



TOWN OF LEDYARD

Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman
Mike Marelli

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Chairman Marelli at 6:33 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Present Commissioner Betsy Graham
Commissioner Barbara Kil
Chairman Michael E. Marelli
Commissioner Dave Cohen
Town Council Liaison Kathleen Edgecomb
Commissioner Roberta Levandoski

Excused Vice Chair James Harwood

Also in attendance:
Town Council Chairperson, Naomi Rodriguez.
Town Council Liaison, William Barnes.

III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from January 14, 2025, as written.
Approved as amended to change the motion phrasing in Any Other New Business 2025/26 Budget Request to:

"Motion to AUTHORIZE Chairman Marelli to forward to Mayor's office the Conservation Commission's 2025-26 proposed budget request of \$3,575".

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED
MOVER: Dave Cohen
SECONDER: Roberta Levandoski

AYE 6 Graham Kil Marelli Cohen Edgecomb Levandoski
EXCUSED 1 Harwood

IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

DEP newsletter.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

None.

VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

1. Informational items.

Chairman Marelli said that the Conservation Commission members are invited attend the February 12,2025 Town Council meeting to hear a discussion of the Ledyard Sewer lines project presented by the Chairman of the Water Pollution Control Authority.

Chairman Marelli spoke with Dennis Main of Avalonia Land Conservancy to start discussions about giving two small parcels of owned by the Commission to Avalonia in order to connect the Pike-Marshall preserve and the Burton Trail. The properties are approximately 3.25 acres and are located at 358 R Col Ledyard Highway, behind Outback Stables, and a strip of land off Applewood Drive.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. Property Walks.

None.

2. Financial Reports.

No changes.

3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.

Nothing new to report. Still waiting for site plan approval for spring planting at Bush Pond at Lantern Hill Valley Park. Town Council Chairperson, Naomi Rodriguez said she would talk with Scott Johnson, Parks and Recreation Director, to schedule a meeting to discuss the site plan, which was completed by Dieter & Gardner land surveyors of Gales Ferry. The Commission has not yet seen the plan.

4. Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.

Chairman Marelli and Mr. Cohen are scheduled to meet at the site with a landscaper to discuss the costs associated with clearing the fields.

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

None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

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A draft of the White-Hall Management plan will be discussed at the March meeting.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:08 p.m.

A motion was made by Chairman Marelli, seconded by Town Council Liaison Edgecomb, that this be Approved and so declared. The motion carried by the following vote:

RESULT: APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

MOVER: Michael E. Marelli

SECONDER: Kathleen Edgecomb

AYE 6 Graham Kil Marelli Cohen Edgecomb Levandoski

EXCUSED 1 Harwood

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