



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman Mike
Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Vice Chair James Harwood
Commissioner Barbara Kil
Commissioner Dave Cohen
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
Commissioner Betsy Graham
Chairman Michael E. Marelli

Also in attendance was Karen Parkinson, Historic District Commission.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from June 9, 2026, as written.

Motion to APPROVE minutes as amended to read "Ms. Graham said 1.9 acres around Whitford Brook in Ledyard is up for sale. It leads to an 88-acre undeveloped, land-locked property in North Stonington that is up for sale for \$1.1 million" under Any Other New Business.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

Information on proposed subdivision at 12 Hyde Park Drive, which the Commission will discuss at the next meeting.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

None.

VI. TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT**1. Town Council Liaison Report.**

No report, Ty Lamb, Town Councilor, was not present.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**1. Informational items.**

None.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS**1. Property Walks.**

- Avalonia has been speaking with Town Representatives about acquiring 13 properties in Ledyard. This brings the count to 19 proposed sites. The Commission is waiting for the Town's response to the request.

- Ms. Kil reported that the Burton Property path clearing was well done.

- Mr. Cohen reported that no additional trees were down at Glacier Park following the July 4 storm. The new parking area held well, there was no erosion or standing water.

- Ms. Kil reported that the mowing at White-Hall property went well, although more work still needs to be completed.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Financial Reports.

- The General fund account = \$1,600.

- The White-Hall account = \$16,714.

- The Trail Maintenance account = \$14,116

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

The Town has approved a contract for the parking lot. After that is completed, the pollinators plants can be sowed.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Ledyard Trails Task Force.

Chairperson Marelli reported that trails at the Nathan Lester House have been re-marked.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Sustainable CT Certification spreadsheet discussion.

Mr. Harwood said information gathered by Commission Members has been forwarded. The Commission found a possible 75-85 points of the 200 needed for certification. Other Town agencies will also contribute to reach 200 points. If approved, the Town can participate in the Community Matching Fund program, which will provide up to \$6,000 in matching money for crowd-source funding projects.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS**1. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.**

- Ms. Graham urged the Commissioners to let people know that the Lantern Hill Valley Alliance is holding a poster contest for students to celebrate Lake Appreciation Week during July.

- Karen Parkinson, Historic Commission asked the Commission to consider a Town Wide guide on controlling and eliminating invasive species.

- The Commission will be represented at the Ledyard Farmer's Market and Rotary Fair on August 5, 2026.

Discussion of proposed sale of 11 acres at 480R Shewville Road. Kevin Blacker of Noank has offered the Town \$150,000 for the 11.5 acre wooded site. Property contains a former Town well and should be retained by the Town for future water use and aquifer protection, among other things No public hearing date has been set by the Town Council for the possible sale.

Motion to AUTHORIZE Chairman Marelli to draft and submit a letter on behalf of the Conservation Commission to the Town, urging the Town to retain ownership of 480R Shewville Road, Ledyard, CT, Parcel #102-2210-480-R (aka "Loftus Wellfield") Ledyard, CT.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Betsy Graham

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X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:38 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Betsy Graham

SECONDER: Dave Cohen

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