



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Ledyard Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairperson
Kathrine Kohrs

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, December 3, 2024

5:00 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

- Present** Committee Member Carol Christiansen
 Committee Member Carol Ann Schneider
 Committee Member Jennifer Eastbourne
 Chairman Kathrine Kohrs
 Committee Member Jennifer Bingham
 Committee Member Lauren Hawes
- Excused** Committee Member Sarah Martic

Also in attendance:
Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson.
Paul Crocker, Senior Housing.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None present.

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Jennifer Eastbourne

SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

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V. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Ledyard Beautification Committee Financial Reports.

No comments.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Future Projects Discussion.

Wreath event - Chairperson Kohrs asked the Committee if anything still needs to be arranged or if the event is good to go. Ms. Schneider reported that there are volunteers to help cut the greens and that the large room at the Senior Center is reserved for 9:30 a.m. The volunteers will cut two different kinds of pine branches and possibly ivy. Chairperson Kohrs said she has holly branches that she can contribute. Ms. Schneider made 20 bows and will contribute wire and heart tags. Ms. Eastbourne has some fillers and frames to contribute. Chairperson Eastbourne posted on the Committee's Facebook page to invite volunteers. Chairperson Kohrs asked the Committee to take pictures while cutting the greenery for posting on Facebook. Chairperson Kohrs thanked Ms. Schneider for taking the lead on this project.

Planning for 2025 -

Chairperson Kohrs said she would like Committee members to be project leaders for individual events.

What events did the Committee hold this year that should be repeated?

Chairperson Kohrs volunteered to lead the recycled art project.

Ms. Eastbourne said she would take the lead of the Mural project. Chairperson Kohrs asked for the time frame for planning purposes. Ms. Eastbourne answered, most likely May. Ms. Eastbourne added that the mural is outside of Juliet Long School, and she would like to get students and Art teachers involved in the project. The vision is for Art teachers from all the schools to be involved and to brainstorm with High School Art Students for ideas on what the mural will look like, ideally Ledyard landmark themed. Possibly hold a contest. The Committee can help with the art supplies. Ms. Eastbourne would like High School Students to take the lead and help the younger students. The mural will need prepping possibly power-washing and priming.

Ms. Hewes said the Student Wellness Advisory Board was looking for ways to increase the visibility of recycling in schools, especially water bottles. Chairperson Kohrs suggested having a "Junior Ledyard Beautification Club/Committee". Chairperson Kohrs offered to assist with the Junior Club. Ms. Hewes suggested conducting a survey. Ms. Eastbourne said that High School Students are always looking for volunteer hours. Ms. Eastbourne will Contact Principal Earley about getting a club started. Chairperson Kohrs suggested starting with an Earth Day Planning Club and gaging interest from there.

Composting initiative pilot program - Collecting food scraps in a certified compostable bag or container and bring to the transfer station. Possibly have the program presented at the Earth Day event. The Committee will contact Carmen Garcia Izirarry, Town Council.

February - Valentine's Day Teacups. Chairperson Kohrs asked if the Committee wanted to hold the Teacup event again. Everyone agreed that the event should be repeated. Possibly expand it to the Town Offices this year? The event will be held on February 8 or 9. Assemble and delivery on the same day. Ms. Hewes volunteered to take the lead. Need a space, the Senior Center would be a good spot.

Chairperson Kohrs suggested taking notes for each event to make it easier in the following years. The Committee agreed.

March - Planning for Earth Day. First Day of Spring.

April - Earth Day is on the 22nd. The Earth Day event could be the weekend after Earth Day, April 26th, 1:00 - 4:00. Events could include recycle art (Trash to Treasure), teach a class, a composting demo, info booths, a nip bottle collection and fill a dumpster. Possibly hold it at a school gym?

Community garden - there is a garden at the Gales Ferry School which needs to be moved. The garden was maintained by the Garden Club, they would like to move it to the Nathan Lester House. Chairperson Kohrs suggested planting daffodils at the NLH and asked the Committee to think of other ideas.

May - Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Plant fundraiser and/or flocking possibilities.

June - Father's Day, Flag Day. Team up with Holdridge? Would Holdridge agree to be the Official Ledyard Daffodil Pot plantings?

Planning will continue for the rest of 2025 during the next January meeting.

Chairperson Kohrs wrapped up by asking the Committee to think about where to hold the Earth Day Event.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Any Other Old Business to Come before the Committee.
None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Any Other New Business to Come before the Committee.
None.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to Adjourn the Regular Meeting at 6:59 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lauren Hawes

SECONDER: Jennifer Eastbourne

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