TOWN OF LEDYARD

Ledyard Beautification Committee

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Jennifer Eastbourne

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 6, 2024 **5:00 PM** **Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format**

I. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Eastbourne called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present	Committee Member Carol Christiansen
	Committee Member Carol Ann Schneider
	Chairman Jennifer Eastbourne
	Committee Member Kathrine Kohrs
	Committee Member Jennifer Bingham
Excused	Committee Member Sarah Martic
Absent	Committee Member Julie Brousseau

Carol Christiansen was present via Zoom.
Also in attendance:
Naomi Rodriguez, Town Councilor.
Ty Lamb, Historic District Commission Chairman.

III. PUBLIC COMMENTS

IV. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from January 2, 2024, as written.

RESULT:	APPROVED AND SO DECLARED	
MOVER:	Kathrine Kohrs	
SECONDER:	Carol Ann Schneider	
AYE	5	Christiansen Schneider Eastbourne Kohrs Bingham
EXCUSED	1	Martic
ABSENT	1	Brousseau

V. FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Ledyard Beautification Committee Financial Reports.

No changes since last month.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VI. OLD BUSINESS

1. Future Projects Discussion.

February Planter project:
February 10 - The Committee will gather at Senior Housing (not the Senior Center) at 1:00 p.m. to assemble the teacup/coffee cup planters. Approximately 50 cups.

Ms. Bingham will bring the dry foam and baby's breath flowers. Ms. Kohrs will bring the boxwood cuttings. Ms. Schneider will bring museum wax to hold the teacup to the saucer.

Chairperson Eastbourne asked the Committee if they would want the National Honor Society students to help with the project. The Committee agreed to have 5-6 students help, no more help since the room isn't that large. Chairperson Eastbourne will make the arrangements.

Earth Day:
Chairperson Eastbourne reserved the Town Green for April 21 from 2-4. She would like the Committee to start thinking about food truck participation. The Committee will plan to host contests on the green such as a recycled crown, a trashion show and nip bottle art. More discussion on the contest(s) next month.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. Nip Bottle Tax Surcharge Discussion.

The Committee is waiting for information from Councilor Ryan. Possible Ad Hoc Committee?

Nip Bottle Tax-
Chairperson Eastbourne recommends an Ad Hoc Committee is formed to get the framework going. Ideally the Committee would be formed before the Earth Day Event so it could be advertised that day. Councilor Ryan was planning on speaking to the Finance Committee regarding the Ad Hoc idea.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

3. Any Other Old Business to Come before the Committee.

None.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

1. Pancake Breakfast -
Ledyard Congregational Church on July 6, 2024.
Please save the date to help serve.

The first available date for the breakfast fundraiser is on July 6. Chairperson Eastbourne asked

the Committee to save the date.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

2. There are currently two Committee openings, Secretary is one of them.

Carol Schneider offered to be the Treasurer.

Chairperson Eastbourne said there are two open positions and asked the members to get the word out to anyone that may be interested.

Councilor Rodriguez said that someone was interested but wanted a description of the Committee. Chairperson Eastbourne will get the information for her.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED
MOVER: Jennifer Eastbourne
SECONDER: Kathrine Kohrs

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

Ty Lamb, introduces himself by saying that he represents the Historic District Commission. Mr. Lamb said that he has been reaching out to several partners such as Groton Open Space Association (GOSA), Tri-Town and the Garden Club. He wanted to throw out some opportunities to see if the LBC's scope of work matches up with what Historic is working on. He said many Committees stay on their own "island" and by joining Committees together perhaps larger projects can be completed. Chairperson Eastbourne liked the idea. He gave an example of the Historic Commission partnering with the trails to identify and locate Historical portions, such as the Spicer ruins and Lambtown. The Historic Commission will receive a triangular area for a Historical site, benches and a pollinator garden. This site is the result of an agreement between Lambtown and GOSA. Mr. Lamb said there is a need for volunteers to help with the projects in ways such as planting and moving 2-3 benches. Chairperson Eastbourne said the LBC could help get the word out to round up volunteers. Ms. Schneider suggested a group from the Sub-Base and Chairperson Eastbourne suggested the Girls and Boy Scouts. Mr. Lamb will send the Committee an email with all the projects laid out and the LBC can decide from there what they could help with. Mr. Lamb said the Historic Commission meets the fourth Monday of each month in the same Annex meeting room, he invited anyone interested to attend. Mr. Lamb added that he or someone else from the Historic Commission will attend another LBC meeting.

Carol Christensen announced that the Ledyard Rotary is accepting applications for its grant program soon. She added that two years ago the Committee received $1,000 to offset the cost of the banners. The application needs to be project specific. The deadline is in May, Ms. Christensen will get the exact date.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 5:33 p.m.

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED
MOVER: Kathrine Kohrs
SECONDER: Carol Ann Schneider

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