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Anna, please post as a record item for tonight's PH. Was sent to Roxanne and me. Thanks.

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From: Denise Doughty <dmdough@yahoo.com>
Sent: Wednesday, 10 June 2026 23:25:45
To: Elizabeth Burdick <planner@ledyardct.org>
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Subject: Public Hearing for Parking Amendment PZ#26-2ZRA

Dear Ms. Burdick,

I have recently become aware of the town making a parking amendment that will allow parking on the street due to State bill HB 8002 which was passed in January 2026 and goes into effect July 2026. Living in Ledyard for forty years and traveling these narrow windy roads with hills and turns and blind corners with no shoulders, I can't see how this is a wise move. Surely there must be limitations to this bill. The State and the town must take into consideration how dangerous this would be on many of our narrow roads. Street parking reduces an already narrow road to a one lane road. I have experienced the difficulty this causes when at times people will be entertaining and guests will park all along a narrow road like Washington Drive in Gales Ferry, or Eagle Ridge Drive, sometimes parking on both sides of the street which makes it extremely difficult. Christy Hill and Long Cove Road are especially dangerous due to the blind curves and hills all along the windy roads. Surely there has to be exceptions to this bill. I actually feel that we should be stricter with our parking regulations. For example..landscaping companies or tree cutting businesses that park on the road are a tremendous hazard. Only one car can get by them and quite often, if they happen to be parked on a narrow road with a blind corner or hill such as Christy Hill or Long Cove Road, it is almost impossible to see if traffic is coming from the other direction. That should be prohibited or at least make it mandatory that they would have to provide a flagman to direct traffic. A flagman, not a traffic cone. A traffic cone will not tell me if there is traffic just around the corner. Thankfully the good Lord has brought me through such situations safely but it can be quite stressful maneuvering past them.

The majority of our roads are beautiful windy country roads. They are part of the town's charm. Beautiful yet narrow and just not suitable for parking along them. Suitable for our quiet cozy little town but not for parking on the street. I hope the town will take into consideration the safety and security of their residents when considering any parking amendments. Thank you for your time. I do appreciate that you are taking the residents views into consideration.

Sincerely,

Denise Doughty

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