



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, August 13, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Marelli called the Regular meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
Commissioner James Harwood
Commissioner David Holdridge
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Michael E. Marelli
Alternate Member Dave Cohen

Excused Commissioner Betsy Graham
Commissioner Barbara Kil

Also in attendance:

Town Councilor Gary Paul attended via Zoom at 6:36 p.m.

Dave Cohen was appointed as a voting member.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from July 9, 2024, as written.

Motion to APPPROVE with the following amendments:

On page 2, on the second to the last paragraph beginning with "DEEP & Natural Resources Conservation, add to second sentence - Water pollution from **from impaired septic systems and sewer treatment systems** does not qualify ...

On page 2, in the last paragraph that starts "The Lantern Hill Valley .." replace with "The Lantern Hill Valley Association is now **in the process of applying for a 501c3.**

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: David Holdridge

AYE 6 Levandoski Harwood Holdridge Edgecomb Marelli Cohen

EXCUSED 2 Graham Kil

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

None.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

On August 8th, Chairman Marelli attended the Ledyard Planning and Zoning meeting to hear discussions regarding the 18-lot Stoddard's Wharf development. The discussion was postponed until the Special meeting on August 22, 2024.

Chairman Marelli also attended the Inland Wetlands and Watercourse's Commission meeting. No action was taken on the Stoddard's Wharf proposal. Inland/Wetlands is proposing new regulations to expand the scope of regulated activities on septic systems.

On August 24, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. the Inland/Wetlands Watercourse Commission will be holding a site walk at the Sweet Water Farms proposed subdivision on Military Highway.

Chairman Marelli reported that Avalonia was awarded a grant to purchase the Rawley property; 223 acres at 148 Stoddards Wharf Road (Route 214), which Mr. Holdridge said is good news for the nearby Tri-Town Trail.

On August 28th, Chairman Marelli will attend meeting of the Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed. The meeting will be held via zoom and open to the public.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

Nothing to report.

2. Financial Reports.

No changes since last month.

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

190 plants will be purchased now and stored for the winter at property of Commissioner Graham, to be planted in the spring at Bush Pond.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.

Nothing to report.

5. Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.

Dropped from agenda.

RESULT: COMPLETED

6. Review and Discussion of SCCOG Open Spaces Plan Draft continued.

Commission members discussed and rated (by priority) fifteen items in the proposed SECCOG's Open Space Plan. Chairman Marelli will forward the Commission's concerns and priorities.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Discussion concerning Burton Trail Management Proposal.

Motion to APPROPRIATE no more than \$2,000 to FW Foresters to survey and create a management plan on the Burton Property at 90 Gallup Hill Road.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Dave Cohen

SECONDER: David Holdridge

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

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:32 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Dave Cohen

SECONDER: David Holdridge

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