



Chairman
Mike Marelli

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Conservation Commission

~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Zoom Meeting Link:

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2024, as written.

Attachments: [Conservation minutes 7-9-24](#)

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.
2. Financial Reports.

Attachments: [White Hall GL account detail 7-31-24](#)
[Conservation general YTD 7-31-24](#)
[Trail Maintenance YTD 7-31-24](#)

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.
4. Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.
5. Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.
6. Review and Discussion of SCCOG Open Spaces Plan Draft continued.
7. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion concerning Burton Trail Management Proposal.
2. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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File #: 24-0682

Agenda Date: 8/13/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2024, as written.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
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Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 9, 2024

6:30 PM

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I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:34 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
Commissioner James Harwood
Commissioner David Holdridge
Commissioner Betsy Graham
Commissioner Michael E. Marelli
Alternate Member Dave Cohen

Excused Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Barbara Kil

Dave Cohen was appointed as a voting member.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from June 11, 2024, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Betsy Graham

SECONDER: David Holdridge

AYE 6 Levandoski Harwood Holdridge Graham Marelli Cohen

EXCUSED 2 Edgecomb Kil

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.
None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.
None.

INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**1. Informational Items.**

Sweet Water Meadow Farm - Chairman Marelli gave an update on the Sweet Water Meadow Farmland development update. He reviewed the newly submitted plans and reported that there will be 4 buildings with 80 units in each one making a total of 320 units. The only part of the development that pertains to conservation is that behind the units is wetlands. This area is from Smith Brook to Smith Farm to Smith Cove (on the Southeastern side). Chairman Marelli said all runoff from the development's roofs and parking lots will go into an onsite treatment center. In other words, the water will not run into storm drains, wetlands or the river. There will be a Planning & Zoning meeting held on August 6, 2024, for public comments. Chairman Marelli said there will also be a large repairing buffer between the hardscape and the wetlands. Ms. Robinson asked if Smith Brook/Pond and Cranberry Brook/Pond are one in the same. Chairman Marelli confirmed that they are.

100 Stoddards Wharf Road - a new plan was submitted for 18 houses on three lots.

Glacier Park - new direction signs were put into place by Mr. Cohen.

Cashman stated that their plan is not to build a quarry but rather an excavation site, which is allowed in Ledyard.

Farmers market - the Commission received an invitation for the market on Wednesday July 10, 2024. A Community relations tent will be set up to answer any questions regarding Town Commissions/Committees/Boards. A representative from the Commission was requested. Chairman Marelli said he will attend the market.

Chairman Marelli will be meeting with State Forester, Eric Hansen to look at cost sharing and trail coordination with the Burton and Pike-Marshall properties.

Chairman Marelli said that DEEP reported that there may potentially be a dam removal on Trading Cove Pond/Brook in Montville.

Ms. Graham said on July 10, 2024, there will be a three-hour DEEP boat launch training for volunteers. She added that there was a combined Ledyard and North Stonington Park & Recreation program that included kayaking and learning about invasive plants.

DEEP & Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) is looking for sites in Southeastern Connecticut/Long Island Sound to qualify for available funding. Water pollution does not qualify since that would fall under the Clean Water Act. Improvements to impaired infrastructure such as storm water, tidal flushing, salt marsh, fishway, shellfish sites, and culvert projects may qualify. The due date is July 12.

The Lantern Hill Valley Association is now the Lantern Valley Alliance and a 501C3.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

Burton - Chairman Marelli and Mr. Cohen cleared the blue trail but the yellow trail needs additional work. There are two large trees down on the trails which will require at least two people working at the site, for safety reasons.

Glacier - Chairman Marelli said the Glacier parking lot needed brush clearing from around the signs, the parking area and the path. Chairman Marelli and Mr. Cohen took care of it.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Financial Reports.

No changes since last month, the recent POs have not been reflected in the reports yet.

