



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Commission

Meeting Minutes - Draft Minutes

12 Van Tassel Drive
Gales Ferry, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Kenneth J. DiRico

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

7:00 PM

Parks & Recreation/Senior Citizens
Center

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ROLL CALL

Present Chairperson Kenneth J. DiRico
Commissioner Paula Crocker
Commissioner Lucrezia Finegan
Commissioner Carol Ann Schneider
Commissioner Lauren Hawes
Alternate Member Stephanie Bacon
Commissioner Loretta Kent

Absent Alternate Member Vanessa Sotelo

In addition, the following were present:

Scott Johnson, Director of Ledyard Parks, Recreation and Senior Center
William Barnes, Town Council Liaison
Courtney Sizer, Parks, Recreation and Senior Center Office Assistant

III. RESIDENTS & PROPERTY OWNERS COMMENTS

IV. PRESENTATIONS / INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Sr ARPA Project

ARPA funds have been spent as per the attached report. The report incorrectly states that the main rooms have been painted, the Main Hallway, and Library have been painted along with the Kitchen. The exercise room will be completed on Public Works schedule and will include an elliptical, rowing machine, recumbent bike and a weight bench and weights. The exercise room will have a special rubber flooring. Ms. Schneider asked about the fryer for the kitchen and Mr. Johnson responded that would come out of this years budget after July 1st.

V. MEMBER COMMENTS

Mr. Barnes, Town Council Liaison stated that April was National Volunteer Appreciation Month and he and the town council wanted to express their appreciation for all the volunteers who serve on the commission. Each commission member was given a certificate of appreciation and a gift

card.

VI. REPORTS

1. May 2025 Directors Report

Seeding has been completed at Crandall fields and will be fertilized as soon as the rain stops.

All maintenance is on track and the new caretaker goes above and beyond to keep everything in good shape,

The middle school fields are better but still have the drainage issue.

The Spring Fling was cancelled due to lack of interest.

There is no word yet on the Steep grant which should be coming soon. This is a state based grant and is very competitive.

The stage has been completed at the Town Green and \$1,000.00 in excess fundraising was given to Parks and Recreation. The stage is located on the blacktop behind the food pantry.

The Senior Center now has 8 - 9 drivers hired with 7 currently driving. Eastern CT grant is being put together by Groton and has drivers if needed, they give out vouchers for taxi/livery rides or caregiver reimbursement.

A breakfast fundraiser for a scholarship to camp will be held at the church on June 7th and there will also be a fall festival fundraiser for a scholarship which will include a 5K race and food trucks

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Loretta Kent

AYE 7 DiRico Crocker Finegan Schneider Hawes Bacon Kent

ABSENT 1 Sotelo

2. Upcoming Events and Schedule

VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MOTION to Approve March 2025 Meeting Minutes

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

AYE 7 DiRico Crocker Finegan Schneider Hawes Bacon Kent

ABSENT 1 Sotelo

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

1. MOTION to approve Parks, Recreation, and Senior Center Joint Logo

After some deliberation it was decided that the Logo will remain as a tree, with possible additions. It was requested that these designs get submitted in various shapes and designs in order for the group to deliberate at the next meeting.

2. DISCUSS Youth Sports Oversight

Youth sports oversight was discussed as per last meeting determined to be the clubs/league responsibility to have coaches adhere to rules and regulations. Clubs/leagues should participate in safe sports and have everyone sign a code of ethics. It was suggested that the code of ethics be signed that it has been read and attested to. Clubs/leagues should at minimum have a yearly meeting and the requirement for safe sports is 3 people from the board must take action on complaints and concerns

3. Any Other Old Business to Come Before the Commission.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

1. DISCUSSION and possible motion to allow DEEP to stock Highland Lake with Fish.

It was requested to have a designated area for children to fish. Stockers may be able to come to camp to teach fishing

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Lauren Hawes

AYE 7 DiRico Crocker Finegan Schneider Hawes Bacon Kent

ABSENT 1 Sotelo

2. DISCUSSION and possible motion to allow Baroco to install a "Little Free Library" at the Ledyard Senior Center

It was stated that a little library sometimes becomes a trash bin and Mr. Johnson stated that Baroco would be responsible for upkeep and cleaning of the library. It was also stated that the Senior Center already has a library in the building.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carol Ann Schneider

SECONDER: Lauren Hawes

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ABSENT 1 Sotelo

3. DISCUSSION and possible motion to award the Routine Maintenance Services contract to Landcare & Design LLC

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

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ABSENT 1 Sotelo

4. DISCUSSION and possible motion to award the Turf Managment Services contract to M&M Hydroseeding LLC

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Lucrezia Finegan

SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

5. Review and select contractor for the Grass Cutting & Trimming Services Contract

Review and select contractor for the Grass Cutting and Trimming Services Contract was tabled and a special meeting will be held on June 3rd at 7:00 pm or a date to be determined.

A waiver was requested from Town Council to go back out to bid.

FE Crandall has its first big increase which some was due to the middle school field.

The Chairman requested the director go back to the bidders with due diligence and receive more information and check references from past clients.

6. DISCUSSION and possible motion to utilize a Memorandum of Undersanding (MOU) for the 2025 Farmers Market Season in Lieu of a permit

It was stated that Parks & Rec and the Farmers Market have reached an agreement on the trash disposal

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Carol Ann Schneider

SECONDER: Kenneth J. DiRico

7. Any Other New Business to Come before the Committee.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Crocker moved the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Ms. Schneider

The meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

VOTE: 6-0 Approved and so declared

