



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

## Ledyard Beautification Committee Meeting Minutes

Chairperson  
Kathrine Kohrs

### Regular Meeting

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**Tuesday, March 4, 2025**

**5:00 PM**

**Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format**

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Kohrs called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

#### II. ROLL CALL

<b>Present</b>	Committee Member Carol Ann Schneider Committee Member Jennifer Eastbourne Chairman Kathrine Kohrs Committee Member Lauren Hawes
<b>Excused</b>	Committee Member Jennifer Bingham
<b>Absent</b>	Committee Member Carol Christiansen Committee Member Sarah Martic

Also in attendance:  
Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson.

#### III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None present but Chairperson Kohrs mentioned that the Ledyard Garden Club made a \$100.00 donation to the Committee. She then asked the Committee members to sign a thank you card. Chairperson Kohrs suggested inviting the Garden Club to the Earth Day event. Ms. Hawes said that every year the Garden Club thins out their perennial gardens and sell the plants, this year the sale will be held on May 17. Chairperson Kohrs said they could advertise their sale at the Earth Day event. The Committee would like to do a collaboration with the Garden Club. Ms. Hawes offered to reach out to the Garden Club.

#### IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 4, 2025, as written.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Lauren Hawes

**SECONDER:** Carol Ann Schneider

**AYE** 4 Schneider Eastbourne Kohrs Hawes

**EXCUSED** 1 Bingham

**ABSENT**      2      Christiansen Martic

**V.      OLD BUSINESS**

**1.      Future Projects Discussion.**

Earth Day Event (April 26 from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.) -

Chairperson Kohrs reached out to Scott Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director and reported that the Committee is in good shape with the event location.

Chairperson Kohrs reached out the High School Ag-Science department. She also reached out to the High School Environmental Club, the teacher said she was unavailable that day, but she would reach out to her students for their availability.

Chairperson Kohrs asked Ms. Hewes to ask the Garden Club if they could host a "plant your own seed project". If the Garden Club isn't interested maybe the Committee could sponsor the project.

Carmen Garcia-Irizarry, Town Council sent Ms. Hawes some literature that she will print out for the Committee. Chairperson Kohrs confirmed that she will have an informational table at the event regarding the Town's food waste program. Carmen Garcia-Irizarry, Town Council will bring her waste bin and demonstrate how to use it. There may also be someone able to have a composting with worms informational session.

Ms. Schneider suggested asking Full Heart Farm to participate in the event. Chairperson Kohrs will ask them.

Ms. Eastbourne contacted SCRRRA, they may be able to host a composting demonstration.

Chairperson Kohrs reached out to Avalonia and the Farmers Market but hasn't connected with them yet.

Ms. Schneider will reach out to ARC.

Chairperson Kohrs will invite the Conservation Commission to participate.

Chairperson Kohrs suggested asking the Library to host an Earth Day book Storytime.

Chairperson Kohrs suggested holding a free Yoga class. She has a possible contact that she can use.

Ms. Eastbourne will ask the Girl Scouts if they are interested in holding a Scavenger hunt.

Ms. Eastbourne suggested asking the clothing Exchange if they would hold a clothing swap.

Chairperson Kohrs suggested making wildflower seed balls out of red clay powder, mixed with peat soil and seeds. Full Heart Farm said they could provide seeds.

Chairperson Kohrs confirmed that Mayor Fred Allyn III and Scott Johnson could judge the "Trash to Treasure" contest. Ms. Eastbourne will ask the Librarian if she could be a judge as well.

Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson said Ty Lamb, Historic Commission, may be able to bring bees.

Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson offered to donate kid friendly gift cards and a bird feeder wreath for prizes.

Discussion about having animals, possibly donkeys or goats. Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson contacted Bruce Garstka, owner of Heritage Hill Donkey Farm and he said he would be able to bring a donkey(s) to the event.

Chairperson Kohrs mentioned that there is a cigarette disposal grant available until March 26. The Committee discussed various areas for disposal placement.

The Committee discussed the possibility of selling daffodil stems or bulbs. Pre-sale and pick up at the Earth Day event.

"I took the pledge" photo booth.

Town Daffodil name -

Ms. Hawes did some research and none of the daffodil varieties are native, they are all naturalized. To be continued.

Town Food Scrap program -

Ms. Hawes invited Carmen Garcia-Irizarry, Town Council to attend the next Student Advisory Board meeting to pitch the Town Food Scrap program. The Committee suggested moving the current pick-up site at the transfer station to somewhere more accessible to residents.

Junior LCB Club -

There are approximately 12 students with a good mix of 6th ,7th and 8th grade. The meetings are held on the last Thursday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

March 27

April 25

May 29

The Committee talked about holding a pizza party on the last day.

Farmers Market -

Chairperson Kohrs asked if the Committee wants to participate in holding a booth again this summer. The Committee decided to participate in just one of the Market days. Once the Farmer's Market weekly themes are published the Committee will pick the one that best fits. Chairperson Kohrs will reach out to Matt Bonin, Finance Director, to see if a QR code could be set up for donations or if there are other options besides cash.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

- 2. Any Other Old Business to Come before the Committee.  
None.

**VI. NEW BUSINESS**

- 1. Donation received from the Ledyard Garden Club.  
Discussed under public comments.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

- 2. Any Other New Business to Come before the Committee.  
None.

**VII. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 5:49 p.m.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Jennifer Eastbourne

**SECONDER:** Carol Ann Schneider

**AYE** 4 Schneider Eastbourne Kohrs Hawes

**EXCUSED** 1 Bingham

**ABSENT** 2 Christiansen Martic

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