



Chairman
Mike Marelli

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Conservation Commission

~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

6:45 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting ID: 879 1546 7173

Passcode: 323775

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87915467173?pwd=RdIDB39Ncm11OSwoE7Q8QzOmw9ICDj.1>

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2023, as written.

Attachments: [Conservation minutes 8-8-23](#)
[Conservation minutes 9-21-23](#)

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.
2. Financial Reports.

Attachments: [White Hall GL account detail 10-3-23](#)
[Conservation general YTD 10-3-23](#)
[Trail Maintenance YTD 10-3-23](#)

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.
4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

5. New signage at White-Hall Property.
6. OSWA Grant.
7. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 23-2018

Agenda Date: 10/10/2023

Agenda #: 1.

MINUTES

Minutes:

Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2023, and Special Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2023, as written.



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
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Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

6:45 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Marelli called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
Commissioner David Holdridge
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Barbara Kil
Commissioner Michael E. Marelli
Excused Commissioner James Harwood
Alternate Member Jessica Buhle
Non-voting Commissioner Betsy Graham

Barbara Kill was appointed as a voting member.

Also in attendance:

Town Councilor Mary McGrattan

Town Councilor Naomi Rodriguez

Guest Maggie Favretti of Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes for July 11, 2023, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: David Holdridge

AYE 5 Levandoski Holdridge Edgecomb Kil Marelli

EXCUSED 2 Harwood Buhle

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None present.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Maggie Favretti of Alliance for Mystic River Watershed gave a presentation on the new non-profit organization and the importance of all waters upstream that eventually feed into the Mystic River. The watershed is located in the towns of Ledyard, Groton, Stonington, North Stonington, Mashantucket and Eastern Pequot lands. The Alliance wants to apply for a federal climate resilience grant to complete GPS mapping of the watershed, among other things. The alliance is looking for letters of support from all entities in and around the watershed for its work on studying and protecting the waters. After reviewing the letters NOA will decide if it will extend an invitation to the alliance to apply for the grant. Ms. Favretti was expected to meet with Mayor Fred Allen III for a letter of support from the Town.

VII. OLD BUSINESS**1. Property Walks.**

None.

2. Financial Reports.

No change.

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

No report.

4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

No report.

5. New signage at White-Hall Property.

No report.

6. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

The Conservation Commission's table at the Ledyard Farmer's Market was a success. Two people expressed interest in joining the Commission, which was two alternate positions open.

The Alliance for Mystic River Watershed is having a Noank Gathering on August 21, 2023, from 4-6 p.m., at Palmers Provisions, 17 Pearl Street, Noank. Discussion will include how oysters contribute to ecological health and coastal resilience as well as providing food and livelihoods for humans. All are invited.

The Ledyard Democratic Town Committee is hosting a meet-and-greet on August 26, 2023, from 4-6 pm., with state elected officials to talk about goals for the next legislative session. All are invited.

The Connecticut League of Conservation Voters would like to have a "Climate, Coffee and

Conversation” event for residents to meet elected State Officials to discuss environmental issues. Ms. Graham will investigate.

Tri-Town Trail Day is on October 1, 2023, at Preston Park. The Commission is invited to set up a table.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Purchase of invasive plant booklets.

Motion to REIMBURSE Betsy Graham in the amount of \$65.00 for the purchase of invasive plant booklets which the Commission will give to residents during public events.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Barbara Kil

AYE 5 Levandoski Holdridge Edgecomb Kil Marelli

EXCUSED 2 Harwood Buhle

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

Motion to AUTHORIZE Chairman Marelli to write a letter of support for the Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed to apply for a NOA grant, contingent on discussions with Mayor Fred Allen III.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: David Holdridge

SECONDER: Roberta Levandoski

AYE 5 Levandoski Holdridge Edgecomb Kil Marelli

EXCUSED 2 Harwood Buhle

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Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
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Special Meeting

