



Chairman Gary St. Vil

TOWN OF LEDYARD

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PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES

6:30 PM; APRIL 8, 2026

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman St. Vil called to order the Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m. regarding a proposed the proposed Amendments to Ordinance #300-029 (rev. 1) "*An Ordinance Regarding Control of Alcoholic Beverages at Town of Ledyard Facilities*"
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. PROCEDURE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Chairman St. Vil welcomed all to the Hybrid Meeting. He stated for the members of the Town Council and the Public who were participating via video conference that the remote meeting information was available on the Agenda that was posted on the Town's Website – Granicus-Legistar Meeting Portal.

Chairman St. Vil provided an overview of the procedure of the Public Hearing, and he asked those attending remotely to put their name and address in the "Chat" and that they would be called upon during the Public Comment portion of tonight's meeting.

- IV. 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, April 8, 2026 at 6:30 p.m.
to receive comments/recommendations regarding
Proposed Amendments to Ordinance #300-029 (rev. 1)

"An Ordinance Regarding Control of Alcoholic Beverages at Town of Ledyard Facilities"

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://ledyardct.zoom.us/j/89463157655?pwd=LhbS4NNdZSrKjVCzZfLSrXt30eTFud.1>
or by audio only dial: +1 646 558 8656 Meeting ID: 894 6315 7655; Passcode: 392332

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 26h day of March, 2026

For the Ledyard Town Council
s/s Gary St. Vil, Chairman

Please Publish on Monday, March 30, 2026

V. PRESENTATIONS

Chairman St Vil called upon Administration Committee Chairman Councilor Garcia-Irizarry to present the proposed Amendments to Ordinance #300-029 (rev 1) "*An Ordinance Regarding Control of Alcoholic Beverages at Town of Ledyard Facilities*"

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry explained that the proposed Ordinance amendments were to allow vendors at the Farmers Market to sell spirits. She also noted that the proposed amendments would allow items to be sold at the Farmers Market that were glass and ceramic containers, stating many of the vendors products such as pickles, sauces, wines, meads, ciders, spirits, relishes, jams, jellies, flowers, seasoning were packaged in glass or pottery containers.

DRAFT: 3/3/2026

Ordinance: #300-029 (~~rev-1~~-2)

AN ORDINANCE
REGARDING CONTROL OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AT
TOWN OF LEDYARD FACILITIES

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Ledyard Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Ledyard: "*An Ordinance Regarding Control of Alcoholic Beverages at Town of Ledyard Facilities*" is hereby enacted.

Section 1. Purpose

To control the use, consumption, possession, sale or purchase of alcoholic liquor, as defined in C.G.S. § 30-1, at any Town facility, Town property or any school property under the Board of Education in the Town of Ledyard.

Section 2. Definitions

In accordance with C.G.S. § 30-1 as amended the following terms shall mean:

- a. Alcohol: the product of distillation of any fermented liquid, rectified either once or more often, whatever may be the origin thereof, and includes synthetic ethyl alcohol which is considered non-potable.
- b. Alcoholic liquor or alcoholic beverage: includes alcohol, beer, spirits and wine; and every liquid or solid, patented or not, containing alcohol, spirits, wine or beer and capable of being consumed by a human being for beverage purposes. Any liquid or solid containing more than one of the four varieties so defined is considered as belonging to that variety which has the higher percentage of alcohol, according to the following order: Alcohol, spirits, wine and beer. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to any liquid or solid containing less than one-half of one per cent of alcohol by volume.

- c. Beer: means any beverage obtained by the alcoholic fermentation of an infusion or decoction of barley, malt and hops in drinking water.
- d. Wine: means any alcoholic beverage obtained by the fermentation of the natural sugar content of fruits, such as grapes or apples or other agricultural products, containing sugar, including fortified wines such as port, sherry and champagne.
- e. Minor: Any person under twenty-one (21) years of age.
- f. Person: Natural person including partners but shall not include corporations, limited liability companies, joint stock companies or other associations of natural persons.
- g. Ledyard Town Facility: "Town Facility" includes the following: town hall, municipal buildings, municipal school buildings, stadiums, any public playgrounds, public parks, any fire stations or clubhouses therein, police headquarters facility or on any public grounds and/or other places owned leased, maintained, operated and /or funded directly or indirectly by the Town of Ledyard.
- h. *Ledyard Farmers Market: Ledyard Farmers Market or "LFM" refers to the Ledyard Farmers Market Commission and activities carried out in the normal course of operating the Farmers Market.*
- i. *LFM Vendor: refers to any vendor accepted to the market, particularly for those vendors approved to sell alcoholic beverages made in the state of CT. The beverages may include, but are not limited to wines, ciders, meads, beer, and spirits.*

Section 3. Consumption of Alcoholic Beverages in Public Buildings, Parks, etc.

