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TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, Connecticut 06339-1551 (860) 464-3203 council@ledyardct.org

Town Council ~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

7:00 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers

In-Person: Council Chambers Town Hall Annex

Remote: Information noted below:

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPOINTMENT OF TOWN COUNCILOR

MOTION to appoint Mr. William Barnes (R) 1 Spruce Street, Ledyard to the Town Council to fill a vacancy left by Councilor Gary Paul, in accordance with Chapter II Section 10 of the Town Charter.

Attachments: RTC Appointment Endorsement- Barnes-Town Council-2025-01-14

- V. PRESENTATIONS
- VI. RESIDENT & PROPERTY OWNERS (COMMENTS LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES
- VII. COMMITTEE COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS
- VIII. COMMENTS OF TOWN COUNCILORS
- IX.. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Town Council Minutes of January 8, 2025

Attachments: TC-MIN-2025-01-08

X. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications List - January 22, 2025

XI. REFERALS

XII. 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

5. <u>Liaison Reports</u>

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XII REPORT OF THE MAYOR:
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Attachments: Mayors Report 1-8-2025

XIIV. OLD BUSINESS

XV.. NEW BUSINESS

3. Finance Committee

1. MOTION accept the Connecticut Recovery Support Center 2024-2025 Proposal in the amount of \$10,000 for the use of the National Opioid Settlement Funding.

<u>Attachments: CRSC Proposal - Ledyard CT- OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING</u>

2. MOTION to authorize the Land Use Department to over expend their Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget

In addition, transfer \$4,895.75 from CNR Account #210104301-53315 (GIS) to CNR Account # 21014301-57300 (New Equipment).

3. MOTION to approve an additional appropriation from undesignated fund balance in the amount of \$87,055 to the following accounts to address the budgetary impact of hiring an additional mechanic in conjunction with the shared services agreement with the Town of Preston:

\$57,820 to account 10140105-51620 Public Works Employees - Vehicle Maintenance \$21,800 to account 10110253-52201 Healthcare Teamsters

- \$ 4,425 to account 10110253-52500 Social Security
- \$ 3,010 to account 10110253-52310 Defined Contribution Plan

<u>Attachments</u>: <u>Technical Contract-Ledyard-Preston-2024-05-22</u>

- **4.** MOTION to approve appropriations from the receipt of sales of vehicles and equipment through GovDeals in the total amount of \$8,806.11 as follows:
 - \$4,750 to the Public Works Large Trucks CNR Account #21040101-57312;

- \$3,046.11 to the Public Works Light Equipment CNR Account 21040101-57314; and
- \$1,010 to the Police Vehicle CNR Account 21020101-57510.
- 5. MOTION to approve a proposed "Amendment 2025-1 to the Retirement Plan for Full-Time Employees of the Town of Ledyard" pertaining to Section 5.06 (Suspension of Benefits) as presented by the Retirement Board in the draft dated December 17, 2024.

Attachments: Retirement Defined Benefit Plan Proposed Amendment Ltr to Town
Council-2024-12-17

6. MOTION to appoint CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to conduct auditing services for the General Government, WPCA, and Schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with Chapter III, Section 11 of the Town Charter for a fee \$74,500.

Attachments: Appointment

Town of Ledyard 2025 Fee Quote.pdf

- 7. MOTION to approve two tax refunds in the combined total amount of \$6,437.03 with each exceeding \$2,400.00 in accordance with tax collector departmental procedures.
 - · Dale & Joanna Waddell \$3,334.74
 - Eric Carlson & Mary Peckhamor \$3,102.29

Attachments: Air 25-1244 Jan 6 2025

XV!I ADJOURNMENT

DISCLAIMER:

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



741 Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 25-1321 Agenda Date: 1/23/2025 Agenda #:

APPOINTMENT

Motion/Request:

MOTION to appoint Mr. William Barnes (R) 1 Spruce Street, Ledyard to the Town Council to fill a vacancy left by Councilor Gary Paul, in accordance with Chapter II Section 10 of the Town Charter.

Background:

1/123/2025: The Republican Town Committee voted to endorse the appointment of Mr. Williams Barnes to fill the vacancy on the Town Council left by Mr. Gary Paul. (Please see attached letter dated 1/14/2025)

In accordance with Chapter II; Section 10 of the Town Charter:

CHAPTER II - ELECTIONS AND ELECTED OFFICIALS

SECTION 10. VACANCIES

Any vacancy in any elective Town office, from whatever cause arising, shall, except as otherwise provided in the General Statutes, be filled by appointment by the Town Council for the period until the next regular Town election. If there shall be a regular Town election before the expiration of the term of any office in which a vacancy occurs, such office shall be filled until said election by appointment as provided herein and subsequently by the election of a person to fill that office for the remaining portion of the term. In filling any vacancy, the Town Council shall select a person of the same political party as that of the former office holder. If such former office holder was elected as an independent or minority party candidate, his successor shall be a member of the political party in which said former office holder was enrolled, or in the case the former office holder was not enrolled in a political party, the vacancy shall be filled by an elector not enrolled in a political party.

Vacancies on the Board of Education shall be filled in accordance with the provisions of the General Statutes.

SECTION 11. ELIGIBILITY

No person shall be eligible for election or appointment to fill a vacancy in an elective Town office who is not at the time of his election or appointment an elector of said Town, and any person ceasing to be an elector of said Town shall thereupon cease to hold elective office in the Town. An individual shall not be eligible to hold elective Town office while holding a State or Federal elective office.

CHAPTER III THE TOWN COUNCIL

SECTION 1. THE TOWN COUNCIL

There shall be a Town Council consisting of nine (9) members, the members of which shall serve without

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compensation except for the reimbursement of actual expenses incurred in the performance of official duties.

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.

Administrative Notes:

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Nominating Committee Recommendation:

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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".

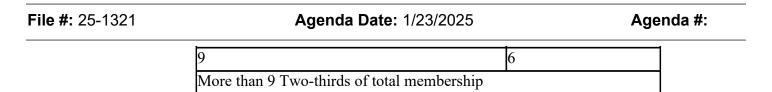
Chapter IV, Section 9: "In making appointments and removals, the Town Council shall act by the affirmative votes of at least a majority of all its members.

