



Chairman  
Mike Marelli

# TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

## Conservation Commission

### ~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, July 9, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

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#### REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

**Zoom Meeting Link:**

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86487619673?pwd=DUZi70wbe88S6s2o7mPHuY4Ab7yOjY.1>

**Meeting ID: 864 8761 9673**

**Passcode: 628791**

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### II. ROLL CALL

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2024, as written.

**Attachments:** [Conservation minutes 6-11-24](#)

#### IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

#### INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational Items.

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.
2. Financial Reports.

**Attachments:** [White Hall GL account detail 6-25-24](#)

[Conservation general YTD 6-25-24](#)

[Trail Maintenance YTD 6-25-24](#)

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.
4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.
5. Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.
6. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Review and Discussion of SCCOG Open Spaces Plan Draft.
2. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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**File #:** 24-0555

**Agenda Date:** 7/9/2024

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2024, as written.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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# TOWN OF LEDYARD

## Conservation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
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Chairman  
Mike Marelli

#### Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, June 11, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Marelli called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

Due to technical difficulties the meeting was not recorded.

#### II. ROLL CALL

**Present** Commissioner Roberta Levandoski  
Commissioner James Harwood  
Commissioner David Holdridge  
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb  
Commissioner Betsy Graham  
Commissioner Barbara Kil  
Commissioner Michael E. Marelli

**Non-voting** Alternate Member Dave Cohen

Betsy Graham arrived late - 7:37 p.m.

#### III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2024, as written.

Mr. Cohen was appointed as a voting member for this motion in Ms. Graham's absence.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Michael E. Marelli

**SECONDER:** Dave Cohen

**AYE** 8 Levandoski Harwood Holdridge Edgecomb Graham Kil Marelli Cohen

#### IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

None.

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

**1. Public Comments.**

None.

**VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS****1. Informational Items.**

The Commission had a table set up at the Connecticut Trails Day at Tri-Town Trails on June 1, 2024, and another table held at the Regatta Day Festival in Gales Ferry on June 8, 2024.

Chairman Marelli attended an Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed meeting on June 7, 2024.

Chairman Marelli is working with the Southeastern Connecticut Council of Governments and the Town Planner on a statewide map of open space.

Chairman Marelli is working towards having a survey performed on 60 wooded acres of Burton property by the CT State Forestry.

Chairman Marelli reported that Avalonia is working on a grant for 225-acre Rowley property on Stoddard's Wharf.

Chairman Marelli suggested that the Commission keeps an eye on the proposed development at Mount Decatur in Gales Ferry. Once updated plans have been submitted by Cashman Dredging, members will discuss the proposal and comment, if needed.

Betsy Graham has been named an Environmental Hero by the Aquarian Water Company and received a \$5,000 grant which will go to the Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed. She was honored in June. Aquarian said Graham "serves as a board member on the Ledyard Conservation Commission and holds leadership positions at the Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed and the Lantern Hill Valley Association, where she has been a member for over 40 years. She has also supported Save the Sound's efforts to restore fish habitats at Long Pond and has worked with Ledyard Parks and Recreation to host educational programs for children on her own waterfront property. When she's not advocating for watershed conservation, she pulls invasive plants from hiking trails, collects litter along waterways, and takes water samples for the Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP). Betsy's goal is "to keep the water as healthy as possible" and educate others about the importance of our water resources".

Ms. Graham is looking for volunteers for a State-run boat launch program to educate boaters about introducing invasive species into inland waterways.

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

Mr. Cohen cleared some overgrown trails at Blonders. Clearing needs to be done at the path to Burton property on Gallup Hill Road. Chairman Marelli and Cohen will meet to put up new

signs at Glacier Park.

**2. Financial Reports.**

Some funds have been spent but not yet reflected in the financial reports. Chairman Marelli reported that the White-Hall account has about \$20,000. The Conservation General Fund has approximately \$2,900; and the Trail Maintenance account has just under \$6,000.

**3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.**

No report.

**4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.**

No report.

**5. Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.**

Still working on this.

**6. 100 Whalehead Road property.**

No comments.

**7. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.**

None.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

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

None.

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:16 p.m.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Michael E. Marelli

**SECONDER:** James Harwood

**AYE** 7 Levandoski Harwood Holdridge Edgecomb Graham Kil Marelli

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**File #:** 23-2236

**Agenda Date:** 7/9/2024

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Correspondence.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 24-0271

**Agenda Date:** 7/9/2024

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Public Comments.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 23-2346

**Agenda Date:** 7/9/2024

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Informational Items.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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# TOWN OF LEDYARD

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**File #:** 23-1893

**Agenda Date:** 7/9/2024

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Property Walks.

**Background:**

**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 23-1897

**Agenda Date:** 7/9/2024

**Agenda #:** 2.

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## 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	12	268	06/10/2024	API 1	20241228	W 061324T	225.00	Y
2024	11	702	05/28/2024	API 1	20243574	W 060324T	1,750.00	Y
2024	05	30	11/01/2023	API 1	20241228	W 110223T	225.00	Y
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:                      -19,639.89

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# Town and Schools of Ledyard



## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 6-25-24

FOR 2024 13									
ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT	
0101	GENERAL FUND	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USED	
<b>10110213 CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>									
10110213	56100 OPERATING	1,150	0	1,150	481.24	10.01	658.75	42.7%	
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	481.24	10.01	3,083.75	13.7%	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,575	0	3,575	481.24	10.01	3,083.75	13.7%	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	3,575	0	3,575	481.24	10.01	3,083.75		

## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 6-25-24

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
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GRAND TOTAL	3,575	0	3,575	481.24	10.01	3,083.75	13.7%
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## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 6-25-24

FOR 2024 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT
0210	CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USED
<b>21090305 MISCELLANEOUS CNR</b>								
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 6-25-24

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:** 7/9/2024

**Agenda #:** 3.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

**Background:**

**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 23-1809

**Agenda Date:** 7/9/2024

**Agenda #:** 4.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

**Background:**

**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 24-0003

**Agenda Date:** 7/9/2024

**Agenda #:** 5.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.

**Background:**

From the February 13, 2024, meeting:

Work with Ledyard schools and Avalonia on Burton-Pike Marshall property.  
Discuss Mystic Watershed ideas and incorporate them into programs.  
Highland Lake Rain Garden.  
Lantern Hill.

**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 23-1894

**Agenda Date:** 7/9/2024

**Agenda #:** 6.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
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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**File #:** 24-0573

**Agenda Date:** 7/9/2024

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Review and Discussion of SCCOG Open Spaces Plan Draft.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 23-1895

**Agenda Date:** 7/9/2024

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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