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Ms. Jessica Buhle
65 Pheasant Run Drive
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Dear Ms. Buhle:

On behalf of the Ledyard Town Council, I would like to extend a sincere thank you for your time and dedication to the town as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission.

We are grateful for the outstanding service you have given to the town and appreciated your interest and input as we worked through the process to adopt Ordinance #001-016 (rev. 1) "*An Ordinance Combining Parks And Recreation Commission and Senior Citizens Commission for the Town of Ledyard*".

The initiative to combine the two commissions was not a reflection on the performance of either of the commissions. Each year as we work to provide a responsible but lean budget, local officials have to consider all options to improve efficiencies and reduce costs.

Moving the Parks & Recreation Department from their building on Blonders Boulevard to the Senior Citizens Center on Van Tassel Drive, Gales Ferry in 2020 allowed the two departments to share staff and resources. Combining the two commissions will eliminate the duplication of work, streamline daily operations, provide financial and space benefits, and efficiencies in time management providing support for additional programing and events.

In accordance with the timeline provided in Ordinance #001-016 (rev. 1) steps have been taken by both the Parks and Recreation Commission and Senior Citizens Commission to provide a for a seamless transition to the combined commission. These steps also included the Town Council's action to discharge the Parks and Recreation Commission at its June 28, 2023 meeting.

The work of your Commission has been a significant contribution in the development of programs and the management of the town's recreational parks and facilities under the Commission's jurisdiction, promoting an active and healthy community.

Your knowledge, experience, forethought and dedication have been of significant value to our community. The Town Council sincerely hopes that you will consider serving the town in another capacity as your knowledge and experience would be a great resource to others.

Sincerely,

Kevin J. Dombrowski
Chairman

cc: Town Clerk; Parks and Recreation Commission