



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

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Title: Town of Ledyard Notice of Public Hearing

Attachments: 1. PUB HEAR-LEGAL NOTICE-2023-04-12-ORD --COMBINE P&R - SC .pdf, 2. Description of Center Groton program 2023.pdf, 3. Proposal 8694 Arc E. CT Ledyard Group Home Windows.pdf, 4. The Arc ECT NAA-01_2023.pdf, 5. ORDINANCE #100-016 (REV 2) COMBINE PARKS & RECREATION AND SENIOR CITIZENS COMMISSION -DRAFT 2023-02-08.pdf

| Date | Ver. | Action By | Action | Result |
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| 3/22/2023 | 1 | Town Council | Approved and so declared | Pass |
| 3/21/2023 | 1 | Finance Committee | Recommended for Approval | Pass |

FINANCIAL BUSINESS REQUEST (FBR)

Motion/Request:
TOWN OF LEDYARD NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING.

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; 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*”. Attend In-person: Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex Building 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, Connecticut. Join Via Zoom Video Conference at: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88981630208?pwd=Q0EvL0JXM2lOUeFWaUtVN0srZWdHZz09>; Audio only dial: +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 889 8163 0208; Passcode: 907963. Interested persons may submit written communications to towncouncil@ledyardct.org <<mailto: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

Background:

In accordance with Chapter III, Section 5 “*Public Hearing on and Passage of Ordinances*” of the Town Charter; a public hearing was required to be held prior to the adoption of an Ordinance/Ordinance Amendments.

Also for Non-Profit Organizations to be eligible to apply for the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) the Municipality was required to hold a Public Hearing and endorse the project.

Additional Background:

The State Department of Revenue Services in conjunction with large corporations in the State of Connecticut developed a Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) which provides a tax credit to businesses that make donations to nonprofits for projects approved by their local governments.

The Arc of Eastern Connecticut a non-profit organization is seeking support from the Town of Ledyard to apply for the 2023 Neighborhood Assistance Act Program.

• **ARC of Eastern Connecticut County \$26,872.00:**

ARC of Eastern Connecticut, a 501(c) non-profit organization has submitted 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 provides round the clock support to six clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities, some who have limited mobility and/or were older.

The total project cost would be \$31,872 with The Arc of Eastern Connecticut contributing \$5,000 to the project. The NAA requested funding was \$26,872.

To be eligible for the NAA program the Town Council must hold a public hearing and approve the project. There is a potential that the entire project could be fully sponsored/funded by donations from corporations and business. This project would not be any cost to the town. The only cost to the town would be the publication of the Legal Notice for the Public Hearing.

The NAA is not a grant program, it is a “corporation donation” initiative in which corporations could partner with non-profit organizations to sponsor or make donations toward an approved project for which they would receive a tax credit.

In accordance with CGS a Public Hearing is required for agencies to be eligible to participate in the NAA program.

The NAA Program does not require any town funding.

Town Council Meeting 2/22/2023: The Town Council set an April 12, 2023 Hybrid (In-Person & Video Conference) Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. to receive comments and recommendations regarding a proposed amendments to Ordinance #100-016 (rev 1) “*An Ordinance Combining Parks And Recreation Commission and Senior Citizens Commission for the Town of Ledyard*” as contained in draft dated February 8, 2023.

In an effort to save costs for the publication of Legal Notices they would like to include both the NAA Project and the proposed amendments to Ordinance #100-016 (rev 1) at the same Public Hearing. Therefore, this

motion will revise the time of the Public Hearing from 6:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. to provide ample time for both matters (Ordinance #100-016 (rev. 1) & the NAA ARC Project) to be discussed.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

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Finance Director Comment/Recommendation:

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Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

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Meeting Action Detail:

Town Council Meeting 03/22/2023:

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- ARC of Eastern Connecticut to replace windows at the Group Residence located at 1671 Center Groton Road, Ledyard estimated cost \$26,872.00 to approve the following proposed project to be eligible for Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) tax credits

In addition, revise the time of the April 12, 2023 Hybrid (In-Person & Video Conference) Public Hearing from at 6:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., as approved at the Town Council’s February 22, 2023, to receive comments and recommendations regarding a proposed amendments to Ordinance #100-016 (rev 1) “*An Ordinance Combining Parks And Recreation Commission and Senior Citizens Commission for the Town of Ledyard*” as contained in draft dated February 8, 2023.

Moved: Ingalls

Seconded: Irwin

Action: Approved

Minute Note:

Moved by Councilor Ingalls, seconded by Councilor Irwin

Discussion: Councilor Ingalls provided some background noting that the State Department of Revenue Services in conjunction with large corporations in the State of Connecticut developed a Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) which provided a tax credit to businesses that make donations to nonprofits for projects approved by their local governments.

Councilor Ingalls went on to explain that The ARC of Eastern Connecticut, a 501(c) non-profit organization has submitted a project in the amount of \$26,872.00 to replace the windows, which were probably 50-years old, at their group residence located at 1671 Center Groton Road, Ledyard, where they provide round the clock support to six clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities, noting that some have limited mobility and/or were older. She stated that the Town approved this window replacement project for The ARC of Eastern Connecticut last year as well. She stated the only involvement for the town was to vet the project and to conduct Public Hearing for the agency to be eligible to participate in the NAA program.

Chairman Dombrowski noted that although the Town held a Public Hearing and approved ARC's window replacement project last year that the timing was very close to the deadline and that the project was not eligible for the application by the time all of the paperwork was completed. Therefore, he stated The ARC of Eastern Connecticut was working to start Application process earlier this year and hope to receive approval for the NAA credits.

Mayor Allyn stated The ARC of Eastern Connecticut has already identified a couple of potential partners for their window replacement project. He stated the total project cost was \$31,872 with The ARC of Eastern Connecticut contributing \$5,000 to the project, noting that the NAA requested funding was \$26,872.

Councilor Ryan stated that there was no cost to the town except for the publication of the Legal Notice for the Public Hearing.

Councilor Ingalls stated the second half of this motion was to change the time of the Public Hearing that the Town Council had previously set to receive comments on the proposed revisions to Ordinance #100-016 (rev 1) "*An Ordinance Combining Parks And Recreation Commission and Senior Citizens Commission for the Town of Ledyard*" so that they could publish one Legal Notice for both the NAA Program and the Ordinance to save money for the cost the legal ad.

VOTE:7 - 0 Approved and so declared

Action: Approved

Finance Committee Meeting 03/21/2023:

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Moved: Ingalls

Seconded: Ryan

Action: Recommend to Approve

Minute Note:

Moved by Councilor Ingalls, seconded by Councilor Ryan

Discussion: Councilor Ingalls noted as discussed in item #3 above, the only involvement for the town was to vet the project and to conduct Public Hearing for the agency to be eligible to participate in the NAA program.

Councilor Ingalls went on to note the second half of this motion was to change the time of the Public Hearing that the Town Council had previously set to receive comments on the proposed revisions to Ordinance #100-016 (rev 1) "*An Ordinance Combining Parks And Recreation Commission and Senior Citizens Commission for the Town of Ledyard*" so that they could publish one Legal Notice for both the NAA Program and the Ordinance to save money for the cost the legal ad.

VOTE: 3 - 0 Approved and so declared

Action: Recommend to Approve