It shall be unlawful for any person to have in their possession, or to consume any alcoholic beverage in a town facility.

Section 4 Exceptions -Authorization and Permit Required

At the discretion of the Body who has Administrative Control of a town facility, the consumption of beer and wine may be permitted, as defined in C.G.S. § 30-1, as amended, during any public or private function, festival or celebration being conducted within a town facility pursuant to written authorization from the body who has Administrative Control of the property and upon written permit issued by the Chief of Police or their designee, authorizing the sale, service or distribution of alcoholic liquor at or in connection with such function, festival or celebration as follows:

Name of Facility	Location	Administrative Control Authorization & Address
Any Parks & Recreation Area	Various	Parks & Recreation Director or Designee 12 Van Tassel Drive, Gales Ferry
• DeMuria Pavilion/Colonel Ledyard Park	21 Blonder Boulevard, Ledyard	
• Perry Pavilion/Highlands Lake	639 Shewville Road. Ledyard	
• Ledyard Town Green/Pole Barn / Holdridge Pavilion	728 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard	
• Picnic areas along with picnic area at Erickson Park	114 Military Highway. Gales Ferry	

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gales Ferry Community Center • Donahue Property • Sawmill Park/Picnic Area 	<p>18 Hurlbutt Road, Gales Ferry</p> <p>13 Winthrop Road, Gales Ferry</p> <p>172 Iron Street, Ledyard</p>	
Nathan Lester House & Garden	153 Vinegar Hill Road, Gales Ferry	Historic District Commission or his/her designee 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard (Town Hall)
Senior Citizens Center	12 Van Tassel Drive, Gales Ferry	Parks & Recreation Director or Designee 12 Van Tassel Drive, Gales Ferry or Senior Citizens Commission 12 Van Tassel Drive, Gales Ferry

Section 5. Authorization and Permit Procedure

a. Authorization

Written authorization from the Body or their designee who has Administrative Control of the town facility for which the Authorization was being sought must be obtained at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of the event.

Authorization will allow vendors at the Ledyard Farmers Market to sell alcoholic beverages including, but not limited to wines, ciders, meads, beer, and spirits in closed containers for the Market Season.

Authorization will permit the offering for sale, glass or ceramic containers (filled with product or empty) and items at the Ledyard Farmers Market.

b. Permit

Temporary Liquor Permit Application Forms and Instructions are available on line at <https://elicense.ct.gov/>, the Town Clerk’s Office and the Police Department.

Written authorization from the Body who has Administrative Control of the town facility must be provided with the Application when obtaining local signatures, as required on the State of Connecticut Application for Temporary Liquor Permit Form.

Completed application and authorization of the Administrative Control Body shall be submitted to the Ledyard Police Department at least twenty (20) days prior to the start of the public or private function, festival or celebration being conducted within a town facility.

Written approval or denial of the Permit should be issued to the Applicant within seven days of receipt of the Permit Application and a copy of the approved or denied Permit Application shall be forwarded to the Body who has Administrative Control of the town facility for which the Temporary Liquor Permit was sought.

Section 6. Professional Catered Events/ Licenses and Insurance Required

a. Caterer Liquor Permit

For events at which professional catering services are provided, the caterer shall provide proof that a "caterer liquor permit" has been obtained in accordance with C.G.S. § 30-37J.

b. Insurance

The Caterer shall procure and shall pay all premiums for comprehensive general liability insurance coverage for the town facility for which they are serving food, beverages and alcoholic beverages, in the amount of no less than \$2 million and shall provide certificates of such insurance indicating coverage is in effect.

