



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Town Council Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
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Chairman Gary St. Vil

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

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://ledyardct.zoom.us/j/81763412498?pwd=4I1jcaR5Da1WcuuRgw8bMSFbhbxIKS.1>

Audio Only: Telephone: +1 646 558 8656; Meeting ID: 817 6341 2498

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: Town Councilor William Barnes
Town Councilor Jessica Buhle
Town Councilor Ty Lamb
Town Councilor Adrienne Parad
Town Councilor James Thompson
Chairman Gary St. Vil
Town Councilor Tim Ryan
Town Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry
Excused: Town Councilor April Brunelle

IV. PRESENTATIONS

2026 Linda C. Davis Woman of the Year

Community Relations Committee Member Councilor Parad presented the 2026 Linda C. Davis Woman of the Year to Ms. Lee Ann Berry as follows:

**TOWN OF LEDYARD
COMMUNITY RELATIONS COMMITTEE FOR
DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION**

**LINDA C. DAVIS
2026
WOMAN OF THE YEAR
Recognizes
Lee Ann Berry**

For her dedication to her Community

*Berry's leadership, civic involvement, goodwill, kindness, and professional
has demonstrated that she is an Outstanding Citizen;*

*for her commitment to the Gales Ferry Community, providing opportunities
to collaborate with local governments and private entities to maintain
town's culture;*

*for embracing her town's historical virtues, supporting traditions such as
Yale-Harvard Regatta, Local Road Races, Summertime Meet and Gr
and the Children's Halloween gathering.*

*for bringing residents together at the Community Center to share ideas; a
inspiring events such as Candidate Debates for local elections to provide
ortunity for residents to directly hear from those seeking public office; an
obtain answers to issues affecting their community;*

*for selflessness, her commitment to her family, to her faith, to her town; a
her good intentions;*

***We proudly present the
Linda C. Davis Woman of the Year Award to
Lee Ann Berry***

Dated at Ledyard, Connecticut this Eight day of July, 2026

Adrienne Parad

*Community Relations Committee
Diversity, Equity*

V. RESIDENT & PROPERTY OWNERS (COMMENTS LIMITED TO THREE (3)
MINUTES

Mr. Stephen Poirier, 29 Inchclieffe, Drive, Gales Ferry,

Mr. Kirk Bryson, 5 Long Pond Road, Ledyard,

Mr. Mike Cherry, 5 Whippoorwill Drive Gales Ferry

VI. COMMITTEE COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. COMMENTS OF TOWN COUNCILORS

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2026.

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications List - July 8, 2026

X. REFERRALS

XI. PREPARATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027/2028 BUDGET UPDATE

Discussion to develop a Plan/Options/Strategy to minimize the increase to the Fiscal Year 2027/2028 Mill Rate, considering a number of variables/uncertainties such as the following:

- The State does not provide the additional funding that was received for the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget;
- Reduction in other revenues such as Motor Vehicle, etc.

XI. COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE, LIAISON REPORTS

1. Administration Committee Report Fiscal Year 2026/2027
2. Community Relations Committee for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - Report- Fiscal Year 2026/2027
3. Finance Committee Report Fiscal Year 2026/2027
4. LUPPW Committee Report Fiscal Year 2026/2027
5. Liaison Reports

XII. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Report Fiscal Year 2026/2027

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

Administration Committee

1. MOTION to reappoint the following Members to the Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission for three (3) year term ending June 28, 2029:
 - Ms. Carol Schneider (D) 101 Inchcliffe Drive, Gales Ferry
 - Ms. Lucrezia Finegan (R) 1331 Baldwin Road, Gales Ferry
 - Mr. Kenneth DiRico (U) 8 Melanie Lane, Gales Ferry

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carmen Garcia-Irizarry

SECONDER: Jessica Buhle

AYE: 8 Barnes, Buhle, Lamb, Parad, Thompson, St. Vil, Ryan, and Garcia-Irizarry

EXCUSED: 1 Brunelle

Community Relations Committee

2. MOTION to adopt a proposed "Resolution Supporting Primary Care For All Americans" as presented in the draft dated June 17, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Adrienne Parad

SECONDER: Ty Lamb

AYE: 8 Barnes, Buhle, Lamb, Parad, Thompson, St. Vil, Ryan, and Garcia-Irizarry

EXCUSED: 1 Brunelle

3. MOTION to adopt a proposed "Resolution - Town of Ledyard Position Statement and Commitment to Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion" as presented in the draft dated June 11, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Adrienne Parad