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Request for planting funds must be available before September 1, 2024.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

No new information.

5. Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.

No comments.

6. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Review and Discussion of SCCOG Open Spaces Plan Draft continued.

The Regional Open Space Plan from SECOG - Their survey response period was extended. A discussion on responding to their survey was held. Members will review the plan and prioritize individual responses for the August meeting. One document to represent the Commission will be submitted. The survey contained a list of 15 items to be prioritized into top five, middle five and the last five. Ms. Graham will call to find out the deadline for submittal and to ask if they will accept the Commission's submittal in August.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.
None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:26 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: David Holdridge

SECONDER: Betsy Graham

AYE 6 Levandoski Harwood Holdridge Graham Marelli Cohen

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File #: 24-0672

Agenda Date: 8/13/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Correspondence.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 24-0673

Agenda Date: 8/13/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Public Comments.

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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File #: 24-0674	Agenda Date: 8/13/2024	Agenda #: 1.
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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Informational items.

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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File #: 24-0681	Agenda Date: 8/13/2024	Agenda #: 1.
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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Property Walks.

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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File #: 24-0675	Agenda Date: 8/13/2024	Agenda #: 2.
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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Financial Reports.

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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G/L ACCOUNT DETAIL

Org: 301 Object: 21266
WHITEHALL PARK TRUST 0301-00-0000-00000-21266 -

YEAR	PER	JOURNAL	EFF DATE	SRC TR	PO/REF2	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	POSTED
2024	12	268	06/10/2024	API 1	20241228	W 061324T	225.00	Y
2024	11	702	05/28/2024	API 1	20243574	W 060324T	1,750.00	Y
2024	05	30	11/01/2023	API 1	20241228	W 110223T	225.00	Y
2024	02	185	08/08/2023	API 1	20241228	W 081023T	225.00	Y
2024	00	3	07/01/2023	SOY 1		SOY BAL	-22,064.89	Y

Total Amount: -19,639.89

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 7-23-24

FOR 2024 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD	EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT
0101 GENERAL FUND	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET				BUDGET	USED
10110213 CONSERVATION COMMISSION								
10110213 56100 OPERATING	1,150	0	1,150	481.24	10.01	658.75	42.7%	
10110213 57300 NEW EQUIP	1,500	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%	
10110213 58790 MISC EXP	925	0	925	.00	.00	925.00	.0%	
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	3,575	0	3,575	481.24	10.01	3,083.75	13.7%	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,575	0	3,575	481.24	10.01	3,083.75	13.7%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,575	0	3,575	481.24	10.01	3,083.75		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 7-23-24

FOR 2024 13							
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	3,575	0	3,575	481.24	10.01	3,083.75	13.7%
** END OF REPORT - Generated by Christina Hostetler **							

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 7-23-24

FOR 2024 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT	
0210 CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USED	
21090305 MISCELLANEOUS CNR								
21090305 58922 TRAIL MNT	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS CNR	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 7-23-24

FOR 2024 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
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File #: 23-1743

Agenda Date: 8/13/2024

Agenda #: 3.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Background:

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 24-0677

Agenda Date: 8/13/2024

Agenda #: 4.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 24-0003

Agenda Date: 8/13/2024

Agenda #: 5.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.

Background:

From the February 13, 2024, meeting:

Work with Ledyard schools and Avalonia on Burton-Pike Marshall property.
Discuss Mystic Watershed ideas and incorporate them into programs.
Highland Lake Rain Garden.
Lantern Hill.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 24-0573

Agenda Date: 8/13/2024

Agenda #: 6.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Review and Discussion of SCCOG Open Spaces Plan Draft continued.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 24-0678

Agenda Date: 8/13/2024

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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 24-0688	Agenda Date: 8/13/2024	Agenda #: 1.
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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Discussion concerning Burton Trail Management Proposal.

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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File #: 24-0679

Agenda Date: 8/13/2024

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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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