Additionally, the Caterer shall list the Town of Ledyard as an additional insured on all forms of insurance.

The caterer shall also provide proof of liquor liability coverage as part of the application.

Section 7. Serving Alcoholic beverages to Minors

It shall be unlawful for any person to sell or serve beer, wine or other alcoholic beverages to any person under the age of 21 at any public or private function, festival or celebration being conducted within a town facility.

In accordance with CGS § 30-86, a person may be fined, imprisoned up to 18 months, or both, for giving alcohol to someone under 21 years of age.

Section 8. Violations

a. In addition to State imposed fines any person violating this Ordinance shall be fined not more than \$100.00 for each offense.

b. Any person violating this Ordinance shall also be subject to immediate removal from the area, park or district and be subject to denial of future entry into such town facility.

Section 9. Severability.

If any section, or part of a section, of this Ordinance shall be held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such holding shall not be deemed to invalidate the remaining provisions hereof.

Section 10. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall take effect on the twenty-first (21st) day after publication in accordance with Chapter III, Section 5 of the Charter of the Town of Ledyard.

Amended and Adopted by the Town Council on: _____

Gary St. Vil, Chairman

Approved / Disapproved on: _____

Fred B. Allyn, III., Mayor

Published on:

Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk

Effective Date:

Revision: Ordinance #34 "An Ordinance Regarding Control of Alcoholic Liquor in Parks & Recreation Areas, School Property and the Historic District" Adopted: April 9, 1986; Effective: May 27, 1986; Renumbered and Adopted: 9/25/2019; **Rewritten (Rev. 1) and Adopted September 9, 2020.**

History: The Twenty-fourth Town Council (2017- 2019) Ordinance #34 "An Ordinance Regarding Control of Alcoholic Liquor at Parks & Recreation Areas, School Property and the Historic District" was renumbered to Ordinance #300-029

2020: The Ordinance was totally rewritten to allow for the consumption of beer and wine at additional town owned facilities and town-owned properties; as listed in Table. Also, the following documentation requirements were added to the Ordinance (1) Authorization from the Body who has Administrative Control of the facility/property, and (2) Written permit from the Chief of Police. The Ordinance added provisions for catered events requiring the caterer to provide proof of liquor license and insurance.

2026: Ordinance amended to allow vendors at the Farmers Market to sell spirits. It was also amended to allow glass and ceramic containers and items at the market as prohibiting these containers and items would not allow vendors to sell pickles, candles, sauces, wines, meads, ciders, spirits, sodas or other non-alcoholic beverages, relishes, jams, jellies, flowers, seasonings, or pottery. Authorization was extended for the entire Market Season

VI. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman St. Vil thanked Councilor Garcia-Irizarry for her prestation regarding the proposed Amendments to Ordinance #300-029 (rev 1) "*An Ordinance Regarding Control of Alcoholic Beverages at Town of Ledyard Facilities (rev. 1)*". He asked those wishing to comment to please state their name and address for the record and to keep their comments to 3-minutes or less. He noted for those attending on-line to please put their name and address in the *Chat* and they would be called on in the order they were signed up.

Mr. Scott Johnson Jr., Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Director, stated that he supported the addition of "Spirits" to Ordinance #300-029 (rev 1) "*An Ordinance Regarding Control of Alcoholic Beverages at Town of Ledyard Facilities*"; however, he was present this evening to opposed the proposed Ordinance Amendments as written.

Mr. Johnson proceeded by suggesting that "Spirits" be extended to other Non-Profit Organizations such as the Rotary Club, noting that they use the Town Green for events such as their Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser and their Annual Car Show. He suggested Section 4 "*Exceptions -Authorization and Permit Required*" add "Spirits" as follows

"At the discretion of the Body who has Administrative Control of a town facility, the consumption of beer ~~and~~ wine and spirits may be permitted, as defined in C.G.S. § 30-1,...."

