



TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

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Town Council ~ AGENDA ~

Chairman Gary St. Vil

Regular Meeting

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

7:00 PM

Town Hall Council Chambers

In-Person: Council Chambers Town Hall Annex

Remote: Information noted below:

Join Zoom Meeting from your Computer, Smart Phone or Tablet:

<https://ledyardct.zoom.us/j/82284045353?pwd=OogYoJDbjFBfNVIC0UUJLHhP3iwNmz.1>

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I. CALL TO ORDER

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

III. ROLL CALL

IV. PRESENTATIONS

2026 Black History Month Award Presentation

Attachments: [Black History Month-2026-Poster Contest](#)
[Black History Month-2026-Essay Contest](#)

V. RESIDENT & PROPERTY OWNERS (COMMENTS LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES)

VI. COMMITTEE COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS

VII. COMMENTS OF TOWN COUNCILORS

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION to approve the Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2026

Attachments: [TC-MIN-2026-02-25](#)

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Communications List - March 11, 2026

Attachments: [C-LIST-2026-03-11](#)
[APPOINTMENT RECOMMENDATION-FARMERS MARKET](#)
[CMT MEMBERS-2026-03-02](#)
[Beautification Committee-Request Vacancy be](#)
[filled-email-2026-03-03](#)
[Clouse-Buhle -Veterans Tax Exeption- email trhead-2026-03-02](#)
[Landry -Veterans Tax Exeption- email trhead-2026-03-02](#)
[Mobley-Veterans Tax Cap-email-2026-03-04](#)
[Action Letter WPCA special meeting-2026-03-04](#)
[School Superintendent- SB #416-Disel Fuel Impact on School](#)
[Districts email-2026-03-06](#)
[Phillips-Buhle-Budgetr Work Session Schedule-email Thread](#)
[dated2026-03-06](#)
[ACTION LTR-TOWN COUNICL MTG-2026-02-25](#)

X. REFERALS

XI. FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 BUDGET UPDATE

Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Update

Attachments: [BUDGET PROCESS-CHARTER for 2026-2027](#)
[Flyer-FY 26-27-Budget Process](#)
[Flyer-FY 26-27-Budget -Timeline](#)

1. Connecticut Education Cost Sharing (ECS) Draft Letter

Attachments: [ECS Reform Request-LTR-Draft-2026-03-10](#)

2. Draft Resolution Supporting House Bill #5407

Attachments: [RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HB 5407-VETERANS - draft dtd](#)
[3.9.26](#)
[Osten-Veterans Tax Relief-LTR-Draft-2026-03-09](#)

XII. COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE, LIAISON REPORTS

1. Administration Committee Report Fiscal Year 2025/2026

2. Community Relations Committee for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion – Report- Fiscal Year 2025/2026

3. Finance Committee Report Fiscal Year 2025/2026

4. LUPPW Committee Report Fiscal Year 2025/2026

5. Liaison Reports

XIII. REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Report Fiscal Year 2025/2025

Attachments: [Mayors Report 3-11-26](#)

XIV.. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion and possible action on the Town Council's "Goals Letter"

Attachments: [Letter to Residents-Town Council Goals-2026-02-021DRAFT-GARY](#)

XV. NEW BUSINESS

3. Finance Committee

1. MOTION to adopt a proposed a proposed "Resolution Authorizing The Abatement Delinquent Property Taxes For The Avalonia Land Conservancy" as presented in the draft dated January 15, 2026.

Attachments: [RESOLUITON AVALONIA TAX ABATEMENT-DRAFT-2026-01-15](#)
[Avalonia Land Conservancy-Request Tax Abatement -154 Stodddards](#)
[Wharf Rd-CGS12-81dd-ltr-2026-01-12](#)

2. MOTION to appropriate \$229,000 to account 21020103-57300-G0017 Dispatch - New Equipment and authorize the expenditure of up to \$229,000 based on federal grant funding awarded for "Police Dispatch System Replacement"

This funding was received through the 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending initiative, to replace the Ledyard Dispatch Emergency Communications CAD/RMS System.

Attachments: [COPS GRANT-AWARDED-CHIEF RICH EMAIL-2026-02-19](#)
[2026 Congressionally Directed Grant Program-COPS Grant](#)
[\\$240,000-email2025-04-16](#)
[Congressional Directed Spending-COPS Grant-2024-04-03.pdf](#)
[Grant](#)

3. MOTION to approve a bid waiver to Daniels Equipment Co, Inc of Auburn NH for the purchase of commercial laundry equipment and services.

Attachments: [StationDryFlyer.09-23](#)
[Quote\(2\)](#)
[V511 Express 2 Gear Drying Cabinet _ All Hands Public Safety](#)
[Ready Rack Smart-Dry 6 All-Purpose Drying Cabinet](#)

4. MOTION to authorize overspending Account #10110205-53615 (Town Attorney) through June 30, 2026.

XVI. ADJOURNMENT

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The Town Council's Official Agenda and final Minutes will be on file in the Town Clerk's Office.



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File #: 26-0337

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AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

2026 Black History Month Award Presentation

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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POSTER
CONTEST
(K-5)

BLACK HISTORY MONTH POSTER CONTEST

NOW - FEB 20
2026

FROM HISTORY TO RESPONSIBILITY: The Legacy We Carry, the Future We Create



PRIZES & AWARDS
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BLACK HISTORY MONTH STUDENT ESSAY CONTEST

FROM HISTORY TO RESPONSIBILITY:
THE LEGACY WE CARRY, THE FUTURE WE CREATE



WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

Middle and High School Students (Grades 6–12)



WHAT TO DO

Write an essay (choose ONE prompt):



- **From History to Responsibility:** What does this theme mean, and how does learning history help people act responsibly today?



- **The Legacy We Carry:** Choose a person, event, or moment from history and explain what responsibility it teaches us.

Essay Length: Minimum 300 words. No maximum word count.



SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 20, 2026



PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

1st Place:
\$125 Gift Card

2nd Place:
\$75 Gift Card

3rd Place:
\$50 Gift Card



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MINUTES

Minutes:

MOTION to approve the Town Council Regular Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2026



TOWN OF LEDYARD
CONNECTICUT
TOWN COUNCIL

Chairman Gary St. Vil

MINUTES
LEDYARD TOWN COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2026; 7:00 PM
HYBRID FORMAT
VIDEO CONFERENCE VIA ZOOM

DRAFT

- I. CALL TO ORDER – Chairman St. Vil called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex Building.

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.

- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- III. ROLL CALL –

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Location
William Barnes	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
April Brunelle	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
Jessica Buhle	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
Carmen Garcia-Irizarry	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
Ty (Earl) Lamb	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
Adrienne Parad	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
Tim Ryan	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person
James Thompson	Town Councilor	Excused	
Gary St. Vil	Town Councilor	Present	In-Person

- IV. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS/PRESENTATIONS

Flock Safety Automated License Plate Readers

Police Chief John Rich thanked the Town Council for the invitation to attend tonight’s meeting to provide information regarding the Flock Safety Automated License Plate Readers, noting the recent media coverage regarding the use of Automated License Plater Reader (ALPR) Technology.

Chief Rich provided some background noting with seeing how useful the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR)Technology was for surrounding law enforcement agencies to help solve crimes, that the Ledyard Police Department and the Ledyard Emergency Communications Dispatch Center reviewed Flock Safety and another provider. He noted that Flock Safety was the sole provider of this service in their region; and that the Connecticut State Police, Groton Town, Groton City, Mashantucket Police, Norwich Police, and Stonington Police were using Flock Safety. He stated for Ledyard to use the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology most effectively for crime prevention and investigation, that it was critical for Ledyard to be able to share and receive ALPR data from their local and state law enforcement partners; and therefore, they chose to also use the Flock Safety Automated License Plate Readers Technology.

Chief Rich continued by stating that \$12,000 was included in the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget to purchase and install four Automated License Plate Readers Devices (ALPR) on the State roadways in Ledyard, noting that two ALPR were installed on Route 12 in Gales Ferry, one was on Route 117 in Ledyard Center, and one was on Route 214 near the Iron Street section; noting that the equipment set-up and the installation was completed in November, 2025. He explained the License Plate Readers were cameras that watch the traffic and make images of the license plates; and stored the images in the data system for 30-days; which was currently the retention period the system was set at. He provided the following examples of how the License Plate Readers would be used:

- Track Stolen Vehicles - Chief Rich explained that law enforcement had the ability to match the records with the Department of Motor Vehicles records and the on-line processing system to track

stolen cars. He stated when a vehicle has been reported stolen that the Police Departments would receive an alert from the License Plate Reader System if the vehicle has passed by.

- Investigative Resource - Chief Rich stated the License Plate Readers were also helpful as an investigative resource if a vehicle has been involved in a crime. He stated that Police Officers could obtain a printout of the description and conduct a query of the vehicles that went by the License Plate Reader to see if there were any vehicles that matched the description, included the license plate.
- Locate Missing or Endangered People - Chief Rich stated that the License Plate Readers were also helpful in Amber Alerts, Silver Alerts, or a Person associated with a Protective Order.
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Chief Rich provided a few examples of how the Automated License Plate Reader Technology was being used throughout the nation. He noted one example that occurred in 2021, which was long before Ledyard began their Automated License Plate Reader program, there was a violent murder in Ledyard. He stated during the course of the investigation they had information that the individual fled the state within the first couple of days; and the description of the vehicle the individual had access to. He stated with that information the Ledyard Police Department engaged both the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) and US Marshal Services and had an Arrest Warrant within the first 48-hours. He stated using the technology throughout the nation that they were able to track the vehicle which went out to St. Louis, Missouri, where the individual met with some one at a casino and then got into a different vehicle; and traveled to Atlanta, Georgia, where he was located by US Marshal Services. Chief Rich stated that this was just one example of a high impact incident that occurred in a residential neighborhood in their community and how instrumental the License Plate Reader Technology was in apprehending the individual. He stated that was when Ledyard began to have the conversation as to whether they should engage in the Automated License Plate Reader Technology.

Chief Rich went on to explain the License Plate Readers would not be used to:

- Measure Speed
- Automatically send Tickets
- Does not have facial recognition software

Chief Rich noted that the License Plate Readers do not have some of the other misinformation that has been circulating in cyberspace about these devices. He also explained that when a member of Dispatch or the Police Department entered the Flock License Plate Reader data base that they would need their user name and password; and they would also have to include the reason they were making the inquiry/query.

Chief Rich noted the following Alerts Ledyard has received since the ALPR Technology fully went live about six-weeks ago:

- 489 Alerts from the cameras - the following were pertaining to Ledyard:
 - 39 were stolen license plates
 - 27 involved protective orders
 - 26 custom hot list alerts (things that the Ledyard Police was looking for)
 - 15 for people wanted on warrants
 - 8 missing persons
 - 3 stolen vehicles

Chief Rich stated the Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) Technology was been an effective tool for the Police Department and for Public Safety to alert the community if there was a dangerous situation going on in town; such as something within a close proximity to the schools, etc., in which they would ask the schools to do a soft shutdown, until the situation was clear.

Chief Rich stated that he would do his best to address some of the concerns that have been in the media relative to the concerns that the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has brought up regarding Data Security and Data Retention; and he noted the following:

- ***Security of Automatic License Plate Reader Data***

Chief Rich stated that Ledyard controls their data relative to other Law Enforcement Departments having the ability to view; or to continuously monitor their data. He stated there was a total of 335 Automatic License Plate Reader cameras in the network that Ledyard could query if they wanted

to. He stated that each subscriber owned their own data; and would control where that data could go.

- **Connecticut Trust Act :**

Chief Rich stated in some cases there was some concern that the Automatic License Plate Reader information/network would be used in a type of enforcement which they do not use as Local Police Officers, or things that were prohibited in Connecticut by the *Trust Act*; specifically *Immigration Enforcement* and those kinds of things. He went on to explain that Flock Security has built in filters for Connecticut Departments where those types of searchers would not land. He stated because Connecticut has the *Trust Act* and other Laws surrounding *Immigration*; Connecticut's data was not visible to be shared for those purposes.

- **Sharing Data with Federal Agencies:**

Chief Rich stated the Police Department has had various Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests from the public; noting that one of the concerns was whether Ledyard was sharing data with any Federal Agencies. He stated for a period of time Ledyard was sharing data with the US Postal Inspector Service, who investigated things such as Mail Fraud; Mail Theft, Wire Fraud; and other things that were larger in scope. He stated there were some cases in which Ledyard has worked with the US Postal Inspector Service in relation to packages being delivered to locations that contained contraband.

Chief Rich stated with the level of sensitivity about sharing data with Federal Agencies, that the Ledyard Police Department decided that they would share data with the US Postal Inspector Service *upon request*; explaining that the Ledyard Police Department modified the settings in their Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) System and placed additional controls on their data. Therefore, he stated if the US Postal Inspector Services had a specific situation that was going on in town that the Police Department would help them and share what was needed in the context of an investigation.

- **Other Protective Rights:**

Chief Rich stated another concern was Reproductive Rights, and he explained that some states have changed their Laws regarding *Reproductive Rights*. He stated in Connecticut the search filter for Reproductive Rights was blocked. He stated that these were some examples that Flock Security has put in place.

- **Data Retention**

Chief Rich noted the horrific mass shooting that happened on December 13- 15, 2025 at Brown University, in Providence, Rhode Island. He stated from what he knows from the media that it took about three-days into the investigation before they got a description of the vehicle from a witness who made a post on *Reddit*. He stated the Police used the Automatic License Plate Reader Technology and was able to put the vehicle involved within a mile and half of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Professor's Residence where the murder happened. He stated the vehicle then traveled through Massachusetts and ultimately into New Hampshire where the vehicle passed by other ALPR. He stated the vehicle was located on December 18, 2025 and the Police found the shooter deceased.

Chief Rich continued by stating that this was another example of how powerful the Automatic License Plate Reader Technology was. He stated that he was confident that his Staff knew how to use the data responsibly, explaining in running a license plate or someone's criminal history that in addition to using their user name and password that the system also required them to document the reason a query was being made, noting that there were some safeguards in terms of the data, because it could not be shared with other forums.

Chief Rich stated in response to questions as to whether the Ledyard Police Department would be expanding or adding live cameras; that the answer was "No" not at this time. He stated that they were still evaluating the Program with regard to whether they had their technology deployed in the best possible location to give them the most coverage, etc. He concluded by stating that knowledge was powerful for Officers Safety; and it keeps their Community safe. He stated the Flock Safety Company and the Law Enforcement Agencies were hearing the citizens' concerns; noting that the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association was working to engage the Police Officers Training Counsel to create a State-wide Model Policy so they would all be using the Automatic License Plate Reader Technology the same way; and there was no deviation throughout the State.

The Town Council and Chief Rich discussed the following: (1) 489 Alerts from the cameras data, but the breakdown (see page 2) only totaled about 100 alerts. Were the remaining false alerts. Chief Rich explained because data was being shared between Departments that some of the alerts they were just monitoring; (2) Filters were controlled by Flock Safety and were for search

purposes. Turning on certain filters would prevent access from Law Enforcement Agencies outside of Ledyard; (3) Annual Subscription Fee \$12,000. Ledyard was in the first-year of a two-year Agreement; (4) Safeguards included the person's User Name, Password, and also included a Multifactor Authentication to make sure the person accessing the system was who they were. The system would document who accessed the system, date/time/subject of search/case number if one has been assigned. The access would be tracked by the device and the log-on credentials (computer). This data would be permanently retained. The Police Offices and the Emergency Dispatch Staff were trained to use the Automatic License Plate Reader Technology; and would be the ones receiving the Alerts; noting they currently do not have the ability to receive mobile alerts yet, but expect that capability would be coming. Chief Rich stated with the Town Council's support the Police Department was working to upgrade several other systems; (4) Data Retention of the License Plate Image was set for 30-days; (5) Traffic Safety/Speeding/Fatalities – Digital Speed Signs that the town has received through other grant funding, were moved around town. To use camera equipment for enforcement purposes at traffic signals (red lights) that the traffic signals would need to be owned by the municipality, and they would be required to follow specific parameters. All the traffic signals in Ledyard were on State Roads, and were owned by the Department of Transportation (DOT). Should they choose to use a Automated system for traffic enforcement that they would need to provide a Due Process for people to dispute the traffic ticket. Mayor Allyn stated to use an Automated system for traffic enforcement that it would require a Town Council Resolution and possibly an Ordinance; (6) Police Force Multiplier – When the Town Council approved the funding and the bid waiver for the Flock Safety Automatic License Plate Reader Technology the hope was that it would be an effective multiplier for their limited Police force to concentrate enforcement where the Police Officers were actually needed; and when they were needed; (7) Public Concern regarding Data was valid as they move forward with technology in any areas of their life. Pleased that the Police Department has taken a proactive approach to safeguard the data.

