



# TOWN OF LEDYARD

## Conservation Commission

### Meeting Minutes

741 Colonel Ledyard Highway  
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Chairman  
Mike Marelli

#### Regular Meeting

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Tuesday, December 10, 2024

6:30 PM

Town Hall Annex - Hybrid Format

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Chairman Marelli.

Barabara Kil was present via Zoom.

Also in attendance was Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson.

#### II. ROLL CALL

**Present** Vice Chair James Harwood  
Commissioner Betsy Graham  
Commissioner Barbara Kil  
Chairman Michael E. Marelli  
Commissioner Dave Cohen  
Secretary Kathleen Edgecomb  
Commissioner Roberta Levandoski

#### III. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Motion to APPROVE Regular Meeting Minutes from November 12, 2024, as written.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** James Harwood

**SECONDER:** Betsy Graham

**AYE** 7 Harwood Graham Kil Marelli Cohen Edgecomb Levandoski

#### IV. CORRESPONDENCE

1. Correspondence.

None.

#### V. PUBLIC COMMENTS

1. Public Comments.

None present.

**VI. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS****1. Informational items.**

The Commission discussed the Long Island Resilience Planning Support Program, which is looking for volunteers and a space to set up a bacteriology lab to monitor fresh and salt waters - no action taken.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**VII. OLD BUSINESS****1. Property Walks.**

Mr. Harwood attended the Stewardship and Trail Walk at the Tefftweald at Bircheturn Preserve in North Stonington and helped with trail maintenance.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**2. Financial Reports.**

No changes since last month.

**3. Pollinator Pathways Project continued.**

The Commission is still waiting to hear from the Town regarding the plan.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**4. Field Clearing at White-Hall Property.**

Discussion on getting the two fields on the property cleared annually. Chairman Marelli will ask the Town for help and/or suggestions to clear a 3-acre meadow and a 2-acre meadow. Mr. Cohen will also reach out to Avalonia Land Conservancy for suggestions. It was also suggested that the Commission apply for a grant to pay a contractor to clear the fields.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**6. Any Other Old Business to come before the Commission.**

None.

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS****1. Election of Commission Officers.**

Motion to APPROVE the Slate of Officers, Mr, Marelli as Chairman, Mr. Harwood as Vice-Chairman, Ms. Graham as Treasurer and Ms. Edgecomb as Secretary.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Roberta Levandoski

**SECONDER:** Betsy Graham

**AYE** 6 Levandoski Harwood Graham Kil Marelli Cohen

**2. Any Other New Business to come before the Commission.**

Mr. Harwood and Naomi Rodriguez, Town Council Chairperson excused themselves from the meeting at 7:38 p.m.

Ms. Graham talked about the possibility of the Commission contributing to funding for invasive species monitoring at Long Pond. No action taken.

A brief discussion was held on the proposed excavation application off Route 12 in Gales Ferry. No action taken.

**RESULT:** DISCUSSED

**IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to ADJOURN the Regular Meeting at 7:44 p.m.

**RESULT:** APPROVED AND SO DECLARED

**MOVER:** Kathleen Edgecomb

**SECONDER:** Dave Cohen

**AYE** 6 Graham Kil Marelli Cohen Edgecomb Levandoski

**EXCUSED** 1 Harwood

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