NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF LEDYARD SEPTEMBER 27, 2023

A special town meeting of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in town meetings of the Town of Ledyard, Connecticut, will be held in a Hybrid Format (In-Person and Video Conference) at the Ledyard Town Hall Annex Building, Council Chambers, 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway in Ledyard, Connecticut, on the 27th day, September, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. for the following purpose:

To consider, discuss and vote upon the following:

"SHALL THE TOWN OF LEDYARD SELL THE TOWN-OWNED RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 332 COLONEL LEDYARD HIGHWAY TO LEONARD D. SHERMAN FOR TWO HUNDRED AND EIGHTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$280,000)?"

Please join the Special Town Meeting in-person or remotely as follows:

In-Person attendance will be at the Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex Building 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, Connecticut

Please join the video conference meeting from your computer, tablet, or smartphone at: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83710560246?pwd=MGp6N3NWZTljaWhNZWpmRC9HNzc5dz09 or by audio only dial: +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 837 1056 0246; Passcode: 250416

At this Special Town Meeting interested persons may appear and be heard and written communications will be accepted at towncouncil@ledyardct.org.

Dated at Ledyard, Connecticut, this 14th day of September, 2023.

For the Ledyard Town Council s/s Kevin J. Dombrowski, Chairman

RETURN OF PUBLICATION AND POSTING OF NOTICE

I, Kevin J. Dombrowski, chairman of the Ledyard Town Council, do herby certify that I caused a copy of notice of Hybrid Format (In-Person and Video Conference) Special Town Meeting to be held Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., to be legally posted in the office of the Town Clerk and that I caused a copy of said notice to be published in **The Day**, a newspaper having a circulation in the Town of Ledyard, in its issue of Tuesday, September 19, 2023.

s/Kevin J. Dombrowski, Chairman Ledyard Town Council

Dated at Ledyard, Connecticut This 28th day of September 2023

Attest: PATRICIA A. RILEY Town Clerk

MEETING MINUTES

Town Council Chairman Kevin Dombrowski called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

There were 19 people in attendance and 0 remote attendees.

The public stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Chairman called for nominations for Moderator. Mike Cherry, 5 Whippoorwill Drive, nominated Bill Saums, 333 Pumpkin Hill Road. Mr. Bill Saums then nominated Kevin Dombrowski, 139 Meeting House Lane. Seconded by John Marshall, 987R Long Cove Road.

Mr. Bill Saums, 333 Pumpkin Hill Road, then moved to close nominations, seconded by John Marshall, 987R Long Cove Road.

Those Voting in favor of Mr. Saums as Moderator: Present: None Opposed: All

Those voting in favor of Mr. Dombrowski as Moderator: All present. Opposed: None.

Moderator Dombrowski asked for the Call of the Meeting to be read.

Town Clerk Patricia A. Riley so read the Call of the meeting.

Moderator Dombrowski then proceeded with a call for a motion to put the question.

Ms. Andra Ingalls moved, seconded by John Marshall, that the Town votes upon the following:

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Presentation was given by Town Councilor Bill Saums.

Mr. Bill Saums, Town Councilor, stated that in 2007, a developer approached the town and sought permission for a 34-house development, approximately 95 acres of which the 332 parcel is a park. Of the 95 acres of land, one house on the application for development was approved. The developer chose not to develop the property and did not pay the taxes which was significantly more because it was an approved development. In 2017, the town foreclosed for back taxes of \$277,000. The town also rented the house out to a single occupant. However, the town does not wish to be in the business of land lording, so they want to sell the house. The town has also split the house off from the 95 acres and the Town's people voted to transfer the 95 acres which is undeveloped to Avalonia for preservation. The selling price of the house is \$280,000 and the back taxes owed are \$277,000. The town is recouping the lost taxes and getting out of the landlord business at this location.

Moderator Dombrowski then issued a call for Public Comment.

Mr. Mike Cherry, 5 Whippoorwill Drive, Gales Ferry, mentioned that Naomi and himself both remember this subdivision and that they spent a large part of their time around 2007 approving this one. The first time it was submitted was around the turn of the century. Mr. Cherry stated that selling this last piece of the property closes the book and preserves a wonderful piece of land that provides archeological findings and that it's a beautiful spot. Mr. Cherry is happy to see this piece of property sell.

Hearing no further public comments, Moderator Dombrowski moved on to the call for the vote on the question.

Moderator Dombrowski called for a vote on the question.

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Those voting in favor of: All Opposed: None Motion Carries

Town Council Chair, Kevin Dombrowski moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The Special Town Meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia A. Riley, CCTC Ledyard Town Clerk