All members of boards, commissions, and committees contained in this Charter, or subsequently created under this Charter, except members of the Building Code Board of Appeals, the Fire Marshal, and the Deputy Fire Marshal(s), shall be electors of the Town at the time of their appointment and during their terms of office."

Connecticut General Statutes

Sec. 9-167a. Minority representation. (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the maximum number of members of any board, commission, legislative body, committee or similar body of the state or any political subdivision thereof, whether elective or appointive, who may be members of the same political party, shall be as specified in the following table:

Total Membership	Maximum from One
	Party
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	4
7	5
8	5



- (2) The provisions of this section shall not apply (A) to any such board, commission, committee or body whose members are elected wholly or partially on the basis of a geographical division of the state or political subdivision, (B) to a legislative body of a municipality (i) having a town meeting as its legislative body or (ii) for which the charter or a special act, on January 1, 1987, provided otherwise or (C) to the city council of an unconsolidated city within a town and the town council of such town if the town has a town council and a representative town meeting, the town charter provides for some form of minority representation in the election of members of the representative town meeting, and the city has a city council and a body having the attributes of a town meeting or (D) to the board of directors and other officers of any district, as defined in section 7-324, having annual receipts from all sources not in excess of two hundred fifty Thousand dollars.
- (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.

Ledyard RTC January 14, 2025

Roxanne Maher Ledyard Town Council;

Last night at the January 2025 meeting of the Ledyard RTC membership voted to endorse Mr. William Barnes, 1 Spruce Street, Ledyard Ct. to fill the remainder of the term previously held by Mr. Gary Paul on the Ledyard Town Council. Mr Barnes is a long time Ledyard resident and very active in the Historic District Commission. He has been very active in the up and down sawmill operation. His information is as follows

Mr. William Barnes
1 Spruce Street, Ledyard Ct 06339
(860)867-9102
williambarnes@comcast.net

Sharon Pealer Chair Ledyard RTC

Sharon Pealer

Lawrence Erhart Secretary Ledyard RTC



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MINUTES

Minutes:

MOTION to approve the Town Council Minutes of January 8, 2025



CONNECTICUT TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES LEDYARD TOWN COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 2025; 7:00 PM HYBRID FORMAT VIDEO CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

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I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Rodriguez called the meeting to order at 7:00 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.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL -

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

IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS – None.

V. RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

Mr. Kevin Blacker, 11 Church Street, Noank. Chairman Rodriguez stated this portion of the meeting was for Residents and Property Owners of Ledyard and Gales Ferry to provide comments. Mr. Blacker stated that he rented private farmland at 483 Shewville Road "*The 97 Farm*", and that he paid personal property taxes to Ledyard.

Mr. Blacker stated after reviewing the requested Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests that he and others filed, he believed that the former Town Planner and former Planning & Zoning Commission Chairman clearly violated some of the Developers 14th Amendment Constitutional Rights.

Mr. Blacker continued to note that he has raised concerns about the Gales Ferry District in a couple of emails that he sent to the Town Council. He stated in providing the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) documentation he requested that the Town Council Chairman told him that the Town had no jurisdiction over the Gales Ferry District. He stated that the Town Council should be at least aware of what was going on in the Gales Ferry District, noting that their impact on the Cashman Project and the Town was going to be transformative; positive or negative. He stated the Gales Ferry District was violating their own Charter and Bylaws; and they do not appear to be complying with FOIA, noting that their leadership had some serious conflicts.

Mr. Blacker went on to address the Ledyard Center Sewer Line Extension Project stating that the project should be looked at closely and considered, particularly the impacts on drinking water. He stated the Sewer Line Extension Project would increase the amount of sewage that is discharged to the Seth Williams Brook and into the Whitford Aquarium, which supplied

the public drinking water for the town of Stonington. He noted that Stonington had wellfields in that area, and they were actively seeking to expand those wellfields. He stated the additional sewage was going to have major environmental impacts on the Mystic River and other towns.

Mr. Blacker concluded his comments by asking Ledyard to consider joining with other towns to protect the valley between Shewville Road and Lantern Hill Road. He stated for long-term planning that all of this farmland could serve the region as flood protection. Mr. Blacker thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to address them this evening, noting that he would continue to listen to the rest of the meeting from Zoom.

Chairman Rodriguez thanked Mr. Blacker for his comments.

VI. COMMITTEE COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS – None.

VII. COMMENTS OF TOWN COUNCILORS

Chairman Rodriguez provided the following comments: (1) Councilor Gary Paul Resignation - Chairman Rodriguez noted that last week she received Councilor Gary Paul's resignation letter from the Ledyard Town Council citing health issues. She noted that she telephoned Councilor Paul on December 31, 2024 to express her gratitude to him for his service to the Town of Ledyard, noting that he made a great impact in our community and that they were grateful. She stated that she also wished Councilor Paul well in his future, noting that he would be missed; (2) Law Enforcement Day Thursday, January 9, 2025 - Chairman Rodriguez stated Law Enforcement Day was a perfect time for our community to show their appreciation to our police officers, noting we understand that their work was dangerous and difficult. She stated that the Town of Ledyard appreciated the risk and sacrifices they make to keep our community safe; (3) 250th Anniversay of the United States Declaration of Independence – Chairman Rodriguez noted that resident Mr. Milton (Dave) Schroeder provided comments at the Town Council's December 11, 2024 meeting regarding the United States Semiquincentennial that would take place on July 4, 2026. She stated that Mr. Schroeder mentioned the festivities that were held in Ledyard in 1976 to commemorate and celebrate the Bicentennial; and that he suggested the town consider planning similar events for 2026. She noted that she thought Mr. Schroeder's suggestions were a great idea; and that the Mayor mentioned planning for the Semiquincentennial in his Report, noting that in his absence, she would read his Report later this evening. Chairman Rodriguez stated that she wanted to include the Community Relations Committee for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion in this project.

Councilor Brunelle stated that her heart goes out to anyone who knows family or friends who live up in Los Angeles, California, where they were having the horrific fires. She stated that this was something that she could not get out of her mind, noting that the wind was just carrying the fires.

Councilor Buhle stated that she also wanted to thank Councilor Gary Paul for his service to the town. She stated that she and Councilor Paul may not have always agreed on everything, but that he was great to work with. She stated during conversations with Councilor Paul that his desire to give back to his community inspired her to consider running to serve on the Town Council. She stated that she appreciated his service to the town.

