

TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

Chairman Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2025

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:30 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Vice Chair James Harwood

Commissioner Betsy Graham Commissioner Barbara Kil Chairperson Michael E. Marelli Commissioner Dave Cohen

Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb Commissioner Roberta Levandoski

Ms. Graham was present via Zoom.

Also in attendance was William Barnes, Town Council.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from August 12, 2025, as written.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Barbara Kil

SECONDER: Michael E. Marelli

AYE 7 Harwood Graham Kil Marelli Cohen Edgecomb Levandoski

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

The Bill Dinner will be held on September 20, 2025, at 1:00 p.m. under the pavilion at Ledyard Center. The event is organized by Ledyard Congregational Church and the Bill Library Trustees. The dinner is free to attend but donations will be accepted. The event was created to celebrate 300 years of the Congregational Church and the community that eventually became Ledyard

RESULT: DISCUSSED

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

None present.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

The Commission's table at the Back to School Bash was a success. The event was sponsored by LEAF, which is a nonprofit that raises money for Ledyard schools. The Commissioners focused on passive recreation on the Commissioner's trails and on Long Pond.

The Stoddard's Wharf Walk is not scheduled yet.

Chairman Marelli visited White-Hall and Glacier Parks. He reported that the Town did some clearing but there are still difficult site-lines.

Trail clearing at Burton property has not been scheduled yet.

Information on Walktober, hosted by the Tri-Town Trail Association and the Last Green Valley is available at the libraries.

Alliance for the Mystic River Watershed is hosting WaterFest Harvest and Habitat, on September 27,2025, from 4:00 p.m. to sunset, at Coogan Farm, Mystic.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

Mr. Cohen reported that there is still a problem with trash etc. at Glacier and Kettlehole parks. Councilor Barnes said he will bring up the issue at the Town Council meeting on September 19, 2025.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Financial Reports.

No changes.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

No report.

4. Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.

Mr. Cohen will reach out to the contractor who cleared the field last spring to discuss clearing more later in the fall.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Recommendations to Burton Woods Management Plan Update.

None.

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

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 6:54 p.m.

A motion was made by Chairperson Marelli, seconded by Vice Chair Harwood, that this be Approved and so declared. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli SECONDER: James Harwood

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