



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Department of Land Use and Planning

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Kevin Dombrowski, Chairman
Ledyard Town Council
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
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Re: CGS 8-24 Referral for the lease of approximately .75-acres of property owned by the Graham family, located on the east side of Lantern Hill Road for a roadside park

At the regular Planning and Zoning Commission meeting held on November 10, 2022, the Commission members voted unanimously to forward a FAVORABLE REPORT to the Town Council for their request for the Town to enter into a 99-year lease agreement for approximately .75-acres of a property located at 600 Lantern Hill Road for a roadside park with parking and access to Bush Pond for small craft such as kayaks and canoes (Lantern Hill Valley Park) adding that the requested project is in keeping with the Ledyard POCD which states "Community facilities provide for the health, welfare and convenience of residents and add to the quality of life."

Specifically, the proposal is consistent with the following POCD goals:

- *Preserve Open Space – Acquire, protect, conserve, and manage high value open space to protect and sustain habitats, natural resources, and recreation areas. Work cooperatively with private non-profit organizations and private land-owners to acquire high value open space parcels through purchase, gifts, easements, and other strategies.*
- *Promote Education and Recreation – Encourage creation of trails, passive recreation areas, and wildlife corridors so that the citizens of Ledyard may maintain active, healthy lifestyles, appreciate the community's natural resources, and strengthen community's image as a desirable place to live...*

The Planning and Zoning Commission continues to encourage and support open space preservation efforts to further these Town goals.

Sincerely,

Juliet Hodge, Director of Planning and Development (For the Commission)

C: Fred Allyn III, Mayor
Roxanne Maher for Ledyard Town Council