Chairman St. Vil stated over the weekend a resident submitted a request regarding the Flock Safety Automatic License Plate Reader Technology, which was forwarded to Chief Rich. He stated within a few days Chief Rich was present this evening to provide an update and to answer questions. He stated that Chief Rich's level of responsiveness was appreciated by the Town Council

The Town Council thanked Chief Rich for attending tonight's meeting and for his informative update regarding the Automatic License Plate Reader Technology. Chief Rich was invited to come back to give a presentation regarding the *Connecticut Trust Act*. Chief Rich stated that he was always willing to share information that was pertinent to what the Ledyard Police Department was doing. He stated these were complex issues and each one had their own nuances; and that he was happy to share information as it related to the Ledyard Police Department and how they may or may not interface with another Agency.

Board of Education's Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget

Board of Education Chairman Jennifer Reguin thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to present the Board of Education's proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 in the amount of \$41,932,335; an increase of \$1,470,093; or 3.63% over the current year's (fy 25/26) budget. She introduced Board of Education Finance Committee Chairman Amanda Veneziano, stating that while she was new to Ledyard's Board of Education that she brings valuable experience from her previous Board service in Hebron; and that Ledyard was fortunate to have her leadership guide their financial discussions. She stated the Board of Education may be a relatively new Team, but that they were a focused Team, noting that they were committed, collaborative, and working together with a shared purpose to support Ledyard's students, staff, and community with clarity and responsibility. She thanked School Superintendent Jason Hartling for his continued work, diligence, and for the countless hours that his Team, their Administrators, Teachers, and Staff invested behind the scenes to support the Annual Budget process. She also thanked the members of the Board of Education for their support, thoughtful questions, and dedication. She stated as she begins each of their Board of Education meetings: *Let's move forward with kindness, respect, and understanding that they all shared the same goal doing what was best for the children and the future of Ledyard*. She deferred to Board of Education Finance Committee Chairman Amanda Veneziano.

Board of Education Finance Committee Chairman Amanda Veneziano stated the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 has been a wonderful Budget Season, noting that Council Liaison Barnes, Councilor Lamb, and Councilor Garcia-Irizarry have attended all of the Board of Education meetings and they have collaboratively provided comments and feedback as they worked to prepare a Education Budget for the School District. Ms. Veneziano stated the Board of Education’s goal was to ensure the children had everything they needed to be successful and that this year they also looked at the Education Budget in the context as a whole town to make sure that what they were asking for was truly needed; and they looked at what they could cut, recognizing that everyone was struggling right now.

Ms. Veneziano proceeded by reviewing the following PowerPoint Presentation:



A Budget for Stability and Stewardship

Our Mission: To deliver on the promises of the District Strategic Plan while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

The Context:

- Navigating contractual wage obligations.
- Absorbing inflationary pressures on operations.
- Strategically reallocating resources (funding new needs by reducing old costs).

FY27 Financial Overview

\$41,932,335
Proposed FY27 Budget

+\$1,470,093
Increase over FY26

3.63%
Increase

Driving the 2026–2027 Budget: Contracts & Inflation

The 2026–2027 Ledyard Board of Education budget is primarily focused on maintaining required services while addressing unavoidable external financial pressures, with nearly the entire proposed increase tied to existing legal contracts and the rising cost of goods and services.

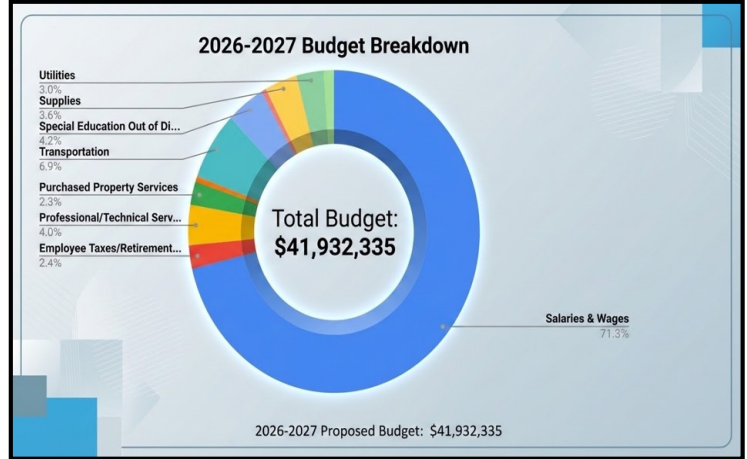
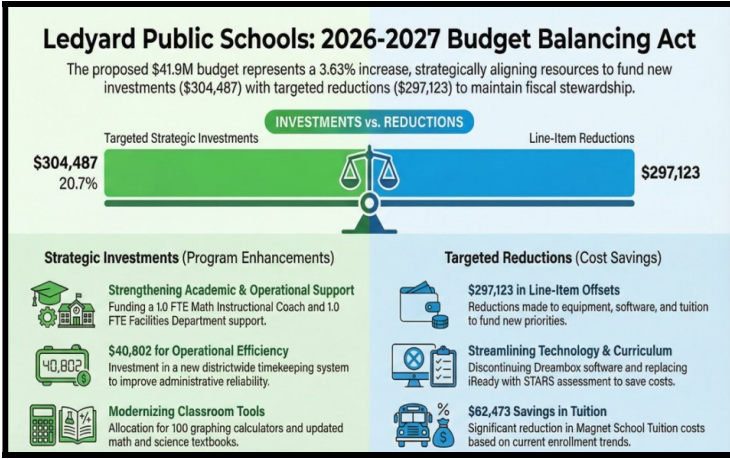
THE DRIVERS OF GROWTH

- 77.3% Attributable to Contracts**
Largest portion of the budget increase is mandated by existing collective bargaining agreements.
- 22.2% Driven by Inflation**
Rising costs for utilities, supplies, and external services represent nearly a quarter of the increase.

KEY FINDING: Strategic Neutrality
Targeted strategic investments (20.7%) are almost entirely offset by line-item reductions (20.2%).

INFLATIONARY PRESSURE POINTS

- Rising Special Education Costs**
A limited pool of external providers continues to drive up tuition and service costs. **\$210,703**
- Transportation Adjustment**
Reflects the specific inflationary increase for daily bus services and student conveyance. **\$115,678**
- Misc. Supplies Inflation**
(Districtwide Nursing Act, Textbooks) **\$5,278**
- Utilities Inflation Adjustment**
(Maintenance Electricity, Sewer, Water) **\$27,339**

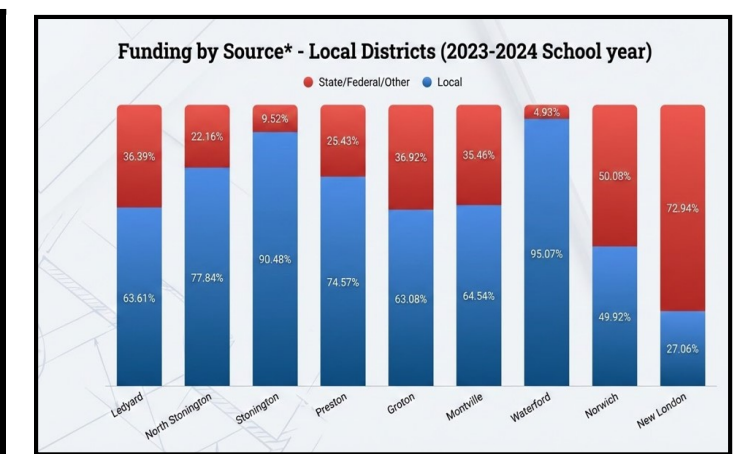
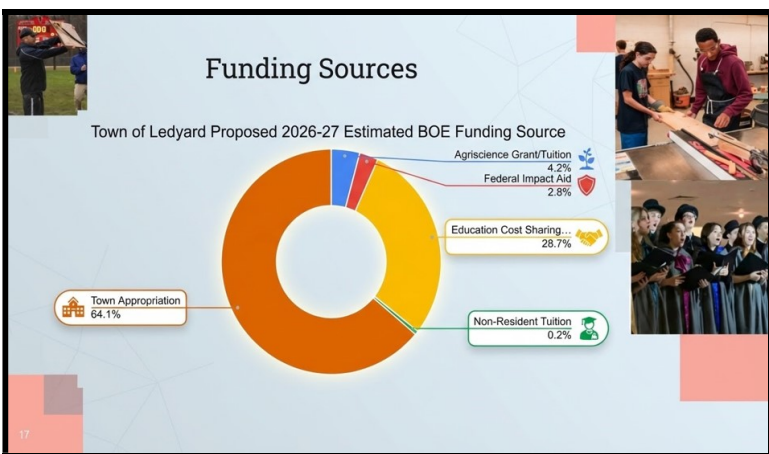
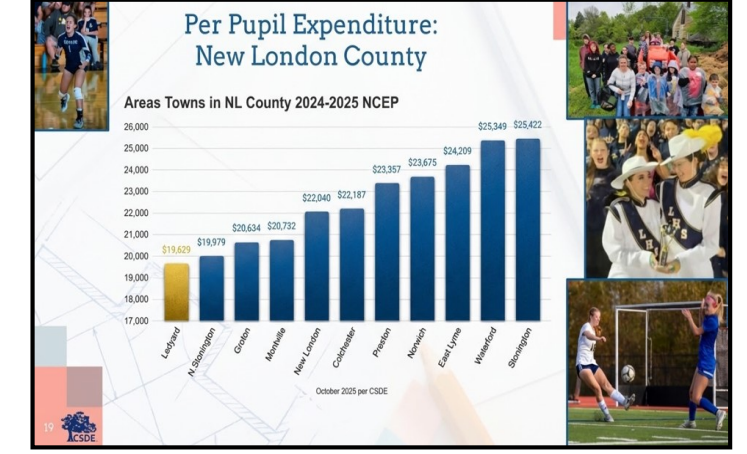
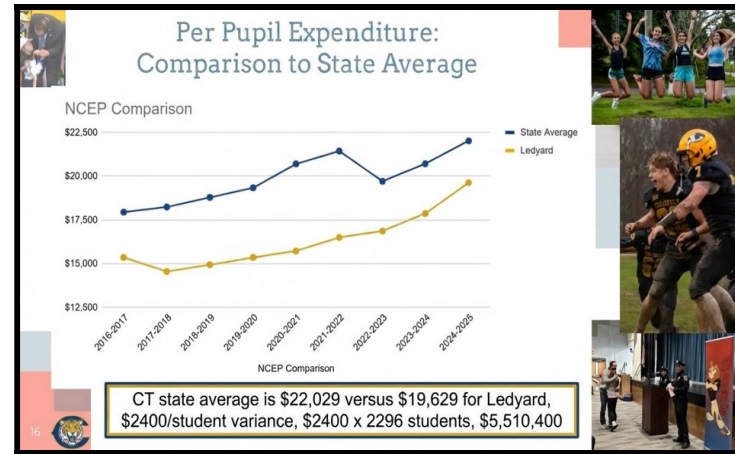


Budget Reductions

2026-2027				
Request	Estimated Cost	Location	Type	
Testing Supplies - iReady	-\$44,266	Curriculum	Supplies	
Testing Supplies - Curriculum Assoc	-\$21,095	Curriculum	Supplies	
Wit & Wisdom Training	-\$5,000	Curriculum	Professional Serv	
Curriculum Software - Dreambox, net of adj	-\$20,821	Curriculum	Other	
Other Supplies - Athletics	-\$10,000	LMS	Supplies	
Magnet School Tuition	-\$62,473	Curriculum	Other	
Ignite Tutoring Services	-\$25,000	Elementary Schools	Professional Serv	
Historic paraprofessional spending/turnover adjustment	-\$36,468	Districtwide	Salary	
Equipment - Security	-\$52,000	Districtwide	Equipment	
Teacher Retirement	-\$20,000	Districtwide	Salary	

Budget Additions

2026-2027				
Request	Strategic Plan Alignment	Estimated Cost	Location	Type
STAR Assessment for grades 4-8/ Offset with out to ready	Provide Opportunities	\$15,000	Curriculum	Supplies
Additional Seats mClass/Firefront	Provide Opportunities	\$8,362	Curriculum	Supplies
100 TI84 graphing calculators	Program Maintenance	\$15,200	LHS	Supplies
Textbooks - General/Math Instruction	Program Maintenance	\$24,243	Districtwide	Supplies
Timekeeping system	Operational Efficiency	\$40,802	Districtwide	Equipment
1.0 FTE Elementary Math Coach (1 of 2 for full complement)	Active Engaged Learning	\$81,200	Elementary Schools	Salary
Afterschool Activities Director	Operational Efficiency	\$4,500	LMS	Salary
Marching Band	Excellence	\$12,180	LHS	Salary
District data dashboard engagement - year 1	Active Engaged Learning	\$10,000	Districtwide	Professional Serv
NEASC District accreditation - year 1	Excellence	\$8,000	Districtwide	Professional Serv
Professional Development - Teachers	Active Engaged Learning	\$5,000	LHS	Professional Serv
1.0 FTE Facilities Dept	Operational Efficiency	\$80,000	Maintenance	Salary



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Chairman St. Vil thanked Chairman Reguin and Finance Committee Chairman Veneziano for a great presentation. He stated that the Board of Education's proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget was reflective of the work that School Superintendent Hartling and the Board of Education Members have done.

The Town Council and the Board of Education discussed the following:

- School District Budget Increases were being driven by Special Education Cost (SPED); what structural decisions has Ledyard made to help avoid similar budget instabilities.

School Superintendent Jason Hartling explained since he arrived in Ledyard in 2016 they built and implemented the following programs to reduce the number of outplaced Special Education Students between the ages of Pre-School to age 23 by about 50%; to make sure they had a place within Ledyard's Schools; which has mitigated those costs.

- Resource Program to support students with Math and Reading Disabilities.
- Social Emotional Program to support students with Regulation Issues.
- RISE (*Reaching Independence through Supported Education*) to support students with diverse learning needs, focusing on vocational, social, and life skills; such as autism and other major health impairments.
- Unified Programs to create inclusive school communities. These programs integrate students of all abilities through inclusive sports, youth leadership, and whole-school engagement, to reduce stigma, and build community.

Mr. Hartling stated they had 17 students that were outplaced, and he noted the pressures of the increase in the Tuition and Transportation Costs.

- New Budget Format requested in the Town Council's December 11, 2025 Budget Letter of Directive made the Board of Education much easier to understand; and showed a clear picture of how taxpayers dollars were being spent.
- Area School Board Budgets were seeing increases of 4% or more. The work that Ledyard's Board of Education did to manage their costs and to keep their proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget increase to 3.63% was appreciated.
- Unified Programs – The Students and Parents appreciated the Unified Programs; noting that the kids enjoyed spending time with the other kids.
- Balance Needs with Revenues - The Board of Education worked to balance the School District's needs by looking for areas where adjustments could be made to offset costs.
- Strategic Plan and Capital Improvement Plan; and whether the Board of Education took a break from their Strategic Plan and in funding their Capital Improvement Plan for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2026/2027; and what would those costs be in the out years.

School Superintendent Jason Hartling stated the Board of Education did not take a break in their Strategic Plan, explaining that they were:

- Working toward their District Accreditation.
- Developing a Data Dashboard around student engagement.
- Structural Coaching to continue to build their capacity institutionally around academic rigor in their classrooms.

Mr. Hartling stated if they looked at the "Budget Additions" (Green Slide) they would see every item was aligned with the School District's Strategic Plan. He went on to state that they balanced the financial piece was their District's ability to do more, explaining that they were conscience to make sure they were able to fully implement (handle intuitively) every investment that they made. He stated the Strategic Plan was updated and available on their website at : Ledyard.net

- Gifted and Talented Programs – Superintendent Hartling stated although Gifted Programs were included in the District’s Strategic Plan that the Board of Education has not made that financial commitment to add Gifted and Talented Programs per-se, noting that it would require a significant out lay; and they would have to look at their capacity. He noted the significant benefits of developing the Intervention Programs; stating with having the Student Needs Profile at the Research Standard, that they could begin some of the extension classes now move to the Intervention Component.
- Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) Program – Superintendent. Hartling stated that they have brought the *Invention Convention* back to Ledyard; noting that the program would be held in mid-February at the Gallup Hill School and the Gales Ferry School. He stated that last time they held this event was in 2018; which was before the Covid 19 Pandemic.
- High School Facilities Needs Assessment Study \$75,000 – Superintendent Hartling stated the Board of Education allocated the \$75,000 at their February 10, 2026 meeting. He stated that he was reviewing the Request for Proposals (RFP) and planned to release the RFP within the next week or so.
- Does Ledyard’s Infrastructure constrain what they could allocate toward Enrichment Programs

Superintendent Hartling stated that the space pressures they had were different for each school facility. He noted as an example that the High School was constructed in 1963 – 1966, and was designed for 1,250 – 1,500 students. He explained that today’s space profile looked completely different especially as they start to add Specialized Programs. He noted as an example that they may have a smaller subset of Special Needs Students (13 kids) who may be using three-times the classroom space that a General Education Student would use, because of things such as break-out rooms, etc. He stated they do have pressures on space; and he noted the School Facilities as follows:

- Kindergarten – Grade 5 – Mr. Hartling stated the space was challenging at times, particularly with what they needed to do long-term with Pre-K. However, he stated that he did not think the space would inhibit their ability to do the extension piece.
- Middle School – Mr. Hartling stated the space was incredibly tight, noting that last year they did some classes in the Cafeteria; and that the Band Space was also tight. The size of the Cafeteria was sized for about 152 kids, and therefore, that they cannot fit one grade level in the Cafeteria, which meant that the Middle School was running 4-5 Lunch Waives to accommodate the school population, noting that it created operational havoc.
- High School – Mr. Hartling stated the space at the High School was not inhibiting their ability to add Enrichment Program. However, he stated it was human conditions, such as temperatures, bees flying in the windows that do not have screens, and basic functionality of the building for comfort of the staff and students; more so than with the programs. He stated the Wood Shop, Metal Shop, and Advanced Placement Programs were moving along positively for the kids.
- Transportation Escalation Costs – Superintendent Hartling stated their Bus Contracts were a multi-year contract; that include escalators, noting in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget the Bus Contract included a 4% increase; stating they had three-years left with that contract. He stated the State Legislator was discussing a Mandate for all School Bus Fleets to be Electric by 2030; which would be a significant cost burden, noting that Ledyard does not have the infrastructure to support electric buses at the curb terminal. He encouraged everyone to contact their State Legislators.
- Per Pupil Expenditure and closing the gap. Ledyard had been one of the lowest funded School Districts in the State. Since 2021 when Ledyard was ranked at 160 out of Connecticut’s 169 Towns; that each year they have worked to continue to improve that ranking; and were now ranked at 144. The Board of Education’s work to close that gap was appreciated. Ledyard was not the lowest ranked town to live-in; it was a fantastic town to live-in; and their students deserve an education that showed that they valued education.

