



GROTON UTILITIES

**Subject: Ledyard Water Systems
Monthly Report: June/July 2026**

To: Ed Lynch, WPCA Chairman

From: Joseph Pratt, Manager Water & Wastewater

Date: July 15, 2026

Water Operations and Maintenance Monthly Report and Updates 6/15/2026 to 7/15/2026.

Operations:

- Daily rounds of all systems
- Operation and maintenance
- Manage water storage tanks

Laboratory & Treatment:

- Distribution system sampling and analyses continue per CTDPH schedule (microbiological & physical analyses). All results met CTDPH standards.
- Submitted results of monthly microbiological & physical analyses to CTDPH via CMDP (Compliance Monitoring Data Portal) as required. All monthly forms submitted via e-mail as required.
- Lead and copper testing has been reduced to once a year by CT DPH; preparations are work-in -progress for both the Ledyard Center and Gales Ferry systems, and sampling will be conducted in the July/August timeframe. Annual Pb/Cu testing must be conducted during the June to September timeframe.
- We continue to respond to customer concerns and questions on a routine basis.
- Both Ledyard Center and Gales Ferry remain in compliance with the Stage 2 Disinfectants and Disinfection Byproducts Rule. Efforts were made to prepare the mailing of the NOV notice (for Q2 2025 TTHM exceedance) to all Ledyard Center customers prior to publication of the 2025 CCR, at this time the customer mailing is anticipated to go out in July 2026.

- The 2025 Annual Water Quality Reports (aka CCRs) for the Ledyard Center and Gales Ferry water systems were completed prior to the June 30th deadline, and Justin Dube (Ledyard MIS director) posted both CCRs to the Town of Ledyard website by June 30th, as required. The NOV notice (for Q2 2025 THMs) for Ledyard Center was included in the 2025 CCR (for Ledyard Center).
- Q3 2026 THM/HAA5 samples for Ledyard Center will be collected in July, as required. Groton Utilities, as contract operator for LWPCA, continues to use all available means to reduce water age in Ledyard Center and Gales Ferry, to keep THMs as low as possible. This constitutes a significant investment of time and effort by the GU Water Division.
- Routine flushing is being conducted in the Village Drive neighborhood to reduce water age, in order to reduce TTHMs there.

Distribution:

- **Meter and ERT Box Repair**
Routine monthly repairs were completed for various meters and ERT boxes. Trouble sheets were addressed for both the Ledyard and Gales Ferry service areas.
- **General Maintenance / Housekeeping**
Groton Utilities is waiting for a waiver from the Ledyard Town Council. to award the contract for the inspection of the 5,000-gallon steel hydro tank, at the Water Treatment Plant, to CorrTech.
- **Water Main Breaks**
There were no water main breaks reported during the period of June 15th to July 15th.
- **Hydrants**
There were no hydrant repairs or hydrant flushing during this reporting period.

Project Management:

- **Site Plan Reviews - Developments**

740 Colonel Ledyard Highway – Ledyard Center LLC -7/16/26

The contractor proceeded without approval, installed water mains, operated system valving to cut into the water main. GU was notified after the 200+ feet of 8" pipe was installed. At the request of Ed Lynch GU will document the events and remain in communication with contractor to address the situation.

1947 Center Groton Road – EG Homes

GU is providing written comments to the Town Planner and verbal comments directly to the developer, in accordance with Ledyard's written policy. GU respectfully requests to be kept informed of any verbal guidance the WPCA provides to the developer when it

differs from established policy. In this case, GU understands the developer was informed that individual meter pits would not be required. Instead, each building could be equipped with a utility cabinet containing a multi-meter manifold with four meters.

GU requests written clarification from Ledyard confirming whether this is the official requirement for the project. This will help ensure GU provides accurate and consistent comments to both the Town and the developer.

- **Project note:** The estimated cost for 72 residential meters, which will need to be budgeted, is \$23,000 - \$26,000. This information is shared for WPCA budgetary planning.
- **Water Services & Temporary Meters**
Three customer call-ins were received regarding water service tie-ins.
- **Water Call Before You Dig Tickets:**
During the month of June there were 83 water CBYD tickets received and responses completed.
- **Sewer Call Before You Dig Discussion**
Groton Utilities is supporting Ledyard in setting up an account for Ledyard Sewer infrastructure to be registered with Call Before You Dig (CBYD) clearing house. Through this registration the Ledyard designee will receive CBYD tickets to mark-out sewer gravity main, force mains, laterals, etc.
- **Exclusive Water Service Areas (ESA) & Ledyard Center Development**
On July 16, Ed Lynch provided an update that SCWA would like to meet with Ledyard and GU to discuss interconnection to the public water system. Ed offered to set up meeting.
- **Water Main Replacement Planning in the Highlands**
Groton Utilities encourages continued efforts and planning by the WPCA for future replacement of water mains in the Highlands. These efforts can be coordinated with paving projects or as stand alone. The map of break locations was updated.
- **Thompson Street and Meeting House Lane Valve Project**
Only records-work remain to be completed on this project.
- **Hydrant Flags**
Groton Utilities proposes to replace the missing hydrant flags during the hydrant winterization, at the end of the season. Per Ledyard Finance, this would require an official WPCA vote, GU would schedule this work once the WPCA vote is documented. The GU estimate is \$180 for installation, quoted for a maximum time of one hour.