



Chairman
Mike Marelli

TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Betsy Graham
Commissioner Barbara Kil
Chairman Michael E. Marelli
Commissioner Dave Cohen
Town Council Liaison Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
Excused Vice Chair James Harwood

Also in attendance was Kevin Blacker, property leaser.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from December 10, 2024, as written.

Approved as amended - add Ms. Edgecomb to affirmative votes under motion to approve slate of Officers, making it 7 ayes.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE 6 Graham Kil Marelli Cohen Edgecomb Levandoski

EXCUSED 1 Harwood

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

- Burton Property maps are in.
- Gary Paul has resigned from the Town Council and will no longer be the Commission's liaison.
- Mayor Allyn III found old maps of White-Hall property will help complete the historical record and will be helpful when looking future planning and grant requests.

- 232 people responded to the Long Island Sound Study and the State is now working on water quality modeling. The State will hold workshops and reach out to the public this summer.
- The Public Works Department is looking into storm water run-off at rain gardens.
- Commissioner Cohen has been asked to be part of the Avalonia Advisory Group which is tasked with bringing access to open spaces to the under-served, amongst other things.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

Kevin Blacker of 11 Church St., Noank, farms on land on Shewville Road in Ledyard. Mr. Blacker talked about concerns regarding possible pollution of ground water and Mystic watershed because of the proposed sewer expansion and bike trail project in Ledyard; economic incentives to upstream towns to maintain healthy watershed; voice support for Cashman project in Gales Ferry; and what he believes are leaking sewer pipes in Ledyard.

Chairman Marelli advised the Commission members to watch the December meeting video of the Ledyard WPCA to get an understanding of proposed projects in Town.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

None.

2. Financial Reports.

No changes since last month.

Chairman Marelli now has a template for annual budget request from the Town Council. Chairman Marelli will also send a memo to the Town Council reminding it to keep unspent money in Conservation Commission's budget.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

The plan is being drawn up.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.

No comments.

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

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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2025/26 Budget Request -

Motion to AUTHORIZE Chairman Marelli to forward to Mayor's office the Conservation Commission's 2025-26 proposed budget request of \$3,575.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN The Regular Meeting at 7:38 p.m

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE 6 Graham Kil Marelli Cohen Edgecomb Levandoski

EXCUSED 1 Harwood

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