



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:35 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
Commissioner David Holdridge
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Betsy Graham
Commissioner Barbara Kil
Commissioner Michael E. Marelli
Alternate Member Dave Cohen
Excused Commissioner James Harwood

Also in attendance:
Town Councilor Gary Paul.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from April 9, 2024, as written.

Change "James Cohen" to Dave Cohen".

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: David Holdridge

SECONDER: Kathleen Edgecomb

AYE 7 Levandoski Holdridge Edgecomb Graham Kil Marelli Cohen

EXCUSED 1 Harwood

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

Received a thank-you letter from the CT Land Conservation Council for the \$150.00 dues contribution from the Commission.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS**1. Public Comments.**

None.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS**1. Informational Items.**

The Commission will have informational tables set up on June 1, for the Connecticut Trails Day event at the Tri-Town Trail and on June 8, at the 2024 Regatta Day Festival in Gales Ferry.

Chairman Marelli will attend the June 7, 2024, Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed. The meeting is open to the public from 8:00-10:30 a.m. in Groton. Chairman Marelli also attended the Alliance's April 23 meeting.

The Town of Ledyard has a new Town Planner, Liz Burdick.

Members received a list of Town's open spaces.

Ms. Graham attended a hearing of the New England Fisheries Council concerning herring, commercial fishing and sport fishing.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS**1. Property Walks.**

Mr. Cohen reported that the trail at Blonder's needs some attention, he will be clearing paths.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Financial Reports.

\$150.00 was spent on Connecticut Land Conservation Council dues.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Ms. Graham reported that all the pathways look good except for Highland Lake. Ms. Graham is working with Parks and Recreation to fix the Highland Lake pathway.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

No report.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. White-Hall Study and Report.

The White-Hall report is now complete. There are two copies in binders at the Ledyard Town Hall. The report contains information on the history of property, lists of invasive species, animal, plant, bird and insect populations, as well as recommendations for improving the property and maintenance. The report will be used as backup data for future grant applications.

Motion to APPROVE payment to Margaret Jones for \$1,750.00, for the White-Hall Park and Forest Ecological Survey and report.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Betsy Graham

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6. 100 Whalehead Road property.

The Commission needs signs to prevent hikers from going off the trail and into neighboring private properties at Glacier Park. The signs will be in white with blue lettering and measurements of 12" x 18". One of the signs will point to the parking lot and the other will read "please respect our neighbors and protect our trails".

Motion to APPROVE purchase of two white with blue lettering, 12" x 18" signs for Glacier Park, at a cost of no more than \$200.00.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Barbara Kil

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

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS**1. Purchase Pop-Up Tent.**

Motion to APPROVE purchase of pop-up tent from Holdridge Home and Garden to be used by the Commission at Community events, for a cost of no more than \$120.00.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Barbara Kil

SECONDER: Betsy Graham

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2. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

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