TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 **6:30 PM** **Remote Only**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Note - Due to inclement weather this meeting was held remote only via Zoom.
The meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:35 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
Commissioner James Harwood
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Betsy Graham
Commissioner Barbara Kil
Commissioner Michael E. Marelli

Excused Commissioner David Holdridge

Kathleen Edgecomb arrived at 6:45 p.m.

Also in attendance:
Gary Paul, Town Councilor.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE regular Meeting Minutes from January 9, 2024, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED
MOVER: Michael E. Marelli
SECONDER: Roberta Levandoski

AYE 6 Levandoski Harwood Edgecomb Graham Kil Marelli

EXCUSED 1 Holdridge

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

None.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational Items.

Ms. Kil reports that the Tri-Town Trail is negotiating with abutting landowners to get permission to cross property. She will report back.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

Mr. Harwood walked the yellow path at Barton Lane. One gate is open and another is locked. Chairman Marelli will talk with Mayor Fred Allyn III about meeting with Groton Open Space regarding the locks.

Chairman Marelli walked the Burton property with Frank Cervo of CT DEEP, who pointed out invasive species and said much of the land is old growth which is so thick that it is blocking out new growth. Mr. Cervo is creating a report. He suggested hiring a professional forester to come up with a plan to maintain the property. Inquiring about possible grants.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Financial Reports.

No change since last month.

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

The Commission will need to discuss who will maintain the pollinator pathways. Also, the project along the wall at Highland park is inadequate.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Field clearing at White-Hall Property.

Chairman Marelli may receive a field clearing estimate at the end of February.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. New signage at White-Hall Property.

No comments.

6. Areas of interest and goals for 2024 continued.

Work with Ledyard schools and Avalonia on Burton-Pike Marshall property.
Discuss Mystic Watershed ideas and incorporate them into programs.
Highland Lake Rain Garden.

Lantern Hill.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

7. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Request for Budget item continued.

Ms. Graham is seeking support from the Commission to go before the Town Council to request $5,000 to start an invasive species monitoring program for the boat launch at Lantern Hill. The intention of the monitoring program is to keep out invasive species, including Hydrilla. Ms. Graham will go before the Town Council with the hope of getting a hearing before the Finance Committee. The goal is to bring back a plan that the Commission can discuss and possibly approve.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 8:22 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED
MOVER: Kathleen Edgecomb
SECONDER: Betsy Graham

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