Mr. Johnson continued by stating that he did not support the provision for the use of glass for the Farmers Market to be included in the Ordinance. He explained that the Permit Forms for all of the Parks & Recreation Facilities clearly state that Glass was Prohibited, noting that it was the industry standard especially for beaches and playgrounds, etc. He expressed concerns regarding possible damage from broken glass that could occur to the newly installed playground surface and wood chips around the playscapes, noting the expense to have those items repaired or replaced. He explained in past years he has issued the Farmers Market a Waiver to allow for the Vendors whose products were in glass containers. He stated that he

was willing to allow the Farmers Market to have glass at the Market; and he suggested they address the use of glass containers at the Farmers Market through a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) instead of the Ordinance. He stated by having a MOU they would have in-writing, that should a \$500,000 playscape surface be damaged that the Farmers Market would be held responsible to replace the playscape surface. He went on to state because the Farmers Market has out grown the Permit Waiver to have glass at the Market that he was planning to draft a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow the Farmers Market to have glass at the Lower Town Green explaining that because the Pole Barn was paved they could sweep up the glass should the need arise. He stated if something were to back fire that they could pull out the MOU next year to update, instead of having to change an Ordinance.

Mr. Johnson went on to note that he would work with Chief Rich to clean up some areas of Ordinance #300-029 (rev. 1), noting that the Ordinance was written before the Parks, Recreation, & Senior Center were merged. Therefore, he stated that some of the properties and Administrative Oversight would need to be updated because the Senior Citizens Commission no longer existed

Mr. Johnson addressed Section 6. “*Professional Catered Events/ Licenses and Insurance Required*”; Paragraph (a) as noted below; and he suggested that they add language to provide for “*Off Premise Permits*” explaining that an *Off Premise Permit* was different from an Temporary Permit or a Catering Permit.

(a) *Caterer Liquor Permit*

For events at which professional catering services are provided, the caterer shall provide proof that a “caterer liquor permit” has been obtained in accordance with C.G.S. § 30-37J.

Mr. Johnson stated a Distiller that makes alcohol at their Distillery, would have an “*Off Premise Permit*” to be able to sell at a Farmers Market or at an Event; and he noted that the Rotary also wanted to operate under an “*Off Premise Permit*” explaining for their Wine Tasting Event they brought in a Package Store to do the sampling. Therefore, he suggested they add “*Off Premise Permits*” to Section 6 in the Ordinance. He stated they would probably require some assistance from the Town Attorney to draft the language.

Mr. Johnson stated that he would be happy to work with the Administration Committee to amend Ordinance #300-029 (rev 1), noting that Police Chief Rich should also be involved with making changes to the Ordinance.

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry questioned whether Parks, Recreation, & Senior Citizens Director Mr. Johnson has talked with the Farmers Market Committee about the proposed Ordinance Amendments. Mr. Johnson stated that he has communicated with Farmers Market Committee Chairman Pam Ball through email; however, he stated that he has not talked with her in-person. He stated that he did not know if Ms. Ball understood his email, because he told her that he would support the Ordinance Amendments. However, he stated he did not want to include the glass provision in the Ordinance, not because he did not want the Farmers Market to have glass, but because he wanted to address glass through another avenue that would give the Town some protections; such as paying to replace the wood chips, etc. Members of the Town Council noted that Ms. Ball was present this evening.

Ms. Jessica Buhle, 65 Pheasant Run Drive, Gales Ferry, Town Councilor, stated she was an avid Farmers Market Patron who enjoyed buying Peach Wine from Staley Farm Vinyards, which she takes home. She stated that she does not drink the Peach Wine at the Market because that was not what it was there for. She also noted that there were breweries that sell four packs of their beer, which would not be consumed on-site. Therefore, she questioned whether the proposed Ordinance Amendments was changing the ability to consume alcohol on-site at the Farmers Market. Mr. Johnson stated that the proposed Ordinance Amendments was not changing the ability to consume alcohol on-site. He explained that consuming alcohol on-site was Permit Specific; and he noted as an example the Organization that was hosting the event would need to obtain a Tasting Permit.

Ms. Pam Ball, 674 Shewville Road, Ledyard, Farmers Market Committee Chairman and Market Manager; stated that the Farmers Market has put forth two amendments to the town's current Ordinance #300-029 (rev 1) "*An Ordinance Regarding Control of Alcoholic Beverages at Town of Ledyard Facilities*" allow market vendors, and only market vendors, to sell goods packaged in glass and ceramics to sell only at the Market.

