



# TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

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Ledyard Town Council  
C/O Chairman Gary St. Vil  
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**RE: Review of minutes 1/28/26**

**Chairman St. Vil,**

I reviewed the meeting minutes of January 28, 2026 and offer my input on the portion of the meeting minutes that include "...identify one priority to accomplish during 2026".

**Green and Clean Economies- Sustainability:** As you are aware, the town takes a very active role in conserving public spaces. Ledyard has engaged in Public Private Partnerships (PPP's) several times with Avalonia Land Trust, Inc. in conjunction with Groton Utilities to secure hundreds of additional acres of quality open space. More recently, the Council supported two parcels on Stoddard's Wharf and one on Colonel Ledyard Hwy.

Our municipal recycling program is very robust and as members of a 12-town consortium that makes up the Southeastern Connecticut Regional Resources Recovery Authority (SCRRA), we are afforded opportunities to recycle light bulbs, mattresses, electronics, batteries, latex and oil paint, brush and stumps, and propane cylinders to name a few. Residents from member towns also have access to nine Household Hazardous Waste cleanup days from April to November, including one in Ledyard. This includes fuels, herbicides and other chemicals, oils, paints and more. SCRRA also offers (at cost) compost bins for residents of member towns who wish to create their own gardening soil from organic waste.

We utilize net metering of solar arrays on three of our five schools (the remaining two are in contract).

The town purchased our streetlights from Eversource in 2018 and converted all fixtures to LED's through a CCM sponsored program, saving the town \$552,000 annually. Most town buildings have also been converted to LED lighting and more recently, further upgraded to smart LED's that include occupancy sensors and daylight sensors to reduce power consumption on naturally bright days.

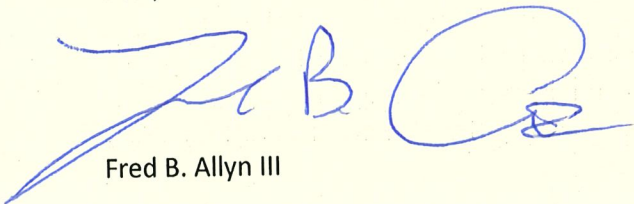
**Solar Farm, Composting, Shared Expenses:** As SCRRRA is our member consortium, we look to SCRRRA for food scrap diversion programs. Additionally, SCRRRA is ending their relationship with Blue Earth and has contracted with Black Earth to handle organic waste and the new organic composting facility at the incinerator in Preston. Once that program is online, more organics will be composted through our regional partner SCRRRA.

**Primary Care for All Americans:** I applaud this effort and acknowledge this proposal to be a monumental, multi-year effort- even on the Ledyard level in terms of negotiating with more than 13 collective bargaining units between the Board of Education and the Town Government.

**Grants, State Legislature, etc:** The Town actively seeks numerous grants annually. We have applied for, and secured 7 different grants this fiscal year, with a total value of \$5,599,709. Each grant requires substantial accounting oversight, close-out and audit. We seek what we know we can service properly and get through the audit process.

Thank you for your thoughts and ideas and I always look to positive communications with our Councilors.

Best,



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