



TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

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Dear Residents of Ledyard,

The Twenty-Eighth Town Council is committed to steady, thoughtful governance grounded in long-term planning and responsible fiscal management. While each Councilor brings different experiences and perspectives, we share a common responsibility: to ensure that Ledyard remains financially stable, well-managed, and positioned for the future.

The goals outlined below were identified by individual Councilors and reflect a broad effort to strengthen planning, improve coordination, increase transparency, and support sustainable growth. Together, they represent a roadmap for 2026 focused on practical results and sound stewardship of taxpayer resources.

I. Fiscal Responsibility & Long-Term Planning

- **Capital Improvement Process Development**
Establish a seven-member Ad Hoc Committee, including staff, committee members, and one community member with construction management experience, to develop a clear, end-to-end process for Capital Improvement Building Projects for the Town and Board of Education facilities. The objective is to create a defined process from project proposal through design, funding authorization, execution, and close-out.
- **Annual Budget Process Review**
Establish a Charter Revision Commission to review Chapter VII (“Finance & Taxation”), Section 6 (“Annual Town Meeting”), paragraphs 3 and 4, to examine whether adjustments to the Annual Budget approval process would provide greater direct taxpayer involvement.
- **Increase Collaboration & Reduce Expenses**
Explore opportunities for the Town and the Board of Education to collaborate in shared services, purchasing, and operational efficiencies to reduce costs and improve coordination.
- **Grant Funding Opportunities**
Investigate and pursue at least three grant opportunities aligned with priorities identified in the Town’s Long-Term Capital Plan.
- **Solar Farm – Revenue Generation**
Work with the Mayor’s Office to prepare and seek Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to lease the approximately 15-acre former capped landfill property at 889 Colonel Ledyard Highway for a solar energy installation to generate revenue for the Town.

II. Governance & Administrative Efficiency

- **Efficiency of Town Council Business and Meetings**
Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of Town Council meetings and improve the execution of Town business through clear procedures and disciplined agenda management.
- **Monitoring State Legislative Developments**
Stay informed through Office of Legislative Research (OLR) reports regarding new laws and potential grant opportunities that may impact or benefit Ledyard.
- **Council Goals Accountability**
Publish and track the Town Council’s 2026 goals and work collectively to achieve measurable progress by year-end.

III. Communication & Community Engagement

- **Improved Communication with Residents**
Facilitate informal community conversations such as Coffee Hours or Town Hall discussions to improve accessibility and strengthen communication between residents and their elected officials.

- **State Legislative Advocacy**
Work with Ledyard’s State Delegation and other district representatives to bring attention to issues that directly affect Ledyard and advocate effectively at the State level.

IV. Sustainability & Community Initiatives

- **Composting Program Expansion**
Expand the Town’s Food Waste Composting Program by increasing accessibility to compost bins at key locations.
- **Green & Clean Initiatives**
Support initiatives that conserve public spaces, improve recycling programs, increase energy efficiency (including LED lighting in public buildings), encourage responsible development, and address brownfield sites.
- **Sustainable CT Certification**
Continue working with the Sustainable CT Ad Hoc Committee to achieve Sustainable CT certification by implementing initiatives that promote efficiency, economic vitality, and environmental responsibility.
- **Access to Primary Care – Community Awareness Initiative**
Support ongoing volunteer efforts aimed at increasing awareness of access to primary care services.

Residents interested in learning more about these community-driven initiatives may contact the Town Council Office at (860) 464-3203 or towncouncil@ledyardct.org.

(This initiative reflects community engagement efforts and does not represent a municipal program or expenditure.)

The Town Council encourages residents to remain informed and engaged in local government. Strong communities are built through participation, respectful dialogue, and responsible decision-making.

We remain focused on long-term planning, fiscal discipline, and maintaining the stability that makes Ledyard a strong place to live and work. We look forward to working together throughout 2026 to advance these priorities.

Respectfully submitted,

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