



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Agricultural Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Bruce Garstka

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

6:00 PM

Town Hall Annex-Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Garstka at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Holmberg attended the meeting via Zoom.

Ms. Angelini arrived late.

II. ROLL CALL

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

III. CITIZENS COMMENTS

None.

IV. COMMENTS OF COMMISSION MEMBERS

1. Comments of Commission Members.

Mr. Marelli said that he met with the new Director of the Nathan Lester House Museum to assist the Historic District Commission with their trails. He reported that the Historic Commission is making plans to create a community garden.

Mr. Holmberg reported that he also met with the Director of the Nathan Lester House Museum and gave her tips on how to start their apple orchard.

V. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

None.

VI. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from June 17, 2025, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Bruce Garstka

SECONDER: Katie Yuhas

AYE 5 Yuhas Martic Garstka Holmberg Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Thorne

VII. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

None.

OLD BUSINESS

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

Mr. Major will not be haying the farm next year. Chairman Garstka met with Mayor Allyn III and suggested putting out a request for proposals. Chairman Garstka said that planning in advance of the end of the lease will decrease the likelihood of a lapse in management of the property. Mr. Holmberg asked what department in Town has administrative control of the parcel, Chairman Garstka said he would research it.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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

Mr. Martic asked if there were updates to the Ledyard 250 celebration and ideas were tossed around about the Commission's potential involvement. Farm tour possibility. Chairman Garstka will speak with Chairman Lamb of the Historic District Commission.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 6:19 p.m.

A motion was made by Farming Community Garstka, seconded by Farming Community Marelli, that this be Approved and so declared. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Bruce Garstka

SECONDER: Michael E. Marelli

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