



Chairman  
Mike Marelli

# TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

## Conservation Commission

### ~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, March 14, 2023

6:45 PM

Remote Only Meeting

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#### REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

**Meeting ID: 827 2664 4941**

**Passcode: 673112**

**Zoom Meeting link:**

**<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82726644941?pwd=L3l4RlE3cHVScWxicXRydFdlWkd6QT09>**

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

#### II. ROLL CALL

#### III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meetings from February 14, 2023, as written

**Attachments:** [Conservation minutes 2-14-23](#)

#### IV. CORRESPONDENCE

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

#### VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks
2. Financial Reports

**Attachments:** [White Hall GL account detail 2-3-23](#)

[Conservation general YTD 2-3-23](#)

[Trail Maintenance YTD 2-3-23](#)

3. Continued discussion of OWSA grant
4. Pollinator Pathways Project
5. Burton Property Maintenance Plan

6. Team Rubicon Volunteers
7. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

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**File #:** 23-1295

**Agenda Date:** 3/14/2023

**Agenda #:** 1.

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## MINUTES

### **Minutes:**

Motion to APPROVE Regular Meetings from February 14, 2023, as written



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

## Conservation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
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Chairman  
Mike Marelli

#### Regular Meeting

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**Tuesday, February 14, 2023**

**6:45 PM**

**Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format**

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#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:47 p.m. by Chairman Marelli.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

**Present** Commissioner Roberta Levandoski  
Commissioner James Harwood  
Commissioner Betsy Graham  
Commissioner Michael E. Marelli

**Excused** Commissioner Amy Stephenson  
Commissioner David Holdridge  
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb  
Alternate Member Jessica Buhle  
Alternate Member Barbara Kil

Town Councilor Mary McGrattan was also in attendance.

#### **III. CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

#### **IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

Chairman Marelli said that he settled on a date for Team Rubicon to send volunteers to clear the trails. The date will be April 15, 2023. More details to come as the date gets closer.

During the next Land Use/Planning/Public Works Committee meeting the Committee will finalize the assignment of all of the Town owned properties to the different Commissions. Chairman Marelli will attend this meeting. He would like to make sure that all of the land he has sent to the Committee through the years gets reported also Chairman Marelli would like to request that one of the parcels comes to Conservation.

Chairman Marelli attended the January Planning and Zoning meeting, there was a presentation on the Gales Ferry Dow plant. It was said that since the State of Connecticut and the Federal Government have not finalized regulations for dredge materials it was put on hold. He suggested that the Commission listens to the recording of the meeting on the Town's website.

Chairman Marelli attended a Zoom DEEP meeting for the Recreational Trails Grant which is grant money to improve or connect trails. The program is run by Kimberly Bradley. There was 120 participants. The grant would require that the Town matches 20%, which could be in labor.

SECCOG is compiling a map with all of the trails in Southeastern Connecticut. Chairman Marelli will send a map of Ledyard's trails. The Visionary workshop will include 22 towns, Jessica Cobb is the contact.

Chairman Marelli sent the open space acquisition plan to GOSA (Groton Open Space Association) and Avalonia.

At some point there may be a request to the Town and the Conservation Commission to transfer the property at 538 R Colonel Ledyard Highway, which is 3.2 subdivided acres that borders the Conservation property (where the dry land is). Chairmn Marelli said if the request happens the Commission can discuss the pros and cons of the transfer.

Avalonia expects to take possession of Pike-Marshall property in May.

Planning & Zoning has newly proposed regulations concerning Conservation subdivisions. For example, new criteria of what can be given as open space such as accessibility to the road (can't be landlocked), also will need to take ecology, streams and unique features into consideration.

Avery Brook development - Stoddards Wharf Road #100. Awaiting renovation analysis information.

Lantern Hill Valley Park property has been leased by Town of Ledyard. Discussion is ongoing with regards to parking and landscaping possibilities.

**VI. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from January 10, 2023 as written

Typo found in spelling of Jessica Buhle's name in Pollinator Pathway Project paragraph.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Michael E. Marelli

**SECONDER:** Betsy Graham

**AYE** 4 Levandoski Harwood Graham Marelli

**EXCUSED** 5 Stephenson Holdridge Edgecomb Buhle Kil

**VII. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Property Walks

Chairman Marelli walked Burton and posted medallions on the property line that borders the farm. The building on the property is a water pump site, not used any longer. It used to pump water from the Loftus well field on Shewville to downtown, this was confirmed with the Mayor. The Mayor said the pumps/machinery are still in good condition and would like it to be removed.

Great Oak Preserve - Chairman Marelli walked site for potential trails, there are a few possibilities. Some areas are very clean without any invasive plants or streams to cross, easy for creating trails.

White-Hall - Chairman Marelli reported that the trails were very clear other than one section where a tree had fallen. Mr. Harwood took care of the fallen tree to clear the trail. There is a possibility of a trail loop from trail end to observation (overlook) site, however the overlook area is very steep. Ms. Graham said maybe the loop would not be a good idea because of the steepness, she believes that walkers would be reluctant to go on it unless there were stairs. Could stair building be a Boy Scout project? Mr. Harwood added that there is a lot of loose rock that could be removed to build the stairs. Chairman Marelli also walked the area from the river to the agricultural fields with pine/hemlock forest. The forest is very dense. He did not think it would be worth the effort to put trails there.

