



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission

Meeting Minutes - Draft Minutes

12 Van Tassel Drive
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Kenneth J. DiRico

Special Meeting

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

7:00 PM

Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens
Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman DiRico called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m at the Ledyard Senior Center

II. ROLL CALL

Present Chairperson Kenneth J. DiRico
Commissioner Lucrezia Finegan
Commissioner Lauren Hawes
Commissioner Loretta Kent
Alternate Member Vanessa Sotelo
Commissioner Paula Crocker
Excused Commissioner Carol Ann Schneider
Alternate Member Stephanie Bacon

In addition, the following were present:

Scott Johnson, Director of Ledyard Parks, Recreation and Senior Center

Chairperson DiRico seated Vanessa Sotelo as a regular member.

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Upcoming Events and Activities

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

VI. REPORTS

1. November Directors Report

Judge Crandall Doors:

The lower garage doors at Judge Crandall have been replaced.

Judge Crandall Field Lights:

We had a light fall off the pole in a wind storm and the light has been

replaced with a new LED fixture. When reppalceing the fixture it was noticed the bolts securing the fiztures were lose. Since we already had the lift on site we took full advantage and tightend all the bolts, realigned the lights, and replaced any bulbs that were out.

Senior Center ARPA:

Public Works has finished laying the gym flooring and we have assembled the workout equipment. Working on developing policies, procedures and release forms so we can allow the public to start using it.

GFCC Tennis/ Basketball Courts:

The GFCC tennis and basketball court work is complete. Not all of the fence footings needed to be replaced and to prevent any loss of grant funds the company agreed to install 2 new basketball standards in place of the fence footings. The courts came out great and we have received a lot of positive feedback from residents.

Blonders Bathroom:

We have had recurring issues with 2 of the toilets in the bathroom at Blonders. Both have toilets have been replaced and it might be smart to think about replacing the other toilets in the future.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Loretta Kent

SECONDER: Lucrezia Finegan

AYE 6 DiRico Finegan Hawes Kent Sotelo Crocker

EXCUSED 2 Schneider Bacon

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MOTION to approve the July 2025 Regular Meeting Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Lauren Hawes

AYE 6 DiRico Finegan Hawes Kent Sotelo Crocker

EXCUSED 2 Schneider Bacon

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS Youth Sports Oversight

As discussed at the previous meeting, it was determined that the responsibility for ensuring coaches adhere to all rules and regulations rests with the individual clubs and leagues. Each organization should participate in SafeSport training and require all participants to sign a Code of Ethics. A follow-up meeting regarding youth sports will be scheduled for next spring.

2. MOTION to approve the Parks, Recreation and Senior Citizens Department Joint Logo

3. Any Old Business Proper to come before the Commission

The new LOGO was discussed and we chose the Oak Tree with bench and swing with the rounded lettering. It will be finalized and will be available next meeting for final approval.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. MOTION to approve 2024-2025 Annual Report

Mr. DiRico suggested we show a budget with any losses.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Loretta Kent

AYE 6 DiRico Finegan Hawes Kent Sotelo Crocker

EXCUSED 2 Schneider Bacon

2. Discussion and possible Motion to waive credit card fees for the Nik Pellegrino Memorial Cup Tennis Tournament

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Lauren Hawes

AYE 6 DiRico Finegan Hawes Kent Sotelo Crocker

EXCUSED 2 Schneider Bacon

3. Discussion and Possible Motion to allow tipping of up to 22% on take out orders coming out of the Parks, Recreation, and Senior Center Special Revenue Accounts

Mr. Johnson noted that the restaurants selected for takeout are often those that have supported Parks and Recreation and the Senior Center through donations such as complimentary meals, gift cards, and other contributions.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Paula Crocker

SECONDER: Loretta Kent

AYE 6 DiRico Finegan Hawes Kent Sotelo Crocker

EXCUSED 2 Schneider Bacon

4. Discussion and Possible Motion to allow the Ledyard Food Pantry to install security cameras

Mr. Johnson stated that no footage of children would be released.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Loretta Kent

AYE 6 DiRico Finegan Hawes Kent Sotelo Crocker

EXCUSED 2 Schneider Bacon

5. Discuss ideas for FY26-27 Capital Projects

- Installation of cameras at town parks and upgrading of Senior Center cameras to commercial-grade equipment.
- Implementation of individual door access codes that can be changed frequently. It was noted this may not be possible at the Senior Center due to ADA door systems.
- Replacement of playground mulch.
- Upgrades to Blonder Park bathrooms and correction of existing plumbing issues.
- Upgrade of Town Green light switches to LED.
- Installation of new lights at the football field.
- Replacement or repair of bleachers at several fields; noted that these are costly to maintain.
- Installation of a new Senior Center sign featuring the updated logo.
- Purchase a fryer for the Senior Center kitchen; need to extend the kitchen hood to add a fryer.
- Consideration of purchasing a bounce house for individuals to rent and for Camp to utilize; liability to be reviewed.
- Purchase of portable tents for events.
- Updates to the pavilion and parking lot at Lantern Hill Park.

6. Any New Business Proper to come before the Commission

X. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Kent moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded
by Ms. Finegan

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 p.m.

VOTE: 6-0 Approved and so declared