



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

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 Dave Cohen
Commissioner Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Roberta Levandoski
Commissioner Betsy Graham
Chairman Michael E. Marelli

Excused Commissioner Barbara Kil

Also in attendance:
Ty Lamb, Town Council
Karen Parkinson, via Zoom
Alan Burton

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from February 10, 2026, as written.
Amend minutes to change "Regular Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2025" to "Regular Meeting Minutes from January 13, 2026".

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

AYE 4 Cohen Levandoski Graham Marelli
EXCUSED 1 Kil
ABSTAIN 2 Harwood Edgecomb

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

Chairman Marelli shared correspondence:

Eastern Connecticut Conservation District sent a thank you for the Commission's \$500 donation.
CT Land Conservation Council sent a thank you for the Commission's \$500 donation.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

Ty Lamb invited Commission members to the Agricultural Team meeting on April 21, 2026; the Commission has a standing invitation to any Town Council meeting to give a presentation on projects, proposals, etc. The Commission's budget request has been forwarded to Town Council.

Alan Burton, member of the Burton family who donated land to the Town for open space, asked who oversees maintenance at the small memorial parklet (in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Burton), located on Gallup Hill Road? Mr. Burton added that a large tree limb is hanging over the property. Mr. Burton said he has been to multiple Commissions and offices trying to find out who can remove the tree but has not received answers yet. Chairman Marelli said the Commission has been assigned to 86 small parcels of land throughout Town but has never maintained the Burton Memorial Parklet. Chairman Marelli will find out who is responsible and get back to Mr. Burton.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

The Commission is invited to place a table at the Mystic River Watershed celebration on May 2, 2026, at Coogan's Farm.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

No walks due to weather. The Glacier parking lot is a muddy mess and White-Hall has snowbanks blocking the parking lot.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Financial Reports.

General fund = \$2,489.

White-Hall = \$16,714

Trail maintenance fund = \$14,116

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

No report. Ms. Graham will send the Commissioners the site plan and proposed planting

diagram for further discussion.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. POCD

The Town is updating the POCD over the next few years and the Commission will review its goals, such as promoting Townwide connectivity to open spaces, protecting water sources, advocating for riparian buffer and storm water regulations, and lastly raising profile of open space.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Ledyard Trails Task Force.

Discussion was held on how the Commission can contribute.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

6. Mystic River Watershed Protection.

Chairman Marelli said that he is hoping that Connecticut House Bill 5334 "an Act concerning Riparian Areas" is passed since Connecticut is the only State that does not have riparian buffers on the State level.

Chairman Marelli said State Bill 108 "an Act authorizing bonds of the Sate to improve dams, culverts, bridges and waterways in the Town of Ledyard" has been brought before the State Legislature.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Sustainable CT Certification spreadsheet discussion.

Mr. Harwood asked members to look at the spread sheet he sent and identify items the Commission has accomplished. The goal is to earn points to get the Town certified as a sustainable municipality so it can participate in the Community Match Fun, which will provide up to \$6,000 in matching money for crowd-source funding projects. A spreadsheet lists items that will earn the Town points toward the certification. Members can identify programs it is doing to protect land and water. More discussions will be held at future meetings.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

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

None.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 8:18 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Roberta Levandoski

SECONDER: James Harwood

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EXCUSED 1 Kil

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