



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Ledyard Beautification Committee

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Jennifer Eastbourne

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 2, 2024

5:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Eastbourne called the Regular meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Committee Member Julie Brousseau
 Committee Member Carol Ann Schneider
 Chairman Jennifer Eastbourne
 Committee Member Jennifer Bingham
 Committee Member Sarah Martic

Excused Committee Member Kathrine Kohrs

Absent Committee Member Carol Christiansen
 Committee Member Jennifer Holdsworth

Julie Brousseau was present via Zoom.
Also in attendance was Tim Ryan, Town Councilor.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from December 5, 2023.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carol Ann Schneider

SECONDER: Jennifer Bingham

AYE 5 Brousseau Schneider Eastbourne Bingham Martic

EXCUSED 1 Kohrs

ABSENT 2 Christiansen Holdsworth

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Ledyard Beautification Committee Financial Reports.

Chairperson Eastbourne said the Committee is still looking to fill Treasurer and Secretary

positions. She added that there have been no changes in the financials since last month.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Future Projects Discussion.

Teacup/Coffee Mug Valentine Bouquets - Chairperson Eastbourne reached out to Scott Johnson, Parks and recreation Director about using the Senior Center for the Valentine's Day bouquets assembly on February 10, but it was not available. She asked the Committee for other locations ideas. Ms. Brousseau suggested using the Hourglass Insurance meeting room. She said there are eight, six-foot tables in the room. The Committee decided to hold the Valentine's bouquet assembly at 2:00 p.m. on February 10, 2024, at Hourglass Insurance. The bouquets will be delivered to seniors the next day (February 11). Ms. Brousseau said it would not be a problem keeping the bouquets in the meeting room overnight. It was decided to use teacups for women and coffee mugs for men. Chairperson Eastbourne said she would ask the High School if the National Honor Society students would be interested in gaining community service hours by helping with the assembly. Ms. Brousseau asked approximately how many people would be attending the assembly. Chairperson Eastbourne guessed about 10 - 12 people. Ms. Schneider will ask Paula Crocker, Senior Housing if Meals on Wheels could deliver the 20 mugs to Homebound residents and the Committee could deliver the remaining bouquets. The deliveries would be at approximately 1:00 p.m. on February 11. Chairperson Eastbourne said a count is still needed of the Town Hall departments for the total cup/mug count. Councilor Ryan said he would assist with getting a department count.

Paper making - The SCRRRA Paper Making class will be at St. Luke's Church on January 6, 2024, at 2:00 p.m. The suggested age was grade 3 - 7 but a few parents have asked if their second graders could attend and Chairperson Eastbourne said yes as long as the parents stay and assist with the process. The goal is to have the children participate in recycling paper into something useful which can even be planted in the spring.

Earth Day - Chairperson Eastbourne said she still needs to speak with Mr. Johnson about securing the Town Green for an Earth Day meet up after the neighborhood cleanups (April 21, 2024). Ms. Bingham asked if the Committee should start reaching out now to food truck vendors. Chairperson Eastbourne said yes, and asked if anyone has connections. Ms. Schneider said to ask Jessica Buhle. Ms. Martic volunteered to look at the Farmer's market list from last year and reach out to a few vendors for their availability. Chairperson Eastbourne said she will ask the shaved ice vendor.

Adopters - Ms. Kohrs is looking at the sites and their adopters to create a master sheet to work with adopters to see who is still interested in their adopted sites.

Nip Bottle Tax - Councilor Ryan asked if Counselor Rodriguez had mentioned the new funding the Town is receiving from the nip bottle tax. Chairperson Eastbourne said Counselor Rodriguez never did but Councilor Saums spoke to her about it. As she understands it the Town of Montville's program was being used as a model. The LBC would be the championing behind it and someone from the Town would be responsible for approving the non-profit and distribution

of the funds. Chairperson Eastbourne asked for a list of what the funds could be used for but she hasn't received it yet. Councilor Ryan said he would get the list for the Committee. Chairperson Eastbourne said it seems that a Special Ad Hoc Committee should be set up to work with Finance on handling the funding decisions and distribution. During the meeting Councilor Ryan checked what the nip tax funds can be used for; the act requires that municipalities receiving the surcharge funds to only use the funds for environmental measures to reduce solid waste generated in the municipality or the impact of litter. These measures include things like hiring a recycling coordinator, installing storm drain filters to block solid waste, purchasing a mechanical street sweeper, etc. He added that the funds are disbursed every six months. Chairperson Eastbourne asked if Councilor Ryan knew the approximate amount of funds that would be disbursed, he answered it depends on the number of sales but it could be between \$15,000 - \$17,000. To date he believes the Town has received two payments.

Pancake Breakfast - Ms. Brousseau asked if the Committee would want to participate in another Pancake Breakfast fundraiser. Chairperson Eastbourne will start looking at possible dates for the fundraiser.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Any Other Old Business to Come before the Committee.
None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Other New Business to Come before the Committee.
None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 5:48 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carol Ann Schneider

SECONDER: Julie Brousseau

AYE 5 Brousseau Schneider Eastbourne Bingham Martic

EXCUSED 1 Kohrs

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Respectively Submitted,

Chairperson Jen Eastbourne
Ledyard Beautification Committee