



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Ledyard Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairperson
Kathrine Kohrs

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

5:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kohrs at 5:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Committee Member Carol Christiansen
 Committee Member Carol Ann Schneider
 Committee Member Jennifer Eastbourne
 Chairperson Kathrine Kohrs
 Committee Member Lauren Hawes
Absent Committee Member Sarah Martic

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting minutes from June 3, 2025, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lauren Hawes

SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

AYE 5 Christiansen Schneider Eastbourne Kohrs Hawes

ABSENT 1 Martic

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Future Projects Discussion.

Ms. Schneider mentioned that Steve Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director talked about a possible raised garden vegetable boxes at the Senior Center, maybe the LBC would want to assist with the planting.

Ms. Hawes volunteered to research how other towns do their community gardens.

Ms. Eastbourne will ask if the revamping at Mikie's Garden at the Ledyard Animal Control was ever completed, if not that may be something the LBC could help with.

Chairperson Kohrs said the Committee should think about doing four main seasonal events, for example fall bulb planting. October 25 is designated for the daffodil planting event. Chairperson Kohrs mentioned the \$1,000 grant from the rotary Foundation earmarked for this event.

Site ideas such as the Bill Library and the Senior Center in Gales Ferry were discussed for the 250 crocus planting beds. Chairperson Kohrs will check with the Bill Library about the crocus planting. The flowers will be colored blue and white and planted in the shape of "250", preferably placed on a hill for visibility. After America 250 the area could be filled with more crocuses to remove the "250" shape. Chairperson Kohrs asked the members if they wanted to plant the crocuses on the same day as the daffodil planting or do it on a separate day. It was decided to plant the crocuses on the following weekend (November 1), weather depending. The planting events will both start at 10:00 a.m. Chairperson Kohrs will advertise for groups to volunteer at the events. Ms. Eastbourne suggested asking the LBC Juniors.

Chairperson Kohrs suggested partnering with the Ledyard Garden Club for the winter wreath event to combine resources. The Committee is looking for a contact person for the Garden Club.

Ms. Hawes said that the Back-to-School event is on August 23 from 3:00-7:00 p.m. and Community Groups are encouraged to hold events such as bowling, coloring, seed or bulb planting geared towards elementary age students. An idea was shared for the students to create a handprint flower poster, to be given to the schools after the event. Ms. Eastbourne suggested checking with the schools first to see if they have somewhere to hang the posters up after the event. Ms. Kohrs will think about a "plant a seed" project and will let the Committee know.

The LBC Farmer's market tent is scheduled for September 17 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. Ms. Eastbourne will not be able to attend. Ms. Eastbourne suggested that the Committee hands out a list with LBC event information that volunteers are needed for as well as post it on social media. It was decided that the Committee will back out of the Farmer's market event.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Rotary Foundation Grants.

The Committee received two grants from The Rotary Foundation; each grant was \$1,000. One grant was for a planting project, the other for America 250.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

Chairperson Kohrs said with Ms. Schneider and Ms Bingham stepping down the Committee needs new members, specifically a Secretary and Treasurer.

Chairperson Kohrs revisited her suggestion of creating a binder for the LBC with event, timelines and contact information, etc. which could be passed down to new members.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 5:28 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Kathrine Kohrs

SECONDER: Jennifer Eastbourne

AYE 5 Christiansen Schneider Eastbourne Kohrs Hawes

ABSENT 1 Martic

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