



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

CONNECTICUT  
TOWN COUNCIL

Chairman Kevin J. Dombrowski

## MINUTES

LEDARD TOWN COUNCIL - SPECIAL MEETING  
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3, 2021, 5:00 P.M.  
REMOTE MEETING VIA ZOOM VIDEO CONFERENCE

- I. CALL TO ORDER - Chairman Dombrowski called the special meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Chairman Dombrowski welcomed all to the Video Conference Meeting. He stated for the members of the Town Council and the Public who were participating via video conference that remote meeting information was available on the Agenda that was posted on the Town's Website – Granicus-Legistar Meeting Portal

- II. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status
Kevin Dombrowski	Town Councilor	Present
Andra Ingalls	Town Councilor	Present
Whit Irwin	Town Councilor	Present
John Marshall	Town Councilor	Present
Mary McGrattan	Town Councilor	Present
Gary Paul	Town Councilor	Present
S. Naomi Rodriguez	Town Councilor	Present
Timothy Ryan	Town Councilor	Present
William Saums	Town Councilor	Excused

- III. BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

1. MOTION to approve the Mayor's appointment of the Law Firm Shipman and Goodwin, P.C. of Hartford, Connecticut as the Town's Attorney in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 1 of the Town Charter.

Moved by Councilor Ryan, seconded by Councilor McGrattan

Discussion: Mayor Allyn, III, thanked the Town Council for calling tonight's special meeting on short notice. He explained Attorney Paula Anthony, who had replaced Ledyard's previous Attorney Meredith Diette, has left her role at Bercham Moses, P.C. to take a position with a private company. He stated because the Town had several pending legal matters which included Browns Crossing Bridge, Pumpkin Hill Road, and a Labor issue that it was important that they not have a gap in legal representation. He stated Shipman and Goodwin, P.C. have been the town's labor attorney and because they have many attorneys within their organization that he was requesting the Town Council approve his selection of the Law Firm Shipman and Goodwin, P.C. of Hartford, Connecticut, as the Town's Attorney. He went on to note because Shipman and Goodwin were the town's labor attorney that they would provide the town a reduced rate for litigation matters.

Councilor McGrattan questioned whether the Law Firm of Shipman and Goodwin had a physical presence in southeastern Connecticut. Mayor Allyn stated the Firm had offices in Old Lyme, New Haven, and Hartford.

Councilor Ingalls noted that she liked having Meredith Diette as the town's attorney because she was local and easily accessible. She questioned what were the things the town looked for when hiring an attorney for the town. Mayor Allyn stated he agreed with Councilor Ingalls' in that Mrs. Diette took great care of Ledyard. He stated in looking for an Attorney to represent the town that he would look for:

- A Law Firm that was not local because there was a higher probability that they would not have a conflict of interest with knowing or representing a client in the area.

- A Law Firm that would have multiple professionals with a variety of specialties within the Group (labor, land use, or litigation matters).

Mayor Allyn stated the Law Firm of Shipman and Goodwin had several hundred attorneys that specialize in various areas of law.

Chairman Dombrowski stated in accordance with Chapter VI, Section 1 of the Town Charter, with the approval of the Town Council, the Mayor may appoint Attorneys for the Town.

VOTE: 8 – 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT:	APPROVED 8- 0
MOVER:	Tim Ryan, Town Councilor
SECONDER	Mary McGrattan, Town Councilor
AYES:	Dombrowski, Ingalls, Irwin, Marshall, McGrattan, Paul, Rodriguez, Ryan
ABSENT:	Saums

IV. ADJOURNMENT

VOTE: Councilor Ingalls moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Rodriguez  
8- 0 Approved and so declared. The meeting adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

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

I, Kevin J. Dombrowski, Chairman of the Ledyard Town Council, hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Special Town Council Meeting held on August 3, 2022.

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Kevin J. Dombrowski, Chairman