



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Bruce Garstka

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex-Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Garstka called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Farming Community Allyson Angelini
Community-at-Large Representative Katie Yuhas
Farming Community Bruce Garstka
Farming Community Russell Holmberg
Farming Community Michael E. Marelli
Excused Farming Community William Thorne
Alternate Alternate Member Steve Martic

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None present.

IV. COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

1. Comments of Commission Members.
None.

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.
None.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from April 15, 2025, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Katie Yuhas

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EXCUSED 1 Thorne

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.
None.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Any other Old Business to come before the Commission.
None.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

1. Any other New Business to come before the Commission.

Chairman Garstka was approached about a slaughterhouse opening in town. The Zoning Department said that slaughterhouses are not currently permitted. They said that most often slaughterhouses are approved in commercial zones, but the individual is interested in building it on a residential property. The regulations would need to be rewritten for them to be passed, they cannot be approved by exemption.

Chairman Garstka reported that Ms. Parkinson has found success in pasturing out her property to horse grazing.

The Ledyard 250 event is approaching, and a discussion was held about whether the Commission would want to partner with other Committee(s) to celebrate agriculture. Chairman Garstka said the AG Commission and the Historic District Commission go hand in hand and asked the Commissioners to think about ideas. One idea is to hold Farm tours, possibly have Farm Passports similar to Wine Passports. Mr. Marelli said the America 250 meetings are being held on Tuesdays at 1:00 p.m. To be continued.

Ms. Angelini reported that there are errors in the Town's GIS survey system, when she asked the Assessors about it, she was told she could file a petition for 2026. It would not be updated before then.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 6:46 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Bruce Garstka

SECONDER: Michael E. Marelli

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