SECONDER: Jessica Buhle

AYE: 8 Barnes, Buhle, Lamb, Parad, Thompson, St. Vil, Ryan, and Garcia-Irizarry

EXCUSED: 1 Brunelle

Finance Committee

4. MOTION to grant a bid waiver to CorrTech Inc., in the amount of up-to \$7,500 for the inspection of the underground Holmberg Surge Tank.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jessica Buhle

SECONDER: Carmen Garcia-Irizarry

AYE: 8 Barnes, Buhle, Lamb, Parad, Thompson, St. Vil, Ryan, and Garcia-Irizarry

EXCUSED: 1 Brunelle

5. MOTION to approve a proposed “Memorandum of Understanding Between the Town of Ledyard And the Ledyard Water Pollution Control Authority Regarding Financial Commitments for the Federally Mandated Lead and Copper Service Line Survey” as presented in the draft dated July1, 2026.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jessica Buhle

SECONDER: Tim Ryan

AYE: 8 Barnes, Buhle, Lamb, Parad, Thompson, St. Vil, Ryan, and Garcia-Irizarry

EXCUSED: 1 Brunelle

6. MOTION to approve Standing Bid waivers as follows:
- ü Vendors included in the Town of Ledyard Standing Bid Waiver List for FY 26/27,
 - ü Capital Region Purchasing Council Bids,
 - ü State of Connecticut bids,
 - ü Other states' bids, purchasing cooperatives (i.e. Sourcewell) , and federal government bids.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jessica Buhle

SECONDER: Carmen Garcia-Irizarry

AYE: 8 Barnes, Buhle, Lamb, Parad, Thompson, St. Vil, Ryan, and Garcia-Irizarry

EXCUSED: 1 Brunelle

7. MOTION to grant a Bid Waver to American Ground and Snow Management of Mystic, Connecticut, to install the Lantern Hill Valley Parking lots due to receiving less than the required three bids for Bid # 2026-04 (Park Lot Installation), in accordance with Ordinance #200-001 (rev 1) “An Ordinance for Purchasing”.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jessica Buhle

SECONDER: Carmen Garcia-Irizarry

AYE: 8 Barnes, Buhle, Lamb, Parad, Thompson, St. Vil, Ryan, and Garcia-Irizarry

EXCUSED: 1 Brunelle

Land Use/Planning/Public Works Committee

A motion was made by Town Councilor Thompson, seconded by Town Councilor Buhle, that this be Motion Failed to the Town Council, due back on 8/12/2026. The motion failed by the following vote:

RESULT: MOTION FAILED

MOVER: James Thompson

SECONDER: Jessica Buhle

AYE: 4 Buhle, Parad, Thompson, and Ryan

NAY: 4 Barnes, Lamb, St. Vil, and Garcia-Irizarry

EXCUSED: 1 Brunelle

8. CGS 8-24 Review - 480R Shewville Road, Parcel#102-2210-480-R (fka "Loftus Wellfield"), Ledyard, CT for a report to the Ledyard Town Council regarding the sale of Town-owned property of about 11.46+/- acres to Kevin Blacker of Noank, CT for \$150,000

RESULT: MOTION FAILED

MOVER: James Thompson

SECONDER: Jessica Buhle

AYE: 4 Buhle, Parad, Thompson, and Ryan

NAY: 4 Barnes, Lamb, St. Vil, and Garcia-Irizarry

EXCUSED: 1 Brunelle

9. MOTION to set a Public Hearing (Hybird Format - Video Conference and In-Person) on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. to be held in the Council Chambers, 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, to receive comment regarding the Town of Ledyard to sell town-owned property located 480R Shewville Road, (fka) Loftus Wellfield, for \$150,000 to Mr. Kevin Blacker, of Noank, Connecticut; in accordance with CGS 07-163e.

RESULT: NO ACTION

- 10.. MOTION to set Special Town Meeting (Hybird Format - Video Conference and In-Person) on Wednesday, September 9, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. to be held in the Council Chambers, 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, to consider, discus and vote upon the following:

"Shall the Town of Ledyard sell town-owned property located 480R Shewville Road, (fka) Loftus Wellfield, for \$150,000 to Mr. Kevin Blacker, of Noank, Connecticut?.

RESULT: NO ACTION

XV. ADJOURNMENT

Councilor Thompson moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Buhle

VOTE: 8 - 0 Approved and so declared. The meeting adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Transcribed by Roxanne M. Maher
Administrative Assistant to the Town Council

I, Gary A. St. Vil, Chairman of the Ledyard Town Council,
hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and
correct copy of the minutes of the Regular Town Council
Meeting held on July 10, 2026.

Gary A. St. Vil, Chairman

DISCLAIMER:

Although we try to be timely and accurate these are not official records of the Town.

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