



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

## Agricultural Commission

### Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman  
Bruce Garstka

#### Regular Meeting

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**Tuesday, November 19, 2024**

**6:00 PM**

**Town Hall Annex-Hybrid Format**

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Garstka at 6:00 p.m.

#### **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

**Absent** Farming Community William Thorne

**Non-voting** Alternate Member Steve Martic

Also in attendance:  
Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson

#### **III. CITIZENS COMMENTS**

None present.

#### **IV. COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS**

##### **1. Comments of Commission Members.**

Chairman Garstka visited the LHS Agriscience Open House and was impressed with the talent of the students and the programming. He proposed the Agricultural Commission reach out to farmers with a goal of connecting students with mentors in Town.

#### **V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

##### **1. Informational items.**

None.

#### **VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

##### **1. Motion to APPROVE Regular/Joint Meeting Minutes from October 15, 2024, as written.**

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Bruce Garstka

**SECONDER:** Russell Holmberg

**AYE** 5 Angelini Yuhas Garstka Holmberg Marelli

**ABSENT** 1 Thorne

## **VII. CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Correspondence.

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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

Chairman Garstka was disappointed in the turnout at the joint meeting. He would like to encourage the Chair People of each of the Commissions/Committees to send a delegate in the future if they are unable to attend. It's a valuable opportunity for Commissions/Committees to share what they are doing and get on the same page.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

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

Chairman Garstka made a proposal to set the next Joint Commission meeting for April. He is not canceling the meetings for the winter, but currently not planning to hold the committee meetings for December, January, and February, unless new agenda items arise. He would like the Commission members to attend a different Town meeting, with the goal of networking.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

## **X. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 6:07 p.m.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Bruce Garstka

**SECONDER:** Michael E. Marelli

**AYE** 5 Angelini Yuhas Garstka Holmberg Marelli

**ABSENT** 1 Thorne

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