



Chairman
Mike Marelli

TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Conservation Commission

~ AGENDA ~

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Meeting ID: 839 6640 0175

Passcode: 599322

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83966400175?pwd=q8p4RJE81pGSA7oUz6U69XXJ6IMRqC.1>

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2024, as written.

Attachments: [Conservation minutes 2-13-24](#)

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational Items.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.
2. Financial Reports.

Attachments: [White Hall GL account detail 1-30-24](#)
[Conservation general YTD 1-30-24](#)
[Trail Maintenance YTD 1-30-24](#)

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.
5. Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.
6. Request for Budget item continued.
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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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 24-0229

Agenda Date: 3/12/2024

Agenda #: 1.

MINUTES

Minutes:

Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from February 13, 2024, as written.



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2024

6:30 PM

Remote Only

I. CALL TO ORDER

Note - Due to inclement weather this meeting was held remote only via Zoom.
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:35 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
Commissioner James Harwood
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Betsy Graham
Commissioner Barbara Kil
Commissioner Michael E. Marelli
Excused Commissioner David Holdridge

Kathleen Edgecomb arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Also in attendance:
Gary Paul, Town Councilor.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE regular Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2024, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Roberta Levandoski

AYE 6 Levandoski Harwood Edgecomb Graham Kil Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Holdridge

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.
None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational Items.

Ms. Kil reports that the Tri-Town Trail is negotiating with abutting landowners to get permission to cross property. She will report back.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

Mr. Harwood walked the yellow path at Barton Lane. One gate is open and another is locked. Chairman Marelli will talk with Mayor Fred Allyn III about meeting with Groton Open Space regarding the locks.

Chairman Marelli walked the Burton property with Frank Cervo of CT DEEP, who pointed out invasive species and said much of the land is old growth which is so thick that it is blocking out new growth. Mr. Cervo is creating a report. He suggested hiring a professional forester to come up with a plan to maintain the property. Inquiring about possible grants.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Financial Reports.

No change since last month.

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

The Commission will need to discuss who will maintain the pollinator pathways. Also, the project along the wall at Highland park is inadequate.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

Chairman Marelli may receive a field clearing estimate at the end of February.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. New signage at White-Hall Property.

No comments.

6. Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.

Work with Ledyard schools and Avalonia on Burton-Pike Marshall property.
Discuss Mystic Watershed ideas and incorporate them into programs.
Highland Lake Rain Garden.

Lantern Hill.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

7. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Budget item continued.

Ms. Graham is seeking support from the Commission to go before the Town Council to request \$5,000 to start an invasive species monitoring program for the boat launch at Lantern Hill. The intention of the monitoring program is to keep out invasive species, including Hydrilla. Ms. Graham will go before the Town Council with the hope of getting a hearing before the Finance Committee. The goal is to bring back a plan that the Commission can discuss and possibly approve.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 8:22 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Kathleen Edgecomb

SECONDER: Betsy Graham

AYE 6 Levandoski Harwood Edgecomb Graham Kil Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Holdridge

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File #: 23-2236

Agenda Date: 3/12/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Correspondence.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-2346

Agenda Date: 3/12/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Informational Items.

Background:
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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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File #: 23-1893	Agenda Date: 3/12/2024	Agenda #: 1.
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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:
Property Walks.

Background:

Department Comment/Recommendation:
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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 23-1897

Agenda Date: 3/12/2024

Agenda #: 2.

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
2024	05	30	11/01/2023	API 1	20241228	W 110223T	225.00	Y
2024	02	185	08/08/2023	API 1	20241228	W 081023T	225.00	Y
2024	00	3	07/01/2023	SOY 1		SOY BAL	-22,064.89	Y

Total Amount: -21,614.89

** END OF REPORT - Generated by Christina Hostetler **

Town and Schools of Ledyard

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 1-30-24

FOR 2024 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:	ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE	PCT	
0101 GENERAL FUND	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET			BUDGET	USED	
10110213 CONSERVATION COMMISSION								
10110213 56100 OPERATING	1,150	0	1,150	65.00	.00	1,085.00	5.7%	
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	65.00	.00	3,510.00	1.8%	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,575	0	3,575	65.00	.00	3,510.00	1.8%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	3,575	0	3,575	65.00	.00	3,510.00		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 1-30-24

FOR 2024 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	3,575	0	3,575	65.00	.00	3,510.00	1.8%	
** END OF REPORT - Generated by Christina Hostetler **								

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 1-30-24

FOR 2024 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	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS CNR	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09		

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 1-30-24

FOR 2024 13								
	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED	
GRAND TOTAL	5,932	0	5,932	.00	.00	5,932.09	.0%	
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File #: 23-1743

Agenda Date: 3/12/2024

Agenda #: 3.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Background:

From the December 12, 2023, meeting:

Ericson Park in Gales Ferry, Sawmill Park and Highland Lake are complete for the winter. There is still work to be done at Bush Pond.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1809

Agenda Date: 3/12/2024

Agenda #: 4.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

Background:

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 24-0003

Agenda Date: 3/12/2024

Agenda #: 5.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.

Background:

From the February 13, 2024, meeting:

Work with Ledyard schools and Avalonia on Burton-Pike Marshall property.
Discuss Mystic Watershed ideas and incorporate them into programs.
Highland Lake Rain Garden.
Lantern Hill.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 24-0132

Agenda Date: 3/12/2024

Agenda #: 6.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Request for Budget item continued.

Background:

From the February 13, 2024 meeting:

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File #: 23-1894

Agenda Date: 3/12/2024

Agenda #: 7.

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 #: 23-1895	Agenda Date: 3/12/2024	Agenda #: 1.
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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

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Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

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Department Comment/Recommendation:
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