



Chairman  
Kenneth J. DiRico

# TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

12 Van Tassel Drive  
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

## Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission ~ AGENDA ~

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Tuesday, July 16, 2024

7:00 PM

Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens  
Center

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**I. CALL TO ORDER**

**II. ROLL CALL**

**III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS**

**IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

**1. ARPA Grant**

**Attachments:** [Email From BOA](#)

[FINAL ARPA Communication for Municipalities and Senior Centers 06  
24 2024](#)

**V. MEMBER COMMENTS**

**VI. REPORTS**

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**Attachments:** [July 2024 Director's Report](#)

**VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**1. MOTION to accept June Minutes**

**Attachments:** June Commision Meeting Minutes

**VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

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

**XI. NEW BUSINESS**

**1. DISCUSSION to allow Boy scout to build a stage on Ledyard Town Green**

**2. DISCUSSION to allow Ledyard Football to build a floating deck at Judge Crandall**

**3. Any other New Business to come before the Commission.**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**



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## Scott Johnson

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**From:** State Unit, Aging <stateunitonaging@ct.gov>  
**Sent:** Monday, June 24, 2024 2:30 PM  
**Subject:** There is funding available to [possibly] support your project/s  
**Attachments:** ARPA Senior Center Funding Opportunity- update from Aging and Disability Services' Commissioner Amy Porter

**Follow Up Flag:** Follow up  
**Flag Status:** Flagged

Hello,

As you're aware, this past legislative session, the General Assembly chose to forgo formal adjustments to the state's biennium budget. Instead, the legislature re-directed more than \$370 million in unspent federal pandemic relief grants to support ongoing core programs like health care and social services ([Public Act 24-81](#)). Unfortunately, this included reducing, from \$10 million to \$6.5 million, the ARPA funds initially awarded to our agency for distribution to, and in support of, Connecticut senior centers.

To date, Aging and Disability Services (ADS) has approved nearly \$5.3 million of this ARPA funding for senior center projects. With the remaining \$1.2 million, we are only able to fund project submissions received through May 7, 2024, when the funding reduction became effective. This also means we currently do not have enough funding to support submissions received after May 7th or any statewide senior center initiatives, as originally planned.

**As your submission was received on or before May 7, 2024, it is currently under review; if the projects are approved, there is funding available to fully fund those requests.**

ADS-BOA Staff will be in touch with you regarding your submission.

It is important that you do not incur any costs or start any projects until your submission has gone through the review process, been approved, and you have a fully executed agreement in place.

I look forward to working with you,  
 Claire



Bureau of Aging  
[Connecticut Aging and Disability Services](#)  
 Phone: 860.424.5274  
 StateUnitonAging@CT.Gov

June 24, 2024

Dear Municipal or Senior Center Leader:

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While ADS is disappointed with the reduction, our focus now is to implement the program within the resources we were allotted, in a manner that best delivers impact to Connecticut older adults and maximizes funding to local senior centers.

**What this means for you:**

- **If you have an executed contract:** this will be honored, and you may continue to do the approved work.
- **If you had previously received an approval for your proposal but have not yet been sent a draft beneficiary agreement:** you can expect a draft agreement to be sent to you soon for your review and signature. You must not start any projects or incur any costs prior to having an executed agreement in place.
- **If you submitted a proposal through May 7<sup>th</sup> of this year:** your submission is currently under review and if approved, will be funded in full. ADS will be in touch with you shortly regarding your proposal.
- **If you submitted a proposal after May 7<sup>th</sup> of this year:** we regret to inform you that your senior center project/s cannot be funded at this time.

Senior centers and municipalities can still submit proposals if you have yet to do so before June 28, 2024, however, the existing funding will be exhausted after awarding projects submitted on or before May 7. Should more funding become available in the future, we will try to honor these projects in the order within which they were received.

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Our dedicated Senior Center Coordinator & Municipal Liaison, Claire Côté, is available to answer any questions and to support senior centers and all the extraordinary service you provide to our aging and older residents and caregivers. She can be reached at [stateunitonaging@ct.gov](mailto:stateunitonaging@ct.gov) or 860.424.4868.

