



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Bruce Garstka

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex-Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Garstka called the Regular meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Due to technical difficulties this portion of the meeting recording was not audible.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Farming Community Allyson Angelini
Community-at-Large Representative Katie Yuhas
Farming Community Bruce Garstka
Farming Community Russell Holmberg
Farming Community Michael E. Marelli
Excused Farming Community William Thorne
Alternate Alternate Member Steve Martic

Allyson Angelini was present via Zoom.

Also in attendance as the Commission's Liaison was Ty Lamb, Town Council.

Resident in attendance Heidi Holmberg.

III. CITIZEN COMMENTS

None.

IV. COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

1. Comments of Commission Members.

Mr. Marelli suggested that the Commission starts thinking about possible grants and a POCD.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

V. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

Chairman Garstka shared the Connecticut Farm Bureau newsletter.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.
None.

VII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2025, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Bruce Garstka

SECONDER: Michael E. Marelli

AYE 5 Angelini Yuhas Garstka Holmberg Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Thorne

VIII. TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

1. Town Council Liaison report.

Councilor Lamb said that the recommendations made by the Agricultural Commission were forwarded to the Town Council after some adjustments made by the LLPWC. The expectation is to have the RFP out to bid within 60 days.

IX. OLD BUSINESS

1. Any other Old Business to come before the Commission.

There was discussion held regarding High School student community service. Ms. Yuhas suggested the Farmer's Market as a possible area for service work. The Commission could write a list of Agricultural Community Service areas.

Chairman Garstka said there will be a joint meeting on April 21, 2026.

Ty Lamb, Town Council reported that the Clark Farm Criteria was reviewed and is moving along in the process.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

X. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers.

Motion to ACCEPT the current slate, Bruce Garstka as Chairman, Michael Marelli as Vice-Chairman, Allyson Angellini as Secretary and Russell Holmberg as Treasurer.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Bruce Garstka

SECONDER: Katie Yuhas

AYE 5 Angelini Yuhas Garstka Holmberg Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Thorne

2. Any other New Business to come before the Commission.

None.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular meeting at 6:23 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Bruce Garstka

SECONDER: Michael E. Marelli

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