



TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

Conservation Commission

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Mike Marelli

~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://ledyardct.zoom.us/j/88193264857?pwd=znN5byA0RMF43v5yrcEb2tOmM42aEq.1>

Meeting ID: 881 9326 4857

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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 January 13, 2025, as written.

Attachments: [Conservation minutes 1-13-26](#)

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: [Conservation general YTD 2-3-26](#)

[Trail Maintenance YTD 2-3-26](#)

[White Hall GL account detail 2-3-26](#)

- 3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.
- 4. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

- 1. POCD
- 2. Ledyard Trails Task Force.
- 3. Mystic River Watershed Protection.
- 4. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 26-0163

Agenda Date: 2/10/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2025, 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, January 13, 2026

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:35 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present	Vice Chair James Harwood
	Chairman Barbara Kil
	Chairman Dave Cohen
	Chairman Roberta Levadoski
	Chairman Betsy Graham
	Chairman Michael E. Marelli
Excused	Chairman Kathleen Edgecomb

Also in attendance via Zoom was Karen Parkinson.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

None.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from December 9, 2025, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Betsy Graham

AYE 6 Harwood Kil Cohen Levadoski Graham Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Edgecomb

V. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

Chairman Marelli said the two correspondences received from Connecticut Land Conservation and Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc. will be discussed under Any Other New

Business.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

Chairman Marelli said that Councilor Barnes will not be able to attend the Conservation Meetings as a Liaison because he has been appointed to other Commissions. A new Liaison will be assigned to the Commission.

Chairman Marelli told the Commissioners that he was informed that reimbursements are not the preferred purchase method of the Finance Department. In the future a Town credit card can be used to purchase the item. Purchases can go through Christina Hostetler, Town Hall Assistant.

The Agricultural Commission has presented a set of guidelines (recommendations) to the Town Council for leasing of the Clark Farm Property. The intention is to lease to someone that will maintain the property, so it does not become overgrown. The Agricultural Commission will be encouraging hay farming. The Clark Farm parcel is controlled by the Town Council. The Majcher Family who has farmed the property for years was not renewed.

Avalonia has grant funding to purchase 30 acres of land on 1069 Colonel Ledyard Highway. Avalonia is asking the Town for the Matching Funds. This parcel will be contiguous to the Tri-Town Trail.

A possible subdivision at 58 and 59 Seabury Avenue with a pre-application has been received. It is noted that there is no public access to proposed open space, which is required by Planning and Zoning to be connected to the Subdivision. Since the new open space will fall under control of the Conservation Commission the Commission will follow up.

The Groton Trails Task Force was discussed. There is an informal Groton group who are involved in trails. The group meets quarterly. Their goal is to have a plan that all groups are aware of so to have the ability to connect trails. The Commission will need to start working on a POCD (Plan of Community Development). Ms. Kill will speak to Tom Olson, from Tri-Town Trail and the Groton Task Force for an idea on how to get such Task Force Started in Ledyard. This could be useful in making a head start on the POCD. There will be a meeting Thursday January 22, 2026, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Groton Library, which could provide some ideas for future land use. A Ledyard Task Force could include Conservation, Avalonia, TTT, GOSA Blue Blaze, Parks and Recreation working together to coordinate.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

Mr. Cohen reported that the parking lot at Glacier Park is very muddy. A suggestion was made to ask Mr. Geer about gravel. The Brush on stone walls still needs to be removed. Perhaps check with Liz Burdick, Town Planner, to see if Eversource owns the property. Also, there is a large tree on the ground at the Burton Property Yellow Trail. Possibly a volunteer with a chain saw could cut the tree. Chairman Marelli and Mr. Cohen volunteered to evaluate the fallen tree.

2. Financial Reports.
3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Scott Johnson, Parks & Recreation Director will set the schedule.

The Pavillion and parking area will need to be constructed before plants can be planted. Ms. Graham said the area will need a backhoe, since much of the soil is too dense for a shovel

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

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Election of Officers -

Chairman.

Vice-Chairman.

Treasurer.

Secretary.

Mr. Harwood said that he would like to step down from the Vice-Chairman position.