Thank you for your continued work in support of Connecticut residents and being vital assets within your communities.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Amy Porter'. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name 'Amy' and last name 'Porter' clearly distinguishable.

Amy Porter

Commissioner, Connecticut Aging and Disability Services



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*Assistant Director*

## LEDYARD PARKS, RECREATION, AND SENIOR CITIZENS DEPARTMENT

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*Scott Johnson Jr*  
*Director*

12 Van Tassell Drive Gales Ferry CT 06335  
(860) 464-9112

*Monika Verebelyi*



### *PARKS RECREATION AND SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION* *Director's Report July 2024*

*Please note this update for your review.*

1. **Commission Meeting:**

The regular meeting of the Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16th, 2024, at 7:00 PM, in the Ledyard Senior Center. Please contact the office immediately if you will not be able to attend.

2. **Senior Prom:**

We have set the date as September 13<sup>th</sup> and have confirmed with the DJ.

3. **Lantern Hill Valley Park:**

Meet with the new Planning & Zoning Director and wetlands official on site. Working to have The wetlands delineated, flagged, and a site plan completed by a survey company. With this we can start the wetland permit process.

4. **Senior Center ARPA:**

The ARPA proposals are under review and we have been informed they will be awarding the full requests.

5. **DEEP Recreational Trail Grant:**

We have requested a one year extension for the DEEP Recreational Trail Grant. This gives us time to finalize things with property owners and wait for the decision on the OSHA Grant.

6. **Schedules Plus:**

We have started using Schedules Plus for our van scheduling. It has simplified things significantly for the office and will give us insight into our rides.

7. **Events Magazine:**

The next edition of the Events Magazine will be delivered in August.

8. **Van Drivers:**

We are interviewing for Van drivers to bring on a 3<sup>rd</sup> driver.

9. **Highlands Lake:**



Two loads of sand were dropped and spread at the beach correcting the large area that had washed out due to rain. The volleyball net has also been hung.



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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**  
MOTION to accept June Minutes

**Background:**

**Department Comment/Recommendation:**



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

## Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission

### Meeting Minutes - Draft

12 Van Tassel Drive  
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Chairman  
Kenneth J. DiRico

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**Tuesday, June 18, 2024**

**7:00 PM**

**Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens  
Center**

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

Chairman DiRico called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Ledyard Senior Center.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

**Present** Commissioner Jessica Cobb  
Commissioner Loretta Kent  
Chairman Kenneth J. DiRico  
Commissioner Norma Sokolski  
Commissioner Margaret Anne Harding  
Commissioner Paula Crocker  
Commissioner Lucrezia Finegan  
Alternate Member Carol Ann Schneider  
Lauren Hawes

In addition, the following were present:

Scott Johnson, Director of Ledyard Parks, Recreation, and Senior Center

#### **III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS**

None

#### **IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

None

#### **V. MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Crocker requested to suspend bingo for the months of July and August. She stated that there were usually only 5 or 6 people there and as it is in the middle of the day would like to have it off for the summer. Mr. Johnson stated that maybe the staff could call bingo. Ms. Crocker stated she would have no problem changing it to Wednesday after the luncheon.

Ms. Harding stated that the prices for lunch and breakfast were not changed in the Events Magazine as was decided a few months ago. Mr. Johnson stated they had not finished monitoring the prices and the prices would go up soon, probably to \$7.00 for breakfast and

\$10.00 for luncheons.

Ms. Schneider asked why the agendas and the minutes were not posted on the Town website that is normally used and posted on the calendar. Mr. Johnson responded that it is a software learning process and the information will populate there if you schedule the entire year. Ms. Cobb stated that the website and the calendar are under different people, whether it be this month or this year depends on management. Mr. Johnson stated that he and Ms. Sizer would look into it.

Ms. Harding requested that there be a fire drill held at the senior center so members would know where to go should there ever be a fire. Mr. Johnson replied he would set one up

Ms. Harding requested that new registration forms be filled out for the seniors who attend functions at the center. Mr. Johnson replied they will have them updated in July.

