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741 Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

# **Ledyard Beautification Committee**~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

5:00 PM

**Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format** 

#### REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

**Zoom Meeting Link:** 

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL
- III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

**Attachments:** LBC minutes 4-1-25

2. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting minutes from May 6, 2025, as written.

**Attachments:** LBC minutes 5-6-25

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

- 1. Future Projects Discussion.
- 2. Any Other Old Business to Come before the Committee.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Other New Business to Come before the Committee.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

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**File #:** 25-1831 **Agenda Date:** 6/3/2025 **Agenda #:** 1.

**MINUTES** 

#### **Minutes:**

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



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# **Ledyard Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kathrine Kohrs

#### **Regular Meeting**

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

5:00 PM

**Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format** 

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kohrs at 5:00 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

**Present** Committee Member Carol Christiansen

Committee Member Carol Ann Schneider

Chairperson Kathrine Kohrs

Committee Member Sarah Martic

Committee Member Lauren Hawes

**Absent** Committee Member Jennifer Eastbourne

Committee Member Jennifer Bingham

Also in attendance:

Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson.

Note - There was no recording of this meeting due to technical difficulties.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None present.

#### IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from March 4, 2025, as written.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Carol Ann Schneider

**SECONDER:** Sarah Martic

AYE 5 Christiansen Schneider Kohrs Martic Hawes

**ABSENT** 2 Eastbourne Bingham

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Future Projects Discussion.

Discussion of what events will come after Earth Day. The Committee has decided to request

attendance at one Farmer's markets this summer and have a more interactive presence and collect donations. Ms. Martic will research which dates are available and sign the Committee up for one of them.

Other groups that will attend the Earth Day event include ARC (Ms. Schneider may run their booth). Also, the Ledyard Conservation Commission, LEAF, GFS/JWL PTO and potentially a table for Parks and Recreation.

There has been difficulty obtaining a dumpster for the event. Ms. Hewes offered to check with some sources and research a donation. The Committee also discussed asking Steve Masalin, Public Works Director, for assistance with acquiring a dumpster.

Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson, donated gift cards to use as gifts for the Trash 2 Treasure recycling contest and accepted a request to be a third judge for the contest, in addition to Mayor Allyn III and Scott Johnson.

The Committee discussed that the most important things remaining to do before the Earth Day event are to share and promote the activities and event as much as possible to increase attendance.

Chairperson Kohrs shared that the Ledyard Middle School Junior Beautification Committee is planning a school cleanup on Earth Day, April 22. They will also attend the Earth Day celebration. Part of the event includes annual planting at the school. Ms. Schneider proposed pre-approving up to \$100 to purchase annuals to plant at the event.

Motion to APPROVE spending up to \$100.00 on annuals to be planted at Ledyard Middle School.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carol Christiansen SECONDER: Lauren Hawes

AYE 5 Christiansen Schneider Kohrs Martic Hawes

**ABSENT** 2 Eastbourne Bingham

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

None.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Other New Business to Come before the Committee.

Chairperson Kohrs shared that as part of the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence the LBC will plant bulbs in the fall that spell out "250" in one or two locations around Town so that they will bloom next spring during the year-long celebration.

Mr. Christiansen mentioned that the Rotary Club once again has a grant cycle that ends soon and encouraged the Committee to apply, possibly for funding for the bulbs for the 250 Anniversary Project.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

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

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**File #:** 25-1945 **Agenda Date:** 6/3/2025 **Agenda #:** 2.

## AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

# **Subject:**

Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting minutes from May 6, 2025, as written.

# **Background:**

The vote on the minutes was missed during the May meeting.

## **Department Comment/Recommendation:**



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# **Ledyard Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes**

Chairperson Kathrine Kohrs

#### **Regular Meeting**

**Tuesday, May 6, 2025** 

5:00 PM

**Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format** 

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kohrs at 5:02 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

**Present** Committee Member Carol Ann Schneider

Committee Member Jennifer Eastbourne

Chairperson Kathrine Kohrs

Committee Member Jennifer Bingham Committee Member Lauren Hawes

**Absent** Committee Member Sarah Martic

Late Committee Member Carol Christiansen

Also in attendance:

Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson, asked to speak to the Committee. She apologized for presenting it a month late but said that April was "Volunteer Appreciation month" and the Town Council would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of the members. She read "you and your fellow Commission members take time and talent and are a critical component to making our Town operate and a great place to live. Our volunteers support many of the programs the Town offers to our residents which range from many different areas. The Town Council would like to recognize over 200 volunteers who serve on Ledyard's many Committees, Commission and Boards".

Chairperson Kohrs said she appreciated hearing those words.

#### IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

The vote was overlooked and will be moved to the June meeting.

**RESULT:** NO ACTION

#### **ABSENT** 1 Martic

#### V. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Ledyard Beautification Committee Financial Reports.

Chairperson Kohrs asked about the Thirty Marketing funds from the Veterans signs. Ms. Eastbourne will inquire.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

#### VI. OLD BUSINESS

#### 1. Future Projects Discussion.

Unfortunately, the Earth Day Event had to be cancelled due to rain. Chairperson Kohrs asked if the Committee members want to reschedule the entire event or an abbreviated version. Ms. Christiansen will ask Scott Johnson about having a dumpster available for a week for residents to fill. A suggestion was made to create signs promoting keeping garbage away, they could read "keep our parks clean", "clean up after yourself", "keep our Town beautiful", etc. Another idea is to partner with the Little League or Parks and Recreation on this initiative. Does Public works make signs? Ms. Hawes suggested selling "Keep Ledyard Beautiful" bumper stickers. Ms. Eastbourne said she would prefer bumper magnets. It was decided to transition to "Earth Day Everyday" instead of an event.

Ms. Eastbourne reported that the 8th grade Girl Scout Troupe would like to sponsor a planting project and wanted guidance from the Committee as to where to plant. The spaces around either the Ledyard/Gales Ferry four season signs or the Senior Center sign were suggested.

Chairperson Kohrs suggested getting a new sign for inside the stairwell at the Town Hall. Ms. Kohrs said she will take a picture of the space to share with the Committee. Piggy backing off the Parks and Recreations photo contest might be an option.

The Rotary Grant application is due May 15, 2025. Chairperson Kohrs said she will take the lead on the application.

Chairperson Kohrs suggested planting a mixture of blue and yellow crocuses for the "250 Celebration".

A daffodil planting event on Colonel Ledyard Highway is tentatively set for October 25, 2025. A bulb donation campaign will coordinate with the planting event. Money can be collected for the bulbs at the Farmer's Market booth. The Committee agreed that the September 17 Farmer's market "Hometown Heroes" theme would be a good day to promote both the Veterans Day sign event and the October daffodil planting. Ms. Eastbourne volunteered to fill out the application for this date.

#### **RESULT:** DISCUSSED

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

None.

# VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Other New Business to Come before the Committee.

None.

#### VII. ADJOURNMENT

The Regular Meeting was ADJOURNED at 5:39 p.m.

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**File #:** 25-1984 **Agenda Date:** 6/3/2025 **Agenda #:** 1.

## AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:** 

Future Projects Discussion.

**Background:** 

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:** 



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**File #:** 25-1985 **Agenda Date:** 6/3/2025 **Agenda #:** 2.

## AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

# **Subject:**

Any Other Old Business to Come before the Committee.

# **Background:**

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## **Department Comment/Recommendation:**



741 Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

**File #:** 25-1986 **Agenda Date:** 6/3/2025 **Agenda #:** 1.

## AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

# **Subject:**

Any Other New Business to Come before the Committee.

# **Background:**

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## **Department Comment/Recommendation:**