



Chairman
Kenneth J. DiRico

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

12 Van Tassel Drive
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission

~ AGENDA ~

Special Meeting

Thursday, January 15, 2026

7:00 PM

Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens
Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

IV. MEMBER COMMENTS

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2025, as written.

Attachments: [P&R minutes 12-16-25](#)

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and motion to APPROVE the FY2026-2027 Capital Projects.
2. Discussion and motion to APPROVE the FY2026-2027 Budget.
3. Election of Officers.

Attachments: [RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE LEDYARD PARKS AND RECREATION SENIOR #2](#)

VII. ADJOURNMENT

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File #: 26-0071	Agenda Date: 1/15/2026	Agenda #: 1.
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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from December 16, 2025, as written.

Background:
(type text here)

Department Comment/Recommendation:
(type text here)



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission

Meeting Minutes

12 Van Tassel Drive
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Kenneth J. DiRico

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 16, 2025

7:00 PM

Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens
Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman DiRico at 7:01 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Chairperson Kenneth J. DiRico
Chairman Lucrezia Finegan
Chairman Carol Ann Schneider
Chairman Lauren Hawes
Chairman Loretta Kent
Chairman Paula Crocker
Excused Alternate Member Vanessa Sotelo
Alternate Member Stephanie Bacon

Also in attendance was Scott Johnson, Director of Ledyard Parks, Recreation and Senior Center.

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

None.

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Upcoming Events and Activities.

None.

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

1. Member Comments.

Ms. Kent stated that she has seen posts on social media complaining about the light parade being cancelled. She suggested we could coordinate with the Jeep parade and incorporate a tree lighting with Santa.

VI. REPORTS

1. Reports.

Director's Report.

Hometown Heroes event went very well, 2 veterans who were to receive quilts could not attend and will be presented with their quilts during a Tuesday morning breakfast.

Applications are flowing in for the office assistance position, interviews should begin next week.

The refrigerator in the kitchen and the coffee pot in the main room have both stopped working and will need to replace them both.

Carpeting in the offices is being completed this week.

Everything at the fields has been winterized and turned off, and back flow preventers have been pulled out.

Motion to ACCEPT the Director's report.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

AYE 6 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Crocker

EXCUSED 2 Sotelo Bacon

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from November 18, 2025.

It was requested that the minutes of previous meetings and the agenda be posted onto the Town of Ledyard website to give members ample time to review before the meetings.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

AYE 6 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Crocker

EXCUSED 2 Sotelo Bacon

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discuss ideas for FY26-27 Capital Projects

- Blonders Upgrades: New toilets (2 have been replaced out of necessity), add electrical switched for pavilion lighting (currently turned on/off at the breaker). Inconvenient and stress on breaker panel.

-Security Cameras: Security cameras for the GFCC, SR CTR, and possibly Blonders.

-Senior Center Sign: The sign deteriorated and a piece fell off the building. The remainder of the sign was removed due to safety concerns.

-AED's and Climate Controlled Boxes: With new technology they now make climate-controlled AED boxes. This allows us to place them in the parks. AED's triple the chance of survival from cardiac arrest compared to CPR alone.

-Park Amenities: Dog bag stations, bleachers, field boxes, etc.

-Tree trimming / removal: Trim and take down trees that are a safety concern in various parks.

-Temporary tents and bounce house: Could be an opportunity to generate additional revenue for rentals. In addition, the bounce house would save us money during summer camp potentially allowing us to reduce fees. Need to talk to CIRMA to see if they will allow this under our insurance.

-Playground Mulch/ ADA matts and replacement parts: Keep woodchips at an acceptable level, install ADA matts(also prolong woodchip life) and replace missing parts on playscapes not being replaced under the STEAP grant.

-Tennis/ Pickleball Court Repairs: We historically put money aside each year to allow us to regularly crack fill/ clean the courts. This significantly prolongs the life of the courts.

-Kitchen suppression system upgrades: Extend the capabilities of our fire suppression hood to allow for a fryer. **ONLY IF IT CAN'T BE DONE/FUNDED BY PW.**

-Football Field LED Lights: Upgrade the Judge Crandall football field lights to LED. Better quality lighting with significant reduction in utility expenses. Current wood poles are starting to get "spongy" near the top.