Councilor St. Vil stated tonight was the Town Council's 1st meeting of the New Year; and that he would like to begin by stating *Happy New Year*! to both the residents of Ledyard and his fellow Town Councilors. He stated like most Americans, that he would like to reflect upon last year, 2024, noting that he thought this Town Council has done a great job with pushing things forward, and making a difference for the town. He stated Chairman Rodriguez did a good job of enumerating the work they have done in her letter to the residents that was included in the Fall, 2024 Events Magazine, that was mailed to every household in town. He stated that he looked forward to working with everyone on doing more great things in 2025.

Councilor Ryan stated *Happy New Year*! and that he hoped everyone had a good holiday break. He stated that he would like to echo the comments that were made regarding Councilor Paul. He stated that he met Councilor Paul through the time they served together on the Town Council and through their involvement in serving the town. He stated their work has all been

positive, and that he considered him as a friend. He stated Councilor Paul would be missed, noting that he looked forward to their continued conversations and in seeking his advice outside of the Town Council in the future. He thanked Councilor Paul for his service to the town.

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2024 Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Saccone

VOTE: 6 - 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.

X. COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE, LIAISON REPORTS

Administration Committee

Chairman Rodriguez noted tonight's Administration Committee meeting was cancelled due to illness.

Community Relations Committee for Diversity Equity & Inclusion

Councilor Brunelle stated the Community Relations Committee's for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2025.

Finance Committee

Councilor Saccone stated the Finance Committee's next meeting was scheduled for January 15, 2025. He went on to note that the Budget Season was coming up; and he encouraged residents to be engaged and involved in the process. He stated the Board of Education has been meeting at least once a week, and that the Town Council would be conducting Budget Work Sessions on March 6, 10, & 13, 2025 to meet with Department Heads to discuss their projected expenses for the coming year. He stated that these meetings were a good opportunity for residents to hear about the services the town provides, and the justification for the Department's budget requests. He stated attending the Budget Work Sessions would help residents understand why taxes go up; good or bad.

Councilor Buhle provided an update for the residents who have been following the use of \$4.43 million of American Rescue Plan Act Funding (ARPA) that the Town (General Government) received in response to; and to aid with the recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. She stated at the Finance Committee's December 4, 2024 meeting the Committee worked to make sure all of the funding Ledyard received was allocated responsibly; and to provide provisions for the use of any ARPA Funding that was remaining from projects that were coming in under budget so that they could accomplish as much as possible for the town. She noted the ARPA Guidelines required that the town have signed contracts in-place by December 31, 2024; and that all the funding be fully expended by December 31, 2026.

Councilor Buhle went on to explain at the Town Council's December 11, 2024 meeting they allocated \$50,000 of Town's American Rescue Plan Act Funding to install a Solid Surface Playground at the Juliet W. Long School. She stated despite the challenges, questions and roadblocks, they were able to get a contract signed by December 31, 2024 for the Solid Surface Playground. She stated with the Town Council allocating this \$50,000 from ARPA that they would now have all the funding needed to install a new Inclusive Playground for the Juliet W. Long School. She stated that they would be working to get final quotes to order the playground equipment within the next couple of months.

Chairman Rodriguez noted that they were working to schedule a meeting between the Town Council Finance Committee and the Board of Education Finance Committee for later this month.

Land Use/Planning/Public Works Committee

Councilor St. Vil noted the LUPPW Committee met on January 6, 2025 and discussed the following: (1) Historic Designation of the Spicer Homestead Ruins – Chairman Rodriguez noted that the site survey should be completed in about 10 days; and (2) Illegal Dumping – Councilor St. Vil noted that the LUPPW Committee has been reviewing residents' concerns regarding a neighbor that was dumping debris on their property. He stated the LUPPW Committee researched the town's ability to address illegal dumping, and they engaged Police Chief John Rich as well as the Land Use Director/Town Planner Elizabeth Burdick. He stated based on their findings that Connecticut General State Statute 22a-250 addresses Illegal Dumping, included provisions for the reporting of illegal dumping; and provided the ability to impose fines, the LUPPW Committee has concluded their work on the subject of Illegal Dumping. He stated that letters would be sent to the residents tomorrow suggesting a recommended path forward.

Permanent Municipal Building Committee

Councilor Brunelle noted that the PMBC met on January 6, 2025 and voted to elect the following Officers: Chairman Mr. Jospeh Gush; Vice Chairman Mr. Gary Schneider, and Recording Secretary Mr. Jerry Tyminski.

Gales Ferry Fire Department

Councilor Saccone reported the following: (1) Fires – Councilor Saccone stated that unfortunately there were a couple of fires over the past several weeks. He asked that residents be cautious with the use of alternative fuels; (2) Emergency Generator – Councilor Saccone stated the Gales Ferry Fire Department has been paying \$1,400 per month, out of their pocket, to rent a generator, while waiting to receive the Grant Funding that they were approved to receive. He stated all the paperwork was now in place and that the Fire Department was moving forward to purchase a new Emergency Generator.

Ledyard Farmers' Market Committee

Chairman Rodriguez noted that the Farmers Market Committee met earlier this evening and discussed preparations for the 2025 Summer Market, which included ideas for the weekly Market themes.

Retirement Board

Chairman Rodriguez stated the Retirement Board's next meeting was scheduled for January 21, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

Inland Wetland & Water Courses Commission

Councilor St. Vil stated that the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse Commission met on January 7, 2025 and continued discussions on some proposed amendments.

Planning & Zoning Commission

Councilor St. Vil stated the Planning and Zoning Commission concluded their Public Hearing on the Application regarding a proposed development at the former Dow Chemical/Styrenics Site on Route 12, Gales Ferry. He explained with the Public Hearing closed, the Commission would continue their discussion and a decision would be provided by the end of January, 2025, noting that the Planning & Zoning Commission would be holding their Regular Meeting tomorrow evening (1/9/2025) in the Council Chambers.

