



## TOWN OF LEDYARD

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** March 4, 2025

**TO:** Ledyard Planning & Zoning Commission

**FROM:** Liz Burdick, Director of Land Use & Planning

**RE: C.G.S. 8-24 Referral for Report to Town Council regarding "Lantern Valley Park" Improvements – 600 Lantern Hill Road, Ledyard, CT**

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Request is for a report to the Town Council in accordance with CGS 8-24 regarding proposed improvements to Town-leased land on a portion of 600 Lantern Hill Road, Ledyard, CT owned by Robert & Mary Graham for "Lantern Valley Park."

The Town of Ledyard, on January 31, 2023, signed a 99-year lease for .8-acres of land at 600 Lantern Hill Road, Ledyard from Robert G. & Mary E. Graham for the purposes of creating a park.

The Ledyard Parks & Recreation Dept. is proposing to construct site improvements for said park, including a pavilion, two pervious parking areas, boat launch, and multiple riparian buffers in accordance with a plan entitled "Plan Prepared for Town of Ledyard, Lantern Hill Valley Park, 596-602 Lantern Hill Road Ledyard CT, Dated February 2025."

The following Motion is suggested for any favorable recommendation:

I make a Motion to forward a FAVORABLE REPORT in accordance with C.G.S. Section 8.24 to the Ledyard Town Council regarding proposed improvements to Town-leased land at 600 Lantern Hill Road, Ledyard, CT as shown on plan entitled "Plan Prepared for Town of Ledyard, Lantern Hill Valley Park, 596-602 Lantern Hill Road Ledyard CT, Dated February 2025."

If the PZC is inclined to send an unfavorable report, it shall state its reasons on the record.

**Sec. 8-24. Municipal improvements.** No municipal agency or legislative body shall (1) locate, accept, abandon, widen, narrow or extend any street, bridge, parkway or other public way, (2) locate, relocate, substantially improve, acquire land for, abandon, sell or lease any airport, park, playground, school or other municipally owned property or public building, (3) locate or extend any public housing, development, redevelopment or urban renewal project, or (4) locate or extend public utilities and terminals for water, sewerage, light, power, transit and other purposes, until the proposal to take such action has been referred to the commission for a report. Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, a municipality may take final action approving an appropriation for any proposal prior to the approval of the proposal by the commission pursuant to this section. The failure of the commission to report within thirty-five days after the date of official submission of the proposal to it for a report shall be taken as approval of the proposal. In the case of the disapproval of the proposal by the commission the reasons therefor shall be recorded and transmitted to the legislative body of the municipality. A proposal disapproved by the commission shall be adopted by the municipality or, in the case of disapproval of a proposal by the commission subsequent to final action by a municipality approving an appropriation for the proposal and the method of financing of such appropriation, such final action shall be effective, only after the subsequent approval of the proposal by (A) a two-thirds vote of the town council where one exists, or a majority vote of those present and voting in an annual or special town meeting, or (B) a two-thirds vote of the representative town meeting or city council or the warden and burgesses, as the case may be. The provisions of this section shall not apply to maintenance or repair of existing property, buildings or public ways, including, but not limited to, resurfacing of roads.