

# TOWN OF LEDYARD

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# **Town Council Meeting Minutes**

Chairman Gary St. Vil

# **Regular Meeting**

Wednesday, October 22, 2025

7:00 PM

**Town Hall Council Chambers** 

#### **WORKING DRAFT**

**In-Person: Council Chambers Town Hall Annex** 

Remote: Information noted below:

Join Zoom Meeting from your Computer, Smart Phone or Tablet:

https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85483208527?pwd=MsEzpZ1b92YPNb9pBb1WXWrPtEZj1b.1 Audio Only: Telephone: +1 646 558 8656; Meeting ID: 854 8320 8527; Passcode: 152951

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman St. Vil called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex Building.

Chairman St. Vil welcomed all to the Hybrid Meeting. He stated for the members of the Town Council and the Public who were participating via video conference that the remote meeting information was available on the Agenda that was posted on the Town's Website - Granicus-Legistar Meeting Portal.

#### II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### III. ROLL CALL

**Present:** Councilor William Barnes

Councilor April Brunelle Councilor Jessica Buhle

Councilor Kevin Dombrowski Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry

Councilor Tim Ryan Councilor Tony Saccone Councilor Gary St. Vil Councilor Adrienne Parad

## IV. PRESENTATIONS

· Students Celebrate 250 "I Voted" Sticker Contest

- Proclamation
- V. RESIDENT & PROPERTY OWNERS (COMMENTS LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES
- VI. COMMITTEE COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS
- VII. COMMENTS OF TOWN COUNCILORS
- VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve Regular Town Council Minutes of October 8, 2025

Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Dombrowski

Discussion: Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated that she would like to amend the Minutes as follows:

The Motion was written in the minutes as follows:

"MOTION to adopt a proposed "An Ordinance Establishing a Town of Ledyard Code of Ethics and Ethics Commission" as presented in the draft dated September 10, October 8, 2025."

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated the Motion should not have struck out "September 10" and It should not have included "October 8"...

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated the Motion as stated should have been written in the Minutes as follows:

MOTION to adopt a proposed "An Ordinance Establishing a Town of Ledyard Code of Ethics and Ethics Commission" as presented in the draft dated September 10, 2025".

Call for a vote on the October 8, 2025 Minutes as amended.

**VOTE:** 9 - 0 Approved and so declared

**RESULT:** APPROVED AS AMENDED

**MOVER:** Jessica Buhle

SECONDER: Kevin Dombrowski

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications List - October 22, 2025

- X. REFERALS
- XI. COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE, LIAISON REPORTS

- 1. Administration Committee Report Fiscal Year 2025/2026
- 2. Community Relations Committee for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Report- Fiscal Year 2025/2026
- 3. Finance Committee Report Fiscal Year 2025/2026
- 4. LUPPW Committee Report Fiscal Year 2025/2026
- 5. Liaison Reports
- XII. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Report Fiscal Year 2025/2025

- XIII. OLD BUSINESS
- XIV. NEW BUSINESS

# **Administration Committee**

1. MOTION to recommend the Town Council appoint Mr. Nathaniel Woody (U) 770 Long Cove Road, Gales Ferry as a Regular Member, to Planning & Zoning Commission for a three (3) term ending October 31, 2028 filling a vacancy left by Mr. Craig.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Jessica Buhle

**SECONDER:** Kevin Dombrowski

**AYE:** 6 Brunelle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Ryan, Saccone, and Parad

**NAY:** 1 Barnes

**ABSTAIN:** 2 Buhle, and St. Vil

2. MOTION to appoint Ms. Gillian Thorne (R) 3 Adios Lane, Ledyard, to the Library Commission to complete a two (2) year term ending November 7, 2027 filling a vacancy left by Ms. Candler.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Kevin Dombrowski

**SECONDER:** Tony Saccone

**AYE:** 9 Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Ryan, Saccone, St. Vil. and Parad

3. MOTION to appoint the following members to the Sustainable CT Ad Hoc Committee for a two (2) year term ending December 15, 2027 in accordance with the structure provided in Res#004-20/25/Jan 25 "Town of Ledyard Resolution Supporting Their Continued Participation In The Sustainable CT Municipal Certification Program And Establishing A Sustainable CT Ad