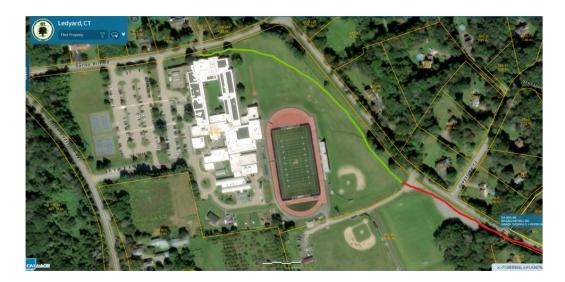
Economic Development Commission

Councilor Buhle stated that the EDC met on January 7, 2025 and addressed the following: (1) Route 12 Corridor Study – Councilor Buhle noted that the EDC received a presentation from a Representative from Gorman + York regarding the Route 12 Corridor Study. She noted that the Group discussed what the Study would entail; and she found the presentation and discussion interesting; (2) Business Directory Update; and (3) Addressed some housekeeping items.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Chairman Rodriguez noted that Mayor Allyn, III, was feeling ill this afternoon; therefore, in his absence that she would read the report he provided for tonight's meeting as follows: (1)

Wished All a Happy New Year 2025!; (2) Surprise Snow Day – On Monday, January 6, 2025 Ledyard had five motor vehicle accidents due to a surprise Snow Day. The forecast called for a 1% chance of flurries, but they received enough snow to make for slippery conditions; (3) Spicer Homestead Ruins - Dieter & Gardner have prepared a draft Survey Plan for the area of Spicer Homestead Ruins Property being considered for historic preservation; (4) 250th Anniversay of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence – Mayor Allyn, III, has established an Ad Hoc Committee to plan town events to celebrate the Semiquincentennial. The Ad Hoc Committee would be comprised of 7 members to include Library Staff, Historic District Commission, Town Clerk, Parks & Recreation Staff, and others. The Ad Hoc Committee would be planning events for Ledyard to take place on July 3, 4, & 5, 2026 and that more information would be provided as the Ad Hoc Committee's work gets underway; (5) Ledyard High School Civics Class - Mayor Allyn, III, had the opportunity to engage with the students on January 7, 2025 to discuss their projects; which included Animal Care/Cruelty; Affordable Housing, and other topics; (6) Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments (SCCOG) Legislative Agenda - Mayor Allyn, III, met with State Representatives Greg Howard and Brian Lanoue to hear their plans for the upcoming Legislative Session, which was scheduled to begin on January 9, 2025; (7) Ledyard Center Sewer Line Extension Project – Phase III of the Project involved upgrading the existing sewer line to a larger pipe from the High School to Pennywise Lane where it tied into the Wastewater Treatment Facility. The larger sewer line would provide adequate capacity to handle the sewer services in the center of town. The sewer line has been installed across the High School Baseball Field and was to now up to the median. The pipe would then be installed along Gallup Hill Road. The green line in the map below represented the installation of the sewer pipe that has been installed/completed since December 26, 2024; and the red line showed the upcoming work to complete the tie-in at Pennywise Lane.



Questions to the Mayor None.

- XII. OLD BUSINESS None.
- XIII. NEW BUSINESS

CONSENT CALENDAR

- *1. MOTION to reappoint the following as Regular Members of the Retirement Board for a three (3) year term ending January 20, 2028:
 - Mr. John Rodolico (R) 40 Long Pond Road, Ledyard
 - Mr. Roger Codding (R) 13 Hemlock Circle, Gales Ferry
- *2. MOTION to reappoint Mr. Roger Codding (R) 13 Hemlock Circle, Gales Ferry, as a Regular Member to the Board of Assessment Appeals for a four (4) year term ending December 4, 2028.

*3. MOTION to reappoint Mr. Joseph Lozier (R) 198 Gallup Hill Road, Ledyard, as an Alternate Member to the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resource Recovery Authority (SCRRRA) for a three (3) year term ending January 31, 2028.

Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Brunelle

VOTE: 6 - 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: APPROVED 6 - 0

MOVER: Jessica Buhle, Town Councilor SECONDER: April Brunelle, Town Councilor

AYES: Brunelle, Buhle, Rodriguez, Ryan, Saccone, St. Vil

EXCUSED: Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry,

Administration Committee

4. MOTION to appoint Ms. Rhonda Spaziani (D) 9 Sunset Road, Gales Ferry, as an Alternate Member of the Planning & Zoning Commission to complete a three (3) year term ending December 31, 2026 to fill a vacancy left by Ms. Ribe.

Moved by Councilor Brunelle, seconded by Councilor St. Vil

Discussion: None.

VOTE: 6 - 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: APPROVED 6-0

MOVER: April Brunelle, Town Councilor SECONDER: Gary St. Vil, Town Councilor

AYES: Brunelle, Buhle, Rodriguez, Ryan, Saccone, St. Vil

EXCUSED: Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry,

General Items

5. MOTION to approve an "Authorizing Resolution of the Ledyard Town Council; State Of Connecticut Department of Energy And Environmental Protection for the Tri-Town Trail Greenway Project - Phase 2" as presented in the draft dated December 30, 2024.

DRAFT 12/30/2024

Res: 004-2025/Jan 08

AUTHORIZING RESOLUTION
OF THE LEDYARD TOWN COUNCIL
STATE OF CONNECTICUT DEPARTMENT OF
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
FOR THE TRI-TOWN TRAIL GREENWAY PROJECT - PHASE 2

CERTIFICATION

I, Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk of the Town of Ledyard, do hereby certify that the following is a true and correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Ledyard Town Council at its duly called and held meeting on January 8, 2025, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, and that the resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked, and is at present in full force and effect:

RESOLVED: that the Town of Ledyard may enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, any and all documents which it deems to be necessary or appropriate for a grant in the amount of up-to \$112,000 for the Tri-Town Trail Greenway Project - Phase 2; and

FURTHER RESOLVED: that Fred B. Allyn, III, as Mayor of the Town of Ledyard, is authorized and directed to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Ledyard and to do and perform all acts and things which he deems to be necessary or appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents.