- Agricultural Science Technology Education (ASTE) Actual Grant Revenue for Fiscal Year 2024/2025 was \$1,508,652. For Fiscal Year 2025/2025 the ASTE Grant Revenue was proposed at \$1.4 million. Has Ledyard received all of their ASTE Grant Revenue for the current fiscal year (fy 25/26). Also, the formula for the ASTE Grant Revenue recently changed; and the Board of Education has projected the ASTE Grant Revenue in the proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 to be flat. Does the Board of Education anticipate receiving additional ASTE Grant Revenue for next fiscal year (fy 26/27).

Superintendent Hartling explained that the ASTE Grant Revenues were dispersed periodically throughout the year. He noted that it appeared that they were on-track to receive the projected \$1.4 million, as included in the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Budget. He explained for the current year (fy 25/26) the State changed the funding stream for Agricultural Science Program explaining they removed them from a Tuition-Based system to relying on State Grant funding; noting that Agri-Science Schools were now prohibited from charging anything over 58%; or had to charge 58% or less for Agri-Science Tuition for out of town students attending Ledyard's Agri-Science Program. He stated that Ledyard does not anticipate receiving additional ASTE Grant Revenue for next fiscal year (fy 26/27), noting that they were actually at-risk. He explained that the Governor's proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget made some revisions to the ASTE Grant Revenue Calculation, explaining that it puts both Magnet School Tuition dollars and the Agri-Science Tuition dollars on their expense side at-risk; and the Governor's new Calculation could change whether the dollars would be in a Grant Form or the Tuition Form. He stated at this point in the process, that they do not know how that was going to shake out. He stated that they would continue to advocate for no disruptive changes in ASTE Grant Revenue Calculation that would cost Ledyard more.

- \$60,000 Variance between the Superintendent's proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget and the Board of Education's adopted Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget - Board of Education Finance Committee Chairman Amanda Veneziano explained the Board of Education added an additional Custodian Position, and offset the cost with a savings of \$20,000 which was a result of a teacher retirement, and the replacement teacher coming in at a lower Salary Step.
- Ledyard Education Advancement Foundation (LEAF) provides grants for a number of initiatives to advance Ledyard Schools. In awarding requested Grants that LEAF will ask the recipient what they would have done with more money (i.e. requested \$500 what they would have done with \$1,000). Therefore, hypothetically, what would be on the Board of Education list if they had an additional \$1 million in their Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget; and whether one of those items would be a Late Bus.

Board of Education Finance Committee Chairman Veneziano noted as Superintendent Hartling explained earlier this evening that in adding something such as the Late Bus that they would need to consider whether they could intuitively handle it, such as whether the staffing was in-place, was the chain of command was in-place. She stated they could not continue to add to their staff and expect them to pick-up more load. She noted that the Board of Education's proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 was on their website, stating that the items listed in the Yellow Section, which were not ranked in a priority order, were the things that would be up next. However, she stated she was not prepared this evening to say what they would add if they had an additional \$1 million. She also stated that they were not prepared to add the items in the Yellow Section, stating that it was not responsible to add them at this time.

- 71.3% of the Board of Education's proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 was for Staff Costs; were there any large contracts coming up for renewal during the next three-years that would cause significant budget increases.

Superintendent Hartling stated the first year of new three-year Contract for the Teachers Contract would start in Fiscal Year 2026/2027; and the Administrators Contract was be due in two-years. He stated the only Bargaining Unit they had this year was their IT Unit which involved five people.

Mr. Hartling went on to state that the biggest cost for all communities was Healthcare Costs; which was not included in the Board of Education's proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 proposed Budget conversation. He stated he expected the next two – three budget years for the

Board of Education to look similar to their overall increases in the upcoming Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget. He stated there were some expenses in the Yellow Section that he would be ready to move forward within the next couple of years; especially around the Multi-Tiered Support System (MTSS) Process at the High School. He stated the other big piece at the High School was their Capital Needs.

- Budget Transparency – The proposed Board of Education Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget increase of 3.65% was not representative of the total overall operational cost for the School District. The \$6 million Healthcare Cost for the Board of Education Employees, which was expected to increase by about 10% in the upcoming budget; was not reflected in their proposed Operational Costs because the Healthcare Costs have been carried on the General Government's (Town) side of the budget ledger. Last year during their budget deliberations for the current year's budget (fy 25/26) the discussion was put on the table to move the Board of Education' Employees Healthcare Costs back to the Board of Education's side of the budget ledger for transparency regarding the total School District's operational costs.

Board of Education Finance Committee Chairman Veneziano stated for transparency purposes the Board of Education's proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget included a page toward the end of the Budget Book that showed the "*In-Kind Expenses*" for Board of Education expenses that were recorded on the General Government (Town) side of the budget ledger.

Superintendent Hartling stated all of the "*In-Kind Expenses*" for the Board of Education that were carried on the General Government (Town) side of the budget ledger were factored into the overall School District's Per Pupil Expenditure.

- Capital Needs for the School Facilities was a conversation that they were all going to have to have between the Town Council and the Board of Education.
- Considering Education Budgets in surrounding towns for the upcoming Fiscal Year 2026/2027 were seeing increases of 5%; 7%; and double digit tax impacts; would it be fair to characterize Ledyard's Board of Education's proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 in the amount of \$41,932,335; an increase of \$1,470,093; or 3.63% over the current year's (fy 25/26) budget as *Stable, Contractual, and Structurally Controlled rather than Expansionary* .

Board of Education Finance Committee Chairman Veneziano stated that she would say it was *Stable, Contractual, Structurally Controlled; and Expansionary*. She stated that while they worked to expand and add some things that they also worked to keep the budget stable.

The Town Council thanked Board of Education Chairman Reguin, Finance Committee Chairman Veneziano; and Superintendent Hartling for their informative and detailed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Presentation this evening. They also expressed their appreciation for the additional work to reformat their Budget by each school and the use of Excel Spreadsheets instead of the Munis Reports, noting that it was more comprehensive and transparent for residents to review and understand how their tax dollars were being spent.

V. COMMENTS OF TOWN COUNCILORS

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry commented on the following: (1) Use of Facebook – Councilor Garcia-Irizarry noted that Facebook provided both bad and the good news, noting that through a Facebook posting she learned that her son was in the newspaper for his wrestling match in 2026 State Championship; (2) Be Thankful – Councilor Garcia-Irizarry noted the importance to appreciate what they each have and to be thankful. She noted when her son was 1-years old he was diagnosed and treated for cancer, stating throughout his life that he has fought for his life with various illnesses and injuries. She stated that he was now in High School and although he was not feeling well on Saturday, February 21, 2026 he insisted on joining his Wrestling Team to compete in 2026 State Championship; because wrestling was a team sport. Ledyard came in third behind the first place winners Waterford, and second place winners Killingly. She stated the new Ledyard High School Wrestling Coach T.J. Hepburn has done a wonderful job with the Team. However, she stated because of her son's exertion at the State

Championship Tournament he was unresponsive on Sunday and he was taken to the hospital by ambulance, where he was treated for three days; noting that he was now back home. She stated that her son has always given 200%; and he has taught her that there was no time to lose; noting that she was thankful that her son was okay, and she was thankful that she was able to be here and to see all of their residents and to listen to what they had to say; (3) Flock Safety Automated License Plate Readers – Councilor Garcia-Irizarry thanked Chief Rich for the informative presentation earlier this evening. She noted that last year her son did an internship with the Ledyard Police Department, stating that he was able to ride with one of the Police Officers in the cruiser. She stated that that experience made him more determined to be a Police Officer. She noted in the fall her son would be attending college to study Criminal Justice, and then he was planning to attend the Police Academy. She also thanked Chief Rich for giving her son the opportunity to participate in the Police Internship, noting that he was smiling each day when she picked him up; (4) United Way of Southeastern Connecticut – Councilor Garcia-Irizarry noted that she was a member of United Woman, which was a Chapter of United Way. She stated United Way owned the Gemma E. Moran Food Bank and Distribution Center located at 374 Bank Street, New London, noting that in addition to collaborating with Food Pantries in the region; they also have a Mobile Food Pantry. She stated the calendar of where the Mobile Food Pantry would be was available on the United Way website, noting the next Mobile Food Pantry was scheduled for Wednesday, March 4, 2026 at 4:30 p.m. in Stonington. She stated anyone who showed up would be helped, no questions asked, noting that they would not be required to show income or anything else.

Councilor Lamb commented on the following: (1) Working Together – Councilor Lamb noted an newspaper article about a democrat and a republican working together which stated *“Our Country has been hijacked by extremists on both sides of the political aisle. Meanwhile we believe there was a very large silent majority of normal folks who can agree on common sense compromises to many of our Nation’s problems”*. Councilor Lamb stated that he would say *“to Ledyard’s problems”*. He stated that he was hopeful that this nine member Town Council could collaborate, work together more, and build trusts as they move forward; (2) Strategic Capital Improvement Plan and Long-Term Planning – Councilor Lamb stated this was very important and he thought that people were starting to buy into this; (3) Ad Hoc Committee to Develop Process for Capital Improvement Building Projects – Councilor Lamb noted at the Town Council’s February 11, 2026 meeting they adopted a *“Resolution to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to develop an end-to- end process and timeline/schedule for assigned Municipal and Board of Education Capital Improvement Projects”*. He stated that the next step was to appoint members to the Committee; (3) Ledyard Fair Initiative – Councilor Lamb stated in early March there would be a Kick-Off Meeting to look at establishing a 501(c) non-profit status and bylaws, noting that this would be a non-partisan effort and an opportunity for the community to come together. He stated that his intention was to be a facilitator, noting that eventually they would have a Ledyard Fair Board. He stated a family on Route 117 that owned a 5-acre parcel was talking about allowing them to grow things like tulips that the public could cut themselves; and make a donation to support the Ledyard Fair. He stated that these types of partnerships would support their efforts; (4) Annual Budget – Councilor Lamb stated that he hoped that they could all come together and get a Town Approved Budget this year.

Councilor Parad commented on the following: (1) 2026 Blizzard – Councilor Parad noted the hard work the Public Works Crews put in to get the roads cleared; and that she appreciated their efforts; (2) Primary Care for All – Councilor Parad stated that Ledyard has a group of volunteers that were working hard to get this long-term initiative off the ground, noting that it was a large undertaking and was going to take some time; (3) United States Surgeon General – Councilor Parad stated at Capitol Hill today, someone was trying to become the United States Surgeon General. She stated that the person seeking the position of the United States Surgeon General was not as qualified as she was noting that she was a Licensed and Board Certified Family Physician. She stated after graduating College she went to Med-School, did a Residency in Family Medicine; and after obtaining her License and Board Certification she practiced Family Medicine; she maintains more than ten active Medical Licenses. She stated although she was not currently seeing physically patients, because she now worked behind a desk and makes a lot of medical determinations; and she consults with Doctors who were ordering medications and she helped them get the right medications. She stated this work does not exempt her from needing to have a medical license. She stated anything that the public may hear about not needing a medical license to serve in a medical capacity and to give medical advice to the Country was not okay in her book.

Councilor Parad continued by stating before those in the medical field started their journey they take a “*Hippocratic Oath*” and she shared her favorite parts of the Oath as follows:

- ✓ *“I will remember that there is an art to medicine as well as science, and that warmth, sympathy, and understanding may outweigh the surgeon’s knife or the chemists’ drug.*
- ✓ *I will respect the privacy of my patients, for their problems are not disclosed to me that the world may know. Most especially must I tread with the care in matters of life and death. If it is given to me to save a life, all thanks. But it may also be within my power to take a life; this awesome responsibility must be faced with great humbleness and awareness of my own frailty. Above all, I must not play at God.*
- ✓ *I will remember that I remain a member of society, with special obligations to all my fellow human beings, those sound of mind and body as well as the infirm.*
- ✓ *If I do not violate this oath, may I enjoy life and art, respected while I live and remembered with affection thereafter. May I always act so as to preserve the finest traditions of my calling and may I long experience the joy of healing those who seek my help.”*

Councilor Parad stated that she thought this Oath could extend to everyone in all of their professional endeavors and in their community.

Councilor Buhle provided the following comments: (1) USS South Dakota – Councilor Buhle gave a warm Welcome Home to the USS South Dakota that returned to port in Groton on Friday, February 20, 2026; noting that it was about 22 degrees and raining; and (2) 2026 Blizzard – Councilor Buhle thanked the Public Works Crews and First Responders who worked throughout the entire duration of the storm.

Chairman St. Vil commented on the following (1) 2026 Blizzard – Chairman St. Vil noted that the storm was a significant event. He stated the Department of Public Works along with Public Safety Personnel worked long hours in difficult conditions to keep their road passable and their community safe. He stated snow removal was only noticed when it does not go well, noting for Ledyard it went well, in spite of the challenges, because of effort and professionalism of their crews. He thanked the Public Works Crew for dedication and continued work as clean-up worked continued; (2) Transparency and Communications – Chairman St. Vil stated that there was a suggestion that information was withheld from residents. He stated that he wanted to clarify that was not the case. He stated all correspondence received by the Town Council was in the conduct of public business, remained as a public record in accordance with State Law. He stated the *Twenty-eight Town Council’s Rules of Procedure* distinguished between what was published with an Agenda; and what remained available through the Town’s Public Records Process. He stated the distinction was about format and organization, not access. He stated at the Town Council’s February 11, 2026 meeting when questions arose, they recessed for the members of the Town Council to review the *Rules of Procedure* before proceeding. He stated that it was done in open-session; and was how the process was supposed to work. He stated that disagreement was part of Local Government; but it was important that they distinguish between disagreement over policy and allegations about transparency. He stated maintaining public trust required clarity; and clarity was what he was offering tonight. He stated as they moved through tonight’s Agenda that he hoped that they would approach their discussions with the same focus they saw during the 2026 Blizzard response, which was steady, disciplined, and committed to serving the residents of Ledyard.

Councilor Ryan addressed the following: (1) Transparency and Communications – Councilor Ryan stated that he believed Chairman St. Vil’s comments were directed at him; and that he would respectfully disagree. He stated that he disagreed with the “*Twenty-eight Town Council’s Rules of Procedure*” as they were accepted by the majority of the Town Council at their December 1, 2025 Organizational Meeting. He stated that he did not believe that it was full transparency when they do not include all of the public correspondence received on the Communications List on the Agenda. However, he stated that he did agree that the public correspondence was always part of the public record; and that being said that one would need to know that those communications existed to be able to ask for them. He stated if the communications were not listed or announced anywhere the public would not know that they existed unless they went to the Town and created an additional burden on the Town, with its limited resources, to ask for all of the communications that have been given to the Town Council, that may or may not been listed in the Correspondence List on the Agenda. He stated that he respected Chairman St. Vil’s opinion and appreciated it. He stated that he would

continue to believe that it was an access issue; (2) 2026 Blizzard – Councilor Ryan stated that Public Works Director Steve Masalin and his Department did a great job. He stated that he was curious to see the new data regarding how the Blizzard impacted the Winter Operations Budget. He stated this storm broke records and that he wanted to mention the community engagement that occurred. He stated that neighbors were helping the less capable and each other shovel out; and that he was sure that the same was happening elsewhere in Ledyard and beyond. He stated the Community Engagement made him proud of his community; and showed the overall good in human nature that does exist; (3) Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget – Councilor Ryan stated that Mayor Allyn, III would be delivering his proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 to the Town Council on Monday, March 2, 2026, in accordance with the Town Charter. He stated the Finance Committee’s Budget Work Sessions that would be held on March 5, 9, 12, 2026 were Public Meetings, they would be advertised on the Town’s website. He stated that residents were welcome to attend the Budget Work Sessions noting that the Finance Committee would be reviewing the proposed budget line by line with each Department Head, noting that they were informative. He stated residents could reach out to the Finance Committee Members, Committee Chairman Buhle, Councilor Garcia-Irizarry and himself. He stated the Budget Public Hearing would be held on April 20, 2026; and the Budget Referendum Vote would be held on May 19, 2026. He stated that it was a fast paced process and he encouraged residents to be engaged.

