



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Ledyard Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairperson
Kathrine Kohrs

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 4, 2025

5:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairperson Hawes at 5:04 p.m

II. ROLL CALL

Present	Committee Member Carol Ann Schneider Chairman Kathrine Kohrs Committee Member Jennifer Bingham Committee Member Lauren Hawes
Excused	Committee Member Jennifer Eastbourne Committee Member Sarah Martic
Late	Committee Member Carol Christiansen

Also in attendance:
Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson.
Carmen Garcia-Irizarry, Town Council.

Chairperson Kohrs was present via Zoom, therefore Vice-Chairperson Hawes conducted the meeting.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None present.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 7, 2025, as written.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SO DECLARED
MOVER:	Jennifer Bingham
SECONDER:	Carol Ann Schneider
AYE	4 Schneider Kohrs Bingham Hawes
EXCUSED	2 Eastbourne Martic
ABSENT	1 Christiansen

V. OLD BUSINESS**1. Future Projects Discussion.**

Valentine's Day mugs - Vice Chairperson Hawes brought in sample mugs to show the Committee what she received for donations for the teacup project. Ms. Schneider spoke with McKenna's Flower Shop in Norwich and they will be donating baby's breath and greenery. Chairperson Kohrs will give recognition on Facebook to McKennas. Vice Chairperson Hawes said there is 16 volunteers signed up to assist with the assembly. Chairperson Kohrs asked how many mugs there are, it was answered 34. The Senior Center is reserved from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The event will start at noon.

Junior LBC Club - Chairperson Kohrs said the first Junior meeting was held on January 30. There was approximately ten attendees. The attendees were enthusiastic and had many ideas. Chairperson Kohrs said they tried to focus on Earth Day. There will be two collection bins for recyclable donations which was approved by the Principal. The Club decided to hold a clean up event at the School on Earth Day, directly after school. Any garbage collected during the clean up will be brought to the dumpster during the Earth Day event. Chairperson Kohrs is working with some of the teachers to arrange a google classroom communication line with the Junior Club members.

Earth Day - Chairperson Kohrs said that she wants to get the word out on collecting recyclables. There should be an emphasis on "clean" items, no food residue for example. April 4, is the first event night during the Parks and Recreation "Parents Night Out". Chairperson Kohrs would like to collect interesting items not just bottles and cardboard for example broken chairs or tables, even a lobster trap. Ms. Eastbourne has been in touch with SCRRRA to get pickers and vests. She asked Committee members to reach out to vendors and local groups that could be incorporated into the event.

Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry mentioned that the Town of Stonington has a program that collects plastic and plastic bags, once a certain weight is collected a bench is given to the Town. Chairperson Kohrs said she will look into that program. Ms. Christiansen said as part of the Rotary Club she looked into the program and said that the amount of plastic bags needed to be collected to get the bench was overwhelming. Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry said as a Town wide initiative it may be manageable. The Committee will research the program.

The Mural project at Juliet Long School - the Junior LBC Club was enthusiastic about this idea.

Sponsors - On the to do list. The goal is to have a sponsor for each area by the start of spring.

Town sign near Mount Decatur - When this takes place Chairman Kohrs would like before and after pictures of the sign taken.

2. Any Other Old Business to Come before the Committee.

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry made a presentation regarding the food scrap program. Each week at the transfer station residents bring their food scraps which is collected by a company in Southington to be made into compost. The town pays approximately \$200.00 per month for the food waste to be collected. The same amount is collected from the Town regardless of the weight therefore it is more cost effective to collect more. Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry explained that the State of Connecticut has closed down some of their incinerators and the Town has to send approximately 900,000 tons of trash per year to other states to be incinerated. The days and times the transfer station is open for people to bring their food scraps is not convenient for everyone. Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry is working on other solutions for residents to drop their food scraps at any time. Chairperson Kohrs had an idea for the Schools collect food scraps since there is a lot of food waste in the cafeterias. Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry suggested starting at the Middle School and if it's successful maybe the other school would follow. There would be a \$215.00 charge per month for the food scraps to be picked up from the Middle School. Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry will send the Committee information on the food scrap program and a quote. Chairperson Kohrs asked if she would be willing to attend a Junior LBC meeting to present the program to the Club during the end of April or May, she said that she would. Ms. Bingham asked if Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry would like to have a booth at the Earth Day event, she said that she could.

Chairperson Kohrs asked if there was another event they could sponsor similar to the Veterans Day sign event. Vice-Chairperson Hawes suggested daffodil signs. Idea to ask sponsors to purchase a sign and bulbs package. Timing of the signs would have to be figured out since they can't be left out too long or they will get weathered looking. Official Ledyard daffodil? The Committee asked Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson how to make the daffodil the official Town flower. She said to make a motion, vote on it, then send it to the Town Council.

Ideas for Memorial Day? A clean up after the parade was suggested, maybe ask the Junior LBC club participate too. Chairperson Kohrs asked the Committee to start thinking of ideas.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 5:57 p.m.

A motion was made by Committee Member Bingham, seconded by Chairman Kohrs, that this be Approved and so declared. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jennifer Bingham

SECONDER: Kathrine Kohrs

AYE 4 Schneider Kohrs Bingham Hawes

EXCUSED 2 Eastbourne Martic

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