Adopted by the Ledyard Town Council on: January	8, 2025
	S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman
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The undersigned further certifies that Fred B. Allyn, has held that office since December 7, 2017.	III, now holds the office of Mayor and that he
IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has ex 2025 year.	xecuted this certification thisday of
(Seal)	Detricie A. Dilee Terry Cleate
	Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk
Moved by Chairman Rodriguez, seconded by Cou Discussion: Chairman Rodriguez noted that two were present this evening and she asked if they were Town Trail Members, Karen Parkinson and Baanswer questions that the Town Council may have	members of the Tri-Town Trail Association would like to make any comments. The Tri-rbara Kil, noted that they were present to
Chairman Rodriguez recognized that the member questions, and she noted that they loved the Tri-Tthey do. 6 – 0 Approved and so declared	•
RESULT: APPROVED 6 - 0 MOVER: S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman SECONDER: Jessica Buhle, Town Councilor AYES: Brunelle, Buhle, Rodriguez, Ryan, S EXCUSED: Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry,	accone, St. Vil
ADJOURNMENT Councilor Buhle moved to adjourn, seconded by Co. 6 - 0 Approved and so declared. The meeting adjourn adjourn and the second and so declared. Transcribed by Roxanne M. Management Administrative Assistant to the Town	urned at 7:20 p.m. aher
I, S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman of the L hereby certify that the above and fore correct copy of the minutes of the Reg Meeting held on January 8	going is a true and ular Town Council
S. Naomi Rodriguez, Cha	uirman

VOTE:

VOTE:

XV.



741 Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 25-1302 Agenda Date: 1/22/2025 Agenda #:

AGENDA ITEM CORRESPONDENCE

Subject:

Communications List - January 22, 2025

Correspondence List:

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File #: 24-0539 Agenda Date: 1/22/2025 Agenda #: 1.

REPORT ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2024/202 Report: Administration Committee



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File #: 24-0540 Agenda Date: 1/22/2025 Agenda #: 2.

REPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Report:

Community Relations Committee for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion



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File #: 24-0541 **Agenda #:** 3. **Agenda Date: 1/22/2025**

> REPORT FINANCE COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Report: Finance Committee



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REPORT LAND USE/PLANNING/PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Report:

Land Use/Planning/Public Works Committee



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File #: 24-0561 Agenda Date: 1/22/2025 Agenda #: XIII

REPORT

REPORT OF THE MAYOR: REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Report Fiscal Year 2024/2025:

Mayor's Report

1-8-25

First off, Happy New Year!

Surprise snow on Monday. 5 MVA's in town. This with a 1% chance of flurries as of that AM!

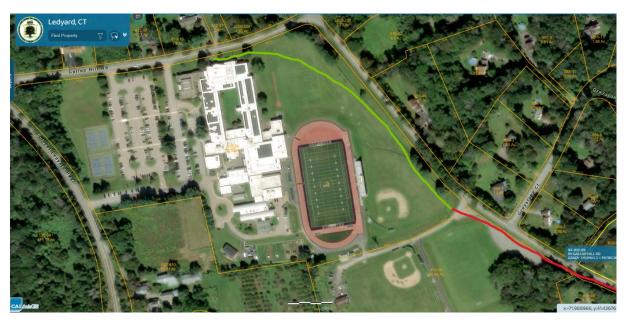
Reviewed draft plan of Spicer Homestead survey. Will be completed in 7-10 days.

Established an Ad-hoc committee for America 250 events planned for 7/3-7/5 2026. 7 members from Library, historic, Lester House, myself, Town Clerk, EDC. More to come.

LHS Civics classes at LHS yesterday. Always good to engage with the students on their projects. Animal care/cruelty was most discussed, affordable housing was second.

Met with Reps Howard and Lanoue Tuesday night to present COG Legislative Agenda and heard their plans for the upcoming session, which starts tomorrow.

Sewer line extension PH. 3 now across LHS baseball field. Now to median, then Gallup Hill. Green line represents completed line since 12/26/24. Red line is to be completed to the tie-in at Pennywise Lane.





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File #: 25-1264 Agenda Date: 1/22/2025 Agenda #: 1.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS REQUEST (FBR)

Motion/Request:

MOTION accept the Connecticut Recovery Support Center 2024-2025 Proposal in the amount of \$10,000 for the use of the National Opioid Settlement Funding.

Background:

Connecticut Recovery Support Center 2024-2025 Proposal in the amount of \$10,000

Monthly Collaboration Meeting with 1st Responders: review OD calls, discuss trends, new developments, updates)

Monthly Overdose follow-ups: follow-up with community members--knock and talk--who have survived an overdose

Community Outreach - 3 to 4 hours/week: ongoing engagement with individuals connected via referrals, outreach efforts, OD follow-ups; outreach to individuals, new referrals and businesses in the community

Opioid Education & Naloxone Training: offered quarterly for community members

Opioid Education & Naloxone Training: biannual refresher for 1st Responders (1.0 CEU)

Recovery Basics Course for Parents, Friends, and the Community to help support friends/family with Substance Use Disorder: 2 hour seminar--offered twice throughout the year

Recovery Basics for Employers Training - education & training course for area employers to help support employees in recovery: 8 hour seminar - offered twice throughout the year

Current Opioid Settlement Balance: \$110,000.

<u>Finance Committee 9/18/2024 Meeting</u>: Community Speaks Out met with the Finance Committee to further discuss their Community Outreach programs. The Finance Committee asked Community Speaks Out to provide a proposal outlining the Programs they would provide and the cost to support the Programs.

<u>Town Council 9/11/2024 Meeting:</u> Connecticut Recovery Support Center along with Community Speaks Out Recovery Support Center provided a presentation regarding their Program & Services to aid those struggling with addiction and a path forward to Recovery, Treatment, Harm Reduction and Prevention.

File #: 25-1264 **Agenda Date:** 1/22/2025 Agenda #: 1.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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Finance Director Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

CONNECTICUT RECOVERY SUPPORT CENTER

2024-2025 OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUNDING PROPOSAL FOR LEDYARD, CT



Services Included

- Monthly Collaboration Meeting with 1st Responders: review OD calls, discuss trends, new developments, updates)
- Monthly Overdose followups: follow-up with community members--knock and talk--who have survived an overdose
- ♦ **Community Outreach 3 to 4 hours/week:** ongoing engagement with individuals connected via referrals, outreach efforts, OD follow-ups; outreach to individuals, new referrals and businesses in the community
- Opioid Education & Naloxone Training: offered quarterly for community members
- Opioid Education & Naloxone Training: biannual refresher for 1st Responders (1.0 CEU)
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TOTAL \$ 10,000.00



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File #: 25-1259 Agenda Date: 1/22/2025 Agenda #: 2.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS REQUEST (FBR)

Motion/Request:

MOTION to authorize the Land Use Department to over expend their Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Budget

In addition, transfer \$4,895.75 from CNR Account #210104301-53315 (GIS) to CNR Account #21014301-57300 (New Equipment).