Motion to APPROVE the 2026-2027 slate as Michael Marelli for Chairman, David Cohen for Vice-Chairman, Betsy Graham as Treasurer and Kathleen Edgecomb as Secretary.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Roberta Levandoski

AYE 6 Harwood Kil Cohen Levandoski Graham Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Edgecomb

2. 2026/27 Budget Request.

The Fiscal year 2026/27 is the same as last year (\$3775.00). Chairman Marelli will send a letter to the Town Council. This year \$2400 was spent on two mowing invoices using the Whitehall account.

Motion to APPROVE a recommendation of \$3775 for the 2026/27 fiscal year budget.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Barbara Kil

SECONDER: Dave Cohen

AYE 6 Harwood Kil Cohen Levandoski Graham Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Edgecomb

3. Aquatic Invasives in the Mystic River Watershed.

Councilor Bill Barnes has offered to bring this problem up to the Town Council to see if funds could be appropriate as a line item in future Budgets. Ms. Graham used graphs to explain how

far the hydrilla has already spread. There are no available funds to staff employees at the boat launches for both information sharing and boat inspection. Chairman Marelli will remind Councilor Barnes to speak on the Commission's behalf. Watersheds should be included in the Open Space Plan. Make a note to include in February agenda an item for a POCD. Hilary Kenyon from Applied Watershed Sciences is working on a survey that will influence how herbicides can be used. Chairman Marelli reported that Alewife reported using the fish ladder on Shewville Road which is great news.

4. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

Request for donations from CT Land Conservation Council and Eastern CT Conservation District.

Motion to APPROVE a donation of \$500.00 to CT Land Conservation Council.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Barbara Kil

AYE: 6 Harwood Kil Cohen Levandoski Graham Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Edgecomb

Motion to APPROVE a donation of \$500.00 to Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Incorporated.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Barbara Kil

SECONDER: Michael E. Marelli

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File #: 26-0170

Agenda Date: 2/10/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Correspondence.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0164

Agenda Date: 2/10/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Public Comments.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0175

Agenda Date: 2/10/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Informational items.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0174

Agenda Date: 2/10/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Property Walks.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0167

Agenda Date: 2/10/2026

Agenda #: 2.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Financial Reports.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 2-3-26

FOR 2026 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
0101 GENERAL FUND								
10110213 CONSERVATION COMMISSION								
10110213 56100 OPERATING	1,150	0	1,150	12.88	1,000.00	137.12	88.1%	
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	12.88	1,000.00	2,562.12	28.3%	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,575	0	3,575	12.88	1,000.00	2,562.12	28.3%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,575	0	3,575	12.88	1,000.00	2,562.12		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 2-3-26

FOR 2026 13

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	3,575	0	3,575	12.88	1,000.00	2,562.12	28.3%

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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 2-3-26

FOR 2026 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR: 0210 CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
21090305 MISCELLANEOUS CNR								
21090305 58922 TRAIL MNT	12,541	0	12,541	.00	.00	12,540.85	.0%	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS CNR	12,541	0	12,541	.00	.00	12,540.85	.0%	
TOTAL CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	12,541	0	12,541	.00	.00	12,540.85	.0%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	12,541	0	12,541	.00	.00	12,540.85		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 2-3-26

FOR 2026 13							
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	12,541	0	12,541	.00	.00	12,540.85	.0%

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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
2026	06	619	12/18/2025	API	1	20262257	W 121825C	1,500.00	Y
2026	02	33	08/04/2025	API	1	20261459	W 080425C	225.00	Y
2026	00	3	07/01/2025	SOY	1		SOY BAL	-18,439.89	Y

Total Amount: -16,714.89

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File #: 26-0165

Agenda Date: 2/10/2026

Agenda #: 3.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Background:

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0169

Agenda Date: 2/10/2026

Agenda #: 4.

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 #: 26-0171

Agenda Date: 2/10/2026

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AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
POCD

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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File #: 26-0168

Agenda Date: 2/10/2026

Agenda #: 2.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Ledyard Trails Task Force.

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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File #: 26-0194

Agenda Date: 2/10/2026

Agenda #: 3.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Mystic River Watershed Protection.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0173

Agenda Date: 2/10/2026

Agenda #: 4.

AGENDA REQUEST GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

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Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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