



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

## Ledyard Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairperson  
Kathrine Kohrs

### Regular Meeting

**Tuesday, March 3, 2026**

**5:00 PM**

**Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format**

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairperson Kohrs at 5:03 p.m.

#### **II. ROLL CALL**

**Present**     Chairperson Kathrine Kohrs  
                  Commissioner Lauren Hawes  
                  Commissioner Michelle Hagerty  
                  Commissioner Yvonne Walsh

**Excused**     Commissioner Jennifer Eastbourne

**Absent**        Commissioner Mechelle Barber

Lauren Hawes attended via Zoom.

#### **III. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

#### **IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting minutes from February 3, 2026, as written.

**RESULT:**     APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:**       Yvonne Walsh

**SECONDER:** Michelle Hagerty

**EXCUSED**     1     Eastbourne

**ABSENT**       1     Barber

#### **V. OLD BUSINESS**

1. Financial Reports.

Chairperson Kohrs asked the Members to think of ways to spend the Committee's funds.

**RESULT:**     DISCUSSED

2. Future Projects Discussion.

Earth Day (April 25, 2026):

Chairperson Kohrs placed a poll on the Committee's Facebook page to see what residents would like to do to celebrate Earth Day event. The options were:

Event with vendors activities, etc.

Fill the Dumpster

Trash to treasure Art contest

Other (share comments)

A Facebook comment was made regarding the "Pumpkin Hill Road Gang" collects items on Pumpkin Hill Road and could help fill the dumpster. Two years ago, the Pumpkin Hill Road Gang brought a lot of things to the dumpster including an entire car bumper.

Dumpster ideas:

- Ask for the dumpster to be donated for the day.
- Give one raffle ticket for every bag brought to the dumpster to provide incentives. Ms. Walsh asked what the prizes would be. Chairperson Kohrs said they had gift cards leftover from last year that were never used. Ms. Hawes said there is a process that needs to be followed to host a raffle involving permits. Chairperson Kohrs said the tickets would not be purchased but rather given as a "door prize".

Trash to Treasure Art Show:

- Encourage contestants to make an art piece at home and bring it to be displayed and brought home after the event.
- Invite the Schools.
- Advertise the show on Facebook.
- Age categories for prizes.
- Hold the art show at the Senior Center, one of the Schools or the Ledyard Congregational Church Hall or a local business. Must have good parking. Ms. Hawes said she could ask about holding the event at McBride Real Estate in Gales Ferry, which can be seen from Route 12.
- Invite Mayor Fred Allyn III to judge
- Provide Refreshments?
- Prizes.
- Categories for winners, such as most creative use of recycled materials, most colorful etc.
- Recycle craft table at event.

Summer Camps:

Ms. Hawes talked to Scott Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director. Mr. Johnson was in favor of the collaboration idea and suggested speaking to the Head of the Summer Camp to get the planning started. Ms. Hawes said she will wait until the summer camp weekly themes are finalized and will select the week that suits the Committee best.

Ledyard signs:

It was mentioned that the Ledyard sign on Route 12 (just past Dollar General) needs replacement. Chairperson Kohrs will speak with Steve Masalin, Public Works Director, about the sign replacement procedure and where the replacement funding comes from. Chairperson

Kohrs suggested taking inventory of all the Town signs. Chairperson Kohrs presented the idea of making smaller signs to go under the Ledyard signs with the Committee's name and "Keeping Ledyard Beautiful".

#### Ledyard Official Flower:

The Committee revisited the idea of Making the daffodil the "official" flower of the Town. Another idea is for the Committee to pick a few varieties of daffodils and have residents vote on their favorite to become the official flower. Possibly partner with the Ledyard Garden Club. Ms. Hawes will reach out to the Garden Club again.

#### Additional ideas:

- An idea to have graduating classes past or present sponsor a planting project was discussed.

- Possibly hold a seed ball class/workshop, in May. Ms. Walsh will inquire at the Library about getting seed donations and possibly holding the class at the Library. The workshop could be promoted during the Earth Day event.

- Free plants are sometimes advertised on the "Ledyard Buy Nothing" Facebook page. Ms. Hawes said the person who gives the plantings away was willing to attend the Earth Day event last year, maybe she would want to this year. Ms. Hawes will contact her.

#### ACTION ITEMS:

Find a location for the Earth Day Event.

Find a company to donate a dumpster for the Earth Day Event (April 25, 2026).

Design a poster for the "trash to treasure exhibition" and "fill the dumpster".

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

### 3. Any Other Old Business to Come before the Committee.

None.

## VI. NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Any Other New Business to Come before the Committee.

None.

## VII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 5:48 p.m.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Yvonne Walsh

**SECONDER:** Michelle Hagerty

**AYE** 4 Kohrs Hawes Hagerty Walsh

**EXCUSED** 1 Eastbourne

**ABSENT** 1 Barber

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