#### Hoc Committee:

- · Mr. Michael Dreimiller (D) 37 Norman Drive, Gales Ferry (Economic Development Commission)
- · Mr. Nathaniel Woody (U) 770 Long Cove Road, Gales Ferry (Planning & Zoning Commission
- · Ms. Beth Ribe (U) 129 Rose Hill Road, Ledyard (Community -at-Large)
- · Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry (D) 58 Eagle Ridge Drive, Gales Ferry Land Use/Planning/Public Works Committee Member

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Kevin Dombrowski

**SECONDER:** Jessica Buhle

**AYE:** 8 Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Ryan, Saccone, St. Vil, and Parad

**ABSTAIN:** 1 Garcia-Irizarry

# Finance Committee

4. MOTION to authorize the submission of a grant request to the State of Connecticut for the removal of foam and cleaning of the foam system for Gales Ferry Engine 21.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Tim Ryan SECONDER: Jessica Buhle

**AYE:** 9 Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Ryan, Saccone, St.

Vil, and Parad

- **5.** MOTION to amend the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Standing Bid Waiver List to include the following:
  - · Freightliner/Alliance in East Hartford.
- 6. MOTION to appropriate \$8,000 to Account #20810201-50000-24207 (Cemetery Committee Grant Expense) to recognize the grant awarded by the State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management entitled "Neglected Cemetery Account Grant Program".

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Tim Ryan SECONDER: Tony Saccone

**AYE:** 9 Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Ryan, Saccone, St.

Vil, and Parad

#### Land Use/Planning/Public Works Committee

7. MOTION to recommend the Town of Ledyard transfer town-owned property located at 19 Avery Hill Road Extension, Ledyard Connecticut (Parcel ID: 50/130/19), known as the "Kettle Hole" property to Avalonia Land Conservancy for no consideration to be combined with other lands of

the DDJJM, LLC., at 173 Stoddards Wharf Road and 175 Stoddards Wharf Road to be transferred to Avalonia Land Conservancy, to remain open to the public for passive recreation and to be protected in perpetuity under the Conservancy care with the following conditions:

- 1) Avalonia Land Conservancy will pay for all conveyances and fees regarding the transfer of the property.
- 2) In the event Avalonia Land Conservancy determines they no longer wish to own or no longer can own the so-called "Kettle Hole" property, Avalonia Land Conservancy will first offer the property back to the Town of Ledyard as the last owner of record. Such conveyance will be at no cost to the Town, other than customary recording and legal fees. The Town shall have 120 days to accept or reject re-acquisition. The Town shall notify Avalonia Land Conservancy in writing of its intent to accept or reject. Should the Town choose not to accept the property back, Avalonia Land Conservancy will then have the right to convey the parcel to a third party of their choice.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carmen Garcia-Irizarry **SECONDER:** Kevin Dombrowski

**AYE:** 9 Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Ryan, Saccone, St. Vil, and Parad

- 8. MOTION to recommend the Town of Ledyard transfer town-owned property located at 13 Applewood Drive (parcel ID: 99-530-13) to Avalonia Land Conservancy for no consideration, to be combined with the Avalonia Land Conservancy "Pike Marshall Preserve to remain open to the public for passive recreation and to be protected in perpetuity under the Conservancy care with the following conditions:
  - 1). The 10-foot wide access to the property shall be clearly marked in the field by a Land Surveyor engaged by Avalonia Land Conservancy.
  - 2) Appropriate signage identifying the open space parcel shall be installed by Avalonia Land Conservancy.
  - 3) Avalonia Land Conservancy will pay for all conveyances and fees regarding the transfer of the property.
  - 4) In the event Avalonia Land Conservancy determines they no longer wish to own or no longer can own 13 Applewood Drive property (parcel ID:99-530-13), Avalonia Land Conservancy will first offer the property back to the Town of Ledyard as the last owner of record. Such conveyance will be at no cost to the Town, other than customary recording and legal fees. The Town shall have 120 days to accept or reject re-acquisition. The Town shall notify Avalonia Land Conservancy in writing of its intent to accept or reject. Should the Town choose not to accept the property back, Avalonia Land Conservancy will then have the right to convey the parcel to a third party of their choice.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Kevin Dombrowski SECONDER: Carmen Garcia-Irizarry

