



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Town Council Meeting Minutes

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Chairman S. Naomi
Rodriguez

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, April 23, 2025

7:00 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers

WORKING DRAFT

In-Person: Council Chambers Town Hall Annex

Remote: Information noted below:

Join Zoom Meeting from your Computer, Smart Phone or Tablet:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87466049405?pwd=XOwtl35Av3vLbOCti0T6q2SMp5JkuR.1>

Audio Only: Telephone: +1 646 558 8656; Meeting ID: 874 6604 9405; Passcode: 241067

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

Present: Councilor William Barnes
Councilor April Brunelle
Councilor Jessica Buhle
Councilor Kevin Dombrowski
Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry
Chairperson S. Naomi Rodriguez
Councilor Tim Ryan
Councilor Tony Saccone
Councilor Gary St. Vil

IV. PRESENTATIONS

- Military Child Proclamation - Commander Captain Kenneth Curtain
- Linda C. Davis Woman of the Year Award.

V. RESIDENT & PROPERTY OWNERS (COMMENTS LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES)

VI. COMMITTEE COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. COMMENTS OF TOWN COUNCILORS

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the following Town Council Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes of April 9, 2024
Special Meeting Minutes of April 16, 2025 (as filed)

Moved by Councilor Dombrowski, seconded by Councilor Buhle
VOTE: 9 - 0 Approved and so declared

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications List for April 23, 2025

X. REFERALS

XI. 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. Liaison Reports

XIII REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

- **** MOTION to amend the Agenda to add the following:
MOTION to change the location of the Annual Town Meeting regarding the proposed Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget scheduled for May 19, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. to be held at the Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex Building; 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, Connecticut, and to adjourn to a Referendum to be held on May 20, 2025 between the hours of 6:00 a.m. 8:00 p.m.

Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Ryan

VOTE: 9 - 0 Approved and so declared

A motion was made by Councilor Brunelle, seconded by Councilor Ryan, that this be Approved and so declared. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: April Brunelle

SECONDER: Tim Ryan

AYE: 9 Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Rodriguez, Ryan, Saccone, and St. Vil

Administration Committee

1. MOTION to appoint Ms. Vanessa Sotelo (D) 8 Cedar Ridge Road, Ledyard, and an Alternate Member of the Parks, Recreation, & Senior Citizens Commission to complete a three (3) year term ending June 28, 2027, filling a vacancy left by Ms. Hawes.
2. MOTION to appoint Mr. Christian Allyn (U) 1010 Shewville Road, Ledyard, to the Cemetery Committee as a Regular Member, of for a three (3) year term ending April 26, 2028, filling a vacancy left by Ms. Staley.

Moved by Councilor Dombrowski, seconded by Councilor Brunelle

VOTE: 9 - 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Kevin Dombrowski

SECONDER: April Brunelle

AYE: 9 Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Rodriguez, Ryan, Saccone, and St. Vil

Finance Committee

3. MOTION to authorize overspending Account #10110101-5310 (Legal Fee) thru June 30, 2025.

Moved by Councilor Saccpme, seconded by Councilor Ryan

VOTE: 9 - 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Tony Saccone

SECONDER: Tim Ryan

AYE: 9 Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Rodriguez, Ryan, Saccone, and St. Vil

4. MOTION to authorize the transfer (carry over) of all remaining funds the Conservation Commission CNR Fund #21090305-58922 (Trail Maintenance) from Fiscal Year 2023/2024 to Fiscal Year 2024/2025, in accordance with Ordinance 300-018 “An Ordinance Establishing a Conservation Commission for the Town of Ledyard”.

Moved by Councilor Ryan, seconded by Councilor Buhle

VOTE: 9 - 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Tim Ryan

SECONDER: Jessica Buhle

AYE: 9 Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Rodriguez, Ryan, Saccone, and St. Vil

5. MOTION to adopt a “Fair Housing Resolution - Town of Ledyard” as contained in the draft dated April 14, 2025.

Res: 004-2025/Apr 23

FAIR HOUSING RESOLUTION TOWN OF LEDYARD

WHEREAS, All persons are afforded a right to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice; and

WHEREAS, Federal Fair Housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, veteran status, or national origin, be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and homeownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, Connecticut fair housing laws require that all individuals, regardless of race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, marital status, age, lawful source of income, familial status, veteran status, learning disability, physical or mental disability, sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression be given equal access to all housing-related opportunities, including rental and home ownership opportunities, and be allowed to make free choices regarding housing location; and

WHEREAS, The Town of Ledyard is committed to upholding these laws, and realizes that these laws must be supplemented by an Affirmative Statement publicly endorsing the right of all people to full and equal housing opportunities in the neighborhood of their choice.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town of Ledyard hereby endorses a Fair Housing Policy to ensure equal opportunity for all persons to rent, purchase, obtain financing and enjoy all other housing-related services of their choice on a non-discriminatory basis as provided by state and federal law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the chief executive officer of the Town of Ledyard or his/her designated representative is responsible for responding to and assisting any person who alleges to be the victim of an illegal discriminatory housing practice in the Town of Ledyard and for advising such person of the right to file a complaint with the State of Connecticut Commission on Human Rights and Opportunities (CHRO) or the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) or to seek assistance from the CT Fair Housing Center, legal services, or other fair housing organizations to protect his or her right to equal housing opportunities.

Adopted by the Ledyard Town Council on _____

S. Naomi Rodriguez, Chairman

I Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk of the Town of Ledyard, do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted at a meeting of the Town Council held on April 23, 2025, and that such resolution has not been modified, rescinded, or revoked, and is at present in full force and effect:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF: The undersigned has affixed his signature and corporate seal on this _____ day of _____ 2025.

(Town Seal)

Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk

Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Ryan

VOTE: 9 - 0 Approved and so declared

6. MOTION to adopt a proposed Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget in the amount of \$71,062,240 comprised of:

* General Government: \$30,395,998_

* Board of Education: \$40,667,242 .

Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Saccone

VOTE: 6 - 3 Approved and so declared (Barnes, Dombrowski, Ryan not in favor)

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jessica Buhle

SECONDER: Tony Saccone

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Rodriguez, Saccone, and St. Vil

NAY: 3 Barnes, Dombrowski, and Ryan

****ADD ON****

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Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Dombrowski

VOTE: 9 - 0 Approved and so declared

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Buhle moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Dombrowski.

VOTE: 9 - 0 Approved and so declared. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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