Background:

Due to unanticipated expenses related to large complex Applications the Land Use Department's Fiscal Year 2024/2025 will not be adequate.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

Land Use Director:

Staff requests the Land Use Dept. be permitted to over expend its FY24/25 departmental budget due to multiple complex land use applications and multiple land use superior court appeals (attorneys' fees & legal notices); underestimated professional training, meeting, dues for existing staff persons; the need for CAZEO training for two new staff persons and the need to purchase office equipment/furniture for the office space formerly occupied by the VNA. It is anticipated that the new line \$75,000 line item for consultant staff will be utilized further in part or in full due to anticipated new development applications.

Finance Director Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 25-1267 Agenda Date: 2/5/2025 Agenda #: 3.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS REQUEST (FBR)

Motion/Request:

MOTION to approve an additional appropriation from undesignated fund balance in the amount of \$87,055 to the following accounts to address the budgetary impact of hiring an additional mechanic in conjunction with the shared services agreement with the Town of Preston:

\$57,820 to account 10140105-51620 Public Works Employees - Vehicle Maintenance \$21,800 to account 10110253-52201 Healthcare Teamsters

- \$ 4,425 to account 10110253-52500 Social Security
- \$ 3,010 to account 10110253-52310 Defined Contribution Plan

Background:

In May of 2024, the Town of Ledyard entered into a shared services agreement with the Town of Preston to provide maintenance and repair services for Town of Preston vehicles and equipment. As the FY 24/25 budget had already been approved at the time this agreement was entered into, the budget needs to be adjusted to address the impact of hiring an additional mechanic.

As noted in the agreement, the Town of Preston is being billed \$8,000 a month (\$96,000 annually) in addition to materials, parts and contracted services associated with their vehicles and equipment.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

Finance Director Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

TECHNICAL SERVICES CONTRACT

BY AND BETWEEN

TOWN OF LEDYARD

AND

TOWN OF PRESTON

This agreement entered into as of this 22 day of May 2024 by and between the Town of Ledyard, a Municipality incorporated with the State of Connecticut, acting herein through its Mayor as duly authorized, (hereinafter referred to as "Ledyard"), and the Town of Preston, a Municipality incorporated with the State of Connecticut, acting herein through its First Selectwoman as duly authorized, (hereinafter referred to as "Preston").

WITNESSETH

WHEREAS, Preston, recognizing the need to provide regular maintenance and repair to their Town vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Ledyard employs staff qualified with the appropriate certification to assume the regular maintenance and repair to Town vehicles and equipment; and

WHEREAS, Ledyard is prepared to enter into this Agreement for the professional services of to support Preston;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Parties hereto do mutually agree as follows:

Services to be Provided. Ledyard will provide regular maintenance and required repairs to Preston vehicles and power equipment. These services will be routinely provided at Ledyard's facilities but may also be undertaken on location in Preston in the interests of efficiency and productivity. The provision of such services by Ledyard shall not preclude basic measures germane to routine operation of vehicles and equipment that may be undertaken by Preston personnel. Ledyard will also provide administration services that are innate to programmatic maintenance services.

Materials and Contract Services. Preston shall be responsible for the costs of materials, parts, and contract services associated with their vehicles and equipment. These shall be paid directly to vendors by Preston wherever feasible. Otherwise, Ledyard will bill Preston for such costs, for which Preston shall pay Ledyard within thirty days (30) days of the invoice date.

Materials Inventory. Inventory of materials used in maintenance of Preston vehicles and equipment will be maintained wherever most suitable for the efficiency of service and operations.

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Tools. Maintenance will typically be conducted through use of tools owned and supplied by Ledyard. Where otherwise convenient or appropriate, maintenance may be effected through use of tools owned and maintained by Preston at their facility.

Period of the Agreement. The term of this Agreement shall be a period of two years from date of signature with the option to renew if both parties agree. Rates will be reassessed at such time.

Costs, Billing and Payment. Preston shall pay the rate of eight thousand dollars (\$8,000) per month for regular services. Ledyard will have an "on call" mechanic available to Preston during storms. Additional overtime worked as defined by collective bargaining agreement will be billed at the contractual rate. Ledyard shall maintain overtime documentation as required and invoice monthly if applicable. Preston shall pay Ledyard within thirty days (30) of the invoice date.

Additional Costs. Ledyard shall be responsible for contractual costs and benefits except for overtime as defined above.

Non appropriation of funds.. The Town of Preston believes that funds can be obtained in amounts sufficient to make all Mechanic Service Payments during the two-year term. Preston's fiscal officer hereby covenants that he/she will do all things within his/her power to obtain, maintain and properly request and pursue funds from which Mechanic Service Payments may be made, specifically including in the Town's annual budget requests amounts sufficient to make Mechanic Service Payments for the full Mechanics Service agreement term. If the Town is not allotted funds for the next fiscal year to continue the Mechanic Service Payments under this Agreement, and has no legally available funds for the service, the Towns may terminate this Agreement at the end of the then current fiscal year, by giving ninety (90) days written notice, and enclosing therewith a sworn statement that the foregoing conditions exist. In this sole event, the Town shall not be obligated to make Service Payments beyond the end of the then current fiscal year with proper notification and documentation. Upon the occurrence of this event, if this Agreement is terminated by the Town in accordance with this paragraph, the Town agrees not to purchase services to perform the same functions as, or functions taking the place of, those performed by the Town of Ledyard, and agrees not to permit such functions to be performed by any agency or entity hired by the Town, for a period of three hundred sixty (360) days.

This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties and may not be modified except by an instrument in writing executed by the parties hereto.

If any court shall hold any provision of this Agreement to be invalid, the remainder of this Agreement shall not be thereby affected if the administrative support can be effectively accomplished pursuant to the terms of such remainder.

In witness whereof, Ledyard and Preston have executed this agreement as of the date below.