Kettlehole - Mr. Harwood reported that the trails were clear.

2. Financial Reports

White-Hall: \$22,514.89

Conservation General: \$3575.00

Trail Maintenance: \$5932.09

**3. Continued discussion of OWSA grant**

Potential of purchasing 154 Stoddards Wharf Road property. Following conversations with the Town Council, Land Use, the Mayor, Avalonia and the Real Estate Agent it was decided that it would be best if the negotiating and grant applications is undertaken by Avalonia. There is a piece of property behind the area that the Town owns. The Town property contains and old pump house that is only used by Public Works for filling Town trucks. The town will want to retain that land.

**4. Pollinator Pathways Project**

Jean Pillo from Eastern Connecticut Conservation District will be contacting interested Commission members.

Still looking for areas for pollinator meadows and rain gardens.

**5. Burton Property Maintenance Plan**

No action.

**6. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission**

Ms. Graham contacted the Eastern Pequot regarding signage with historical information. It was suggested to her that she contacts Joshua Carter, Mashantucket Pequot Museum Director which she did. Mr. Carter referred Ms. Graham to their Tribal Historian Nikai Northrup. Ms. Graham contacted Mr. Northrup and is awaiting his reply.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS****1. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission**

Reimbursement for Ms. Graham and Mr. Holdridge's attendance to the Connecticut Land Conservation Council's Summit on Housing and Conservation. Since the Ledyard Conservation Commission is a member of CT Land Conservation Council, the sponsor, it was \$30 per person.

Motion to APPROVE reimbursement of \$30.00 each for Dave Holdridge and Betsy Graham (\$60.00 total) for attendance of the Connecticut Land Conservation Council's Summit on Housing and Conservation held on February 1, 2023 in Hartford, CT.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Michael E. Marelli

**SECONDER:** Roberta Levandoski

**AYE** 4 Levandoski Harwood Graham Marelli

**EXCUSED** 5 Stephenson Holdridge Edgecomb Buhle Kil

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 8:14 p.m.

A motion was made by Commissioner Marelli, seconded by Commissioner Graham, that this be Approved and so declared. The motion carried by the following vote:

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Michael E. Marelli

**SECONDER:** Betsy Graham

**AYE** 4 Levandoski Harwood Graham Marelli

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**File #:** 23-1298

**Agenda Date:** 3/14/2023

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**  
Property Walks

**Background:**  
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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**  
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**File #:** 23-1303

**Agenda Date:** 3/14/2023

**Agenda #:** 2.

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## REPORT

**Staff/Committee Report:**  
Financial Reports

## G/L ACCOUNT DETAIL

Org: 301      Object: 21266  
WHITEHALL PARK TRUST      0301-00-0000-00000-21266 -

YEAR	PER	JOURNAL	EFF	DATE	SRC	TR	PO/REF2	REFERENCE	AMOUNT	POSTED
2023	03	90	09/07/2022	API	1		20231674	W 090822T	225.00	Y
2023	00	3	07/01/2022	SOY	1			SOY BAL	-22,514.89	Y

Total Amount:      -22,289.89

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# Town and Schools of Ledyard

## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 3-2-23

FOR 2023 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD	EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT
0101 GENERAL FUND	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET				BUDGET	USED
<b>10110213 CONSERVATION COMMISSION</b>								
10110213 56100 OPERATING	1,150	0	1,150		.00	30.00	1,120.00	2.6%
10110213 57300 NEW EQUIP	1,500	0	1,500		.00	.00	1,500.00	.0%
10110213 58790 MISC EXP	925	0	925		.00	.00	925.00	.0%
TOTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION	3,575	0	3,575		.00	30.00	3,545.00	.8%
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,575	0	3,575		.00	30.00	3,545.00	.8%
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,575	0	3,575		.00	30.00	3,545.00	

## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 3-2-23

FOR 2023 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	3,575	0	3,575	.00	30.00	3,545.00	.8%	
** END OF REPORT - Generated by Christina Hostetler **								

## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 3-2-23

FOR 2023 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT	
0210 CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USED	
21090305 MISCELLANEOUS CNR								
21090305 58922 TRAIL MNT	0	5,932	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS CNR	0	5,932	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	0	5,932	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	0	5,932	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09		

## YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 3-2-23

FOR 2023 13							
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
GRAND TOTAL	0	5,932	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%
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**File #:** 23-1299

**Agenda Date:** 3/14/2023

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Continued discussion of OWSA grant

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 23-1300

**Agenda Date:** 3/14/2023

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Pollinator Pathways Project

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 23-1313

**Agenda Date:** 3/14/2023

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Burton Property Maintenance Plan

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 23-1314

**Agenda Date:** 3/14/2023

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Team Rubicon Volunteers

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 23-1301

**Agenda Date:** 3/14/2023

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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**File #:** 23-1302

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AGENDA REQUEST  
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

**Subject:**

Any Other New Business to come before the Commission

**Background:**

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**Department Comment/Recommendation:**

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