



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

## Ledyard Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairman  
Jennifer Eastbourne

### Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, October 3, 2023

5:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular meeting was called to order by Chairperson Eastbourne at 5:04 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

**Present**      Committee Member Carol Ann Schneider  
                    Chairman Jennifer Eastbourne  
                    Committee Member Kathrine Kohrs  
                    Committee Member Jennifer Bingham

**Excused**      Committee Member Jennifer Holdsworth  
                    Committee Member Sarah Martic

**Absent**         Committee Member Carol Christiansen  
                    Committee Member Julie Brousseau  
                    Committee Member Sheila Vincent

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None present.

#### IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from September 5, 2023, as written.

Due to lack of quorum the vote did not take place. The minutes will be voted on during the next meeting on November 7, 2023.

\*During VII. New Business (1.) it was decided to cancel the November meeting. The minute vote will now take place during the December 5, 2023, meeting.

**RESULT:**      NO ACTION

#### V. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Ledyard Beautification Committee Financial Reports.

Chairperson Eastbourne said the Committee made \$79.00 at the Farmer's market events which will be deposited into the LBC account.

**RESULT:**      DISCUSSED

**VI. OLD BUSINESS****1. Future clean up sights/Adopters.**

Chairperson Eastbourne asked if anyone had a chance to look at areas for future cleanup locations.

Ms. Kohrs replied that she saw the one near the Board of Education (adopted by H&H landscaping) and it was not in good shape. She said she will reach out to H&H Landscaping.

Ms. Bingham said there is one near the corner of Kings Highway and Christy Hill Road that needs attention. The flowers are in a large rusted cemented area across from the "For Sale" sign.

The areas near all the three of the "Entering Ledyard" signs could use some attention but they are not the safest spots to garden on.

**RESULT: DISCUSSED**

**2. Future Projects Discussion.**

Magnets and window clings - These are still an option. Chairperson Eastbourne said the Ledyard PTO had "Ledyard" jibbitz, which she explained are embellishments for Crocs. Chairperson Eastbourne suggested the idea of having "LBC" jibbitz made for the Committee. It was also suggested a daffodil with an "L". She will inquire on the cost of jibbitz.

**ACTION ITEM:**

Get a quote on the cost of custom jibbitz for the Committee.

Paper making - Chairperson Eastbourne said that St. Luke's is allowing the Committee to use their Fellowship Hall for a paper making class on November 5, 2023, at 2:00 p.m. She is waiting to hear back from SCRRA to see if November 5 works for them. Chairperson Eastbourne suggested keeping the November 5th date with St. Luke's even if SCRRA isn't available. The Committee could use the hall for another kid craft event such as bird pinecone feeders. She asked who would be available to be at the November 5, 2023, event. Ms. Kohrs and Ms. Schneider both thought they would be available.

Trunk or Treat - Chairperson Eastbourne asked if anyone would be interested in participating. No one was sure if they would be available.

Bill Saums, Town Council reached out to Chairperson Eastbourne about the CT nip surcharges. The money the Town receives from the surcharges would need to be spent in a very specific way. Montville has been using their money for something similar to "adopt a road". Mr. Saums requested information from Montville and they supplied Ledyard a roadmap of what they are doing. Chairperson Eastbourne will ask to have the attachment added to the minutes for viewing by the Committee.

She read the following:

*If the Town went forward with it, the program would be administered through the Mayor's Office and championed by the LBC serving as a clearinghouse for participating organizations. Activities managed by the LBC should be what the Committee feels they can do.*

Chairperson Eastbourne said the Committee would be assisting with facilitating this program. She said she will ask Mr. Saums to attend the next meeting for question answering and to get more details about the program.

ACTION ITEM: Send attachments that are to be added to the meeting minutes to Christina Hostetler, Town Hall Assistant.

ACTION ITEM: Ask Bill Saums, Town Councilor to the December 5, 2023, meeting.

Wreath making class - Ms. Kohrs suggested the idea of holding a wreath making class as a fundraiser for the LBC, the class fee would benefit the Committee. She suggested asking Sarah Martic for advice since she has held wreath making workshops in the past. Ms. Schneider suggested having it at the Senior Center. The Committee will need to get the greens and other materials. It was said that the Ledyard Garden Club may be holding a similar event. Another idea would be to partner with the garden Club for the class.

ACTION ITEM: Ask Sarah Martic and the Ledyard Garden Club for wreath making workshop information.

Tree Event - Chairperson Eastbourne suggested holding a mini (artificial) tree decorating event open to businesses and families to participate. The trees could be displayed at the Libraries or the Congregational Church to be auctioned or voted on. Wreathes or Swags could also be used instead of trees. Another tree idea is to create a unique tree such as Stonington's Lobster trap tree.

Snowmen- Possibly a snowman decorating contest in the winter. It could be promoted on the LBC social media.

Ms. Kohrs said it would be good to plan a winter project. She added that the Committee should have a project lined up for each season.

Chairperson Eastbourne contacted Jessica Buhle about acquiring the id and password for the LBC email. She hadn't heard back from Ms. Buhle and asked if anyone knew her.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**3.** Any Other Old Business to Come before the Committee.

Chairperson Eastbourne introduced Jen Bingham as the Committee's new member. Chairperson Eastbourne added that new member Sarah Martic has been officially added to the Committee. Ms. Martic was unable to attend tonight's meeting and will be starting in November. Jennifer Holdsworth has decided to step down from the Committee although it isn't official since she

hasn't turned in a resignation letter yet. After Ms. Holdsworth officially leaves the Commission there will be two vacant positions on the Committee.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

## **VII. NEW BUSINESS**

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

The next Committee meeting is on Election Day. Chairperson Eastbourne has a scheduling conflict on that day and suggested cancelling the November meeting. The Committee was fine with cancelling. The next meeting would be on December 5, 2023.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

## **VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Eastbourne called the meeting to close at 5:38 p.m.

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