



TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Conservation Commission

~ AGENDA ~

Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Zoom Meeting Lin:

<https://ledyardct.zoom.us/j/84821284600?pwd=bZebuzPnG9LsCJpar6FSbnEl0WQr4Q.1>

Meeting ID: 848 2128 4600

Passcode: 361877

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2025, as written.

Attachments: [Conservation minutes 2-10-26](#)

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.
2. Financial Reports.

Attachments: [White Hall GL account detail 3-4-26](#)

[Conservation general YTD 3-4-26](#)

[Trail Maintenance YTD 3-4-26](#)

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.
4. POCD
5. Ledyard Trails Task Force.
6. Mystic River Watershed Protection.
7. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sustainable CT Certification spreadsheet discussion.
2. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 26-0327

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

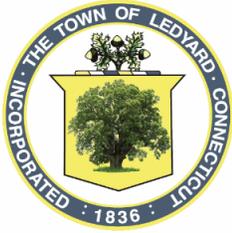
Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2025, as written.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

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Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

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6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

- Present** Commissioner Barbara Kil
 Commissioner Dave Cohen
 Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
 Commissioner Betsy Graham
 Chairman Michael E. Marelli
- Excused** Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
- Late** Vice Chair James Harwood

Also in attendance:
Ty Lamb, Town Councilor.
Karen Parkinson.

Both Betsy Graham and Karen Parkinson were present via Zoom.

II. ROLL CALL

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2025, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Barbara Kil

AYE 5 Kil Cohen Levandoski Graham Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Edgecomb

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

- The Commission received letters from Eastern Connecticut Conservation District, Inc.

- Connecticut Land Conservation will hold its Annual Workshops on March 21, 2026 at Wesleyan University. Ms. Graham attended last year and is willing to attend again this year. The

Commission will discuss paying the registration fee under new business.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

Councilor Lamb introduced himself and expressed his interest in highlighting the Commission's projects before the Town Council. Commissioners gave brief outlines of the Commission's work in progress. Councilor Lamb also suggests that the Commission explores Town Council Funding for Requests for Capital Major Projects.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

- Town Council voted to transfer remaining funds from last year back into the Commission's account.

- Councilor Lamb suggested that during budget time next year the Commission should think about capital improvement, equipment, storage, trail maintenance and operational money to remove trees.

- Chairman Marelli said that Avalonia had recently hired a company that does invasive plant removal. They track the time of year, type of treatment and effectiveness to create an effective plan. Mr. Cohen said he had seen signs along the road advertising companies that do invasive removal. He will try to get more information.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

There is too much snow to do walks.

2. Financial Reports.

General Fund - \$2562.00

Trail Maintenance - \$12,540.00

White-Hall Fund - \$18,440.00

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Councilor Lamb is interested in establishing more Pollinator Gardens in other Historic Properties within Town. He has interest in sites controlled by the Historic District Commission. Ms. Graham shared the Conservation Commission history with establishing many gardens in

Town. Perhaps the Commission can share resources and volunteers. There is the possibility to create a map of all the Pollinator Pathways in Town to create more interest was suggested. Ms. Graham shared a link to register pathways.

<https://www.pollinator-pathways.org>

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. POCD

Chairman Marelli has been rereading recommendations in the POCD that he made in 2015 and then again in 2019. Some of which will need reviewing and updating, such as the recommendation he made regarding the riparian buffers tying into Mystic River Watershed Protection idea.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Ledyard Trails Task Force.

Ms. Kil spoke with Tom Olson, a Vice President from Groton Tri-Town Trail and a member of the Groton Trails Task Force. Many groups and organizations have overlapping interests. Mr. Olsen suggested reaching out to initial stakeholders in Ledyard.

Nathan Lester House: Resident Keeper Victoria Ericson Nathanlesterhousemuseum@gmail.com
<<mailto:Nathanlesterhousemuseum@gmail.com>>

GOSA: Dan O'Connell stewardship trails at lynndano927@gmail.com
<<mailto:lynndano927@gmail.com>>

AVALONIA: Tobias Glaza-Director Stewardship at tglaza@avaloniaic.org
<<mailto:tglaza@avaloniaic.org>>

TTT: Tom Olson VP Groton at tfolson@comcast.net;Karen
<<mailto:tfolson@comcast.net>;Karen> Parkinson Pres at karen@thepaddockinc.com
<<mailto:karen@thepaddockinc.com>>

Ledyard Parks and Recreation Hike Ledyard - Chairperson Parkinson spoke of her vision for what a Trails Group could accomplish. Coordinating National and State Trails Days, work with zoning to create open space areas for trails around new subdivisions. Establishing ways to preserve Stone Walls on Town Properties. Stonington and North Stonington are thinking about an ordinance that would protect stonewalls. Suggestions for ways to create interest to form this new group and draw people in were discussed. Perhaps a version of Hike Ledyard called "Hike New London County".

