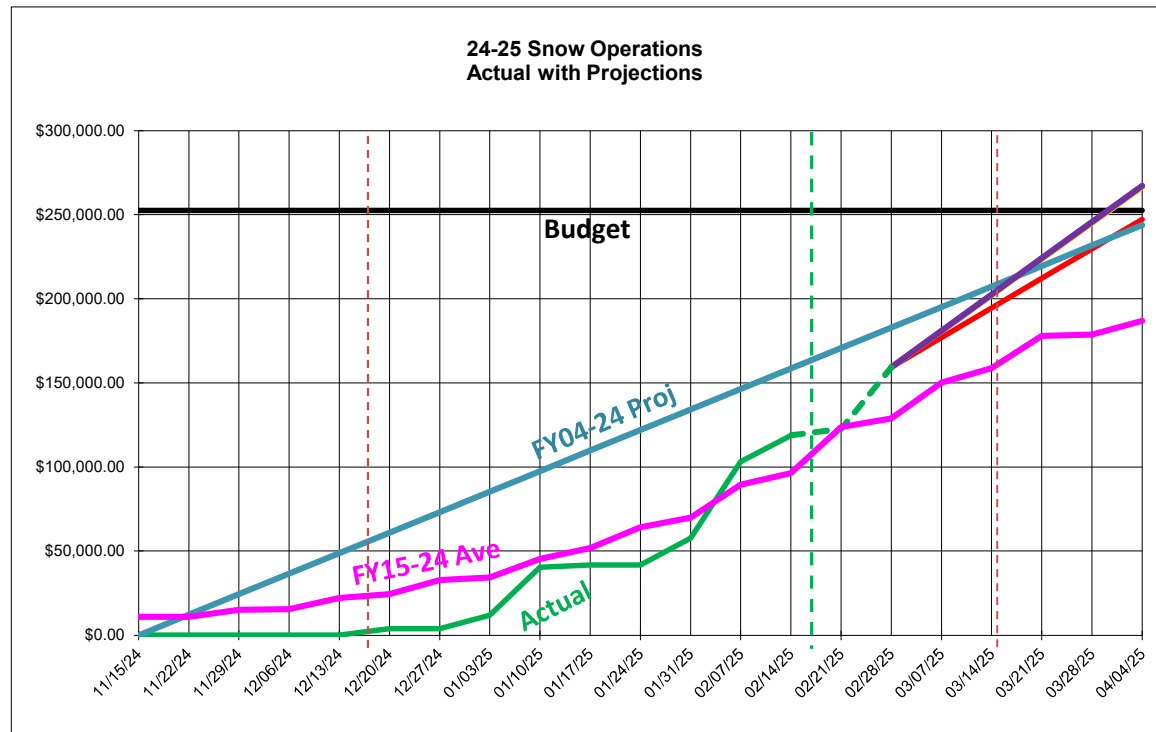
Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

I support this request as it prepares us for a continued challenging February and possibly March.

Town of Ledyard
Winter Operations Budgets FY25

Date: 02/18/25

	Account	Budget	Committed	Expended	Pending	On Order	Remaining	% Remaining
Snow Overtime	10140103 51815	\$97,000.00	\$77,251.86	\$42,601.56	\$34,650.30	n/a	\$19,748.14	20.4%
Snow Help Part Time	10140103 51805	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	n/a	\$5,000.00	100.0%
Meals	10140103 58300	\$5,500.00	\$4,340.00	\$2,535.00	\$1,805.00	n/a	\$1,160.00	21.1%
Salt	10140107 56301	\$145,000.00	\$118,964.11	\$74,119.31	\$3,912.48	\$40,932.32	\$26,035.89	18.0%
Total		\$252,500.00	\$200,555.97	\$119,255.87	\$40,367.78	\$40,932.32	\$51,944.03	20.6%



hist proj bal	\$8,642.22	3.4%
best fit proj bal	\$5,168.22	2.0%
linear proj bal	(\$13,932.96)	-5.5%
core proj bal	(\$14,760.09)	-5.8%
ave proj bal	(\$7,841.61)	-3.1%
FY15-24 ave	\$65,551.85	26.0%
		present
		projected

- actual
- historic proj
- FY15-24 Ave
- best fit proj
- linear meterological proj
- linear calendar proj

% Budget Used	75.9%	ratio
Winter	11/17/24	04/05/25
% Winter Over	67.2%	1.13
Core Winter	12/21/24	03/20/25
% Core Wint Over	66.7%	1.14



TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 25-1446

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #: 9.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS REQUEST (FBR)

Motion/Request:

MOTION to overspend 10120101-51630 (Public Safety Employees) to allow for the hiring of two police officer candidates in FY25 to replace two officers planning retirement in FY26.