Ms. Ball explained that the first change came about in response to a distillery who applied for the last three Markets in 2025. She stated because the existing Ordinance #300-029 (rev 1) allowed the sale of beer and wine but not spirits the Market was unable to get them into the Market and decided to try for the 2026 Market. She stated to do this, the Farmers Market Committee proposed an amendment to allow the sale of spirits at the Market, noting that this was not consumption, it was just sales of closed bottles.

Ms. Ball stated since most alcoholic beverages were sold in glass, the Committee also took this opportunity add some language to allow Market Vendors, and only Market Vendors, to sell ceramics and goods in glass (pickles, jams, jellies, etc.) at, and only at, the Farmers Market. She stated because they understand that Parks & Recreation has a policy that does not allow glass at town parks; that it seemed logical to add to this ordinance an exception for Market Vendors to sell goods in glass since it goes hand-in-hand with selling wine and beer, which were also often packaged in glass. She stated the proposed amendments were not intended to, nor were they written to, allow other parties to be exempt from the Parks & Recreation "*no glass*" Policy at town parks.

Ms. Ball went on to explain that the Farmers Market forwarded their proposed Ordinance Amendments to the Mayor for review and he was in agreement. She noted that the proposed Ordinance Amendments also went before the Administration Committee and they were also in agreement with the changes; and that copy was also forwarded to Parks & Recreation.

Ms. Ball continued to explain another reason the Farmers Market Committee was asking for these changes was to streamline things for the Market Volunteers. She stated if these proposed Ordinance Amendments pass, then they would not have to remember to bother Parks & Recreation every year to request a Wavier, so that they would not be in violation of their policies. She stated that she would not always be manager; and therefore, she was working to make process easier for future Market Managers. She also mentioned that should Mr. Johnson leave for greener pastures, that maybe the next person in charge of Parks & Recreation would be less amenable to allowing spirits and/or glass.

Ms. Ball stated that these proposed Ordinance Amendments would be helpful, to both the Market Manager and to Parks & Recreation because it would be one less thing to question every year. She stated that she was not trying to make things difficult or step on anyone's toes, that she was trying to make things easier. She asked if the proposed Ordinance Amendments are not approved that the Parks & Recreation Policy be amended to allow Market Vendors, and only Market Vendors to sell goods packaged in glass and to sell ceramics at the Market, and only at the Market, not on the Upper Town Green where there were playscapes, wood chips, etc., without having to ask for permission every year. She stated the Farmers Market Committee wanted these provisions put in writing somewhere, noting than they do not care where they were recorded, so that the Market Volunteers have one less thing to remember to do every year; noting that they had a very long "*To Do List*" every year, getting the Farmers Market up and running each season.

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Director Mr. Johnson stated even with the proposed Ordinance Amendments the Farmers Market would have to obtain a Permit from Parks & Recreation every year for the use of the Pole Barn at the Lower Town Green; and for the Alcohol Permit. He stated the Parks & Recreation Commission was the body that provided permission to override the Alcohol rule and for him to sign the Permits, noting that he could not override or contradict any Parks & Recreation Policy.

Mr. Bill Barnes, 1 Spruce Street, Ledyard, Town Councilor, thanked both Mr. Johnson and Ms. Ball for their commentary. He stated there were some nuisances that the Administration Committee was not aware of. He questioned if they used a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to address the glass/ceramic provision, whether they could establish an enduring MOU so that it would not have to be updated annually. Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Director Mr. Johnson stated he was going to use the MOU in lieu of a Permit, and he explained although they could have an enduring MOU that he would prefer that a new MOU be issued each year because the dates would change, the cost of the Porta-Johns might change, etc. therefore, it was better to do a new MOU each year.

