



TOWN OF LEDYARD
CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL

Chairman Kevin J. Dombrowski

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEARING
LEDYARD TOWN COUNCIL
HYBRID FORMAT
VIDEO CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

PUBLIC HEARING

6:30 PM, JUNE 28, 2023

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- I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman Dombrowski called to order the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers regarding the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program regarding the Habitat for Humanity Project for the full rehabilitation of a single-family split-level home at 42 Laurel Leaf Drive in Gales Ferry.

Chairman Dombrowski welcomed all to tonight's Hybrid Public Hearing. He stated for the members of the Public who were participating via video conference that remote meeting information was available on the Agenda that was posted on the Town's Website - ICompass Meeting Portal.

- II. PROCEDURE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

- III. CALL OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

The following call of the Public Hearing was read by Town Council Administrative Assistant Roxanne M. Maher:

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF LEDYARD

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ledyard Town Council will conduct a Hybrid Format Public Hearing
(In-Person & Video Conference)
on Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.
to receive comments/recommendations regarding the following:

For Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) tax credits eligibility - Habitat for Humanity of Eastern Connecticut request to support a full rehabilitation of a single-family split-level home located at 42 Laurel Leaf Drive, Gales Ferry, CT. Total cost \$143,752.08 with \$20,000 requested in accordance with Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) eligibility.

Form NA-01 2023 Connecticut Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) Program Proposals is available in the Town Clerk's Office.

Please join the Public Hearing 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/88564941941?pwd=c1l4aEQ0T3J5NkRvUzllY2tGVytyQT09>
or by audio only dial: +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 885 6494 1941; Passcode: 343048

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

Dated at Ledyard, Connecticut this 15th day of June, 2023.

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

Please Publish on Monday, June 19, 2023

IV. PRESENTATION OF THE PROPOSED NAA PROJECTS:

Mayor Allyn, III, provided some background explaining that the State Department of Revenue Services in conjunction with large corporations developed the Neighborhood Assistance Act (NAA) which provided tax credits to businesses that make donations to nonprofits for projects approved by their local governments. The NAA was not a grant program, it was a “corporation donation” initiative in which corporations could partner with non-profit organizations to sponsor or make donations toward an approved project for which they would receive a tax credit.

Mayor Allyn went on to explain in accordance with CGS for non-profit organizations to be eligible for the NAA program the Town Council must hold a public hearing and approve the project. He stated that the entire project could be fully sponsored/funded by donations from corporations and business or a just a portion of the project could be sponsored by corporations and business. He stated endorsing the project would not commit any funding from the town, and he noted that this was not a grant program.

Ms. Bernadette Drennen, Habitat for Humanity Representative, thanked the Town Council for considering Habitat for Humanity’s request this evening to support their initiative to be eligible for the Neighborhood Assistance Act Program. She stated Habitat of Humanity of Eastern Connecticut worked in partnership with families to provide support throughout the home ownership process. She provided some background stating that Habitat for Humanity received of a single-family split-level home at 42 Laurel Leaf Drive in Gales Ferry as a donation, noting that it required a full rehabilitation to be habitable. She noted the home was approximately 1,000 square feet and had three bedrooms and 1.5 bathrooms.

Councilor Saums stated Habitat for Humanity was a great program; and the Neighborhood Assistance Act was a great program. He noted as Mayor Allyn stated, this was not a grant program, explaining that corporations provided the funding for the Neighborhood Assistance Act. He stated Habitat for Humanity have done a number of homes in Ledyard. He stated for the Laurel Leaf Drive home that the project would be a complete renovation of the home. He stated the family that would be assigned to the home would be participating in the renovation project.

V. PUBLIC COMMENT – None.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further public comment, Chairman Dombrowski adjourned the public hearing at 6:34 p.m.

Transcribed by Roxanne M. Maher
Administrative Assistant to the Town Council

I, Kevin J. Dombrowski, Chairman of the Ledyard Town Council,
hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct
copy of the minutes of the Public Hearing held on June 28, 2023.

Attest: _____
Kevin J. Dombrowski, Chairman

