



Chairman
Mike Marelli

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Conservation Commission

~ AGENDA ~

Tuesday, October 11, 2022

6:45 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting ID: 846 0669 0457

Passcode: 964257

Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84606690457?pwd=UmgxQIBlNjJxajNicGk5MTFmM3lBZz09>

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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 September 11, 2022

Attachments: Conservation minutes 9-13-22

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks
2. White-Hall Environmental Assessment
3. Open Space Acquisition Plan
4. Discussion with various parties concerning application of an OSWA grant
5. Financial Report

Attachments: White Hall GL account detail 10-4-22

Conservation general YTD 10-4-22

Trail Maintenance YTD 10-4-22

6. Collaborative meeting with certain Town Commissions
7. Any Other Old Business to Come Before the Commission

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Other New Business to Come Before the Commission

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

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File #: 22-571

Agenda Date: 10/11/2022

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from September 11, 2022

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

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

6:45 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Marelli called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m. at the Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex Building.

Chairman Marelli welcomed all to the Hybrid Meeting.

II ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner James Harwood
Chair Michael E. Marelli
Commissioner David Holdridge
Commissioner Kathleen Edgcomb
Commissioner Betsy Graham

Excused Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
Commissioner Amy Stephenson

Non-voting Alternate Member Jessica Buhle
Alternate Member Barbara Kil

In addition, the following were present:
Town Counselor Rodriguez

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

Chairman Marelli said he was asked about a piece of property behind the Outback Stables. Discussions will continue because the goal is to link the Burton Trail and Pike-Marshall and for Avalonia to turn it into a cross country trail.

Chairman Marelli also mention that he often heard stories that the Norwich to Westerly Trolley used to run through White-Hall Trail. Chairman Marelli found a map of abandoned train tracks in the United States which showed that the train came down from Preston to Ledyard, swung over to White-Hall then off to Route 2. It is now historically verified that the Norwich to Westerly Trolley train did indeed run through White-Hall Trail.

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

None.

VI. REPORTS

1. Conservation Commission Financial Reports

The funds for FY23 have not been transferred yet.

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to Approve Regular Meeting Minutes from August 9, 2022

Motion to APPROVE Regular meeting minutes from August 9, 2022 as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Betsy Graham

AYE 5 Harwood Marelli Holdridge Edgcomb Graham

EXCUSED 2 Levandoski Stephenson

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks

Chairman Marelli walked on 100 acres owned by the Town, the so-called Great Oak Preserve, north of the Nathan Lester House. Discussion about asking the Town to allow the Conservation Commission to develop and maintain trails on the property. Councilor Rodriguez said she would discuss this matter with the Town Council.

Mr. Harwood cleared a downed tree at White-Hall Park that was blocking a trail. He brought before and after pictures which Ms. Graham will post on the Conservation Commission Facebook page.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. White-Hall Environmental Assessment

Still waiting for report which may not be ready until Spring 2023.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Open Space Acquisition Plan

Chairman Marelli will send the plan to Ms. Edgecomb for editing in order to complete the final draft.

RESULT: CONTINUE

4. Collaborative meeting with certain Town Commissions

The Agricultural Commission is hosting an informal meeting on October 18 at 6:00 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss land use in the Town. Other commissions invited to attend include Land Use, Inland Wetlands, Zoning, Planning and Economic Development.

Mr. Graham asked if she could attend the meeting. Chairman Marelli said yes anyone may attend.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Future use of Former Dow property

No comments will be made until the plans are submitted.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

6. LCC presence at Ledyard Farmers Market

The season has ended, the Commission will try again next year.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

- 7. Discussion with various parties concerning application of an OSWA grant.
Continued Discussion of OSWA Grant application

Mr. Holdridge reported the Mayor would co-sign a letter with the Commission Chairman to approach the owner of about 230 acres at 148 Stoddard Wharf Road to possible purchase for open space. If it is available the Town could apply to the state of Connecticut for an OSWA grant. Mr. Holdridge explained that OSWA is a State program to purchase open space across the State. If qualified OSWA could pay about 60 percent of the purchase price, with the Town raising the balance.

Mr. Holdridge also mentioned that he received a letter from Groton Utilities stating that GU liked the idea and that they had a good experience partnering with Avalonia but yet cannot promise any money to the Commission right now.

The Mayor pointed out a property to Mr. Holdridge that is for sale. The property is approximately 35 acres and close to Avery. It has a well on the end of the property. It could be a possible candidate for the grant. Mr. Harwood commented that it is a very rocky property. Chairman Marelli said that he thinks the Commission should explore this option and that he would meet with the Mayor regarding this.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

- 8. Any Other Old Business to Come before the Commission
None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

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None.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Marelli moved the meeting be ADJOURNED, seconded by Ms. Kil
The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m
VOTE: 5-0 Approved and so declared
This was Approved and so declared.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED
MOVER: Michael E. Marelli
SECONDER: James Harwood

Respectively Submitted,

Chairman Marelli
Conservation Committee

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File #: 22-572

Agenda Date: 10/11/2022

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Property Walks

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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File #: 22-573

Agenda Date: 10/11/2022

Agenda #: 2.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

White-Hall Environmental Assessment

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 22-396

Agenda Date: 10/11/2022

Agenda #: 3.

REPORT

Staff/Committee Report:
Open Space Acquisition Plan



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File #: 22-574

Agenda Date: 10/11/2022

Agenda #: 4.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Discussion with various parties concerning application of an OSWA grant

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 22-575

Agenda Date: 10/11/2022

Agenda #: 5.