Ms. Adrienne Parad, 5 Birch Street, Ledyard, Town Councilor, stated that Ledyard Education Advance Foundation (LEAF) holds their Back to School Bash at the Lower Town Green and she questioned whether the proposed Ordinance Amendments would apply to them in the same way if they also had vendors selling things at their events. Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Director Mr. Johnson stated the Parks & Recreation's Policy was that No Glass was Permitted at their Parks; and he explained that they would make an exception for the Farmers Market. He stated the reason for the No Glass Policy was for safety, and he addressed the cost to replace surfaces should glass break at the beach, playscape, basketball court, etc. He stated he was willing to make an exception for the Lower Town Green Pole Barn because it was concrete and they could sweep up broken glass, noting that it was not like other surfaces such as stone dust, crushed stone, wood chips, solid playground surface, etc. He stated that State Park Regulations do not permit glass at any beach, and he noted that glass was not allowed in woodland areas, etc. Councilor Parad questioned if the Back to School Bash had vendors in the Pole Barn could they sell things that was in glass. Mr. Johnson stated technically they could not sell products in glass, explaining that someone on behalf of the Back to School Bash filled out a Parks & Recreation Permit Form for the use of the Lower Level Town Green/Pole Barn; and he explained that the Permit clearly stated No Glass or Alcohol Allowed without written permission from Parks & Recreation.

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated the proposed Ordinance Amendments would only apply to the Farmers Market.

Mr. Steven Weiss, 1 Nutmeg Drive, Gales Ferry, stated that he agreed that using a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to provide the Farmers Market Vendors permission to sell products in glass containers was the best route. He stated that they always see complaints on Facebook about the Parks in the Gales Ferry Village noting that there were bees, and it was dangerous. He stated that glass on site would obviously be another dangerous thing. He noted the cost for the town remediate broken glass would be substantial. He stated that he liked the idea of keeping the glass in the Lower Level Town Green in the Pole Barn because it would be away from the playscape at the Upper Town Green. He stated that it looked like they were trying to do the right thing, noting that should there be damage they could go after the Vendor, or the Farmers Market to clean up the glass, and it would not fall to the taxpayers.

Ms. Ball addressed concerns regarding broken glass damaging the Playground surfaces and wood chip areas, noting that the Farmers Market does not allow sales outside of the Market area, which was located at the Lower Town Green and under the Pole Barn. She stated anyone, at any time, seven days a week, could go to the Package Store that was in the former Ledyard Center School, which was closer to the playground area, than the Lower Level Town Green- Pole Barn and buy something in a bottle; and go over to the Playscape at the Upper Town Green and break a bottle, noting that this would have nothing to do with the Farmers Market. She stated patrons visiting the Farmers Market each week buy products and put them in a bag and take them home. She stated that people were making the assumption should there be broken glass at the playscape area that it was the Farmers Market's responsibility. She stated they could not control what people do if they buy some thing at the Farmers Market or if they buy something from the Package Store.

Parks, Recreation & Senior Citizens Director Mr. Johnson stated by signing the Permit that the Organization was taking ownership for the property during their Event. He stated if something were to happen during their Event that caused damage that Organization would be responsible. Ms. Ball stated the Farmers Market was a Town Event.

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated the practice throughout the town was when one part of the government was using a facility that belonged to another part of the government that they had to sign saying that they were using the facility and they had to pay for the janitors and others for that day.

Councilor Barnes stated that the Farmers Market was unique, noting when another activity reserved the Town Green or the Lower Town Green that they do not bring in as many people as the Farmers Market does. He stated the only other Event that draws more people was the Car Show which was once a year. He stated the Farmers Market was every Wednesday for nearly half the year. He stated that he thought more discussion was needed, noting that if they

thought they may be creating a liability, but they have not, then it was an illusion of protection. He stated that Ms. Ball was correct in that anyone could go the playscape at any time with their own glass and something could happen. He stated the Package Store was closer to the playscape at the Upper Town Green than any Farmers Market Vendor would be in the Lower Town Green Pole Barn. He stated that he did not know if the Ordinance or a Memorandum of Understanding would provide most protection. He stated that this was something that required more discussion to make sure they were putting something in place that afforded the protection and opportunity for the Farmers Market to continue to be the wonderful event it has become.

Chairman St. Vil stated based on tonight's dialogue the Administration Committee may need to take a second look at the proposed amendments to Ordinance #300-029 (rev 1) "*An Ordinance Regarding Control of Alcoholic Beverages at Town of Ledyard Facilities*". Therefore, he noted that there may be some future Public Hearings on this topic

VII. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman St. Vil stated hearing no further public comment, that the Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

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

I, Gary St. Vil, 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 April 8, 2026

Attest: _____
Gary St. Vil, Chairman