



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Ledyard Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairperson
Kathrine Kohrs

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 4, 2026

5:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kohrs at 5:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Jennifer Eastbourne
Chairperson Kathrine Kohrs
Commissioner Lauren Hawes
Commissioner Mechelle Barber
Commissioner Michelle Hagerty
Commissioner Marielle Winkelman
Commissioner Yvonne Walsh
Absent Commissioner Julie Harty

Lauren Hawes, Julie Harty and Jen Eastbourne attended the meeting via Zoom.

Robin Perkins, resident and local artist was present at 6:13 p.m.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting minutes from July 7, 2026, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Yvonne Walsh

SECONDER: Mechelle Barber

AYE 7 Eastbourne Kohrs Hawes Barber Hagerty Winkelman Walsh

ABSENT 1 Harty

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Future Projects Discussion.

Chairperson Kohrs reviewed upcoming events;

Daffodil planting day is on October 17, 2026, along Colonel Ledyard Highway. The meeting spot will be the Library at 10:00 a.m. The rain date is October 24, 2026. Chairperson Kohrs said it is very rocky so the Committee must think about the best method of planting the bulbs and what equipment is needed.

Fall Planting Class at the Library. Ms. Hawes contacted the Garden Club about collaborating for the class, she is waiting for a call back. Ms. Winkelman suggested contacting a local farmer, such as Full Hart Farms if the Garden Club isn't interested. It was also suggested to contact the Agri-Science department at the High School. Other possible locations suggested were the High School or the Town Green.

There is a Rotary Club event on the upper Town Green on August 5, 2026. The Committee will not be able to attend this year but will keep it in mind for next year. Perhaps purchase a banner for the Committee to use at events like this.

LEAF Back to School Bash on August 22, 2026, 3:00 p.m. at 7:00 p.m. on the lower Town Green. This event is rain or shine since it is under the pavilion. Ms. Barber and Ms. Winkelman volunteered to help at the event. The Committee will either hold a planting craft or give a take home planting craft. Ms. Hawes will provide details of the Committee's space once the date is closer. The BOA is providing tables and chairs for the event. The Committee will hand out flyers for the Daffodil Planting Event the Veterans Day signs at the Bash. It was asked how many people attended this event last year, Ms. Hawes said last year there were approximately 275 children and 1,300 in total.

Veteran Day Signs - Chairperson Kohrs spoke with Thirty Marketing to let them know that she wants to start the event earlier this year. Ms. Hawes said she will contact Fleet and Family to see if they are interested in a collaboration. Chairperson Kohrs will create a flyer with a QR code. Ms. Hawes said she can share it with Ryan Landry, Ledyard Veterans Representative. Chairperson Kohrs displays the signs the First Day after Election Day, which gives a full week of display before Veterans Day.

Mural - Brainstorming where to do a mural; Village Market, Valentinos, The Food Pantry Barn, Town Green pavement or pavilions, Juliet W. Long School. Ms. Eastbourne suggested the Animal Control Building. Approval may be easier if the mural is on a private building. Ideas of what to paint; a Ledyard themed mural similar to Groton's, children focused for the School, Butterfly wings, hopscotch or flowers. Sponsors? Surface preparation? Suggestion to contact other towns with murals to get advice and/or guidance. Chairperson Kohrs will reach out to the Chairperson of the Groton and Groton City Beautification Committees.

Robin Perkins was present at 6:13 p.m. Ms. Perkins found a comprehensive guide and checklist for outdoor murals, she will send the information to the Committee members. Ms. Hawes suggested an interactive mural for the School that will get the children involved by touching or jumping, etc. The Committee decided that it would be best to start with a mural at JWL. Ms. Perkins suggested painting a mural to show the real-life height of things, animals etc.

Chairperson Kohrs said she will arrange a meeting with the principal and the Board of Education to see how to proceed. Ms. Winkelman will contact the artist(s) who painted the Groton mural.

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

None.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

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

None.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Walsh left the meeting at 6:04 p.m. and was not present for this vote.

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Marielle Winkelman

SECONDER: Mechelle Barber

AYE 6 Eastbourne Kohrs Hawes Barber Hagerty Winkelman

ABSENT 2 Harty Walsh

DISCLAIMER: Although we try to be timely and accurate these are not official records of the Town.