REPORT

Staff/Committee Report:
Financial Report

G/L ACCOUNT - MASTER INQUIRY

Org code: 301 TRUST FUNDS - BAL SHT
 Object code: 21266 WHITEHALL PARK TRUST
 Project code:

Type: B L
 Status: A
 Budgetary: N

Fund 0301 TRUST/AGENCY & SURETY BONDS
 TWN FUNCTION 00 NO FUNCTION
 DEPT / LOCAT 0000 NOT USED
 SDEP/BOEFUNC 00000 NOT USED
 *UNKNOWN
 *UNKNOWN
 *UNKNOWN

Full description: WHITEHALL PARK TRUST Short desc: WHITEHALL

PER	ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	BUD TRANSFER	BUDGET
00	-22,964.89	.00	.00	.00
01	.00	.00	.00	.00
02	.00	.00	.00	.00
03	225.00	.00	.00	.00
04	.00	.00	.00	.00
05	.00	.00	.00	.00
06	.00	.00	.00	.00
07	.00	.00	.00	.00
08	.00	.00	.00	.00
09	.00	.00	.00	.00
10	.00	.00	.00	.00
11	.00	.00	.00	.00
12	225.00	.00	.00	.00
13	.00	.00	.00	.00
Tot:	-22,514.89	.00	.00	.00

	CURRENT YEAR TOTAL AMOUNTS		
Actual (Memo)	-22,514.89	Original Budget	.00
Encumbrances	.00	Budget Tranfr In	.00
Requisitions	.00	Budget Tranfr Out	.00
Total	-22,514.89	Carry Fwd Budget	.00
Available Budget	.00	Carry Fwd Bud Tfr	.00
Percent Used	.00	Revised Budget	.00
Inceptn to SOY	.00	Inceptn Orig Bud	.00
		Inceptn Revsd Bud	.00
Encumb-Last Yr	.00	DEPT	.00
Actual-Last Yr	.00	MAYOR/SUP	.00
Estim-Actual	.00	FIN COMM	.00
		TWN CNCL	.00
		ADOPTED	.00

G/L ACCOUNT - MASTER INQUIRY

PER	LAST YEAR MONTHLY AMOUNTS		
	ACTUAL	ENCUMBRANCE	BUDGET
00	-24,134.89	.00	.00
01	.00	.00	.00
02	.00	.00	.00
03	225.00	.00	.00
04	.00	.00	.00
05	.00	.00	.00
06	.00	.00	.00
07	.00	.00	.00
08	.00	.00	.00
09	720.00	.00	.00
10	.00	.00	.00
11	.00	.00	.00
12	225.00	.00	.00
13	.00	.00	.00
Tot:	-22,964.89	.00	.00

----- PRIOR YEARS TOTAL AMOUNTS -----			
2021 Actual	-22,964.89	2021 Orig Budget	.00
2021 Closed @ YE	-22,964.89	2021 Bud Tfr In	.00
2021 Encumbrance	.00	2021 Bud Tfr Out	.00
2021 Memo Bal	-22,964.89	2021 C Fwd Budget	.00
2020 Actual	-24,134.89	2021 Revsd Budget	.00
2019 Actual	-25,462.39		
2018 Actual	-26,137.39	2020 Orig Budget	.00
2017 Actual	-26,362.39	2020 Revsd Budget	.00
2016 Actual	-27,262.39	2019 Orig Budget	.00
2015 Actual	-27,207.79	2019 Revsd Budget	.00
2014 Actual	-27,153.25		
2013 Actual	.00		
2012 Actual	.00		

----- FUTURE YEAR AMOUNTS -----			
PER	2023 BUDGET		BUDGET
00	.00	2023 DEPT	.00
01	.00	2023 MAYOR/SUP	.00
02	.00	2023 FIN COMM	.00
03	.00	2023 TWN CNCL	.00
04	.00	2023 ADOPTED	.00
05	.00	2023 Revised	.00
06	.00	2024 Estimate	.00
07	.00	2025 Estimate	.00
08	.00	2026 Estimate	.00
09	.00	2027 Estimate	.00
10	.00		
11	.00	2023 Memo Bal	225.00
12	.00	2023 Encumbrance	.00
13	.00	2023 Requisition	.00
Tot:	.00		

----- ACCOUNT NOTES -----

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 10-4-22

FOR 2023 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT
0101	GENERAL FUND	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USED
10110213 CONSERVATION COMMISSION								
10110213	56100 OPERATING	1,150	0	1,150	.00	.00	1,150.00	.0%
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	.00	.00	3,575.00	.0%
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,575	0	3,575	.00	.00	3,575.00	.0%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	3,575	0	3,575	.00	.00	3,575.00	

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FOR 2023 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	3,575	0	3,575	.00	.00	3,575.00	.0%	

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 10-4-22

FOR 2023 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT
0210	CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USED
21090305 MISCELLANEOUS CNR								
21090305	58922 TRAIL MNT	0	2,957	2,957	.00	.00	2,957.09	.0%
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS CNR		0	2,957	2,957	.00	.00	2,957.09	.0%
TOTAL CAPITAL & NON RECURRING		0	2,957	2,957	.00	.00	2,957.09	.0%
TOTAL EXPENSES		0	2,957	2,957	.00	.00	2,957.09	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 10-4-22

FOR 2023 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	0	2,957	2,957	.00	.00	2,957.09	.0%	

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File #: 22-576

Agenda Date: 10/11/2022

Agenda #: 6.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Collaborative meeting with certain Town Commissions

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 22-577

Agenda Date: 10/11/2022

Agenda #: 7.

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 #: 22-578

Agenda Date: 10/11/2022

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AGENDA REQUEST
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