-LHV Park Contingency Funding: Additional funding if needed to complete building the new Lantern Hill Valley Park.

-Blonders Material Storage: use concrete blocks to create bunkers to store materials such as loam, wood chips, sand. Allows us to buy material in bulk saving money while ensuring we always have material on hand.

Subcommittee to address club/league youth sports council - the goal is to have ready for spring sports meetings.

2. Any Other Old Business to Come Before the Commission.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible motion to APPROVE the FY2026-27 budget.

RESULT: TABLED

2. Election of Officers.

RESULT: TABLED

3. Motion to APPROVE 2026 Calendar Meeting dates as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Lauren Hawes

AYE 6 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Crocker

EXCUSED 2 Sotelo Bacon

4. Any Other New Business to Come Before the Commission.

Entered Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss a youth sports issue. Adjournment of Executive Session at 8:50 p.m.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 8:52 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Paula Crocker

SECONDER: Loretta Kent

AYE 6 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Crocker

EXCUSED 2 Sotelo Bacon

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File #: 26-0072

Agenda Date: 1/15/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Discussion and motion to APPROVE the FY2026-2027 Capital Projects.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0073	Agenda Date: 1/15/2026	Agenda #: 2.
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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Discussion and motion to APPROVE the FY2026-2027 Budget.

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
(type text here)



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File #: 26-0074	Agenda Date: 1/15/2026	Agenda #: 3.
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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Election of Officers.

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR THE LEDYARD PARKS AND RECREATION/SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION

ARTICLE I - THE COMMISSION

The Commission will be known as Town of Ledyard Parks and Recreation/Senior Citizens commission. Membership on the Commission shall be nine (9) electors of the Town of Ledyard. Seven (7) regular members and two (2) alternate members as prescribed by applicable Ledyard Ordinances. The Mayor and The Director of Parks and Recreation/Senior Center shall be non-voting ex-officio members of the Commission.

Commission Members (Commissioners) are appointed by the Town Council to serve a term of two (2) years continuing until replaced as prescribed by applicable Ledyard Ordinances. Commissioners may be removed from the Commission by the Town Council for cause. A Commissioner may resign from the Commission at any time by submitting a signed letter to the Town Council.

Sub-committees will be established by the commission as needed. The Sub-committees now formed are:

A. Facilities and Maintenance Committee - which oversees all requests for quotes, requests for qualifications and proposals, and contracts along with review of all maintenance procedures for all facilities assigned to the Commission.

B. Administrative Committee - Reviews all commission and Department policies, budgets summer and quarterly reports, and assists with the budget and other administrative functions.

The Chairperson will appoint members, potentially including non-Commissioner members to all sub-committees. The Chairperson will appoint sub-committee Chairpersons. The Chairperson will be a member ex-officio of all sub-committees.

The sub-committees meet when items are referred to either committee by the Commission, There is no training necessary.

By vote, the Commission may limit the discussion of Commissioners to a specified length of time in debating a particular matter.

Commissioners shall not speak until recognized by the Chairperson, shall confine their discussion to the pending matter and shall avoid personalities or improper motives.

The Chairperson may limit the discussion of petitioning citizens to a specified length of time.

All matters that relate to the use and operation of the Ledyard Parks and Recreation/Senior Center or its staff brought to the attention of the Commission, or a Commissioner, should first be referred to the Parks and Recreation/Senior Center Director.

All requirements of applicable Ledyard Ordinances are to be strictly followed and no Rules shall be adopted by the Commission which will conflict with the ordinance.

All of these rules may be temporarily suspended for the proceedings of a meeting by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of Commissioners present. A motion to temporarily suspend a Rule shall detail the specific Rule and the reason for suspension.

ARTICLE II - ORGANIZATION

Section 1 - Officers

The following officers shall be elected by a majority vote held in January of each year:

- A. Chairperson
- B. Vice-Chairperson
- C. Secretary

Each officer will also perform all the duties and accept all responsibilities of a Commissioner.

The Chairperson will preside at all meetings of the Commission. The Chairperson shall call the meeting to order at the stated hours and upon the appearance of a quorum. It will be the duty of the Chairperson to preserve order, to require the conducting of business in accordance with these rules, to recognize and grant the floor to Commissioners wishing to speak, and to declare all votes.