Councilor Brunelle commented on the 2026 Blizzard stating that the residents in the Highlands neighborhood were also out helping the elderly and their neighbors plow and shovel out. She stated that it was nice to know that people were looking out for one another.

Councilor Barnes commented on the following: (1) Board of Education’s proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget and Presentation this evening – Councilor Barnes asked Board of Education Member Brandon Graber to express the Town Council’s appreciation for the work that went into both the Budget Preparation and the PowerPoint Presentation. He stated the way the information was framed was helpful; (2) 2026 Blizzard – Councilor Barnes stated that their Public Works Department was amazing. He stated when a crisis happens they were reminded that people rise to occasion. He stated that he recalled the Blizzard of 1978 when he was six-years old, noting with that snow storm some drifts were over his head; and that this weekend’s Blizzard was just as monumental. He stated that he hoped the Town Council could do something more formal to express and recognize their efforts.

VI. RESIDENTS AND PROPERTY OWNERS

Mr. Steve Munger, 12 Nutmeg Drive, Gales Ferry, addressed the following:

- Board of Education’s proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget – Mr. Munger stated every year they compare Ledyard’s Per Pupil Expenditure to other towns in the State. He stated the reason other communities could spend more on their Education Budget was because they had more businesses and some towns were richer towns. He stated he loved Ledyard, and when businesses were looking to come to Ledyard that they should put their personal disbeliefs aside and look at the potential benefits it may provide, such as increasing the tax base, and the ability to increase the budget and do the things they want for their community.
- 2026 State Wrestling Championship – Mr. Munger stated that he was involved in wrestling for many years; noting that he wrestled until he was in his mid-forties. He stated he coached High School Wrestling when he was stationed in Japan; and he was involved with Ledyard Parks & Recreation Wrestling until Covid-19 Pandemic. He went onto state that he continued to try attend Ledyard High School Wrestling Matches and he commented on the Councilor Garcia-Irizarry’s son’s improvement from the beginning of the season to the end of the season; noting that he did a great job at the 2026 State Wrestling Championship.
- 2026 Blizzard – Mr. Munger stated the Public Works Department did a great job. He noted that he saw some negative comments such as the snow piles being too high; and he noted that there was no place else to put the snow. He stated that his street seemed to always be the last street that gets plowed; but never complains. He stated 14-years ago during a snow storm that his house burned down because the plows had not gotten to his street, and the Fire Department could not get to his house. He stated that he did not complain because he understood that there were other streets that had to be plowed first. He stated the Public Works Department does a great job.

Ms. Wendy Hellenkenson, 14 – L-Lakeside Drive, Ledyard, stated that he took offense to Councilor Ryan’s comments regarding the cost of the Board of Education’s Healthcare. She noted that she was a diabetic and a town employee. She stated every time he brings up the \$6 million Healthcare Cost for the Board of Education it was upsetting to her. She stated there was nothing they could do about the healthcare costs, noting that she was not the only person that worked for the town who had a chronic medical condition. Therefore, she urged him to think about that in terms of solutions; and what people with chronic disabilities give back to the town. She stated as a Media Specialist at the Gallup Hill School that she worked hard to make sure the kids were picking out good books at school. She stated that it was upsetting to hear Councilor Ryan repeatably talk about Healthcare.

Councilor Ryan apologized to Ms. Hellekson if there was some miscommunication. He provided clarification stating that he absolutely acknowledged that there was nothing they could do about Healthcare Costs. However, he stated that Healthcare Costs was still a factor in the Board of Education’s Total Operational Costs; and they could not ignore that. He stated that was his point. He stated that he was not disparaging paying for Healthcare, noting that it was a necessary expense, full stop. He stated the Healthcare Costs were not rolled into the total operational cost for the Board of Education, but was included in the total operational costs for the Town. He stated as Ms. Hellekson said that they could not ignore Healthcare; and it was something that they needed to invest in. However, he stated that they need to consider the Healthcare Cost when the talk about the Board of Education’s total operational budget. He stated that he would continue to bring up the cost of Healthcare when it was not transparent. He stated if they were not being upfront on what the total cost to fund their School District then they were not being honest with themselves; and they were not being honest with the public. He stated to be clear they had to fund Healthcare; that he was not arguing that.

VII. COMMITTEE COMMISSION AND BOARD REPORTS – None.

VIII. REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

MOTION to approve the following

- Public Hearing Minutes of February 11, 2026
- Regular Minutes of February 11, 2026:
Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Garcia-Irizarry

VOTE: 8 – 0 Approved and so declared

IX. COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman St. Vil noted that a Communications List has been provided on the meeting portal for tonight’s meeting, and he noted there were referrals were listed.

X. COUNCIL SUB COMMITTEE, LIAISON REPORTS

Administration Committee

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated the Administration Committee had one item on tonight’s Agenda to set a Public Hearing date for the proposed “*Ordinance Establishing a Town of Ledyard Code of Ethics and Ethics Commission*”.

Community Relations Committee for Diversity Equity & Inclusion

Councilor Brunelle stated the Committee has not met since the last Town Council Meeting.

Finance Committee

Councilor Buhle announced the Finance Committee’s Budget Work Sessions would be held on March 5, 9, 12, 2026 and were all scheduled to begin at 2:00 p.m. She stated the Budget Work Sessions were open to the public, noting they could attend in-person at the Council Chambers, remotely via Zoom; or watch the videos of the Work Sessions at a later time. She stated the Finance Committee did not Rubber Stamp the Mayor’s proposed Budget, noting that they meet with all of the Department Heads and to review each of their budgets line by line to learn the ins and outs. She stated the Finance Committee had one item on tonight’s agenda.

Land Use/Planning/Public Works Committee
Councilor Thompson was not present.

Liaison Reports

Sustainable CT Ad Hoc Committee

Councilor Buhle stated that she was the Town Council Representative on the Sustainable CT ad Hoc Committee. She and the Committee met on February 19, 2026 and they were planning to submit for a Sustainable CT Designation in August, 2026.

Permanent Municipal Building Committee

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated the PMBC had a Special Meeting on February 18, 2026 via Zoom and addressed the following: (1) Reviewed and approved a number of invoices for payment; and (2) Juliet W. Long School Solar Project – The power has been transferred to the solar panel.

Agricultural Commission

Councilor Lamb noted the Agricultural Commission met on February 17, 2026. He stated the Agricultural Commission's next Quarterly Joint Land Use Meeting was scheduled for April 21, 2026; and Commission Chairman Bruce Garstka asked that they reach out to all of their Liaison Assignments to encourage them to attend the Quarterly Meeting.

Conservation Commission

Councilor Lamb stated the Conservation Commission met on February 10, 2026 and reviewed their regular items of business. He noted that members of the Commission attended the February 10, 2026 Freedom of Information Act Training and found it to be informative. The Commission's next meeting was scheduled for March 10, 2026.

XI. MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Allyn reported on the following: (1) 2026 Blizzard – February 22 – 24, 2026 – Mayor Allyn stated it snowed, and snowed and snowed, noting that they had quite a snow storm, using 300-tons of Salt. He stated he did remember the 1978 Blizzard, noting that the 2026 Blizzard rivaled that storm. He stated during the storm they only had to tow four cars; the Public Works Department was down three Plow Trucks due to mechanical issues; the mechanics got two Plow Trucks back in service, and then one Plow Truck was off the road due to a crash. He stated because the snow was coming down so hard and so fast that Plows got stuck 40+-times and they had to assist each other to pull the trucks out; and they also had to use the Large Heavy Front Loader to pull out multiple trucks. At one point they pulled the Public Works Crews off the road noting that they were sleeping on the floor here in the Council Chambers to get some rest so they could get back out to plow. He stated the Public Works Department was down by two guys and therefore, they did an amazing job. He stated they had a eight-foot drift at the Stonington end of Shewville Road and when the Plow Driver went into it he did not go through; and the snow was up so high he could not open the door, noting that he had to use his radio to call for assistance. Ledyard only had 221 Power Outages at the peak of the storm. He stated that Public Works would be continuing to work to do clean-up, and to cut down the snow banks on the corners of streets to help visibility, before next week's expected snow. Mayor Allyn continued by addressing damaged Mailboxes and he explained if a mailbox was damaged due to the snow that the homeowner would be responsible to fix the mailbox. If the Mailbox was physically hit by the Plow Truck that the Town would replace the mailbox; (2) Deer Strikes – Mayor Allyn stated on February 17, 2026 there were three cars versus deer accidents. He stated that he has been talking with the State Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) because they needed to find a solution for Ledyard. He noted one year they had 124 deer accidents; and potential loss of life; (3) Congressionally Funded Grant \$229,000 for the Dispatch Server and Records Management System – Mayor Allyn stated he met with Congressman Courtney and he stated that Ledyard's Records Management System was dated and he provided the following example: *Al Smith* was arrested; the next time they entered Al into the system they spelled his name *Al Smyth*; and the next time they spelled it *Al Smithe*. He stated the new Records

Management System would automatically determine and detect duplicate entries, names, etc., and would match the records up so they would not be a mess. He stated the Congressionally Funded Grant was a Reimbursable Grant Program, meaning that the Town would need to determine where the funding would come from, purchase and install the new Dispatch Server and Records Management System; and then seek Federal Grant Reimbursement; (4) Southeastern Connecticut Enterprise Region (seCTer) Board of Directors February 25, 2026 Meeting – Mayor Allyn stated that seCTer has funded 111 Business in the region with 65% of those being in New London Country; 42% were Woman Business Enterprises; and 19.6% were Minority Owned Businesses; (5) Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Board of Education Budget – Mayor Allyn stated Ledyard Public Schools delivered their proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget today. He stated in accordance with the Town Charter the School District Budget was due on the fourth Monday in February; however, with the 2026 Blizzard it was delivered today. He stated the Board of Education’s proposed Budget would be added to the General Government Budget which he would deliver to the Town Council on Monday, March 2, 2026 in accordance with the Town Charter; (6) Town Council’s 2026 Goals – Mayor Allyn stated he reviewed the February 11, 2026 Town Council Minutes in which they discussed their Goals for 2026. He stated that he issued a letter today regarding the various Goal Ideas, and he asked that the Town Council review his letter before they finalized their List of 2026 Goals for the public. He noted an example that one of the ideas was to change the public buildings over to Light-Emitting Diode (LED) Lighting. Mayor Allyn stated that all the lighting in the town’s buildings were LED Lighting; and in 2018 they converted all of the Street Lights to LED Lighting. He stated in the town buildings that they were now on the second generation of LED Lighting explaining that they were smart lights, meaning that they had occupancy sensors and they detect the ambient light coming in from outside and they automatically dim down to conserve on electricity. He stated that it was a great idea; however, that initiative has already been completed. He stated if some of the ideas have already been done, that perhaps the Town Council could come up with other ideas.

Questions to the Mayor:

Composting Facility

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry noted Mayor Allyn’s February 25, 2026 letter regarding the Town Council’s 2026 Goals and she questioned the status of Southeastern Connecticut’s Regional Resource Recovery Authority’s (SCRRA) Department of Energy & Environmental Protection (DEEP) Permit to construct a Compost Facility. Mayor Allyn stated the DEEP Permit was still not in-place and that it has been a serious point of contention. He provided some background explaining that Southeastern Connecticut’s Regional Resource Recovery Authority’s (SCRRA) was comprised of twelve Municipalities, of which Ledyard was a member. He stated that SCRRA had an approved Plan to build an Organic Waste Composting Facility; which would convert table food scraps to top soil. However, he stated to construct the Organic Waste Compost Facility that they needed to obtain a Permit from DEEP who moved extremely slow, noting that SCRRA has been waiting for about 18-months to receive the DEEP Permits to construct a steel building that the food scraps would go into and be composted to top soil and would be bagged to be sold. He went on to explain that about 25% - 27% of their waste stream was organics; and by moving the organics out of the waste stream that it would save the town money. He also stated that the Tipping Fees would be significantly increasing in the next couple of years. He stated that SCRRA has contracted with Black Earth Composting, who would be taking over the entire operation and would be handling the large steel building as well as the food scrap collections from various places.

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated the Food Scrap Bins at the Transfer Station were currently owned by Blue Earth. Therefore, she questioned whether Black Earth would be taking over those bins. Mayor Allyn stated the Food Scrap Bins at the Transfer Station would probably be taken over by Black Earth. However, he stated the Compost Program was currently seven-times more expensive than just throwing the food scraps in the general waste stream; and therefore, he stated he did not know how long they would continue the program at the Transfer Station. He stated from a cost perspective it was not effective because the program was so small and labor intensive.

Councilor Garica-Irizarry stated that she wanted to remind residents that the Town paid a set fee per month for the Food Scrap Compost Program whether they put 10-pounds of food or 100-pounds of food they were paying the same amount. Therefore, she stated the more they use it the more cost effective it was for the town. She stated that residents could purchase

composting bins and the composting bags at the Transfer Station. She explained they were not required to use the composting bags, but that people liked to use them because they kept the composting bins clean, and it was easy to grab the bag and drop it off at the Transfer Station. She stated that if they were going to use a bag that they had to use the compostable bags, explaining that they could not use other types of bags.

Landfill Solar Farms

Councilor Garcia-Irizarry noted at the Town Council’s December 10, 2025 meeting she asked about using the capped Landfill located at 889 Colonel Ledyard Highway as a Solar Farm and she asked whether the Mayor had talked with Public Works Director/Town Engineer Steve Masalin about the initiative. Mayor Allyn stated that he has talked with Public Works Director/Town Engineer Steve Masalin and that they would be drafting a Request for Proposals (RFP). He explained because they could not penetrate the ground where the Landfill was capped that they would have to be ballasted and the solar panels would have to be sitting on top of the ground. He stated with the snow right now there was no ground to see, noting that the bidders would want to see the site. Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated that she was excited about this initiative because the Solar Company would lease the Landfill from the town and it would generate revenue for Ledyard; plus it would save the town some money because they would not have to mow the Landfill.

Congressionally Funded Grant \$229,000 for the Dispatch Server and Records Management System – Federal Reimbursement

Councilor Barnes questioned the timeline for the Town to receive the Federal reimbursement; and whether he thought that it may cross over to another fiscal year. Mayor Allyn stated Congressman Courtney’s Grant Assistant assured him that it was typically a quick turnaround, noting that it could take a month or two for the Federal Government to issue the reimbursement to the town. He stated that the timing would be important because they would not want it to cross over from one fiscal year to another.

XII. OLD BUSINESS – None.

XIII. NEW BUSINESS

Administration Committee

MOTION to set a Public Hearing (Hybrid Format - Video Conference and In-Person) Public Hearing date on March 25, 2026 at 5:30 p.m. to be held in Council Chambers, Town Hall Annex, 741 Colonel Ledyard Highway, Ledyard, Connecticut, to receive comments and recommendations regarding a proposed “*An Ordinance Establishing a Town of Ledyard Code of Ethics*” .

Moved by Councilor Garcia-Irizarry, seconded by Councilor Brunelle

Discussion: Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated during the Administration Committee’s February 11, 2026 meeting; after the Committee voted to forward the proposed Ordinance to the Town Council, that Human Resources Director Christine Dias asked the Committee about *Section 8. “Acknowledgment Forms”* and suggested that it would make sense for the Town Employees to return the Acknowledgement Forms to her; and for the Elected Officials and Volunteers serving on Town Committees/ Commissions/Boards to return their Acknowledge Forms to the Town Clerk. She asked Administrative Assistant Roxanne Maher the process to make that change.

Administrative Assistant Roxanne Maher stated if they set the Public Hearing date for March 25, 2026 that would allow the Administration Committee time to make the change at their March 11, 2026, meeting before presenting the proposed “*An Ordinance Establishing a Town of Ledyard Code of Ethics*”; at the Public Hearing.

Councilor Barnes stated the change was Administrative and was not substantive.

It was noted that in accordance with the Town Charter; Chapter III; Section 5, at least one public shall be held by the Town Council before any ordinance shall be passed.

VOTE: 8 – 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT:	APPROVED 8 – 0
MOVER:	Carmen Garcia-Irizarry, Town Councilor.
SECONDER:	April Brunelle, Town Councilor
AYES:	Barnes, Brunelle, Garcia-Irizarry, Lamb, Parad, Ryan, St. Vil, Thompson
EXCUSED:	Buhle

Finance Committee

2. MOTION to adopt a proposed “*An Ordinance of the Town Of Ledyard Authorizing Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc., to Receive Property Tax Exempt Status As of the Date of Purchase of Real Property to be Preserved And Maintained As Open Space*” as presented in the draft dated January 15, 2026.