Thursday, September 21, 2023

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Special Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:02 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner James Harwood
Commissioner David Holdridge
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Barbara Kil
Commissioner Michael E. Marelli
Excused Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
Commissioner Betsy Graham
Alternate Member Jessica Buhle

III. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

1. Motion to APPROVE support of the acquisition of 148 Stoddards Wharf Road for open spaces through an OSHA grant.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: James Harwood

AYE 5 Harwood Holdridge Edgecomb Kil Marelli

EXCUSED 3 Levandoski Graham Buhle

IV. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to ADJOURN the Special Meeting at 6:04 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: David Holdridge

SECONDER: Barbara Kil

AYE 5 Harwood Holdridge Edgecomb Kil Marelli

EXCUSED 3 Levandoski Graham Buhle

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File #: 23-1893

Agenda Date: 10/10/2023

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Property Walks.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1897

Agenda Date: 10/10/2023

Agenda #: 2.

REPORT

Staff/Committee Report:
Financial Reports.

G/L ACCOUNT DETAIL

Org: 301 Object: 21266
WHITEHALL PARK TRUST 0301-00-0000-00000-21266 -

YEAR	PER	JOURNAL	EFF	DATE	SRC	TR	PO/REF2	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	POSTED
2024	02	185	08/08/2023	API	1		20241228	W 081023T	225.00	Y
2024	00	3	07/01/2023	SOY	1			SOY BAL	-22,064.89	Y

Total Amount: -21,839.89

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 10-3-23

FOR 2024 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD	EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT
0101 GENERAL FUND	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET				BUDGET	USED
10110213 CONSERVATION COMMISSION								
10110213 56100 OPERATING	1,150	0	1,150	65.00	.00	1,085.00	5.7%	
10110213 57300 NEW EQUIP	1,500	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%	
10110213 58790 MISC EXP	925	0	925	.00	.00	925.00	.0%	
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	3,575	0	3,575	65.00	.00	3,510.00	1.8%	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,575	0	3,575	65.00	.00	3,510.00	1.8%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,575	0	3,575	65.00	.00	3,510.00		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 10-3-23

FOR 2024 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	3,575	0	3,575	65.00	.00	3,510.00	1.8%	
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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 10-3-23

FOR 2024 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED				AVAILABLE	PCT
0210 CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES		BUDGET	USED
21090305 MISCELLANEOUS CNR								
21090305 58922 TRAIL MNT	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00		5,932.09	.0%
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS CNR	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00		5,932.09	.0%
TOTAL CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00		5,932.09	.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00		5,932.09	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 10-3-23

FOR 2024 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
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File #: 23-1743

Agenda Date: 10/10/2023

Agenda #: 3.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Background:

Parks and Recreation selected a rain garden for Sawmill Park and riparian gardens at Lantern Hill Valley Park and Highland Lake Park.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1809

Agenda Date: 10/10/2023

Agenda #: 4.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

Background:

The Commission is looking for someone to clear fields at the White-Hall Property. Chairman Marelli will contact Rocky Landscaping and Ms. Graham will post something on the Commission's Facebook page.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)



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File #: 23-1810

Agenda Date: 10/10/2023

Agenda #: 5.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

New signage at White-Hall Property.

Background:

From the July 11, 2023, meeting:

Mr. Harwood went to see the signage. He suggested cutting back some of the brush around the sign so it can be seen from the roadway rather than move the sign. Chairman Marelli will investigate and start clearing.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)



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File #: 23-2022

Agenda Date: 10/10/2023

Agenda #: 6.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
OSWA Grant.

Background:

During a special meeting on September 21, 2023 the Conservation Commission voted to APPROVE support of the acquisition of 148 Stoddards Wharf Road for open spaces through an OSWA grant.

Department Comment/Recommendation:
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File #: 23-1894

Agenda Date: 10/10/2023

Agenda #: 7.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)



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File #: 23-1895

Agenda Date: 10/10/2023

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

Background:

(type text here)

Department Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)