## **VI. REPORTS**

### **Directors Report**

Irrigation has been completed and the fields have been fertilized.

ARPA funds are on hold or have been cut significantly. The state will determine when and if it will come out of a holding pattern or be cut. Only applications that have been fully processed have been approved.

The DEEP Rec Trail grant for Tri Town Trails is ongoing. There are 9 individuals who need to make the decision, property owners to get an easement. Optimistically with the Hague property discussions are ongoing. The concern is people wandering off the path and going on to private property. Would like to get an easement or purchase property. Eversource has received easement and has upgraded

Summer camp starts next week. Numbers are lower this year. Numbers are also based on age. If the camps are not filled they will be opened up to other towns. The difference in the price would be \$10.00 per week, Ms. Cobb asked if the camp pays for itself.

Mr Johnson responded that it does and is self sufficient. Park and Rec pays for CPR training for the councilors and staff shirts. Budget is based on a bare minimum and taken based on attendance in past years to make the budget. Registration is week to week and not the entire summer.

Ms. Finegan asked if the campers get a new shirt every week. Mr. Johnson responded that they do not but campers can purchase a shirt and keep it.

MOTION to accept the Director's Report

This was Approved and so declared.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Lucrezia Finegan

**SECONDER:** Jessica Cobb

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## **VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

### **1. MOTION to approve the May Minutes**

Motion to approve the Parks, Recreation, and Senior Center Regular Minutes of May 21, 2024 with corrections as noted.

Vice-Chairman Cobb called the meeting to order at 7:12 PM

Ms. Cobb motioned to seat alternate member Carol Schneider, Ms. Finegan seconded

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED

**MOVER:** Lucrezia Finegan

**SECONDER:** Jessica Cobb

**AYE** 9 Cobb Kent DiRico Sokolski Harding Crocker Finegan Schneider Hawes

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Any other Old Business proper to come before the Commission**

None

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

### **1. DISCUSSION about the Middle School field**

Parks and Rec has received complaints from residents and League officials about the conditions of the fields at the middle school, specifically the grass not being mowed and trimmed. Parks and Rec and the Board of Education have an agreement, MOU, which states very specifically who is responsible for what sections of those fields. As per the emails attached, the Board of Education does not acknowledge their responsibility. Ms. Cobb stated that the MOU is very clear who is responsible. The Board of Education has asked for the bleachers to be moved, however, there is not a good place to move them too. It was suggested that Park and Rec and the Board of Education meet to possibly rewrite the MOU but in the meantime the Board of Education need to uphold the agreement that is in place. Mr. Johnson stated that Park and Rec cannot take on the additional workload as it is contracted out and only budgeted for Park and Rec portion of the field.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

### **2. DISCUSS the Town Green garbage**

Mr. Johnson stated that the Farmers Market does not like to put the garbage in dumpster which

was provided to them by their request a few years ago. Park and Rec had a slab built and a fence installed around the dumpster and The Farmers Market does not like to use it. The Farmers Market has purchased their own totes to use. Mr. Johnson stated that it was a new board for the market but they have been told to use the dumpster. Mr. DiRico suggested that Mr. Johnson speak with the members of the board and come to an agreement and have each party sign a MOU so that everyone is clear on their responsibilities. Mr. Johnson stated he is still waiting for them to have a permit. It was also stated that they had a wine tasting at the market which without a permit is prohibited.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

3. DISCUSSION to waive permit fee for Challenger Sports to hold a soccer camp through Ledyard Youth Soccer

MOTION to waive fee for Challenger Sports to hold a Soccer Camp

**RESULT:** DENIED

**MOVER:** Lucrezia Finegan

**SECONDER:** Paula Crocker

**NAY** 9 Cobb Kent DiRico Sokolski Harding Crocker Finegan Schneider Hawes

4. Any New Business proper to come before the Commission

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Crocker moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ms. Cobb.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

VOTE: 7 -0 Approved and so declared



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GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Any other Old Business to come before the Commission.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

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DISCUSSION to allow Ledyard Football to build a floating deck at Judge Crandall

**Background:**  
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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**  
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GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Any other New Business to come before the Commission.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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