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Town of Ledyard

Frederic B. Allyn, III, Mayor

Dated: 5/23/24

Town of Preston

Sandra L. Allyn-Gauthier, Selectwoman

Dated: 5/22/24



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File #: 25-1262 Agenda Date: 1/22/2025 Agenda #: 4.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS REQUEST (FBR)

Motion/Request:

MOTION to approve appropriations from the receipt of sales of vehicles and equipment through GovDeals in the total amount of \$8,806.11 as follows:

- \$4,750 to the Public Works Large Trucks CNR Account #21040101-57312;
- \$3,046.11 to the Public Works Light Equipment CNR Account 21040101-57314; and
- \$1,010 to the Police Vehicle CNR Account 21020101-57510.

Background:

The town realized a total of \$8,806.11 from the sale of surplus equipment through GovDeals, as follows:

2001 Sterling L7500 Cab and Chassis - \$4,750

2013 Hustler Mower - \$2,826.11

2008 Nissan Altima - \$1,010

Milwaukee Fuel Power Tool Components - \$220

The town has previously appropriated such revenues to the respective capital reserve fund to supplement/offset direct budgetary appropriations in meeting lifecycle replacement costs.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

Inasmuch as this action is consistent with previous appropriations of GovDeals revenues, I request appropriation of these funds according to the specifics of the motion.

Finance Director Comment/Recommendation:

Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

I support the proposed appropriations from the GovDeals sale.



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File #: 25-1258 Agenda Date: 1/22/2025 Agenda #: 5.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS REQUEST (FBR)

Motion/Request:

MOTION to approve a proposed "Amendment 2025-1 to the Retirement Plan for Full-Time Employees of the Town of Ledyard" pertaining to Section 5.06 (Suspension of Benefits) as presented by the Retirement Board in the draft dated December 17, 2024.

Background:

Retirement Board December 17, 2024 Meeting: The Retirement Board approved to recommend the Town Council approve an *Amendment 2025-1 to the Retirement Plan for Full-Time Employees of the Town of Ledyard* "pertaining to Section 5.06 (Suspension of Benefits) which provided clarification to *Amendment 2015-1*. (see attached)

Amendment 2025-1 would allow town employees who have retired and have begun collecting their retirement benefits from the town and later returns to employment with the town in the same department. The proposed Plan Amendment 2025-1 (DB Plan) would allow the employee to continue to collect his/her retirement benefit without disruption. former employees to the Document to allow for employees to retire and to return to employment with the Town.

<u>Town Council October 14, 2025 Meeting:</u> The Town Council adopted *Amendment 2015-1 to the Retirement Plan for Full-Time Employees of the Town of Ledyard*" pertaining to Section 5.06 (Suspension of Benefits.

The proposed amendment was drafted to address town employees who have retired and have begun collecting their retirement benefits from the town and later returns to employment with the town in a different department. The proposed Plan Amendment 2015-1 (DB Plan) would allow the employee to continue to collect his/her retirement benefit without disruption. However, the employee would not be allowed to contribute to any Town pension plan noting that the Defined Benefit Plan was no longer open to new employees.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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Finance Director Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

File #: 25-1258 **Agenda Date:** 1/22/2025 **Agenda #:** 5.

Mayor Comment/Recommendation: (type text here)

To: Chairperson, Ledyard Town Council

From: Chairperson, Ledyard Retirement Board

Subject: Amendment To The Retirement Plan for Full-Time Employees of the Town of Ledyard, Amended and Restated July 1, 2012

Attachment(s):

- Amendment 2015-1 To The Retirement Plan for Full-Time Employees Of The Town of Ledyard, Amended and Restated July 1, 2012
- Amendment 2024-1 (DRAFT) To The Retirement Plan for Full-Time Employees Of The Town of Ledyard, Amended and Restated July 1, 2012

Chairperson Rodriguez,

The Retirement Board has been in discussion regarding Attachment 1 and its impact on retaining skilled/experienced workers in town employment after they have reached Normal Retirement Age under the Defined Benefit Plan. It is the Retirement Board's consensus that Attachment 1 is detrimental to this effort. These individuals have a minimum of 12 years' experience in their positions, which makes them valuable to the town especially in a difficult hiring environment. It should be noted that with their experience, these individuals could easily go to a nearby town where they would get both Ledyard's retirement benefits and compensatory salary/pay and likely a Defined Contribution plan. If we enforce Attachment 1, these individuals will most likely either seek employment in a nearby town and/or just retire/leave. In either case, the Town of Ledyard would be the loser.

In remediation, the Retirement Board recommends the Ledyard Town Council adopt Attachment 2, which would allow town employees to receive retirement benefits under the Defined Benefit Plan after reaching their normal retirement age after being retired by the Town.

The Retirement Board feels that adopting Amendment 2024-1 (Attachment 2) is in the best interest of the Town and our valued employees while maintaining the Retirement Board's fiduciary responsibility to the Town.

John Rodolico

John Rodolico Chairperson, Ledyard Retirement Board

Copy: Ledyard Mayor

Director of Human Resources

AMENDMENT 2015-1 TO THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF LEDYARD

Amended and Restated July 1, 2012

WHEREAS, The Town of Ledyard, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer" established a Plan which reserves in Section 10.01, the Ledyard Town Council's right and authority to amend the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires to amend the Plan to provide for continuation of benefits for any retiree returning to employment with the Employer; and;

NOW THEREFORE, effective July 1, 2015, the Employer hereby amends the Plan as follows:

Section 5.06 (Suspension of Benefits) is hereby amended to read as follows:

If a Member continues employment with the Town after reaching his or her Normal Retirement Date, any benefits payable to such Member or retired or former Eligible Employee under the Plan shall be suspended during the period of such continued employment. If a retired Member returns to employment with the Town in the same department which he or she retired from, any benefits payable to such retired Member under the Plan shall be suspended during the period of such continued employment. However, if a retired Member returns to employment with the Town in a different department which he or she retired from, any benefits payable to such retired Member under the Plan during such period of continued employment shall continue without disruption. This member will not be allowed to contribute to any Town pension plan.

Approved by the Ledyard Town Council on October 14, 2015

Fred Allyn, III, Chairman pro-tem

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this 2015-1 Amendment is signed this <u>leth</u> day of October 2015.

