



Chairman  
Mike Marelli

# TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

## Conservation Commission

### ~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, June 13, 2023

6:45 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

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#### REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

**Meeting ID: 843 3570 9595**

**Passcode: 525804**

**Zoom Meeting link:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84335709595?pwd=WEpqZVE2Z2xMV2dQcDc4cTBDWG0zUT09>**

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### II. ROLL CALL

#### III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2023, as written.

**Attachments:** [Conservation minutes 5-9-23](#)

#### IV. CORRESPONDENCE

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.
2. Financial Reports.

**Attachments:** [White Hall GL account detail 6-1-23](#)

[Conservation general YTD 6-1-23](#)

[Trail Maintenance YTD 6-1-23](#)

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.
4. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

#### VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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**File #:** 23-1738

**Agenda Date:** 6/13/2023

**Agenda #:** 1.

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## MINUTES

### **Minutes:**

Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from May 9, 2023, as written.



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

## Conservation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

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Chairman  
Mike Marelli

#### Regular Meeting

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Marelli called the meeting to order at 6:49 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

**Present** Commissioner Roberta Levandoski  
Commissioner James Harwood  
Commissioner David Holdridge  
Alternate Member Jessica Buhle  
Commissioner Betsy Graham  
Commissioner Michael E. Marelli  
**Excused** Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb  
**Absent** Commissioner Amy Stephenson  
**Non-voting** Alternate Member Barbara Kil

The Owl video was not working correctly. Ms. Buhle was present via Zoom call.

#### III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 11, 2023, as written.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Michael E. Marelli

**SECONDER:** James Harwood

**AYE** 6 Levandoski Harwood Holdridge Buhle Graham Marelli

**EXCUSED** 1 Edgecomb

**ABSENT** 1 Stephenson

#### III. CORRESPONDENCE

Chairman Marelli received a letter from Aquarian Water Company, which included paperwork for the Grant Application, although it was written on April 7, the Commission received it after the deadline of May 5th. A suggestion was made to contact Aquarian since this is not the first time the application was received after the deadline.

The Newsletter from the Eastern CT Conservation District was passed around for Commission members to review.

## **V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

1. Team Rubicon Volunteers came and worked all day on April 15, clearing the Burton Yellow Trail. They cleared 2-3 acres of Burning Bush and Bittersweet. Pictures were posted. Is it possible that the Chief Petty Officers from the Groton Subbase might return this Fall? If so, the Commission would ask them to continue the work at the Burton Trail.
2. Chairman Marelli passed around a booklet about the Spicer Ruins on the Clark Farm Property. He joined Karen Parkinson from the Tri Town Trail, Bruce Garska, Chairman, Agricultural Commission and Ty Lamb, Vice Chairman, Historical District Commission. They discussed how they might proceed with Signs and Marking of the site to preserve and protect it.
3. SCRRRA 2023 Hazardous Materials collection will be in Ledyard on November 4, 2023, at Ledyard High School, 24 Gallup Hill Road.

This was Discussed.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

## **VII. OLD BUSINESS**

### **1. Property Walks.**

Betsy Graham walked the White-Hall property.

Mr. Harwood, Mr. Holdridge, Chairman Marelli and Ms. Graham walked the 39 acres owned by Pfizer on 154 Stoddard Wharf Road. The understanding is that it's for sale although no price listing can be found. The land is unbuildable, it contains numerous wetlands as well as a Town access road to reach an old well. The Commission wondered if Pfizer might consider donating the land either to Ledyard or Avalonia. There is a flat area there that could possibly be used for a parking lot.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

### **2. Financial Reports.**

No change from the April Report.

### **3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.**

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The following six locations are under consideration:

1. Town Green by the Food Pantry.
2. Highland Lake where runoff from the parking lot caused erosion.
3. Sawmill Park.
4. Blonders Park by Pavillion.
5. Pfizer Ball Park behind chain back stop - although not likely.
6. Erickson Park - also not likely.

There is no set monetary amount from the Grant at this point. However, the funding would only pay for the plants or seeds. Volunteers will need to do the prep work and planting.

Mr. Johnson said that there could be some Parks and Recreation funds available to help with this project. An extension can be applied for if the project isn't completed by Fall 2023. The Commission could possibly ask for more volunteer help and may need to wait for cooler weather to start the planting. The Conservation Commission has money in the budget to assist with funding if needed.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

4. Burton Property Maintenance Plan continued.

Motion to APPROVE the Burton Property Maintenance Plan.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Michael E. Marelli

**SECONDER:** David Holdridge

**AYE** 6 Levandoski Harwood Holdridge Buhle Graham Marelli

**EXCUSED** 1 Edgecomb

**ABSENT** 1 Stephenson

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

None.

## VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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Land Use and Juliet Hodge, Town Planner are updating the Town lists of properties, it's possible that several more will be turned over to the Conservation Commission. Chairman Marelli has been following with Land use for years. Some properties are nearly 100 acres, others are only 1/10th of an acre. The Commission is looking specifically at 538R Colonel Ledyard Highway. This property will provide the connection between Burton Trail and Pike Marshall. Once this list is updated Ms. Hodge can adjust the GIS Map.

The Commission will set up a table at the Yale-Harvard Regatta on June 10, 2023, from 11:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Chairman Marelli has table and chairs and will ask Town Councilor Gary Paul about borrowing a tent. The Commission will have information about native and invasive plants this year. Ms. Graham, Ms. Buhle and Ms. Levandowski will collect handouts for distribution.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 8:26 p.m.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** David Holdridge

**SECONDER:** Betsy Graham

**AYE** 6 Levandoski Harwood Holdridge Buhle Graham Marelli

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**File #:** 23-1740

**Agenda Date:** 6/13/2023

**Agenda #:** 1.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Property Walks.

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 23-1739

**Agenda Date:** 6/13/2023

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## REPORT

**Staff/Committee Report:**  
Financial Reports.

## 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
2023	11	389	05/17/2023	API 1	20231674	W 051823T	225.00	Y
2023	03	90	09/07/2022	API 1	20231674	W 090822T	225.00	Y
2023	00	3	07/01/2022	SOY 1		SOY BAL	-22,514.89	Y

Total Amount:      -22,064.89

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# Town and Schools of Ledyard

## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 6-1-23

FOR 2023 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD	EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT
0101 GENERAL FUND	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET				BUDGET	USED
<b>10110213 CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>								
10110213 56100 OPERATING	1,150	0	1,150	60.00	.00	1,090.00	5.2%	
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	60.00	.00	3,515.00	1.7%	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,575	0	3,575	60.00	.00	3,515.00	1.7%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,575	0	3,575	60.00	.00	3,515.00		

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FOR 2023 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	3,575	0	3,575	60.00	.00	3,515.00	1.7%	
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FOR 2023 13								
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0210 CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USED	
21090305 MISCELLANEOUS CNR								
21090305 58922 TRAIL MNT	0	5,932	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS CNR	0	5,932	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	0	5,932	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	5,932	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09		

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**File #:** 23-1743

**Agenda Date:** 6/13/2023

**Agenda #:** 3.

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

**Background:**

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**File #:** 23-1741

**Agenda Date:** 6/13/2023

**Agenda #:** 4.

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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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**File #:** 23-1742

**Agenda Date:** 6/13/2023

**Agenda #:** 1.

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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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