Background:

The department has received information from two senior officers of their intention to retire from town service in FY26. Each would begin terminal leave in August/September 2025.

The process to replace a certified police officer is lengthy and takes approximately 10 months after a candidate successfully completes the statutory requirements for selection. Town of Ledyard Ordinance 500-001 allows the department to exceed its authorized staffing to employ probationary officers in advance, to replace officers who have submitted an intent to retire or resign.

The department is finalizing selection process which includes two qualified candidates for the position of probationary police officer. We have secured two seats in a training academy session which commences on March 14, 2025. The salaries for these candidates are not included in the department's budget for FY25.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

The department respectfully requests the granting of a motion to overspend 10120101-51630 (Public Safety Employees) in the current fiscal year to pay the salaries of two probationary officers from March 2025 through June 30, 2025.

Finance Director Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 25-1458

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

Agenda #: 10.

ORDINANCE

Motion/Request:

MOTION to approve a revised Appendix A- *Qualifying Income Schedule* in accordance with Ordinance #200-005 (rev. 1) "*An Ordinance to Provide Property Tax Relief for Certain Homeowners Age Sixty-Five or Over or Permanently and Totally Disabled (rev.1)*" for the filing period of February 1, 2025 - May 15, 2025.

Background:

In addition to the State, the town provides tax relief to qualifying homeowners thru the adoption of Ordinance #200-005 (rev. 1) "*An Ordinance to Provide Property Tax Relief for Certain Homeowners Age Sixty-Five or Over or Permanently and Totally Disabled*."

Provisions of the Ordinance required the town to annually update the "*Qualifying Income Schedule*" to be consistent with the State's Qualifying Income, which was based on the United States Social Security Administration Program.

In accordance with Ordinance #200-005 (rev.1) Paragraph 3 "*Qualifications*"; paragraph (e) "*Persons qualified for tax credit or deferment benefits under this Ordinance are those whose maximum income during the calendar year preceding the year in which application is made for the tax credit does not exceed the Qualifying Income Schedule, as hereby incorporated in the ordinance as though fully set forth herein. A copy of the approved Qualifying Income Schedule shall be filed with the Town Clerk when established and when amended. The income guidelines provided in the Qualifying Income Schedule (Appendix A) shall be adjusted to reflect a cost of living increase issued by the United States Social Security Administration, pending the approval of the Town Council prior to the first of January of the year of application.*"

Because the "*Qualifying Income Schedule*" was an Appendix to the Ordinance, and because they were not changing the Ordinance itself, a public hearing was not required.

Annually updating the "*Qualifying Income Schedule*" for the town's Tax Relief program was an administrative action.

Please see attached:

- State of Connecticut letter dated 12/12/2024 re: Qualifying Income for Filing Period of February 1, 2025 - May 14, 2025
- Ordinance #200-005 (rev. 1) "*An Ordinance to Provide Property Tax Relief for Certain Homeowners Age Sixty-Five or Over or Permanently and Totally Disabled*"
- Appendix A - Qualifying Income Table Draft dated 2/13/2025

Department Comment/Recommendation:
(type text here)

Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

Body:

Ordinance # 200-005 (rev.1)

DRAFT: 1/8/2024

Appendix A
Qualifying Income Schedule
Filing Period
February 1, 2024 - May 15, 2024

Qualifying Income		Tax Reduction As Percentage Of Property Tax	Tax Reduction For Any Year	
Over	Not Exceeding			
Married Homeowners			Maximum	Minimum
\$ 0	\$22,000 \$20,200	50%	\$1,250	\$400
\$22,000 \$20,200 -	\$29,500 \$27,100	40 %	\$1,000	\$350
\$29,500 \$27,100	\$36,700 \$33,800	30 %	\$750	\$250
\$36,700 \$33,800	\$43,800 \$40,300	20%	\$500	\$150
\$43,800 \$40,300	\$53,400 \$49,100	10%	\$250	\$150
Unmarried Homeowners				
\$ 0	\$22,000 \$20,200	40%	\$1,000	\$350
\$22,000 \$20,200 -	\$29,500 \$27,100	30%	\$750	\$250
\$29,500 \$27,100	\$36,700 \$33,800	20%	\$500	\$150
\$36,700 \$33,800	\$43,800 \$40,300	10%	\$250	\$150
\$43,800 \$40,300	\$53,400 \$49,100	None	-0-	-0-

