



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman Mike
Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, June 9, 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

Barbara Kill attended via Zoom.

Also in attendance:

Ty Lamb, Town Council, serving as the Commission's Liaison.

Jon Vander Vander Werff, CT Trout Unlimited, attended via Zoom.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from May 12, 2026, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Kathleen Edgecomb

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IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

Presentation by Jon Vander Werff, CT project manager for Trout Unlimited.

Mr. Werff gave a history of the organization, which was founded to save and enhance trout and salmon populations. Its mission is to protect headwaters of rivers and streams, restore natural habitat and educating the public on the importance of clear clean water. The organization has headed projects such as installing riparian buffers, cleaning culverts and removing barrier dams to enhance fish populations. There is also a research component that studies fish and its habitat, etc. Mr. Werff said Trout Unlimited could review proposed projects in Ledyard and is open to helping with plans, finding funding sources.

VI. TOWN COUNCIL LIAISON REPORT

1. Town Council Liaison Report.

The Town Council approved \$7,000 for a hydrilla abatement program for Long Pond area.

Councilor Lamb met with Ledyard Schools Superintendent to discuss how environmental Committees and groups could work with the high school. One possible idea is to have a joint calendar so students can see opportunities to volunteer. Discussions are ongoing.

VII. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

The Yale Harvard Regatta was last weekend, and the Commission did not get an invite to attend as other years, not sure why.

The Commission nominated Maggie Favretti for an Aquarion Environmental Award, and she won a \$5,000 grant for her work with the Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed.

The herring count is done. Chairman Marelli said he did not see any herring.

The Loftus well field on Shewville Road, which is Town owned, may be up for sale.

State passed an ID sticker requirement for kayaks, canoes, paddle board and other non-motor watercraft. Stickers are free. The object is to be able to identify abandoned items, according to Ms. Graham.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

Glacier Park parking repair - up to \$1,200 has been set aside for repairs to the parking area.

Work has not been completed yet. Also, there is a fallen tree near the blue bench that needs to be removed.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Financial Reports.

No changes.

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

No action taken.

4. Ledyard Trails Task Force.

An organizational meeting was held. On July 11 there will be there will be a work party to clear Burton Trail; Avalonia is looking at 13 parcels of land to acquire and TriTown Trail is beginning discussions with the property owners for possible right-of-ways to continue the trail further south to Route 214.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Sustainable CT Certification spreadsheet discussion.

The Commission members are helping Commissioner Harwood gather information for points to submit for the certification.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

6. Review of the LCC website.

7. 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 said 1.9 acres around Whitford Brook is up for sale. It leads to an 88-acre undeveloped, land-locked property that is up for sale for \$1.1 million.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 8:19 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: James Harwood

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