



TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Conservation Commission

~ AGENDA ~

Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

REMOTE MEETING INFORMATION

Zoom Meeting Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85851117321?pwd=gmT49mIZjDfYgBtfLtLjhU9ETXqcMt.1>

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2024, as written.

Attachments: [Conservation minutes 5-14-24](#)

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational Items.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.
2. Financial Reports.

Attachments: [White Hall GL account detail 5-30-24](#)
[Conservation general YTD 5-30-24](#)
[Trail Maintenance YTD 5-30-24](#)

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.
4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.
5. Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.
6. 100 Whalehead Road property.
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
Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 24-0473

Agenda Date: 6/11/2024

Agenda #: 1.

MINUTES

Minutes:

Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from May 14, 2024, as written.



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
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Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:35 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
Commissioner David Holdridge
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Betsy Graham
Commissioner Barbara Kil
Commissioner Michael E. Marelli
Alternate Member Dave Cohen

Excused Commissioner James Harwood

Also in attendance:
Town Councilor Gary Paul.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2024, as written.

Change "James Cohen" to Dave Cohen".

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: David Holdridge

SECONDER: Kathleen Edgecomb

AYE 7 Levandoski Holdridge Edgecomb Graham Kil Marelli Cohen

EXCUSED 1 Harwood

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

Received a thank-you letter from the CT Land Conservation Council for the \$150.00 dues contribution from the Commission.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**1. Public Comments.**

None.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**1. Informational Items.**

The Commission will have informational tables set up on June 1, for the Connecticut Trails Day event at the Tri-Town Trail and on June 8, at the 2024 Regatta Day Festival in Gales Ferry.

Chairman Marelli will attend the June 7, 2024, Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed. The meeting is open to the public from 8:00-10:30 a.m. in Groton. Chairman Marelli also attended the Alliance's April 23 meeting.

The Town of Ledyard has a new Town Planner, Liz Burdick.

Members received a list of Town's open spaces.

Ms. Graham attended a hearing of the New England Fisheries Council concerning herring, commercial fishing and sport fishing.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS**1. Property Walks.**

Mr. Cohen reported that the trail at Blonder's needs some attention, he will be clearing paths.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Financial Reports.

\$150.00 was spent on Connecticut Land Conservation Council dues.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Ms. Graham reported that all the pathways look good except for Highland Lake. Ms. Graham is working with Parks and Recreation to fix the Highland Lake pathway.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

No report.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. White-Hall Study and Report.

The White-Hall report is now complete. There are two copies in binders at the Ledyard Town Hall. The report contains information on the history of property, lists of invasive species, animal, plant, bird and insect populations, as well as recommendations for improving the property and maintenance. The report will be used as backup data for future grant applications.

Motion to APPROVE payment to Margaret Jones for \$1,750.00, for the White-Hall Park and Forest Ecological Survey and report.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Betsy Graham

AYE 7 Levandoski Holdridge Edgecomb Graham Kil Marelli Cohen

EXCUSED 1 Harwood

6. 100 Whalehead Road property.

The Commission needs signs to prevent hikers from going off the trail and into neighboring private properties at Glacier Park. The signs will be in white with blue lettering and measurements of 12" x 18". One of the signs will point to the parking lot and the other will read "please respect our neighbors and protect our trails".

Motion to APPROVE purchase of two white with blue lettering, 12" x 18" signs for Glacier Park, at a cost of no more than \$200.00.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Barbara Kil

AYE 7 Levandoski Holdridge Edgecomb Graham Kil Marelli Cohen

EXCUSED 1 Harwood

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

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Purchase Pop-Up Tent.

Motion to APPROVE purchase of pop-up tent from Holdridge Home and Garden to be used by the Commission at Community events, for a cost of no more than \$120.00.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Barbara Kil

SECONDER: Betsy Graham

AYE 7 Levandoski Holdridge Edgecomb Graham Kil Marelli Cohen

EXCUSED 1 Harwood

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

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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File #: 23-2236

Agenda Date: 6/11/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Correspondence.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 24-0271

Agenda Date: 6/11/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Public Comments.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 23-2346

Agenda Date: 6/11/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Informational Items.

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 23-1893

Agenda Date: 6/11/2024

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Property Walks.

Background:

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 23-1897

Agenda Date: 6/11/2024

Agenda #:

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

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Town and Schools of Ledyard



YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-30-24

FOR 2024 13									
ACCOUNTS FOR:			ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT
0101	GENERAL FUND		APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	BUDGET	USED
10110213 CONSERVATION COMMISSION									
10110213	56100	OPERATING	1,150	0	1,150	215.00	276.25	658.75	42.7%
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	215.00	276.25	3,083.75	13.7%
		TOTAL GENERAL FUND	3,575	0	3,575	215.00	276.25	3,083.75	13.7%
		TOTAL EXPENSES	3,575	0	3,575	215.00	276.25	3,083.75	

YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-30-24

	ORIGINAL APPROP	TRANFRS/ADJSTMTS	REVISED BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	AVAILABLE BUDGET	PCT USED
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GRAND TOTAL	3,575	0	3,575	215.00	276.25	3,083.75	13.7%
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YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET REPORT 5-30-24

FOR 2024 13								
ACCOUNTS FOR:		ORIGINAL	TRANFRS/	REVISED			AVAILABLE	PCT
0210	CAPITAL & NON RECURRING	APPROP	ADJSTMTS	BUDGET	YTD EXPENDED	ENCUMBRANCES	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 5-30-24

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

Agenda Date: 6/11/2024

Agenda #: 3.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Background:

From the May 14, 2024, meeting:

Ms. Graham reported that all the pathways look good except for Highland Lake. Ms. Graham is working with Parks and Recreation to fix the Highland Lake pathway.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1809

Agenda Date: 6/11/2024

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: 6/11/2024

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 #: 24-0285

Agenda Date: 6/11/2024

Agenda #: 6.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

100 Whalehead Road property.

Background:

From the May 14, 2024, meeting:

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The Commission made a motion to approve purchase of two white with blue lettering, 12" x 18" signs for Glacier Park, at a cost of no more than \$200.00.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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File #: 23-1894

Agenda Date: 6/11/2024

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:

(type text here)



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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File #: 23-1895

Agenda Date: 6/11/2024

Agenda #: 1.

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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