



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Marelli.

Barabara Kil was present via Zoom.

Also in attendance was Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2024, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: James Harwood

SECONDER: Betsy Graham

AYE 7 Harwood Graham Kil Marelli Cohen Edgecomb Levandoski

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

None present.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**1. Informational items.**

The Commission discussed the Long Island Resilience Planning Support Program, which is looking for volunteers and a space to set up a bacteriology lab to monitor fresh and salt waters - no action taken.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS**1. Property Walks.**

Mr. Harwood attended the Stewardship and Trail Walk at the Tefftweald at Bircheturn Preserve in North Stonington and helped with trail maintenance.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Financial Reports.

No changes since last month.

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

The Commission is still waiting to hear from the Town regarding the plan.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.

Discussion on getting the two fields on the property cleared annually. Chairman Marelli will ask the Town for help and/or suggestions to clear a 3-acre meadow and a 2-acre meadow. Mr. Cohen will also reach out to Avalonia Land Conservancy for suggestions. It was also suggested that the Commission apply for a grant to pay a contractor to clear the fields.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS**1. Election of Commission Officers.**

Motion to APPROVE the Slate of Officers, Mr, Marelli as Chairman, Mr. Harwood as Vice-Chairman, Ms. Graham as Treasurer and Ms. Edgecomb as Secretary.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Roberta Levandoski

SECONDER: Betsy Graham

AYE 6 Levandoski Harwood Graham Kil Marelli Cohen

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

Ms. Graham talked about the possibility of the Commission contributing to funding for invasive species monitoring at Long Pond. No action taken.

Mr. Harwood and Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson excused themselves from the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

A brief discussion was held on the proposed excavation application off Route 12 in Gales Ferry. No action taken.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:44 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Kathleen Edgecomb

SECONDER: Dave Cohen

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