DRAFT: 1/15/2026

Ordinance # 200-XXX

AN ORDINANCE
OF THE TOWN OF LEDYARD
AUTHORIZING AVALONIA LAND CONSERVANCY, INC
TO RECEIVE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPT STATUS AS
OF THE DATE OF PURCHASE OF REAL PROPERTY
TO BE PRESERVED AND MAINTAINED AS OPEN SPACE

Be it Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Ledyard “*An Ordinance of the Town Of Ledyard Authorizing Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc., to Receive Property Tax Exempt Status As of The Date Of Purchase of Real Property to be Preserved and Maintained as Open Space*” is hereby enacted.

Section 1 Statement of Purpose and Authority

The purpose of this Ordinance is to grant a property tax-exempt status to the Avalonia Land Conservancy Inc., located in the Town of Ledyard, a non-profit organization, pursuant to Connecticut General Statute §12-81b.

Section 2. Tax Exempt Status as of the Date of Acquisition.

The property tax exemption authorized by subsection (12) inclusive, of §12-81 of the Connecticut General Statutes shall be effective as of the date of the acquisition of the property acquired by Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc., for the purpose to be preserved and maintained as open space for public passive recreation.

Section 3. Severability

If any provision of the is Ordinance shall be held invalid by a court having competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance, that can be given effect without the invalid provisions, and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable.

Adopted by the Ledyard Town Council on: _____

Signed/Certified on: _____

Gary St. Vil, Chairman

Approve/Disapprove on: _____

Fred B. Allyn, III, Mayor

Effective Date:

Published on:

Patricia A. Riley, Town Clerk

Effective Date:

History: Pursuant to Connecticut General Statute §12-81b the Town of Ledyard granted a property tax-exempt status to the Avalonia Land Conservancy Inc., for properties they have acquired for conservation purposes to be preserved and maintained as open space for public passive recreation.

Moved by Councilor Buhle, seconded by Councilor Ryan

Discussion: Councilor Buhle stated a Public Hearing was held on February 11, 2026 at which no comments were received from the public.

Councilor Barnes noted in a February 9, 2026 email that former Town Councilor Kevin Dombrowski suggested the Ordinance include an Appendix to list all of the properties owned by Avalonia Land Conservancy that would receive a tax exemption status.

Mayor Allyn, III explained that the proposed “An Ordinance of the Town Of Ledyard Authorizing Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc., to Receive Property Tax Exempt Status as of the Date of Purchase of Real Property to be Preserved and Maintained as Open Space” would apply to all property owned by Avalonia Land Conservancy that was acquired for conservation purposes and to be preserved and maintained as open space. He stated if Avalonia Land Conservancy purchase an Office Building that the property would not be tax exempt because it was not acquired for conservation purposes and for open space.

Councilor Buhle stated that Mr. Dombrowski’s suggestion was to maintain a List of the Avalonia Land Conservancy properties so anyone who was interested in knowing what properties were subject to this tax exemption could review the list. She stated the Appendix would not change the intent of the proposed Ordinance.

Avalonia Land Conservancy President Dennis Main, attending remotely via Zoom, thanked the Mayor, the Town Council, and all of their Committees for moving the proposed “An Ordinance of the Town of Ledyard Authorizing Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc., to Receive Property Tax Exempt Status as of the Date of Purchase of Real Property to be Preserved and Maintained as Open Space” forward. He stated that pursuant to Connecticut General Statute §12-81dd that lands owned by non-profit organization for conservation purposes were already tax-exempt. He explained that the proposed Ordinance would address the cumbersome process from between the time from the purchase of the property to the next Grand List. He stated the Tax Assessor could provide a list of the Avalonia Land Conservancy Properties that were tax exempt. He stated having this Ordinance in-place would save both the Town and Avalonia Land Conservancy from having to do separate tax abatements on every property. He stated that they were going to use this Ordinance as a template in other towns.

VOTE: 8 – 0 Approved and so declared

RESULT:	APPROVED 8 – 0
MOVER:	Jessica Buhle, Town Councilor.
SECONDER:	Tim Ryan, Town Councilor
AYES:	Barnes, Brunelle, Garcia-Irizarry, Lamb, Parad, Ryan, St. Vil, Thompson
EXCUSED:	Buhle

General Items

- Discussion and possible action on the Town Council’s “Goals Letter”

Chairman St. Vil stated before he opened the floor for discussion that he would like to provide some context on how this document came together and what it was; and what it was not. He proceeded to state that the 2026 Goals Letter reflected individual submissions from Councilors and represented a Legislative Road Map for the year ahead. He stated that it was intended to provide residents with transparency into where the Town Council intended to focus its time, energy, and policy attention in 2026. He this was not an Operational Directive; it was not an Evaluation of any Department; and it was not a Critique of Current Work being

done by the Executive Branch; stating that it was a Governance Framework. He stated as a Legislative Body that their responsibilities were Policy Direction, Fiscal Stewardship, Long-Term Planning, and Community Engagement. He stated the Mayor's responsibilities were Administration and Execution. He stated these Goals were written to remain squarely within the Town Council's lane, noting that he appreciated the Mayor's February 25, 2026 written response regarding Sustainability efforts, Grants and Other Initiatives that were already underway. He stated that there was a great deal of good work happening in this town. This document does not diminish that work and in many cases it builds upon it. He stated historically Town Councils have discussed many topics throughout the year; and what they were attempting to do here was to introduce discipline and accountability into their Legislative Process. He stated these Goals gives them a structure to measure themselves against at year-end. He stated that they also allow residents to understand what to expect from them. He stated briefly that the Categories reflect the following:

- I. Fiscal Responsibility and Long-Term Planning – These items focus on process clarity, capital planning structure, collaboration opportunities, and responsible revenue exploration.
- II. Governance and Administrative Efficiency - These were about how they conduct their meetings; and how they operate as a Council.
- III. Communication and Community Engagement – This was about improving accessibility and encouraging resident participation.
- IV. Sustainability and Community Initiatives – These items reflect policy level support for environmental and community oriented efforts.

Chairman St. Vil stated he was open to suggestions for clarity, noting that these ideas came from Councilors and they remain of the Town Council. He encouraged them to stay focused on whether they reflected appropriate Legislative Priorities for 2026. He stated with this context he would open the floor for discussion.

- Budget Process – Councilor Lamb stated before they jumped into a Charter Revision Process to review Chapter VII “*Finance & Taxation*” Section 6 “*Annual Town Meeting*” paragraphs 3 & 4 with the objective to take away the Town Council's power to approve the Annual Budget; and to give the power to the taxpayers, by requiring the Annual Budget to go back to the townspeople until a budget is approved; that he would suggest this discussion begin with the Finance Committee to provide a recommendation. Councilor Ryan stated that he agreed with Councilor Lamb, noting that once they established a Charter Revision Commission they would be opening up the entire Charter.
- Ad Hoc Committee to Develop a Process for Capital Improvement Building Projects – Councilor Lamb stated that the new Ad Hoc Committee was comprised of seven people and the members have not yet been appointed. He went on to state that it was narrowly focused to develop an end-to-end process for the Permanent Municipal Building Committee; and he questioned whether it would cover the need to develop a Long-Term Capital Plan. Chairman St. Vil stated that the intent of these Goals was to provide some guidance.
- Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate whether the Planning & Zoning Commission should be Separate Commissions or whether they should remain Combined - Councilor Garcia-Irizarry stated the Administration Committee would be discussing creating an *Ad Hoc Committee to evaluate whether or not the Planning & Zoning Commission should be two separate Commissions*; or whether they should remain as one combined Commission. She suggested adding this under Section I “*Fiscal Responsibility for Long-Term Planning*”. Councilor Ryan suggested the Ad Hoc Committee to Evaluate whether the Planning & Zoning Commission should be Separate Commissions or whether they should remain Combined would fit under Section II “*Governance and Administrative Efficiency*” because it had to do more with governance and how they legislate, noting that was what the Planning & Zoning Commission does.

- Revenue Implications – Councilor Ryan stated that Mayor Allyn has provided some insight that the Mashantucket Pequot Revenues to Ledyard would be changing. He suggested they include a long-term view on how revenues would be changing for the town; under Section I “*Fiscal Responsibility for Long-Term Planning*”; so they could more effectively forecast what they were going to need to do from a budgeting perspective.
- Unfunded Mandates – Councilor Ryan suggested they include getting their arms around the impact of Unfunded Mandates under Section I “*Fiscal Responsibility for Long-Term Planning*”. He stated it would be good for the Town to understand what those impacts were. He noted as an example that earlier this evening School Superintendent Jason Hartling mentioned the State’s Mandate for all School Bus Fleets to be Electric by 2030. He stated it would be good for them to understand what that would look like financially for Ledyard for recapitalization purposes. Councilor Buhle suggested this goal may fit better under Section II “*Governance and Administrative Efficiency*” (2) *Monitoring State Legislative Developments*”.

Councilor Buhle stated one of Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM) goals for 2026 was to push for Education Cost Sharing (ECS) Funding to be fixed, because it has not been updated since 2013. She stated had the ECS been adjusted for inflation that it would have resulted in an additional \$900 million across the State per year. She noted the State of Connecticut was collecting over \$8 billion more per year than they were in 2013; however, they were not passing that down to Municipalities. She stated that this was when the Education has become an Unfunded Mandate. She noted in the past the Town Council has discussed submitting a Resolution in support of significant Legislation that would benefit their Town; and she stated the ECS Legislation; or other pieces of Legislation may be an opportunity to consider doing that.

Mayor Allyn, III stated the twenty-two member Southeastern Connecticut of Council of Governments (SCCOG) towns submitted a request to the Legislature this year asking for every new unfunded mandate they put on the towns, that they must remove two unfunded mandates from the books.

- Increase Collaboration & Reduce Expenses – Councilor Lamb stated during the *Budget Committee to Review the Budget Process*’ work in 2023 it seemed like there was not an economy of scale in savings by buying pencils and paper, noting that all other things had been considered several times. He questioned whether it made sense to put efforts into that exercise again. Councilor Garcia-Irizary stated that Councilor Ryan previously mentioned the *Committee to Review the Budget Process* final Report dated October 30, 2023 that provided recommendations to consider Shared Services that might represent opportunities where there could be an economy of scale that could be achieved. She suggested they review the *Committee to Review the Budget Process* final Report dated October 30, 2023.

Councilor Buhle stated that she agreed with Councilor Lamb, noting at the February 4, 2026 Joint Finance Committee Meeting between the Town Council and the Board of Education they had a long discussion to find that they have done all that they could, and there were no obvious answers. However, she stated that she did like the Goal to increase collaboration between the Town Council and the Board of Education because it does build trust in the processes and would allow them to identify opportunities. She suggested moving “*Increase Collaboration*” to Section II “*Governance and Administrative Efficiency*”.

Councilor Ryan stated that he had a different take-away from the February 4, 2026 Joint Finance Committee meeting, noting that he suggested that they review the *Committee to Review the Budget Process* final Report dated October 30, 2023 because there were a number of recommendations in the Report which have not be acted on. He stated that discussions may have happened, however, there were no actions taken. He stated the Report was now three-years old and may benefit from a refresh; stating that he was not suggesting they establish another Budget Review Committee. He stated that they may be able to use some of the recommendations in the Report as a starting point to increase

collaboration and also for a shared resource approach. He stated that he agreed with Councilor Garcia-Irizarry that it may be good to review the *Committee to Review the Budget Process* final Report dated October 30, 2023.

Councilor Barnes stated he appreciated the concept of what Chairman St. Vil has done with the Town Council's 2026 Goals. He stated in listening to tonight's comments that he was concerned that they could find themselves admiring this problem for a long time; and find that they would be putting out a document at the end of 2026; on what they were going to do in 2026. Therefore, he encouraged them to move forward with their 2026 Goals stating that it was not a list of everything they were going to do, noting that it was a List of Highlights. He stated that he did not recall the Town Council doing anything like this in the most recent past, suggesting that they get something that was "*Good Enough*" and go with it.

Councilor Lamb noted during his Report this evening Mayor Allyn, III, mentioned the work that the town has already done with changing the town's buildings to Light-Emitting Diode (LED) Lighting; and his February 25, 2026 letter addressing the Goals the Town Council previously discussed. He suggested Chairman St. Vil and Mayor Allyn review the Goals the Town Council was considering for 2026 to get his insight on what may have already been done and his experience. Chairman St. Vil stated that he agreed with Councilor Lamb's suggestion; and he noted that he and Mayor Allyn meet every other Monday and that they could discuss the Town Council's 2026 Goals. The Town Council agreed that it may be beneficial for Chairman St. Vil and Mayor Allyn to review the Town Council's 2026 Goals and the work that has been previously done before they finalized their 2026 Goals Letter.

Chairman St. Vil stated that he and Administrative Assistant Roxanne Maher would review tonight's meeting video to incorporate tonight's comments into a revised draft 2026 Goals Letter. He stated that he would send the draft letter out to the Town Council for comments, with the expectations that he would go over the 2026 Goals at his meeting with Mayor Allyn on March 9, 2026; which would be the Monday before their next Town Council Meeting (March 11, 2026). He stated that he would then make some final tweaks before the Town Council would vote on the Goals Letter at their March 11, 2026 meeting. He stated this was the first iteration to cease the momentum of their collaborative efforts so at the end of the year they could point to some accomplishments they have done for the Town of Ledyard.

XV. ADJOURNMENT

VOTE: Councilor Buhle moved to adjourn, seconded by Councilor Garcia-Irizarry
8 - 0 Approved and so declared. The meeting adjourned at 9:43 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 Regular Town Council
Meeting held on February 25, 2026.

Gary St. Vil Chairman



TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 26-0349

Agenda Date: 3/25/2026

Agenda #:

AGENDA ITEM
CORRESPONDENCE

Subject:

Communications List - March 11, 2026

Correspondence List:

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COMMUNICATIONS LISTING FOR MARCH 11, 2026

INCOMING CORRESPONDENCE

1. Farmers Market-RTC ltr dated 3/2/2026 re: Recommendation Reappointment of Members
2. Ms. Clause-Councilor Buhle email thread dated 3/2/2026 re: Public Act 24-46 “*An Act Establishing a Property Tax Exemption for Veterans Who Have a Service-Connected Permanent and Total Disability Rating*” relative to modifications to the Program.
3. Mr. Landry email dated 3/2/2026 re: Public Act 24-46 “*An Act Establishing a Property Tax Exemption for Veterans Who Have a Service-Connected Permanent and Total Disability Rating*” relative to modifications to the Program.
4. Mr. Mobley ltr 3/2/2026 re: Public Act 24-46 “*An Act Establishing a Property Tax Exemption for Veterans Who Have a Service-Connected Permanent and Total Disability Rating*” relative to modifications to the Program.
5. Beautification Cmt email dated 3/2/2026 re: Member Absences- Request Vacancy be filled
2. WPCA ltr dated 3/5/2026 re: Action Ltr- WPCA Sp. Meeting of March 4, 2026
3. School Superintendent email dated 3/6/2026 re: Senate Bill #416 Diesel Fuel – School Buses
4. Ms. Phillips-Buhle email thread dated 3/6/2026 re: Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Work Sessions Scheduled start time

OUT GOING CORRESPONDENCE

1. Admin Asst ltr to Mayor dated 2/26/2026 re: Action ltr. Town Council Regular Meeting of February 15, 2026

NOTICE OF AGENDAS

1. Housing Authority Agenda 3/2/2026
2. Farmers Market Committee Agenda 3/4/2026
3. Ledyard Beautification Cmt Agenda 3/3/2026
4. Economic Development Commission Agenda 3/3/2026
5. Inland Wetland and Water Courses Agenda 3/3/2026
6. Permanent Municipal Building Committee Agenda 3/9/2026
7. America 250 Planning Cmt Agenda 3/10/2026
8. Conservation Commission Agenda 3/10/2026
9. LUPPW Committee Agenda 3/2/2026
10. Finance Cmt Agenda 3/4/2025
11. Finance Cmt FY 26/27 Budget Work Session Agenda 3/5/2026
12. Water Pollution Control Authority Sp. Agenda 3/4/2026
13. Administration Committee Agenda 3/11/2026
14. Town Council Agenda 3/11/2026

MINUTES

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6. Permanent Municipal Building Committee Sp. Minutes 2/18/2026
7. America 250 Planning Cmt Minutes 1/13/2026
8. Conservation Commission Minutes 2/10/2026

9. Finance Cmt Minutes 2/4/2025
10. Finance Cmt Sp. Joint Agenda TC & BOE Minutes 3 /4/2026
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12. Town Council Minutes 2/25/2026

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Chairman Gary St. Vil

February 6, 2026

Mrs. Pamela Ball, Chairman
Ledyard Farmers' Market Committee
674 Shewville Road
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Dear Mrs. Ball:

A Member of the Ledyard Farmers' Market Committee are due for re-appointment as listed below. The Administration Committee of the Town Council would like your recommendations.

Please complete the shaded areas of each Commission members block and kindly return to the Town Council Office.

