



TOWN OF LEDYARD

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Town Council Meeting Minutes

Chairman S. Naomi
Rodriguez

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2024

7:00 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers

WORKING DRAFT

In-Person: Council Chambers Town Hall Annex

Remote: Information noted below:

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- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
 - Present:** Councilor April Brunelle
Councilor Jessica Buhle
Councilor Carmen Garcia-Irizarry
Councilor Gary Paul
Chairman S. Naomi Rodriguez
Councilor Tony Saccone
 - Excused:** Councilor Kevin Dombrowski
Councilor Tim Ryan
Councilor Gary St. Vil
- IV. PRESENTATIONS
- V. RESIDENT & PROPERTY OWNERS (COMMENTS LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES)
- 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 November 13, 2024

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications List - December 11, 2024

X. REFERRALS

XI. COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE, LIAISON REPORTS

1. Administration Committee

2. Community Relations Committee for Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion

3. Finance Committee

4. Land Use/Planning/Public Works Committee

5. Liaison Reports

XII. REPORT OF THE MAYOR:

XIII. OLD BUSINESS

XIV. NEW BUSINESS

Administration Committee

1. MOTION to appoint the following as Regular Members of the Planning and Zoning Commission:

- Ms. Beth Ribe (U) 129 Rose Hill Road, Ledyard, to complete a three (3) year term ending October 31, 2026 filling a vacancy left by Ms. Cobb;
- Mr. Matthew Miello (R) 12 Cardinal Lane, Gales. Ferry, to complete a three (3) year term ending October 31, 2027 filling a vacancy left by Mr. Capon.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

2. MOTION to appoint Mr. Michael Marelli (D) 4 Lee Brook Road, Ledyard, to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, as a Regular Member of the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission to complete a two (2) year term ending October 31, 2025 to fill a vacancy left by Mr. Maugle.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

3. MOTION to appoint Mr. Robert Graham (U) 72A Long Pond Road, South, Ledyard, to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission, as a Alternate Member of the Inland Wetland and Watercourses Commission to complete a two (2) year term ending October 31, 2026 to fill a vacancy left by Mr. Marelli.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

4. MOTION to appoint Ms. Wendy Hellekson (D) 14L Lakeside Drive, Ledyard, to the Library Commission to complete a two (2) year term ending November 7, 2026 filling a vacancy left by Ms. Nash.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

5. MOTION to appoint Ms. Carol Schneider, (D) 101 Inchcliffe Drive, Gales Ferry, to the Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission as a Regular Member to complete a three (3) term June 28, 2026 to fill a vacancy left by Ms. Sokolski.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

6. MOTION to appoint Ms. Stephanie Bacon (D) 6 Patricia Court, Gales Ferry, to the Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission, as an Alternate Member, to complete a three (3) year term June 28, 2025 to fill a vacancy left by Ms. Schneider.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

Finance Committee

7. MOTION to approve a proposed “Authorizing Resolution of the of the Ledyard Town -Council State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security” as contained in the draft dated November 25, 2024.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

8. MOTION to update the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Projects list to transfer the unencumbered balance of \$1,680 from the Nathan Lester House Projects to the Sawmill Projects.

In addition, grant a Bid Waiver to Savy & Sons of Aniston, Connecticut in the amount of \$46,404 due to the lack of receiving the required three bids in response to Bid #2025-03 (Up-Down Sawmill Penstock Repairs/Improvement) in accordance with Ordinance #200-001 (rev.1) "An Ordinance for Purchasing".

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

9. MOTION to appropriate an additional \$74,000 out of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding designated for Youth Mental Health Clinicians to Child and Family Agency for a combined total of \$164,888 to extend the contract to provide services into the 2025/2026 School Year.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

10. MOTION to increase the budget for the Rotary Drum Thickener Panel American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project by \$3,118.33.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

11. MOTION to appropriate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding in the amount of \$10,000 for the Up-Down Sawmill Improvements.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

12. MOTION to appropriate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding as follows providing adequate ARPA Funding is available:

· \$14,999 for Smart Projectors for the Board of Education @ \$3,000 each

- \$10,000 to install a concrete barrier wall in the Boiler Room at the High School's Agri-Science Building
- \$50,000 to install a Solid Playground Surface at the Juliet W. Long School
- 10,000 to the Parks & Recreation Summer Camp Scholarships
- \$2,500 to conduct an A2 Survey of the Spicer Homestead Ruins
- \$20,000 to purchase CPR Devices
- \$5,500 to purchase/install an ADA Compliance counter in the Town Clerk's Office.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

13. MOTION to appropriate any American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funding not obligated by the end of calendar year 2024 shall be re-classified to the Colby Drive, Fairway Drive and Route 117 Design and Engineering Project, or other applicable town projects, with a correlating amount of existing funding for said projects transferred back to Account #21090305-58915 (Undesignated).

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

14. MOTION to approve two tax refunds in the combined total amount of \$6,559.73 with each exceeding \$2,400.00 in accordance with tax collector departmental procedures.

- Marlie Schmidt \$3,901.97
- Anthony & Genelle Smith \$2,657.76

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

15. MOTION to grant a Bid Waiver to Perkins Home Improvement LLC of Norwich, CT in the amount of \$20,700 due to lack of receiving the required three bids in response to Bid #072-PI-31 (Rehabilitation Work - 43 Blacksmith Dr.) in accordance with Ordinance #200-001 (rev.1) "An Ordinance for Purchasing".

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

16. MOTION to approve the Town Council Department Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget in the amount of \$226,728.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

17. MOTION to approve the Town Council Department Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Capital Improvement Budget in the total amount of \$1,500.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

General Business

18. MOTION to cancel the Town Council’s Regular Meeting of December 25, 2024 for the Christmas Holiday.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

AYE: 6 Brunelle, Buhle, Garcia-Irizarry, Paul, Rodriguez, and Saccone

EXCUSED: 3 Dombrowski, Ryan, and St. Vil

XV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 77:57 p.m.

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