



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

12 Van Tassel Drive  
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

## Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairman  
Kenneth J. DiRico

### Regular Meeting

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**Tuesday, November 18, 2025**

**7:00 PM**

**Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens  
Center**

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

Chairman DiRico called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. at the Ledyard Senior Center.

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

**Present** Chairperson Kenneth J. DiRico  
Chairman Lucrezia Finegan  
Chairman Carol Ann Schneider  
Chairman Lauren Hawes  
Chairman Loretta Kent  
Alternate Member Stephanie Bacon  
Chairman Paula Crocker  
**Excused** Alternate Member Vanessa Sotelo

In addition, the following were present:

Scott Johnson, Director of Ledyard Parks, Recreation and Senior Center  
William Barnes, Town Council Liaison  
Terry Fedors  
Sandra Fedors  
Barbara Kil, Tri Town Trail  
Karen Parkison, Tri Town Trail President  
Tom Olson, Tri Town Trail

#### **III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS**

#### **IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**

##### **1. TTT Update**

Mr. Olson and Ms. Parkinson gave a presentation on the Tri Town Trail in Preston, Ledyard and Groton from the start of the project to where the project is today. The trail has multiple user, 50% dogwalkers and 50% walkers. There has been a partnership with Parks & Recreation throughout the entire process. Preston Park has an ADA path to the trail. Fundraisers are done throughout the year for maintenance and there will be a luminary trail on December 13, 2025

2. Upcoming Events and Activities

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

VI. REPORTS

- Courtney Sizer has given notice and her last day will be November 26, 2025.
- Community Center bathrooms have flooded Public Works is working on fixing this issue.
- Water has been shut off at Judge Crandall Field
- Irrigation at Colonel Ledyard Park and Judge Crandall have been completed
- There have been issues with the basketball schedule with coaches arriving earlier than their start time. Coaches have been told to wait for access before going into schools.

MOTION to approve the Director's Report  
This was Approved and so declared.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Lucrezia Finegan

**SECONDER:** Loretta Kent

**AYE** 7 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Bacon Crocker

**EXCUSED** 1 Sotelo

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MOTION to approve the November 4th Special Meeting Minutes

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Loretta Kent

**SECONDER:** Lucrezia Finegan

**AYE** 7 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Bacon Crocker

**EXCUSED** 1 Sotelo

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. DISCUSS Youth Sports Oversight

Youth sports oversight was discussed as as per last meeting determined to be the clubs/league responsibility to have coaches adhere to rules and regulations. Clubs/leagues should participate in safe sports and have everyone sign a code of ethics. There will be a meeting for youth sports next spring.

A sub committee will be formed to adapt final rules and regulations and prepare a formalized Town of Ledyard youth sports regulations for all youth sports.

MOTION to establish a Youth Sports Sub Committee

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Loretta Kent

**SECONDER:** Lauren Hawes

**AYE** 7 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Bacon Crocker

**EXCUSED** 1 Sotelo

**2. MOTION to approve the Parks, Recreation and Senior Citizens Department Joint Logo**

The new LOGO was discussed and the commission chose the Oak Tree with bench with the rounded lettering.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Loretta Kent

**SECONDER:** Paula Crocker

**3. Discuss ideas for FY26-27 Capital Projects**

Installation of cameras at town parks and upgrading of Senior Center cameras to Commercial-grade equipment

Implementation of individual door access codes that can be changed frequently. It was noted this may not be possible at the Senior Center due to ADA door system

Replace playground mulch

Upgrades to Blonder Park bathrooms and correction of existing plumbing issues.

Upgrade of Town Green Light Switches to LED

Installation of new lights at the football field

Replacement or repair of bleachers at several fields; noted that these are costly to maintain.

Installation of a new Senior Center sign featuring the updated logo

Purchase a fryer for the Senior Center kitchen; need to extend the kitchen hood to add a fryer

Considering purchase of a bounce house for individuals to rent and for Camp to utilize; liability to be reviewed

Purchase of portable tents for events

Updates to the pavilion and parking lot at Lantern Hill Park

Mr. Johnson will prioritize this list prior to next meeting,

**4. Any Old Business Proper to come before the Commission**

## **XI. NEW BUSINESS**

1. MOTION to dedicate a plaque honoring Ms. Janet Barnett at future pavilion at LHU Park

Ms. Terry Fedors and Ms Sandra Fedors gave a presentation to honor Ms. Janet Barnett with a plaque and/or the dedication of the future pavilion at LHU Park. Ms. Fedors stated that Ms. Barnett was an advocate for teen mothers, an NFA fair officer, Long Pond Volunteer, Food Pantry Volunteer and Amistad Program volunteer giving countless dedicated hours to the community.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Lucrezia Finegan

**SECONDER:** Loretta Kent

**AYE** 7 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Bacon Crocker

**EXCUSED** 1 Sotelo

1. Discussion and possible motion to dedicate the future pavilion at LHU Park in Janet Barnett's name

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Paula Crocker

**SECONDER:** Lucrezia Finegan

**AYE** 7 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Bacon Crocker

**EXCUSED** 1 Sotelo

3. Discussion and possible motion to charge for Coffee in the main room.

It was noted that the charge for coffee was discontinued after the COVID pandemic to get more people into the building, also at that time we were received the coffee free from TVCCA.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Lucrezia Finegan

**SECONDER:** Carol Ann Schneider

**AYE** 7 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Bacon Crocker

**EXCUSED** 1 Sotelo

4. MPOTION to change the meeting time to 5:30 pm on the 3rd Tuesday of every month

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Lucrezia Finegan

**SECONDER:** Carol Ann Schneider

**AYE** 7 DiRico Finegan Schneider Hawes Kent Bacon Crocker

**EXCUSED** 1 Sotelo

5. Any New Business Proper to come before the Commission

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. Schneider moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded  
by Ms. Finegan

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

VOTE: 7-0 Approved and so declared