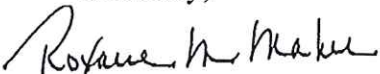
Ledyard Farmers' Market Committee

3 Year Term

Member's Name	Party Affiliation	Term Expiration	Committee Recommendation	Town Committee Endorsement	Attendance
Mr. William Thorne 3 Adios Lane Ledyard, CT 06339	R	2/26/2026	(Y) N	Y N	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor

Committee Comments: Mr. Thorne is a huge help to the market as both the Treasurer and an "action" member. He helps set up and take down markets, repairs things, helps vendors load and unload, and more. We would need to find 2 volunteers to do all he does.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your attention regarding this request.

Sincerely,

 Roxanne M. Maher
 Administrative Assistant
 to the Ledyard Town Council



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Chairman Gary St. Vil

February 6, 2026

Mr. Josphe Gush, Chairman
Republican Nominating Committee
57 Town Farm Road
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Dear Mr. Gush:

A Member of the Ledyard Farmers' Market Committee is due for re-appointment as listed below. The Administration Committee of the Town Council would like your recommendations.

Please complete the shaded areas of each Commission members block and kindly return to the Town Council Office.

Ledyard Farmers' Market Committee

3 Year Term

Member's Name	Party Affiliation	Term Expiration	Committee Recommendation	Town Commit Endorsement	Attendance
Mr. William Thorne 3 Adios Lane Ledyard, CT 06339	R	2/26/2026	Y N	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y <input type="radio"/> N	{X} Excellent { } Good { } Fair { } Poor

Committee Comments: Yes, the RTC and it's Nominating Committee for RTC endorse William Thorne for re-appointment to the Farmer's Market Committee.

Respectfully,

Joe Gush
Nominating Chairman

Your assistance is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your attention regarding this request.

Sincerely,

Roxanne M. Maher
Administrative Assistant
to the Ledyard Town Council

Roxanne Maher

From: Roxanne Maher
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 3:47 PM
To: Roxanne Maher
Cc: Roxanne Maher
Subject: Beautification Cmt - Vacancy

From: Kathrine Kohrs <kathrine.kohrs@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 3, 2026 3:44 PM
To: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>
Cc: Christina Hostetler <mayor.clerk@ledyardct.org>; Gary St. Vil <GSVil@ledyardct.org>; April Brunelle <ABru@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Re: Beautification Cmt - Vacancy ??

Dear Chairman St. Vil,

I am writing to you as the chairperson of the Ledyard Beautification Committee. A committee member, Sarah Martic, has been absent from meetings more than the maximum 3 month span, per town ordinance #100-018, and so I respectfully request that she be removed from the committee so that a new member can take her place. I understand there is a list of potential new members who would like to join and we have a lot of initiatives and endeavors to pursue and would greatly appreciate new members.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,
Kate Kohrs

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Roxanne Maher

From: Jessica Buhle
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 5:39 PM
To: andrea@getcleanbooks.com
Cc: Roxanne Maher
Subject: Re: Ledyard, CT - Cap on the real estate property tax exempt for Veterans
Attachments: 2025-R-0129.pdf; Jan 21 2026.pdf; March 4 2026.pdf

Hello Andrea,

The ordinance presented in the agenda for the Finance Committee meeting is a draft modeled after the ordinance passed by Stonington, CT in September of 2025.

In 2025, the Connecticut Legislature allowed municipalities to limit the total exemption amount to the median assessed value of residential real property in the municipality (CGS Sec. 12-81(83), as amended by PA 25-168 Sec. 233).

The Finance Committee meeting of January 21, 2026 included the agenda item "Discussion regarding the Town's Property Tax Exemption Ordinances," in which the Committee discussed all ordinances and exemptions in the Town, including whether they are providing necessary support, needed to be amended, or how they were working.

Mayor Allyn advised of the above change to the law, allowing municipalities to move to the Median Tax as the model. He stated that neighboring towns had already adopted this change. The Finance Committee agreed that we would consider modifying the Exemption; however, we wanted to wait until more information was available before making any final decisions.

I reached out to the Assessor after that meeting, and she provided the information that is attached to the agenda for March 4th's meeting.

I had asked Roxanne, the Administrative Assistant to the Council, to add the discussion back to the agenda, and she thoughtfully drafted an ordinance mirroring the ordinance passed in Stonington.

No decisions have been made thus far, and public comment is welcome at this meeting and any subsequent meetings. All Ordinances have a public hearing as well, so if this is pursued, there would also be a public hearing.

I have attached a report from the Office of Legislative Research, the minutes from January 21st, 2026, and the agenda for March 4th's meeting, which also contains information and the Zoom link if you would like to attend remotely.

Thank you for reaching out. I hope this answered any questions you may have.

Best,

Jessica Buhle

Ledyard Town Council
jessicab@ledyardct.org

On Mar 2, 2026, at 3:27 PM, Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org> wrote:

From: Andrea <andrea@getcleanbooks.com>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 3:20 PM
To: Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>
Subject: Ledyard, CT - Cap on the real estate property tax exempt for Veterans

Hi Jessica,
My name is Andrea Clouse. We are home owners in the town of Gales Ferry. Can you please provide me with as much information regarding this ordinance? I would like to attend via zoom (if possible) the meeting set for March 4th.

Thank you

Andrea Clouse
Founder & President
GetCleanBooks

Roxanne Maher

From: Ryan Landry <rlandry@escrec.org>
Sent: Monday, March 2, 2026 6:06 PM
To: Roxanne Maher
Subject: Maintain Full Tax Exemption for 100% Permanently Disabled Veterans

Dear Members of the Ledyard Town Council,

As the Veteran Representative for the Town of Ledyard, I write with respect for the responsibility you carry, and the fiscal stewardship entrusted to you. I also write with clarity and conviction regarding the proposal to cap the property tax exemption afforded to veterans rated 100% Permanent and Total (P&T) disabled due to service-connected conditions.

I am originally from Ledyard. My family has raised generations here — including generations who served in the United States military. My grandfather retired from the U.S. Navy and settled here to build a life and raise a family. He raised my mother and her sister in the Highlands. He used to take me to the barbershop where Valentino's stands today. My mother attended the old elementary school across from Town Hall. These are not just memories; they are reminders of why this town matters to me.

I returned to this area and chose to reside in Ledyard over the past 12 years because of the climate this community has long fostered — one of quiet, steady support for military families and veterans. For over a century, Ledyard has supported those connected to Naval Submarine Base New London and the broader military community. That support is not loud or performative. It is part of the town's character.

Climate matters in a town such as Ledyard. It shapes why veterans choose to live here. It shapes whether they feel valued. It shapes whether families stay.

Connecticut General Statutes §12-81(83), as amended by Public Act 24-46 effective October 1, 2024, establishes a full property tax exemption for veterans determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to be 100% Permanently and Totally disabled as a result of military service. The legislative intent behind this statute is unmistakable: to provide meaningful and substantive relief to those whose disabilities are permanent, total, and directly connected to their service to this country.

While municipalities maintain administrative authority in implementation, the exemption itself is not symbolic or optional in spirit. It reflects a statewide policy determination that the most severely disabled veterans deserve complete recognition through tax relief on their primary residence.

The question before the Council is not merely whether a cap is legally permissible. The more important question is whether imposing such a cap aligns with the intent of the General Assembly and with the values of the Town of Ledyard.

A 100% Permanent and Total rating reflects profound, lifelong impact — physical, psychological, and economic. These are veterans whose earning capacity, health trajectory, and quality of life have been permanently altered because of service-connected conditions. The State recognized that reality when it enacted and expanded this exemption.

Limiting that recognition through a municipal cap, risks narrowing what the legislature intended to be full and meaningful relief. Even if technically allowable, it sends a message that support for our most severely disabled veterans is conditional and the Town of Ledyard does not fully support their Veteran community, and this will make the Military and Veterans of our community feel like a number yet again.

This is not a civil rights argument. It is not a procedural objection. It is a policy and values decision.

Fiscal responsibility is critical. However, policy decisions communicate who we are as a community. The permanently and totally disabled veterans of Ledyard should feel unequivocally supported — not partially acknowledged.

I respectfully urge the Council to maintain the full exemption for veterans rated 100% Permanent and Total and to decline adoption of any measure that would cap or diminish that benefit. Doing so affirms Ledyard's commitment to honoring service, sacrifice, and the intent of Connecticut law.

Thank you for your time, your service to this town, and your thoughtful consideration.

Respectfully,

Ryan Landry

Ryan C. Landry
Director of Operations, Military Services
Easterseals Veterans Rally Point

Veteran, SGT U.S. Army

Combat Veteran (OEF)

Disabled American Veteran (DAV)

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Roxanne Maher

From: Kyle Mobley <kylemobley@rocketmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, March 4, 2026 1:44 PM
To: Roxanne Maher
Subject: Ledyard, CT - Cap on the real estate property tax exemption for Veterans

A letter to the Ledyard Finical Committee

1. Per Connecticut Public Act 24-46 (formerly House Bill 5491) Connecticut offers a 100% property tax exemption on the primary residence for veterans with a 100% service-connected, permanent and total (P&T) disability rating, as defined by the Connecticut General Assembly as-

Eligible Property (§ 2) Under the bill, when the exemption is applied to a dwelling it covers only the portion of the dwelling that the claimant (i.e., veteran, spouse, or minor child) owns and occupies as his or her primary residence. (For example, if the veteran owned both units of a duplex, only the unit the veteran lives in would be exempt.) Further, it excludes from the exemption any portion of a unit or structure used for commercial purposes or that provides rental income. The bill also expands the exemption to cover (1) up to two acres of the lot the dwelling sits on; (2) qualifying property held in trust for the veteran; and (3) property belonging to the minor children of a deceased qualifying veteran, as well as property held in trust for them as existing law allows. Existing law specifies that condominiums and common interest community units may qualify as exemptible dwellings. The bill additionally specifies that mobile manufactured homes may also qualify.

2. The town determined they would interpret the state exemption to apply only to the property tax burden of the value of the brick and mortar/wood structure associated with the property and not the property as a whole, such as the land that the house sits on (to be absolutely clear no veteran in the town of Ledyard is receiving full tax exemption on their property). It is unclear how this determination was made to divide the assessment into two separate parts, was there a new assessment conducted, very unlikely. Now the town has conducted new assessments and again they are total assessments not divided into two separate parts.
3. The ordinance as written, which was copied from another town interpreting the public act differently in which that town was providing full tax exemptions to veteran's homes and land up to 2 acres, which leads to the following questions:
 - a. Will the town reevaluate their interpretation of the public act and now view the property to include the home and the land it sits on up to 2 acres?
 - b. If the town does not change their interpretation of the public act will it deduct the portion of the assessment they assess as the land in such that a home assessed at \$337,000 – \$84,250 (approximately 25% of the total assessment representing the land the home sits on) = \$252,750 and then be assessed again on the portion above the median assessed valuation \$252,750 - \$250,100 = \$2,650? Or
 - c. Will the town tax the land \$84,250 and tax the portion of the total assessment above the median assessed valuation \$337,000 - \$251,000 = \$86,000, then \$84,250 + \$86,000 = \$170,250? Or
 - d. As the ordinance is currently written \$337,000 (total assessment) - \$251,000 (median assessed valuation) = \$86,000 only and any total assessment of \$251,000 or less would be completely exempted?
4. The ordinance as written shows a clear disconnect between the finical committee and the town's tax assessors' office exasperated by the questions asked of and answered by the tax assessors' office (not providing the current amount of the \$28,226,960 that is already taxed with my assumption it would be close to 25% which would be \$7,056,740) and more discussion needs to be had and answers provided to the tax payers on even larger issues such as to what will the new mill rate be (currently 37.14 advertised last year to reduce to somewhere between 24-25 after the reassessment and more recently mentioned as 26.5) and what would the overall effect to the mill rate be if this ordinance is passed or not passed? Would the budget need another revision and vote?

V/R
Kyle Mobley



**TOWN OF LEDYARD
CONNECTICUT
WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AUTHORITY**

Chairman Ed Lynch

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E-Mail Address:
wpcaledyard@ledyardct.org

March 5, 2026

Mayor Fred B. Allyn, III
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Dear Mayor Allyn:

At its Special Meeting held on March 4, 2026, the WPCA took the following actions. Please feel free to contact Chairman Lynch should you have any questions regarding this meeting.

- Approved a sewer budget of \$744,419.90 for Fiscal Year 2026-27.
- Approved a recommendation that Town Council APPROVE a water budget of \$1,863,000.00 for Fiscal Year 2026-27.
- Approved a commitment for water main and sewer main extensions to EG Home LLC. Sewer commitment is for 7,000 gallons a day, water is unlimited.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Hostetler
Town Hall Assistant

cc: Mayor
Director of Finance
Treasurer/Assistant Director of Finance
Town Council

Roxanne Maher

From: Jay Hartling <jhartling@ledyard.net>
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2026 8:14 AM
To: Senator Cathy Osten
Cc: Board of Education; Town Council Group
Subject: SB 416 – Impact on Ledyard Public Schools

Dear Senator Osten,

I am writing to express concern and regarding SB 416, particularly the requirement that diesel school buses operate on a minimum B20 biodiesel blend beginning October 1, 2026 until fleets transition to zero-emission buses.

For Ledyard Public Schools, this requirement would create both operational and financial challenges. Our district is already contractually committed to diesel fuel purchasing for the upcoming year, meaning we would have limited ability to adjust without incurring additional costs. More importantly, Connecticut's winter temperatures create a real reliability concern for B20 biodiesel blends, which are far more susceptible to fuel gelling and operational failure in cold conditions. School buses must start and run reliably every morning to safely transport students.

To prevent fuel issues in winter, biodiesel blends often require kerosene blending or other treatments, which significantly increases cost while also reducing fuel efficiency, forcing buses to burn more fuel to travel the same distance.

For districts like Ledyard, these added fuel and maintenance costs would ultimately divert limited education dollars away from classrooms and student services.

While we support responsible environmental progress, this mandate creates another costly and potentially unreliable interim requirement for school transportation systems. Secondly, the electric bus situation is still in so much flux, making that transition is both incredibly expensive and another unreliable change for our community. Our busing costs are already stretching our budgets.

I respectfully urge careful reconsideration of this provision in SB 416 given the practical and financial impact on districts like Ledyard.

As always I'm available to discuss further if you would like. Thank you for your consideration.

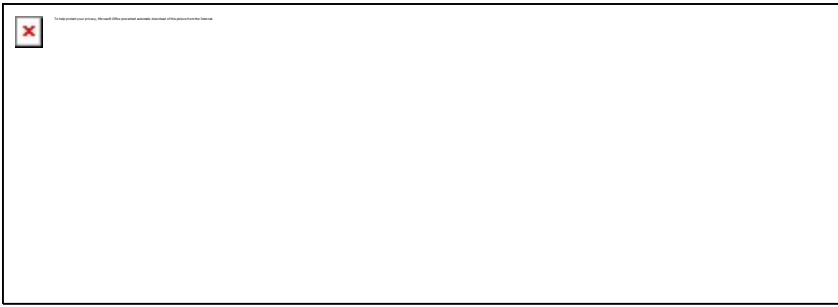
Sincerely, Jay

Jason S. Hartling

Superintendent

Ledyard Public Schools

"Believing in the unlimited potential of every student"



My working hours may vary from your working hours. Unless it is an identified emergency, please do not feel obligated to respond outside of your work schedule.

Roxanne Maher

From: Jessica Buhle
Sent: Friday, March 6, 2026 4:23 PM
To: Tracy Phillips
Cc: Roxanne Maher
Subject: Re: Budget work sessions

Good afternoon Tracy,

Thank you for your recommendation and suggestion regarding scheduling budget work sessions outside of business hours. Because the budget work sessions involve several town employees (each department head presenting their budget), all budget workshops have always been scheduled during regular workdays. In prior years, workshops began as early as noon, but we have moved them all to a 2 P.M. start this year.

All workshops are already scheduled for this year, but I will keep your input in mind when planning for next year and accommodate later start times if possible. Thank you for remaining engaged and involved in our town.

Best,

Jessica Buhle
Ledyard Town Council
Finance Committee Chairman

jessicab@ledyardct.org

> On Mar 6, 2026, at 4:10 PM, Tracy Phillips <tracybphillips74@gmail.com> wrote:

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> Hello,

> As I continue to see and hear more and more requests for citizen engagement, involvement and input on the budget, I was wondering if there has been any discussion around making at least one of the work sessions outside of core business hours. With them all occurring from 2:00-4:30PM, a large percentage of voters are unable to attend/participate. I fear you'll only be getting 'citizen input' from a limited demographic.