Adopted by the Ledyard Town Council on: _____

S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman

Appendix A
Qualifying Income Schedule
Filing Period
February 1, 2025 – May 15, 2025

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\$37,900 \$37,900	\$45,200 \$45,200	20%	\$500	\$150
\$45,200 \$45,200	\$55,100 \$55,100	10%	\$250	\$150
Unmarried Homeowners				
\$ 0	\$22,000 \$22,700	40%	\$1,000	\$350
\$22,700 \$22,700 -	\$30,400 \$30,400	30%	\$750	\$250
\$29,500 \$29,500	\$36,700 \$36,700	20%	\$500	\$150
\$37,900 \$37,900	\$45,200 \$45,200	10%	\$250	\$150
\$45,200 \$45,200	\$55,100 \$55,100	None	-0-	-0-

Adopted by the Ledyard Town Council on: _____

S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman

Date: December 12, 2024

To: Assessors and Municipal Agents

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Subject: **QUALIFYING INCOME FOR TAX RELIEF PROGRAM YEAR 2024**

The following tables show the levels of qualifying income for the Elderly and Totally Disabled Tax Relief Program applications to be filed in calendar year 2025. These levels are to be used for:

- 2024 Grand List [Homeowners' - Elderly/Disabled \(Circuit Breaker\) Tax Relief Program](#)
- 2024 Program Year [Renters' Rebate For Elderly/Disabled Renters Tax Relief Program](#)
- 2025 Grand List [Veterans' Additional Exemption Tax Relief Program](#) and may be used for any local option programs.

PLEASE NOTE: Homeowner applications that were taken for the 2023 Grand List (RENEWALS) are calculated for the 2024 Grand List using the 2023 qualifying income schedule, NOT the schedule below.

Homeowners
Income and Grant Information - 2024 Benefit Year
Filing period February 1 - May 15, 2025

Income		Tax Credit %		Tax Credit Maximum		Tax Credit Minimum	
<u>Over</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Unmarried</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Unmarried</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Unmarried</u>
\$0	\$22,700	50%	40%	\$1,250	\$1,000	\$400	\$350
\$22,700	\$30,400	40%	30%	\$1,000	\$750	\$350	\$250
\$30,400	\$37,900	30%	20%	\$750	\$500	\$250	\$150
\$37,900	\$45,200	20%	10%	\$500	\$250	\$150	\$150
\$45,200	\$55,100	10%	-0-	\$250	-0-	\$150	-0-

Renters
Income and Grant Information – 2024 Benefit Year
Filing period April 1 – September 30, 2025

Income		Maximum Rebate		Minimum Rebate	
<u>Over</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Single</u>	<u>Married</u>	<u>Single</u>
\$0	\$22,700	\$900	\$700	\$400	\$300
\$22,700	\$30,400	\$700	\$500	\$300	\$200
\$30,400	\$37,900	\$500	\$250	\$200	\$100
\$37,900	\$45,200	\$250	\$150	\$100	\$50
\$45,200	\$55,100	\$150	\$0	\$50	\$0

The standard monthly premium for Medicare Part B enrollees will be \$174.70 for 2024. Annual Medicare premiums for calendar year 2024 therefore, are \$2,098.80 for a single applicant and \$4,197.60 for married applicants. WE CONTINUE TO REQUIRE A FORM SSA1099, OR IT'S EQUIVALENT FOR EACH HOMEOWNER AND RENTER APPLICANT TO BE PROVIDED AT THE INTAKE SITE.

The Additional Veterans' exemption for income qualifying applicants for the 2025 Grand List will be based on the following income maximums: The maximum for single applicants will be \$45,200.00; the maximum for married applicants will be \$55,100.00. Also, if applicable in your municipality, the LOCAL OPTION exemption for the Totally Disabled, Blind and Veterans' programs may use these income maximums.

100% V. A. determined Disabled Veterans will continue to use \$18,000.00 for single applicants and \$21,000.00 for married applicants (adjusted gross income only; non-taxable Social Security Income is not considered).

If there are any questions regarding any of the income limits stated above, contact 860.418.6406 or patrick.j.sullivan@ct.gov.



TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 25-1410

Agenda Date: 2/26/2025

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RESOLUITON

Motion/Request:

Discussion and possible action on a *Resolution Concerning Public Benefits Charges on Electric Bills to Consumers*.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

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Body:

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