The Chairperson may speak on and will rule on questions of order including questions of parliamentary procedure and the Rules. The Chairperson's ruling is subject to appeal to the Commission by a motion duly seconded. Such appeals shall be entertained by the Chairperson and have precedence, provided they are made at the time of the Chairperson's ruling and no debate or business has intervened between the ruling and the motion to appeal.

Section 2 - Vacancies and Attendance

Any commissioner who is absent from three (3) consecutive meetings shall be considered to have resigned from the Commission, except that the Commission may vote to waive this in each case where illness or other extenuating circumstance make it impossible for the Commissioner to meet this requirement.

Section 3 - Alternate members

If a regular member or members of the Commission is absent at the beginning of the meeting, an alternate shall be designated to sit for each absent member by the Chairperson. Designation of alternates to sit for absent Commission members shall be rotated so that each alternate is given equal opportunity to participate in the actions of the commission.

ARTICLE III - MEETINGS

Section 1 - Regular Meetings

Regular Commission meetings shall be held at the Parks and Recreation/Senior Center at the date and time recorded with the Town Clerk as prescribed by Connecticut General Statutes (CGS) Section 1-225(b).

All Commission meetings, except executive sessions, shall be open to the public and the votes recorded as prescribed by CGS Section 1-225(a).

All meeting agendas and minutes shall be available to the public as prescribed by CGS Section 1-225. Meeting agendas are to be available and filed with the Ledyard Town Clerk at least twenty-four (24) hours before the meeting. Meeting minutes shall be available within seven (7) days after the meeting.

The Secretary will ensure all papers, correspondence and records of the Commission shall be made available to the public at the Town Clerk's office and at the Parks and Recreation/Senior Center.

The Secretary will prepare the meeting minutes and make them available to the public at the Town Clerk's office and at the Parks and Recreation/Senior Center.

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Section 2 - Special Meetings

Special Commission meetings may be called by the Commission Chairperson, Parks and Recreation/Senior Citizen Director, or upon written request to the Chairperson by three (3) Commissioners.

When an executive session is in order, the reason(s) for such a session, and all persons who will be invited to attend, shall be publicly stated as prescribed by CGS Section 1-231. A two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Commissioners present shall be necessary to enter into an executive session.

Section 3 - Conduct of Meetings

Four (4) Commissioners constitute a quorum. In the absence of a quorum, no business shall be transacted at the meeting but the following actions may be taken and will be binding:

- A. Fix the time at which to adjourn
- B. Recess to contact absent Commissioners
- C. Adjourn

Section 4 - Manner of Voting

All voting shall be by roll call vote

Section 5 - Rules of Order

Robert's Rules of Order shall be a guide in conducting all meetings.

Section 6 - Agenda

The Chairperson will prepare the meeting agenda with the support of the Parks and Recreation/Senior Center staff and make it available on the Town Website and/or delivered electronically to each member no less than one day prior to such meeting.

The Vice Chairperson will assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairperson in the absence of the Chairperson.

Section 7- Order of Business

The regular meeting agenda shall normally be ordered as follows:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Residents & Property Owners Comments
- IV. Presentation/Informational Items
- V. Member Comments
- VI. Reports
 - 1. Director's Report
 - 2. Committee Reports
- VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes
- VIII. Old Business
- IX. New Business
- X. Adjournment

ARTICLE IV - POWERS AND PURPOSE

To plan and control the use of parks, playground, swimming pools, gymnasiums, recreation places, and public gardens with the Town of Ledyard, as authorized.

To plan the development, improvement, and expansion of parks and recreation lands of the Town

To plan the acquisition, erection, installation improvement and replacement of park or recreation facilities and equipment.

To develop, establish, improve, and coordinate park and recreation/Senior Citizen programs.

To engage such employees as shall be necessary to carry out said purposes with the budgetary limits of said Commission.

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By ordinance, The Commission also prepares and approves the budget.

The following items require Commission Approval:

1. Annual Report
2. Capital Improvement Plans
3. Specific Maintenance Contracts
4. Quarterly Reports
5. RFQ's and RFP's
6. Large equipment purchases

If any item in the Rules is found to be contrary to federal, state, or local law, it shall be considered null and void and shall not affect the validity of any other items in these rules.

Adopted by the Ledyard Parks and Recreation/Senior Citizens Commission on:

Kenneth Dirico, Chairperson