> Thank you,

> Tracy Phillips

> 679 Colonel Ledyard Hwy



Chairman Gary St. Vil

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February 26, 2026

Mayor Fred Allyn, III
Town of Ledyard
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Ledyard, Connecticut 06339

Dear Mayor Allyn:

At its Regular Meeting held on February 25, 2026 the Town Council took the following actions:

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- Reviewed the Town Council’s “2026 Goals Letter”

Please feel free to contact Chairman St. Vil should you have any questions regarding this meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Roxanne M. Maher
Administrative Assistant
to the Ledyard Town Council

cc: Director of Finance-
Treasurer
Human Resources Director



Chairman Gary St. Vil

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to the Ledyard Town Council

cc: Director of Finance-
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TOWN OF LEDYARD

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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 26-0343

Agenda Date: 3/11/2026

Agenda #:

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget Update

Budget Information:

Below is the link to the Town's Website where Information regarding the Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget can be found:

[Budget Process - FY 2026-2027 | Ledyard, CT - Official Website <https://www.ledyardct.org/777/Budget-Process---FY-2026-2027>](https://www.ledyardct.org/777/Budget-Process---FY-2026-2027)

- Mayor's Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget
- Board of Education Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget

Key Dates:

- Budget Work Session Dates
All Budget Work Sessions will begin at 2:00 p.m.
 - ✓ Thursday, March 5, 2026
 - ✓ Monday March 9, 2026
 - ✓ Thursday, March 12, 2026
- Public Hearing Date - April; 20, 2026 @ 7:00 p.m.
- Annual Town Meeting Date - Monday May 18, 2026
- Referendum Date - Tuesday May 19, 2026
- Mayor's Proposed Fiscal Year 2026/2027 Budget
- Board of Education Proposed Fiscal Year Budget.

Meeting Agendas - Including Background Information, Minutes & Videos can be found on the Town's Meeting Portal at the link below:

[TOWN OF LEDYARD - Calendar <https://ledyardct.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>](https://ledyardct.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx)

**BUDGET PREPARATION
SUGGESTED SCHEDULE/GUIDE
AND
ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET PROCESS
(Suggested Schedule Guide)**

(Please Note Some Dates are Subject to Change)

Key:

Purple: Suggested Date - Not Dictated by Town Charter;

Green/Blue: Dictated by Town Charter.

Reference: Town Charter Chapter VII - Pages (s) 28 – 31

October/November (Election Year-Dec) Town Council prepares and submits letter of Directive for Fiscal Year Budget to Mayor and Board of Education.

(This Date is NOT dictated by Charter)

December – Town Council approves Town Council Department budget to submit to Mayor's Office.

(This Date is NOT dictated by Charter)

Per Town Charter

(1/20/2026)

3rd Monday in January All Departments submit preliminary budget to Mayor's Office (Monday 1/19/2026 is Martin Luther King Day Holiday).

Per Town Charter

(2/23/2026)

4th Monday in February the Board of Education shall file budget estimates to Mayor's Office.

Per Town Charter

(3/2/2026)

1st Monday in March the Mayor submits budget to Town Council and files with Town Clerk's Office.

March

Finance Committee conducts Departmental Budget Work Sessions. Departments review and submits budget materials to Town Council.

(4/8/2026)

Town Council finalizes budget to Present to a Public Hearing.

(This Date is NOT dictated by Charter)

(4/15/2026)

Town Council files proposed budget with Town Clerk's Office for Public Hearing.

(This Date is NOT dictated by Charter)

Per Town Charter On or Before Last Monday in April

(4/20/2026)

On OR Before the last Monday in April the Town Council conducts one or more Public Hearings on the proposed budget at the Council Chambers. (School Vacation 4/13/2026 - 4/17/2026)

4/22/2026

Town Council Votes to Finalize Budget
(This Date is NOT dictated by Charter)

Per Town Charter

(5/4/2026)

1st Monday of May the Town Council files proposed budget with Town Clerk's Office for Annual Town Meeting

Per Town Charter

(5/18/2026)

3rd Monday in May Annual Town Meeting on the proposed budget to adjourn to a vote on the voting machine the following day (Tuesday).

Per Town Charter

(Tuesday 5/19/2026)

Vote on Budget on voting machine

Per Town Charter

Should the Referendum does not approve the budget; the budget will be referred back to the Council, the Town Council should reconsider the budget and present it for a second vote on the voting machines three weeks following the previous referendum.

In the event the second referendum does not approve a budget, the Town Council shall adopt a final budget by the fourth Monday in June. Should both the referenda and the Town Council fail to adopt a final budget by the fourth Monday in June, the budget that was presented at the second referendum shall be deemed to have been adopted.

Per Town Charter

6/22/2026

On or before the **Fourth Monday in June**, the Town Council shall fix the tax rate in mils.

** The budget must be presented as a Resolution



Attend Budget Workshop Sessions

Listen to department presentations and follow the Town Council's review of the proposed budget.



Speak at the Public Hearing

Residents can share comments before the Town Council finalizes the proposal.



Submit Questions or Comments

Residents may email questions to: council@ledyardct.org



Attend the Annual Town Meeting

Residents gather to discuss the proposed budget before it goes to referendum.



Vote in the Town-Wide Referendum

The final decision on the town budget is made by voters.

LEDYARD ANNUAL TOWN BUDGET TIMELINE



**MAYOR
SUBMITS PROPOSED
BUDGET**
MARCH 2



**BUDGET
WORKSHOP
SESSIONS**
MARCH 5–12



**PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED BUDGET**
APRIL 20



**TOWN COUNCIL
FINALIZES
BUDGET PROPOSAL**
APRIL 22



**TOWN-WIDE
REFEREDUM
VOTE**
MAY 19



TOWN OF LEDYARD

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File #: 26-0339

Agenda Date: 3/11/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Connecticut Education Cost Sharing (ECS) Draft Letter

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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DRAFT

March XX, 2026

Senator Cathy Osten
Representative Gregory Howard
Representative Larry Pemberton
Legislative Office Building
300 Capital Avenue; Room XXX
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1591

Dear Senator Osten and Representatives Howard and Gauthier:

On behalf of the Ledyard Town Council, I write to express our strong support for legislative efforts to modernize and strengthen Connecticut's Education Cost Sharing (ECS) formula.

Public education is one of the most important investments we make in our communities. However, the ECS foundation amount has not been meaningfully updated since 2013. During that time, inflation and rising operational costs have significantly increased the true cost of educating students. Municipal leaders and policy organizations estimate that if ECS funding had simply kept pace with inflation, the State of Connecticut would be investing roughly \$900 million more annually in public education than it does today.

Because the ECS formula has not kept pace with economic realities, the financial burden has increasingly shifted onto municipalities and local property taxpayers. As a result, towns like Ledyard are placed in the difficult position of balancing responsible fiscal stewardship with our obligation to support strong schools. Local governments have limited revenue options, and property taxes can only sustain so much of the growing cost of public education.

In Ledyard, education represents the largest portion of our municipal budget. Our community strongly values the quality of our schools and the opportunities they provide for our students but maintaining that standard while keeping property taxes affordable for residents becomes increasingly difficult when state education funding does not reflect current economic realities.

This issue has become a recurring challenge for municipalities across Connecticut. Each year, Boards of Education must develop budgets to meet student needs, while municipal leaders must simultaneously ensure that local taxes remain affordable for residents. When state funding formulas fail to reflect current economic conditions, it creates unnecessary tension in the local budget process and places additional pressure on municipal taxpayers.

The Ledyard Town Council believes that modernizing the ECS formula is an important step toward restoring balance to Connecticut's education funding system. Adjusting the ECS foundation to better reflect current costs, and ensuring the formula remains responsive to inflation over time, would provide municipalities with greater predictability and stability in the budget process while continuing to support high-quality public education.

We respectfully urge the General Assembly to continue pursuing reforms that strengthen the ECS program and ensure that state education funding reflects the true cost of educating Connecticut's students.

We welcome the opportunity to work collaboratively with the legislature to modernize the ECS formula so that municipalities can provide high-quality education without over-reliance on local property taxes.

Thank you for your continued service to the residents of Ledyard and the State of Connecticut.

Sincerely,

Gary St. Vil
Town Council Chairman

cc: Senator Martin Looney, President Pro Tempore, Connecticut State Senate
Representative Matthew Ritter, Speaker of the House
Senator Doug McCrory, Co-Chair, Education Committee
Representative Jennifer Leeper, Co-Chair, Education Committee
Mayor Fred Allyn III, Town of Ledyard
Jennifer Reguin, Chair, Ledyard Board of Education
Connecticut Conference of Municipalities (CCM)

DRAFT



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 26-0345

Agenda Date: 3/11/2026

Agenda #: 2.

RESOLUITON

Motion/Request:

Draft Resolution Supporting House Bill #5407

Background:

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Department Comment/Recommendation:

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Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

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Body:

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DRAFT: 3/9/2026

Res: 003-2026/Mar XX

TOWN OF LEDYARD
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING HOUSE BILL #5407
*"AN ACT CONCERNING STATE REIMBURSEMENT TO MUNICIPALITIES FOR REVENUE
LOST DUE TO THE PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION FOR VETERANS WITH A ONE
HUNDRED PERCENT PERMANENT AND TOTAL DISABILITY RATING".*

WHEREAS, the Town of Ledyard proudly supports the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces and recognizes the extraordinary sacrifices made by veterans who have sustained service-connected permanent and total disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ledyard strongly supports the property tax exemption established by Public Act 24-45 and believes that veterans who have sustained permanent and total service-connected disabilities deserve meaningful recognition for their sacrifices; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Ledyard is proud to be home to many active-duty service members, veterans, and military families due to our proximity to Naval Submarine Base New London and other regional military installations; and

WHEREAS, Public Act 24-45, implemented on October 1, 2024, established a property tax exemption for veterans who have been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs to have a 100% permanent and total service-connected disability; and

WHEREAS, the fiscal impact of this exemption is currently borne entirely by municipalities, resulting in a reduction in local property tax revenue and placing additional financial pressure on municipal budgets and local taxpayers; and

WHEREAS, Raised House Bill #5407, "An Act Concerning State Reimbursement to Municipalities for Revenue Lost Due to the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans with a One Hundred Percent Permanent and Total Disability Rating," proposes to establish a mechanism for the full reimbursement of municipalities for the revenue losses attributable to this exemption; and

WHEREAS, providing state reimbursement would ensure that the cost of honoring Connecticut's most severely disabled veterans is shared equitably across the State of Connecticut rather than borne solely by the municipalities in which those veterans reside;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Ledyard Town Council hereby expresses its strong support for Raised House Bill #5407 and respectfully urges the Connecticut General Assembly to pass this legislation during the current legislative session.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Ledyard Town Council calls upon the Governor of the State of Connecticut and the Connecticut General Assembly to work collaboratively with municipalities to ensure that programs designed to support disabled veterans are funded in a fair and sustainable manner.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Council expresses its appreciation to the members of Connecticut's Veterans and Military Affairs Committee for their continued work on behalf of Connecticut's veteran community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Ned Lamont, Senator Martin Looney, President Pro Tempore of the Senate, Speaker of the House Matt Ritter, Senator Cathy Osten, Senator Martha Marx, Senator Anthony Nolan, Representative Brian Lanoue, Representative Greg Howard, Representative Kevin Ryan, the Connecticut General Assembly Veterans' Affairs Committee, and the Connecticut General Assembly Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee to convey the Town of Ledyard's position on this matter.

Adopted by the Ledyard Town Council on: _____

Gary St. Vil, Chairman

DRAFT



TOWN OF LEDYARD CONNECTICUT

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March xx, 2026

DRAFT

Senator Martin Looney, President of the Senate
Legislative Office Building
300 Capital Avenue; Room 330
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1591

Senator Cathy Osten
Legislative Office Building
300 Capital Avenue; Room 2700
Hartford, Connecticut 06106-1591

Dear Senator Looney and Senator Osten:

On behalf of the Ledyard Town Council, I write to transmit Resolution #003-2026/Mar 11 (a), adopted by the Town Council, expressing our support for Raised House Bill #5407, "*An Act Concerning State Reimbursement to Municipalities for Revenue Lost Due to the Property Tax Exemption for Veterans with a One Hundred Percent Permanent and Total Disability Rating.*"

The Town of Ledyard proudly supports the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces and especially those veterans who have sustained permanent and total service-connected disabilities in defense of our nation. Public Act #24-45 represents an important recognition of those sacrifices, and our community strongly supports the intent of the exemption established under that legislation.

As a neighboring community to Naval Submarine Base New London and other regional military installations, Ledyard is home to many active-duty service members, veterans, and military families who contribute greatly to the fabric of our town. We remain deeply committed to supporting those who have served our country.

At the same time, the fiscal impact of this exemption is currently borne entirely by municipalities. As the number of qualifying veterans increases, the resulting loss of local property tax revenue places increasing pressure on municipal budgets and local taxpayers.

Raised House Bill #5407 provides a responsible and balanced solution by establishing a mechanism for the full reimbursement of municipalities for revenue losses attributable to the exemption. This approach ensures that Connecticut's commitment to its most severely disabled veterans remains strong while also ensuring that the cost of that commitment is shared equitably across the state.

The Ledyard Town Council respectfully urges the Connecticut General Assembly to support Raised House Bill #5407 during the current legislative session.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss this matter further, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Gary St. Vil
Town Council Chairman

cc: Senator Anthony Nolan
Senator Martha Marx
Representative Brian Lanoue
Representative Greg Howard
Representative Larry Pemberton
Courtney Cullinan, Chief of Staff
Members of the Veterans and Military Affairs Committee

Town of Ledyard Support for Raised House Bill #5407



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
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Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 25-2156

Agenda Date: 3/11/2026

Agenda #: 1.

REPORT

Staff/Committee Report: Administration Committee Reports Fiscal Year 2025/2026
Administration Committee Report Fiscal Year 2025/2026



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File #: 25-2157

Agenda Date: 3/11/2026

Agenda #: 2.

REPORT

Staff/Committee Report: Community Relations -DEI Reports Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Community Relations Committee for Diversity, Equity & Inclusion - Report- Fiscal Year 2025/2026



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File #: 25-2159

Agenda Date: 3/11/2026

Agenda #: 3.

REPORT

Staff/Committee Report: Finance Committee Reports Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Finance Committee Report Fiscal Year 2025/2026



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File #: 25-2160

Agenda Date: 3/11/2026

Agenda #: 4.

REPORT

Staff/Committee Report: LUPPW Committee Reports Fiscal Year 2025/2026

LUPPW Committee Report Fiscal Year 2025/2026



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File #: 25-2161

Agenda Date: 3/11/2026

Agenda #:

REPORT

Staff/Committee Report: Mayor Reports Fiscal Year 2025/2026

Mayor Report Fiscal Year 2025/2025

Mayor's Report

3-11-26

Budget submitted on 3/2 per Charter. Exclusive of Healthcare and Capital:

+2.35% General Government

+3.63% Board of Education

+13.5% Healthcare expenses (Combined BoE and Gen Gov)

+0.89 mill increase to 26.67, including 1 mill from Mill Rate Stabilization Fund. We budgeted use from this non-tax fund for each of the past four years but have not required its use, primarily because revenues came in higher than projected each of those fiscal years. Some State revenues are difficult to project, while some local revenues can be too (permit revenues). Interest income is directly dependent upon the Federal Funds Rate, which may be subject to change as many as eight times per year, based on the national economic picture. For that reason, we always err on the side of caution with interest income.

This year, Healthcare is presented as a separate line as the Town has little to no control over this necessary expense. Ledyard is part of a smaller pool of 12 towns that have better than average experience ratings, but insurance is still extremely expensive.

Next year, Capital will also be presented as a separate budget for fairness and transparency. As it is this year, Capital is on a town-wide scope.

Public Works O/T expenses were impacted again with 7 crew in overnight hours on 3/4, due to flash freezing, post rain. We treated in advance but rain negated much of the treatment. PWD Masalin has updated spending chart and trajectory which I will share with the Council. We are tracking close to FY15, our most expensive winter in the last 10 fiscal years. We did get salt from the Providence port as we neared depletion, but that salt was "dirty" and we aren't inclined to purchase again (numerous scraps of tarp in the loads clogged our spreaders).

Attended meeting w/ Mohegan Tribe, adjacent communities on 3/4 working towards long-term solution for Mohegan Pequot Bridge. It is inadequate for the redevelopment of the former Norwich State Hospital as well as the influx of EB employees.

Submitted written testimony in support of SB 388- which effectively returns the Mashantucket Pequot- Mohegan Fund to its original formulation of distributing 85% of the funds received. The municipal allocation has eroded over time and eventually flipped to about 20% distributed, with the State retaining 80%. That was not the intent of the fund when it was established.



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File #: 26-0254

Agenda Date: 3/4/2026

Agenda #: 1.

AGENDA REQUEST
GENERAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Subject:

Discussion and possible action on the Town Council's "*Goals Letter*"

Background:

(type text here)

Department Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)



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Chairman Gary St. Vil

DRAFT

Dear Residents of Ledyard,

The Twenty-Eighth Town Council is committed to steady, thoughtful governance grounded in long-term planning and responsible fiscal management. While each Councilor brings different experiences and perspectives, we share a common responsibility: to ensure that Ledyard remains financially stable, well-managed, and positioned for the future.

The goals outlined below were identified by individual Councilors and reflect a broad effort to strengthen planning, improve coordination, increase transparency, and support sustainable growth. Together, they represent a roadmap for 2026 focused on practical results and sound stewardship of taxpayer resources.

I. Fiscal Responsibility & Long-Term Planning

- **Capital Improvement Process Development**

Establish a seven-member Ad Hoc Committee, including staff, committee members, and one community member with construction management experience, to develop a clear, end-to-end process for Capital Improvement Building Projects for the Town and Board of Education facilities. The objective is to create a defined process from project proposal through design, funding authorization, execution, and close-out.

