



Legislation Text

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APPOINTMENT

Motion/Request:

MOTION to reappoint the following members to the Ledyard Beautification Committee for a three-year (3) term ending October 26, 2025:

- Ms. Carol Christiansen (R) 29 Quakertown Road, Ledyard
- Ms. Julie M. Brousseau (R) 1649 Route 12, Gales Ferry.
- Carol Ann Schneider (D) 101 Inchcliffe Drive, Gales Ferry

Background:

In accordance with Ordinance #100-008 “An Ordinance Establishing a Beautification Committee for the Town of Ledyard” the term limit was three years. However, when the Committee was initially established the term end date for members were not staggered to avoid all the Committee Members terms from ending at the same time.

The Beautification Committee has completed the Reappointment Request. Of the nine member Committee *only three were interested in continuing* to serve on the Committee.

The following six Members **are not interested** in serving a second term on the Committee (see attached e-mail & completed form):

- Ms. Betty Maugle
- Ms. Roberta Levandoski
- Ms. Meredith Robinson
- Ms. Bonnie Harris
- Ms. Sheila Vincent
- Ms. Jessica Buhle

Administrative Notes:

Please see attached Roster.

Nominating Committee Recommendation:

The Beautification Committee and the members respective parties have provided reappointment recommendations/endorsements.

Minority Representation - CGS 9-167a:

In accordance with Chapter IV; Section 8 of the Town Charter “Except as otherwise provided for in this Charter, the Town Council may appoint members to fill vacancies in other offices, boards, and commissions established by this Charter and by ordinance as vacancies may occur, and appointing members to such offices, boards, and commissions as may be created in the future. Such appointments shall be made by the Town Council for such terms and upon such conditions as provided in the respective ordinance”.

Chapter IV, Section 9: “In making appointments and removals, the Town Council shall act by the affirmative votes of at least a majority of all its members.

All members of boards, commissions, and committees contained in this Charter, or subsequently created under this Charter, except members of the Building Code Board of Appeals, the Fire Marshal, and the Deputy Fire Marshal(s), shall be electors of the Town at the time of their appointment and during their terms of office.”

Connecticut General Statutes

Sec. 9-167a. Minority representation. (a) (1) Except as provided in subdivision (2) of this subsection, the maximum number of members of any board, commission, legislative body, committee or similar body of the state or any political subdivision thereof, whether elective or appointive, who may be members of the same political party, shall be as specified in the following table:

Total Membership	Maximum from One Party
3	2
4	3
5	4
6	4
7	5
8	5
9	6
More than 9 Two-thirds of total membership	

(2) The provisions of this section shall not apply (A) to any such board, commission, committee or body whose members are elected wholly or partially on the basis of a geographical division of the state or political subdivision, (B) to a legislative body of a municipality (i) having a town meeting as its legislative body or (ii) for which the charter or a special act, on January 1, 1987, provided otherwise or (C) to the city council of an unconsolidated city within a town and the town council of such town if the town has a town council and a representative town meeting, the town charter provides for some form of minority representation in the election of members of the representative town meeting, and the city has a city council and a body having the attributes of a town meeting or (D) to the board of directors and other officers of any district, as defined in section 7-324, having annual receipts from all sources not in excess of two hundred fifty Thousand dollars.

(b) Prior to any election for or appointment to any such body, the municipal clerk, in cases of elections, and the appointing authority, in cases of appointments, shall determine the maximum number of members of any political party who may be elected or appointed to such body at such election or appointment. Such maximum number shall be determined for each political party in the following manner: From the number of members of one political party who are members of such body at the time of the election or appointment, subtract the number of members of such political party whose terms expire prior to the commencement of the terms for

which such election or appointment is being held or made and subtract the balance thus arrived at from the appropriate number specified in column II of subsection (a) of this section.

Meeting Action Detail:

Administration Committee Meeting 9/28/2022

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Mover: Irwin

Seconder: McGrattan

Action:

Recommend to Approve

Minute Note:

Moved by Councilor Irwin, seconded by Councilor McGrattan

Discussion: Councilor Ingalls stated these three members of the Beautification Committee were interested in continuing to serve on the Committee and that their reappointments have been endorsed by the Beautification Committee and their respective parties.

Councilor Ingalls went on to note of the nine-member Committee that the following six members were not interested in renewing/continuing their membership on the Committee at this time:

- Ms. Betty Maugle
- Ms. Roberta Levandoski
- Ms. Meredith Robinson
- Ms. Bonnie Harris
- Ms. Sheila Vincent
- Ms. Jessica Buhle

Councilor Ingalls thanked all of the Beautification Committee Member for their service to the town noting that this Committee does not have a town budget and that they raise all the money for things such as the flags/banners and holiday decorations for the streetlights in Ledyard Center, and the beautiful flowers such as the daffodils and other plantings around town through fundraisers or through donations from local landscaping businesses. She stated all their hard work makes Ledyard a lovely and inviting community.

Councilor Ingalls concluded by noting the Beautification Committee meets quarterly. She announced for anyone interested in serving the community that they would be looking for

VOTE: 3 - 0 Approved and so declared

Action: Recommend to Approve