



TOWN OF LEDYARD
CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL

Chairman Kevin J. Dombrowski

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
LEDYARD TOWN COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS - ANNEX BUILDING

PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

6:15 PM, APRIL 12, 2023

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Dombrowski called to order the Public Hearing at 6:15 p.m. for the following: (1) Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) tax credits eligibility - ARC of Eastern Connecticut Project to replace windows at the Group Residence located at 1671 Center Groton Road, Ledyard; estimated cost: \$26,872.00; and (2) Proposed Amendments to Ordinance #100-016 (rev 1) “*An Ordinance Combining Parks And Recreation Commission and Senior Citizens Commission for the Town of Ledyard*”.
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. PROCEDURE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman Dombrowski explained because there were two separate items on tonight’s Public Hearing that they would hear public comments after each item has been presented.

- IV. CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

The following call of the Public Hearing was read by Town Council Administrative Assistant Roxanne M. Maher:

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF LEDYARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ledyard Town Council will conduct a Hybrid Format Public Hearing
(In-Person & Video Conference)
on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 6:15 p.m.
to receive comments/recommendations regarding the following:

- (1) For Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) tax credits eligibility - ARC of Eastern Connecticut Project to replace windows at the Group Residence located at 1671 Center Groton Road, Ledyard: estimated cost \$26,872.00

Form NA-01 2023 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program Proposal is available in the Town Clerk’s Office.
- (2). Proposed Amendments to Ordinance #100-016 (rev 1) “*An Ordinance Combining Parks And Recreation Commission and Senior Citizens Commission for the Town of Ledyard*”

Please join the Public Hearing in-person or remotely as follows:

In-person attendance will be at the
Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex Building
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, Connecticut

Please join the video conference meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone at:
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88981630208?pwd=Q0EvL0JXM2lOUeFWaUtVN0srZWdHZz09>

or by audio only dial: +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 889 8163 0208 Passcode: 907963

At this hearing interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be accepted at: towncouncil@ledyardct.org.

Dated at Ledyard, Connecticut this 30th day of March, 2023.

For the Ledyard Town Council
s/s Kevin J. Dombrowski, Chairman

Please Publish on Monday, April 3, 2023

IV. PRESENTATION

(1) For Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) tax credits eligibility - ARC of Eastern Connecticut Project to replace windows at the Group Residence located at 1671 Center Groton Road, Ledyard: estimated cost \$26,872.00

Mayor Allyn, III, explained that last year the town approved this \$26,872.00 project to replace the windows at *The Arc of Eastern Connecticut's* group residence located at 1671 Center Groton Road, in Ledyard for the Non-Profit Organization to be eligible to apply for the Neighborhood Assistance Tax Credit Program. However, he stated because the timing was very close to the deadline the project was not eligible for the application by the time all of the paperwork was completed. He stated the only cost to the town was to publish a Notice in the newspaper and hold a Public Hearing. He stated the \$26,872.00 would be bourn by a C-Corporation. He stated *The Arc of Eastern Connecticut* Representative Penny Newbury attended the Finance Committee's March 21, 2023 meeting to discuss the proposal to replace the windows at their group home in Ledyard and he noted that she was also present this evening. He deferred to Ms. Newbury to provide an overview of the NAA Program and her Organization's proposed project.

The Arc of Eastern Connecticut Penny Newbury, Director of Grants and Communications, stated that *The ARC of Eastern Connecticut*, was a 501(c) non-profit organization that serves to advocate and support people with intellectual and developmental disabilities across the entire region. She stated that *The Arc* was seeking support from the Town of Ledyard to apply for the 2023 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program to support a project in the amount of \$26,872.00 to replace the windows at their group residence located at 1671 Center Groton Road, Ledyard, which provided round the clock support to six clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities, noting that some have limited mobility and/or were older and medically fragile. She stated all but one window needed to be replaced noting that they were old and drafty.

Ms. Newbury went on to explain that the State Department of Revenue Services in conjunction with large corporations in the State of Connecticut developed the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) which provided a tax credit to businesses that make donations to nonprofits for energy assistance related projects that were approved by their local governments. She stated as part of the NAA Application process the nonprofit was required to apply to the town in which the project would be done, and as Mayor Allyn explained the town was required to hold a Public Hearing and to approve the project. She stated from there the proposed project would be submitted to the Department of Revenue Services which would approve a C-Corporation's ability to contribute up-to \$150,000; and then a List would be published on the State's website for the C-Corporations to and decide if they would like to support one of the nonprofit organizations projects. She stated the NAA Program was one of the best programs the State offered because there was no burden to the taxpayers except to pay for the legal notice in the newspaper.