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Mystic River Watershed Protection.

Mystic River Watershed Protection - Ms. Graham Betsy had not received responses from two grant applications. She updated Ty Lamb on the invasive hydrilla in Lantern Hill and Bush Pond State Boat launches. The Commission has attempted to get money for treating aquatic invasive plant hydrilla as a line item on the town budget. A permit would be needed to treat invasives with herbicides.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

The Commission decided to hold a vote to pay for the registration fee for Betsey Graham to attend the Connecticut Land Conservation workshop on March 21,2026. Amount not to exceed \$200.00. Chairman Marelli told Ms. Graham to ask Christina Hostetler, Town Hall Assistant to create a purchase order.

Motion to APPROVE payment of up to \$200 for the Connecticut Land Conservation workshop registration fee.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Barbara Kil

AYE 5 Kil Cohen Levandoski Graham Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Edgecomb

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:27 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Barbara Kil

AYE 5 Kil Cohen Levandoski Graham Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Edgecomb

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File #: 26-0334

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Correspondence.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0328

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Public Comments.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0330

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Informational items.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0338

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Property Walks.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0331

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

Agenda #: 2.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Financial Reports.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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G/L ACCOUNT DETAIL

Org: 301 Object: 21266
WHITEHALL PARK TRUST 0301-00-0000-00000-21266 -

YEAR	PER	JOURNAL	EFF DATE	SRC TR	PO/REF2	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	POSTED
2026	06	619	12/18/2025	API 1	20262257	W 121825C	1,500.00	Y
2026	02	33	08/04/2025	API 1	20261459	W 080425C	225.00	Y
2026	00	3	07/01/2025	SOY 1		SOY BAL	-18,439.89	Y

Total Amount: -16,714.89

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Town and Schools of Ledyard



YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 3-4-26

FOR 2026 13									
ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT	
0101	GENERAL FUND	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USED	
10110213 CONSERVATION COMMISSION									
10110213	56100 OPERATING	1,150	0	1,150	1,012.88	80.00	57.12	95.0%	
10110213	57300 NEW EQUIP	1,500	0	1,500	.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%	
10110213	58790 MISC EXP	925	0	925	.00	.00	925.00	.0%	
	TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	3,575	0	3,575	1,012.88	80.00	2,482.12	30.6%	
	TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,575	0	3,575	1,012.88	80.00	2,482.12	30.6%	
	TOTAL EXPENSES	3,575	0	3,575	1,012.88	80.00	2,482.12		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 3-4-26

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
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GRAND TOTAL	3,575	0	3,575	1,012.88	80.00	2,482.12	30.6%
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Town and Schools of Ledyard



YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 3-4-26

FOR 2026 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT
0210	CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USED
21090305 MISCELLANEOUS CNR								
21090305	58922 TRAIL MNT	12,541	1,575	14,116	.00	.00	14,115.85	.0%
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS CNR	12,541	1,575	14,116	.00	.00	14,115.85	.0%
	TOTAL CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	12,541	1,575	14,116	.00	.00	14,115.85	.0%
	TOTAL EXPENSES	12,541	1,575	14,116	.00	.00	14,115.85	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 3-4-26

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
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GRAND TOTAL	12,541	1,575	14,116	.00	.00	14,115.85	.0%
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File #: 26-0329

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

Agenda #: 3.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Background:

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0335

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

Agenda #: 4.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
POCD

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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File #: 26-0332

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

Agenda #: 5.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Ledyard Trails Task Force.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0341

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

Agenda #: 6.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Mystic River Watershed Protection.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0333

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

Agenda #: 7.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 26-0313

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Sustainable CT Certification spreadsheet discussion.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 26-0336

Agenda Date: 3/10/2026

Agenda #: 2.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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