THE TOWN OF LEDYARD

Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk

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Attachment 1

AMENDMENT 2024-1 TO THE RETIREMENT PLAN FOR FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES OF THE TOWN OF LEDYARD Amended and Restated July 1, 2012

WHEREAS, The Town of Ledyard, hereinafter referred to as the "Employer" established a Plan which reserves in Section 10.01, the Ledyard Town Council's right and authority to amend the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Employer desires to amend the Plan to provide for continuation of retirement benefits for any Member rehired by the Employer; and;

NOW THEREFORE, effective XXX, X 2024, the Employer hereby amends the Plan as follows:

Section 5.06 (Suspension of Benefits) is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 5.06 Rehired Employees

Section 5:06 Rehired Employees

If a Member elects to retire under the Plan upon reaching his or her Normal Retirement Date, and is rehired by the Town, the rehired Employee shall be paid retirement benefits as prescribed by the plan as if he/she had not been rehired by the town.

Table of Contents is hereby amended to read as follows:

Approved by the Ledyard Town Council on Date

Naomi Rodriguez, Chairperson Ledyard Town Council

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this 2024-1 Amendment is signed this _____ day of _____2024.

THE TOWN OF LEDYARD

Ву _____

Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk

Attachment 2



741 Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 25-1265 Agenda Date: 1/22/2025 Agenda #: 6.

APPOINTMENT

Motion/Request:

MOTION to appoint CliftonLarsonAllen LLP to conduct auditing services for the General Government, WPCA, and Schools for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with Chapter III, Section 11 of the Town Charter for a fee \$74,500.

Background:

In accordance with Chapter III, Section 11 of the Town Charter: "The Town Council shall annually designate an independent public accountant or firm of independent public accountants to audit the books and accounts of the Town in accordance with the provisions of the General Statutes".

In accordance CGS 7-396 and 4-232 the Office of Management and Policy (OPM) must be notified of the Municipalities Appointed Auditor 30 days (May 31st) before the end of the Fiscal Year.

Per the attached results of RFP #2022-09 (Auditing Services), CliftonLarsonAllen LLP was the sole bidder. The bid is for auditing services for FY 2022 and FY 2023 with two one-year options subject to satisfactory negotiation of terms.

With the Annual Audit for June 30, 2025 the town will be exercising the second, one-year option.

\$74,500 Breakdown:

General Government: \$25,100

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Board of Education: \$23,400

WPCA: \$9,800

State Single Audit: \$8,100

Federal Single Audit: \$8,100 **TOTAL:** \$74,500

Finance Director's Notes:

Mayor Comments/Recommendation:

File #: 25-1265 Agenda Date: 1/22/2025 Agenda #: 6.

I support the exercising of the final option with CLA before commencing another RFP.



January 13, 2025

Matthew Bonin Town of Ledyard 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, CT 06339

Dear Matt:

Thank you for allowing us the opportunity to continue providing services to the Town of Ledyard, CT. Below is a summary of the services and the proposed fee for your organization. If you have any questions about our offerings, please do not hesitate to contact me at 401-272-5600 or email at Stephen.Gross@claconnect.com.

Your investment

Based on our understanding of your requirements, we propose the following fees:

Professional Services	Proposed Fee
General Town Financial Audit	\$25,100
Water Pollution Control Authority	\$9,800
Board of Education Financial Audit	\$16,700
CSDE Agreed Upon Procedures	\$6,700
Federal Single Audit	\$8,100
State Single Audit	\$8,100
Total	\$74,500

Our fees do not anticipate unusual or unforeseen circumstances. Before the scope of our work is changed for any unanticipated circumstances or events, we will inform you of the change and related change in fee.

CLA has a very open fee philosophy with our clients, and will work with you to establish a mutually acceptable fee arrangement for any future or special project engagements. We reiterate our strong interest in providing you the quality of service and support that will help you achieve your goals. If at any time you have a question concerning our services or fees, please call it to our attention so that we can discuss it.

Sincerely,

CliftonLarsonAllen LLP

Stephen Gross, Principal



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File #: 25-1244 Agenda Date: 1/22/2025 Agenda #: 7.

TAX REFUND

Motion/Request:

MOTION to approve two tax refunds in the combined total amount of \$6,437.03 with each exceeding \$2,400.00 in accordance with tax collector departmental procedures.

Dale & Joanna Waddell \$3,334.74Eric Carlson & Mary Peckhamor \$3,102.29

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:

I support the refunds of both double payments.

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Application for Refund of Taxes Paid

Return to: Ledyard Tax Collector's Office Amount of Refund 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, CT 06339 \$3,334.74 Date: January 6, 2025 Lereta Tax Attn: Central Refund 901 Corporate Center Dr Pomona, CA 91768 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. LERETA-CUSTCAREREPTI Tax Collector's Signature Signature of Applicant/Agent (Title of agent, where applicable) Date Do Not Write Below This Box -- Office Use Only Date of Payment: 12/31/2024 Tax Type: MVPP RESMV Grand List Year: 2023 Reason: Double Jan 2025 installment Grand List Number: 83500 Property Owner: Dale & Joanna Waddell Payment Type: Check Property Location: 19 Michael Ln Received by mail/email Hand delivered in the office

ACTION TAKEN BY GOVERNING BODY

At a regular meeting of the Ledyard Town Council, ne	eld on the day of	, 2025, i
was voted to refund property taxes amounting to \$	to	r
	S. Naomi Rodriguez	
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Application for Refund of Taxes Paid

Return to:

Ledyard Tax Collector's Office

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway

Ledyard, CT 06339

Amount of Refund

\$3,102.29

Date: October 9, 2024

Corelogic Centralized Refunds
P O Box 9202
Coppell, TX 75019-9760



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.

Please provide payment information to validate the request for 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.

Tricia Carlsy

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

12/16/2024

Date Signed

Tax Collector's Signature

Date

Do Not Write Below This Box -- Office Use Only

Date of Payment: 1/1/2022 Grand List Year: 2020 Grand List Number: 143490 Payment Type: Check

Received by mail/email

Tax Type: MV PP RE SMV

Reason: Double payment for Jan 2022 installment Property Owner: Eric Carlson & May Peckham

Property Location: 68 Vinegar 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	, 2024, i	t
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S. Naomi Rodriguez