**AYE:** 9 Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Ryan, Saccone, St. Vil, and Parad

- 9. MOTION to schedule a Hybird (in-Person and Video Conference) Public Hearing date for November 12, 2025 at 6:15 p.m., in accordance with CGS 07-163e, to receive comment and recommendation on the following:
  - (1) The transfer town-owned property located at 19 Avery Hill Road Extension, Ledyard Connecticut (Parcel ID:50/130/19), known as the "Kettle Hole" property to Avalonia Land Conservancy for no consideration, to be combined with other lands of the DDJJM, LLC., at 173 Stoddards Wharf Road and 175 Stoddards Wharf Road to be transferred to Avalonia Land Conservancy, to remain open to the public for passive recreation and to be protected in perpetuity under the Conservancy care with the following conditions:
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  - (2) The transfer town-owned property located at 13 Applewood Drive(parcel ID:99-530-13) to Avalonia Land Conservancy for no consideration, to be combined with the Avalonia Land Conservancy "Pike Marshall Preserve to remain open to the public for passive recreation and to be protected in perpetuity under the Conservancy care with the following conditions:
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Conservancy in writing of its intent to accept or reject. Should the Town choose not to accept the property back, Avalonia Land Conservancy will then have the right to convey the parcel to a third party of their choice.

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**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carmen Garcia-Irizarry **SECONDER:** Kevin Dombrowski

AYE: 9 Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Ryan, Saccone, St.

Vil, and Parad

10. MOTION to schedule a Hybird Format (In-Person & Video Conference) Special Town Meeting date for November 12, 2025 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in the Council Chambers, 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway, to consider, discuss and vote upon the following:

- (1) "Shall the Town of Ledyard transfer town-owned property located at 19 Avery Hill Road Extension, Ledyard Connecticut (Parcel ID:50/130/19), known as the "Kettle Hole" property to Avalonia Land Conservancy for no consideration, to be combined with other lands of the DDJJM, LLC., at 173 Stoddards Wharf Road and 175 Stoddards Wharf Road to be transferred to Avalonia Land Conservancy, to remain open to the public for passive recreation and to be protected in perpetuity under the Conservancy care with the following conditions:
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- (2) "Shall the Town of Ledyard transfer town-owned property located at 13 Applewood Drive(parcel ID:99-530-13) to Avalonia Land Conservancy for no consideration, to be combined with the Avalonia Land Conservancy "Pike Marshall Preserve to remain open to the public for passive recreation and to be protected in perpetuity under the Conservancy care with the following conditions:
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**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Kevin Dombrowski SECONDER: Carmen Garcia-Irizarry

**AYE:** 9 Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Ryan, Saccone, St. Vil, and Parad

11. MOTION to extend Archery Hunting on Certain Town Owned Lands and Certain Open Space Properties for one-year in accordance with provisions in Ordinance#100-018 (rev. 1) "An Ordinance Providing Archery Hunting on Certain Town Owned Lands and Certain Open Space Properties"

In addition, amend Ordinance #100-018 "Appendix A - Town of Ledyard Hunting Rules and Regulations" to paragraph (5) as follows:

- 5) Hunting shall be limited to the following Town of Ledyard owned properties and open space properties not owned by the Town of Ledyard, as recorded on the Deed of the Land Records or with written consent of the property owner.
- a) Clark Farm (1025 Colonel Ledyard Highway) (Town Owned Property)
- b) Founders Preserve Parcel (REMOVE 332 CHANGE TO 334 Colonel Ledyard Highway (Avalonia Land Conservancy)

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carmen Garcia-Irizarry **SECONDER:** Kevin Dombrowski

**AYE:** 9 Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Ryan, Saccone, St. Vil, and Parad

#### General Business

12. MOTION to override the Mayor's disapproval/veto dated October 16, 2025 and approved the "An Ordinance Establishing a Town of Ledyard Code of Ethics And Ethics Commission" as

approved by the Town Council at their October 8, 2025 meeting.

RESULT: TABLED
MOVER: Jessica Buhle

**SECONDER:** Carmen Garcia-Irizarry

**AYE:** 9 Barnes, Brunelle, Buhle, Dombrowski, Garcia-Irizarry, Ryan, Saccone, St.

Vil, and Parad

# XV. ADJOURNMENT

# **DISCLAIMER:**

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The Town Council's Official Agenda and final Minutes will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.