



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

## Conservation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman  
Mike Marelli

#### Special Meeting

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

**Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format**

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Marelli called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

**Present**     Commissioner Roberta Levandoski  
                  Commissioner James Harwood  
                  Commissioner David Holdridge  
                  Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb  
                  Commissioner Betsy Graham  
                  Commissioner Barbara Kil  
                  Commissioner Michael E. Marelli

**Excused**     Alternate Member Jessica Buhle

Betsy Graham was present via Zoom.

#### III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Special Meeting Minutes from November 14, 2023, as written.

**RESULT:**     APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:**       Michael E. Marelli

**SECONDER:** Roberta Levandoski

**AYE**             7     Levandoski Harwood Holdridge Edgecomb Graham Kil Marelli

**EXCUSED**     1     Buhle

#### IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

None.

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

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

Chairman Marelli noted that there are three vacancies on the Commission. One regular and two alternates. Ms. Graham said she would put a notice on Facebook.

Ms. Graham mentioned that she forwarded an email she received regarding revisions to the State Conservation Plan which will take effect in 2025, for five years. They are looking for feedback. Chairman Marelli said he shared the same email with the Agricultural joint meeting.

Members will review the proposed revisions to the State Conservation Plan and it will be discussed at the next meeting.

Councilor Gary Paul is the new commission liaison.

Chairman Marelli met with representatives of Avalonia Land Conservancy and from Ledyard High School to discuss working together for an integrated trail system for high school students to use the High School/Burton Trail/Pike Marshal properties. The 1967 Ledyard High School Alumni Association has created a fund to help develop a trail system and create other opportunities for high school students to use the property.

**2. Financial Reports.**

No changes.

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

Mr. Harwood walked White-Hall; the path is passable. There are two small trees across the upper paths. The Mosquitos are gone but ticks are still there.

The report on invasive species at White-Hall should be coming in February.

Rocky landscaping will look at the property and provide an estimate for clearing around the parking lot and making the sign more visible from the road.

**2. Financial Reports.****3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.**

Ericson Park in Gales Ferry, Sawmill Park and Highland Lake are complete for the winter. There is still work to be done at Bush Pond.

**4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.**

No new information.

**5. New signage at White-Hall Property.**

No new information.

**VIII NEW BUSINESS**

**1. Election of Commission Officers.**

Dave Holdridge nominated Michael Marelli as Chairman, seconded by James Harwood.  
Dave Holdridge nominated James Harwood as Vice-Chairman, seconded by Barbara Kil.  
Dave Holdridge nominated Betsy Graham as Treasurer, seconded by Barbara Kil.  
James Harwood nominated Kathleen Edgecomb as Secretary, seconded by Dave Holdridge.

Motion to APPROVE the slate of Officers as nominated.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Roberta Levandoski

**SECONDER:** Betsy Graham

**AYE** 7 Levandoski Harwood Holdridge Edgecomb Graham Kil Marelli

**EXCUSED** 1 Buhle

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to ADJOURN the Special Meeting at 6:58 p.m.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Betsy Graham

**SECONDER:** Michael E. Marelli

**AYE** 7 Levandoski Harwood Holdridge Edgecomb Graham Kil Marelli

**EXCUSED** 1 Buhle

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