- **Annual Budget Process Review**

Establish a Charter Revision Commission to review Chapter VII (“Finance & Taxation”), Section 6 (“Annual Town Meeting”), paragraphs 3 and 4, to examine whether adjustments to the Annual Budget approval process would provide greater direct taxpayer involvement.

- **Increase Collaboration & Reduce Expenses**

Explore opportunities for the Town and the Board of Education to collaborate in shared services, purchasing, and operational efficiencies to reduce costs and improve coordination.

- **Grant Funding Opportunities**

Investigate and pursue at least three grant opportunities aligned with priorities identified in the Town’s Long-Term Capital Plan.

- **Solar Farm – Revenue Generation**

Work with the Mayor’s Office to prepare and seek Requests for Proposals (RFPs) to lease the approximately 15-acre former capped landfill property at 889 Colonel Ledyard Highway for a solar energy installation to generate revenue for the Town.

II. Governance & Administrative Efficiency

- **Efficiency of Town Council Business and Meetings**

Increase the effectiveness and efficiency of Town Council meetings and improve the execution of Town business through clear procedures and disciplined agenda management.

- **Monitoring State Legislative Developments**

Stay informed through Office of Legislative Research (OLR) reports regarding new laws and potential grant opportunities that may impact or benefit Ledyard.

- **Council Goals Accountability**

Publish and track the Town Council’s 2026 goals and work collectively to achieve measurable progress by year-end.

III. Communication & Community Engagement

- **Improved Communication with Residents**

Facilitate informal community conversations such as Coffee Hours or Town Hall discussions to improve accessibility and strengthen communication between residents and their elected officials.

- **State Legislative Advocacy**
Work with Ledyard’s State Delegation and other district representatives to bring attention to issues that directly affect Ledyard and advocate effectively at the State level.

IV. Sustainability & Community Initiatives

- **Composting Program Expansion**
Expand the Town’s Food Waste Composting Program by increasing accessibility to compost bins at key locations.
- **Green & Clean Initiatives**
Support initiatives that conserve public spaces, improve recycling programs, increase energy efficiency (including LED lighting in public buildings), encourage responsible development, and address brownfield sites.
- **Sustainable CT Certification**
Continue working with the Sustainable CT Ad Hoc Committee to achieve Sustainable CT certification by implementing initiatives that promote efficiency, economic vitality, and environmental responsibility.
- **Access to Primary Care – Community Awareness Initiative**
Support ongoing volunteer efforts aimed at increasing awareness of access to primary care services.

Residents interested in learning more about these community-driven initiatives may contact the Town Council Office at (860) 464-3203 or towncouncil@ledyardct.org.

(This initiative reflects community engagement efforts and does not represent a municipal program or expenditure.)

The Town Council encourages residents to remain informed and engaged in local government. Strong communities are built through participation, respectful dialogue, and responsible decision-making.

We remain focused on long-term planning, fiscal discipline, and maintaining the stability that makes Ledyard a strong place to live and work. We look forward to working together throughout 2026 to advance these priorities.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Gary St. Vil

Councilor Bill Barnes

Ty Lamb

April Brunelle

Adrienne Pard

Jessica Buhle

Timothy Ryan

Carmen Garcia-Irizarry

James Thompson



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File #: 26-0087

Agenda Date: 1/28/2026

Agenda #: 1.

RESOLUITON

Motion/Request:

MOTION to adopt a proposed a proposed “*Resolution Authorizing The Abatement Delinquent Property Taxes For The Avalonia Land Conservancy*” as presented in the draft dated January 15, 2026.

Background:

The Resolution was the mechanism to waive or write off the taxes that were already due.

Connecticut General Statutes 12-81dd enables conservation properties to be tax exempt with the adoption of an Ordinance by the Municipalities Legislative Body (Town Council).

At the time when Avalonia Land Conservancy acquired property located at 154 Stoddards Wharf Road, Gales Ferry on October 27, 2025 it was a taxable property. Therefore, Avalonia Land Conservancy paid \$1,120.72 in taxes at the closing.

Since the process to remove the property from the tax roll did not occur when the property was purchased by Avalonia Land Conservancy they received a tax bill. Once taxes were due, the Tax Assessor could not waive them without Town Council authorization.

Therefore, Avalonia has appealed to the Town Council for relief (see attached letter dated 1/12/2026).

The only way to resolve the issue was thru the following Town Council actions:

- (1) Adopt an Ordinance authorizing the Church to receive a tax exempt status; and
- (2) Adopt a Resolution to waive/abate the taxes due.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

Body:

DRAFT: 1/15/2026

A RESOLUTION
AUTHORIZING THE ABATEMENT
DELINQUENT PROPERTY TAXES
FOR THE AVALONIA LAND CONSERVANCY, INC.

WHEREAS: Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc., paid \$1,120.72 for property taxes on October 27, 2025 at the time of purchase; and have been billed \$3,098.96 for property taxes due on January 1,2026; and

WHEREAS: Avalonia Land Conservancy is a non-profit Organization; and

WHEREAS: The Town of Ledyard has granted Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc., tax- exempt status pursuant to Connecticut General Statute §12-81b. 12-81dd

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delinquent property taxes, including interest late fees billed to Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc., for property located at 154 Stoddards, Wharf Road, Gales Ferry, Connecticut are to be abated.

Adopted by the Ledyard Town Council on: _____

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Old Mystic, CT 06372



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January 12, 2025

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Fred Allyn, Mayor; Ledyard Town Council
Ledyard Town Hall
741 Colonel Ledyard Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339

Dear Mayor Allyn & Ledyard Town Council members,
Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. (ALC) recently acquired property for open space conservation in Ledyard.

Directors at Large

Maureen Cain
Dick Conant

Scott Dawley

Christopher Houlihan

Megan Trujillo

In accordance with CGS 12-81dd:

“Any municipality may, upon approval by its legislative body, abate the real or personal property taxes due for any portion of a tax year or the interest on delinquent taxes with respect to any tax paid by a nonprofit land conservation organization that was due for a period before the date of acquisition, but which was paid subsequent to the date of acquisition”

STAFF

Director of Stewardship
Tobias Glaza

We are requesting your Town legislative body’s approval of an abatement of the taxes and interest that ALC has paid. The total is \$1,120.72

Director of Philanthropy
Christopher Kepple

We are also requesting an abatement of the taxes due January, 2026. The total is \$3098.96. and a copies of the tax and HuD statements are attached.

Office Manager
Mary Anne Sherman

Administrator
Ukiah Pastor

Sincerely,

Dennis S. Main, President
Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc.



Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. preserves natural habitats in southeastern Connecticut by acquiring and protecting lands and by communicating the value of these irreplaceable resources. Avalonia Land Conservancy is a 501(c)3, non-profit organization.

Make checks payable to:

LEDYARD TAX COLLECTOR

741 Colonel Ledyard Hwy
Ledyard, CT 06339
Phone: 860-464-3232 or 464-3233
Monday - Thursday, 7:30a.m.-4:15p.m.

REAL ESTATE TAX BILL

GRAND LIST OF OCTOBER 1, 2024



DESCRIPTION 154 STODDARDS WHARF RD					LIST NUMBER 127151 R 2024		
BK	GROSS ASSESSMENT	EXEMPTION	NET ASSESSMENT	MILL RATE	1st PAYMENT DUE	2nd PAYMENT DUE	TOTAL TAX DUE
	166,880		166,880	37.140	7/1/2025	1/1/2026	
					3,098.96	3,098.96	6,197.92



AVALONIA LAND CONSERVANCY INC
756 COLONEL LEDYARD HWY
LEDYARD, CT 06339

UNPAID TAX	0.00
INTEREST	0.00
FEES	0.00
LIEN	0.00
TOTAL	0.00

Payments Received: 3,098.96

Last Payment Date: 7/23/2025

RETURN WITH SECOND PAYMENT

DESCRIPTION 154 STODDARDS WHARF RD					LIST NUMBER 127151 R 2024		
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Last Payment Date: 7/23/2025

RETURN WITH FIRST PAYMENT

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B. TYPE OF LOAN:							
1. <input type="checkbox"/> FHA	2. <input type="checkbox"/> RHS	3. <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. Unins.	6. File Number	7. Loan Number	8. Mortgage Insurance Case Number		
4. <input type="checkbox"/> VA	5. <input type="checkbox"/> Conv. Ins						
C. NOTE: This form is furnished to give you a statement of actual settlement costs. Amounts paid to and by the settlement agent are shown. Items marked "(p.o.c.)" were paid outside the closing; they are shown here for informational purposes and are not included in the totals.							
D. NAME AND ADDRESS OF BORROWER: Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc. 756 Colonel Ledyard Highway Ledyard, CT 06339			E. NAME AND ADDRESS OF SELLER: Pfizer, Inc. 66 Hudson Blvd East New York, NY 10001		F. NAME AND ADDRESS OF LENDER:		
G. PROPERTY LOCATION: 154 Stoddards Wharf Ledyard, CT 06339			H. SETTLEMENT AGENT: Suisman Shapiro Wool Brennan Gray & Greenberg, PC 20 S. Anguilla Rd, Pawcatuck, CT 06379		I. SETTLEMENT DATE October 27, 2025	DISBURSEMENT DATE October 27, 2025	
PLACE OF SETTLEMENT 20 S. Anguilla Rd, Pawcatuck, CT 06379							
J. SUMMARY OF BORROWER'S TRANSACTION				K. SUMMARY OF SELLER'S TRANSACTION			
100. GROSS AMOUNT DUE FROM BORROWER:				400. GROSS AMOUNT DUE TO SELLER:			
101. Contract sales price	175,000.00			401. Contract sales price	175,000.00		
102. Personal property				402. Personal property			
103. Settlement charges to borrower (from line 1400)	2,862.00			403.			
104.				404.			
105.				405.			
ADJUSTMENTS FOR ITEMS PAID BY SELLER IN ADVANCE:				ADJUSTMENTS FOR ITEMS PAID BY SELLER IN ADVANCE:			
106. City/town taxes	10/27/2025	to	12/31/2025	406. City/town taxes	10/27/2025	to	12/31/2025
107. County taxes				407. County taxes			
108. Assessments			1,120.72	408. Assessments			1,120.72
109.				409.			
110.				410.			
111.				411.			
112.				412.			
120. GROSS AMOUNT DUE FROM BORROWER:				420. GROSS AMOUNT DUE TO SELLER:			
			178,982.72				176,120.72
200. AMOUNTS PAID BY OR IN BEHALF OF BORROWER:				500 REDUCTIONS IN AMOUNT DUE TO SELLER:			
201. Deposit or earnest money	4,000.00			501. Excess deposit (see instructions)			
202. Principal amounts of new loan(s)				502. Settlement charges to seller (line 1400)			
203. Existing loan(s) taken subject to				503. Existing loan(s) taken subject to			
204. Town of Ledyard donation	80,000.00			504. Payoff of first mortgage loan			
205.				505. Payoff of second mortgage loan			
206.				506. Deposit or earnest money	4,000.00		
207.				507.			
208.				508.			
209.				509.			
ADJUSTMENTS FOR ITEMS UNPAID BY SELLER:				ADJUSTMENTS FOR ITEMS UNPAID BY SELLER:			
210. City/town taxes				510. City/town taxes			
211. County taxes				511. County taxes			
212. Assessments				512. Assessments			
213.				513.			
214.				514.			
215.				515.			
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218.				518.			
219.				519.			
220. TOTAL PAID BY/FOR BORROWER:				520. TOTAL REDUCTION IN AMOUNT DUE SELLER:			
			84,000.00				4,000.00
300. CASH AT SETTLEMENT FROM/TO BORROWER:				600. CASH AT SETTLEMENT FROM/TO SELLER:			
301. Gross amount due from borrower (line 120)	178,982.72			601. Gross amount due to seller (line 420)	176,120.72		
302. Less amount paid by/for borrower (line 220)	84,000.00			602. Less total reductions in amount due seller (line 520)	4,000.00		
303. Cash (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> From) (<input type="checkbox"/> To) Borrower	\$94,982.72			603. Cash (<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> To) (<input type="checkbox"/> From) Seller	\$172,120.72		

L. SETTLEMENT CHARGES					
700. TOTAL REAL ESTATE BROKER FEES				PAID FROM BORROWER'S FUNDS AT SETTLEMENT	PAID FROM SELLER'S FUNDS AT SETTLEMENT
Division of commission (line 700) as follows:					
701.		to			
702.		to			
703.	Commission paid at settlement				
704.					
800. ITEMS PAYABLE IN CONNECTION WITH LOAN:					
801.	Our origination charge		(from GFE # 1)		
802.	Your credit or charge (points) for the specific interest rate chosen		(from GFE # 2)		
803.	Your adjusted origination charges		(from GFE A)		
804.	Appraisal fee to		(from GFE # 3)		
805.	Credit report to		(from GFE # 3)		
806.	Tax service fee to		(from GFE # 3)		
807.	Flood certification to		(from GFE # 3)		
808.					
809.					
810.					
811.					
900. ITEMS REQUIRED BY LENDER TO BE PAID IN ADVANCE:					
901.	Daily interest charges from 10/27/2025 to 11/1/2025 (5 days) @ \$0.0000/day		(from GFE # 10)		
902.	Mortgage insurance premium for		(from GFE # 3)		
903.	Homeowner's insurance for to		(from GFE # 11)		
904.					
905.					
906.					
1000. RESERVES DEPOSITED WITH LENDER:					
1001.	Initial deposit for your escrow account		(from GFE # 9)		
1002.	Homeowner's insurance				
1003.	Mortgage insurance				
1004.	Property taxes				
1005.					
1006.					
1007.					
1008.	Aggregate Accounting Adjustment		\$0.00		
1009.					
1100. TITLE CHARGES:					
1101.	Title services and lender's title insurance		(from GFE # 4)	2,000.00	
1102.	Settlement or closing fee to Suisman Shapiro		\$2,000.00		
1103.	Owner's title insurance to CATIC		(from GFE # 5)	765.00	
1104.	Lender's title insurance to CATIC				
1105.	Lender's title policy limit				
1106.	Owner's title policy limit \$175,000.00				
1107.	Agent's portion of the total title insurance premium to Suisman Shapiro Wool Brennan Gray & Greenberg, PC		\$459.00		
1108.	Underwriter's portion of the total title insurance premium to CATIC		\$306.00		
1109.					
1200. GOVERNMENT RECORDING AND TRANSFER CHARGES:					
1201.	Government recording charges		(from GFE # 7)	97.00	
1202.	Deed \$ 97.00	Mortgage \$	Releases \$		
1203.	Transfer taxes		(from GFE # 8)		
1204.	City/County tax/stamps	Deed \$	Mortgage \$		
1205.	State tax/stamps	Deed \$	Mortgage \$		
1206.					
1207.					
1300. ADDITIONAL SETTLEMENT CHARGES:					
1301.	Required services that you can shop for		(from GFE # 6)		
1302.					
1303.					
1304.					
1305.					
1400. TOTAL SETTLEMENT CHARGES (enter on Line 103, Section J and line 502, Section K)				\$2,862.00	

B=borrower S=seller L=lender R=broker I=investor O=other POC=paid outside closing by
I have carefully reviewed the HUD-1 Settlement Statement, and, to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is a true and accurate statement of all receipts and disbursements made on my account or by me in this transaction. I further certify that I have received a copy of the HUD-1 Settlement Statement.

Borrower: _____ Date: 10/27/2025 Seller: Pfizer, Inc. Date: 10/27/2025
Avalonia Land Conservancy, Inc.

Date: 10/27/2025 _____ Date: 10/27/2025

The HUD-1 Settlement Statement which I have prepared is a true and accurate account of this transaction. I have caused or will cause the funds to be disbursed in accordance with this statement.
Settlement Agent: _____ Date: 10/27/2025
Robert Avena Esq.

WARNING: It is a crime to knowingly make false statements to the United States on this or any other similar form. Penalties upon conviction can include a fine and imprisonment. For details see: Title 18 U.S. Code Section 1001 and Section 1010.



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 24-0321

Agenda Date: 3/11/2026

Agenda #: 2.

GRANT REQUEST

Type Motion/Request here and complete the Grant Request Form Below:

MOTION to appropriate \$229,000 to account 21020103-57300-G0017 Dispatch - New Equipment and authorize the expenditure of up to \$229,000 based on federal grant funding awarded for “Police Dispatch System Replacement”

This funding was received through the 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending initiative, to replace the Ledyard Dispatch Emergency Communications CAD/RMS System.

Background:

April 10, 2024 Town Council Meeting: The Town Council approved to submit the 2025 Grant Application *COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment Grant* Application in the amount of up-to \$240,000 the 2025 Congressionally Directed Spending initiative, to replace the Ledyard Dispatch Emergency Communications CAD/RMS System.

On April 14, 2025 members of the Town Council were notified that the Application Period for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Congressionally Directed Spending Program for Community Projects would close on April 20, 2025. This request would authorize Ledyard’s 2025 *COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment Grant* Application in the amount of up-to \$240,000 be resubmitted ,000 through the 2026 Congressionally Directed Spending initiative, to replace the Ledyard Dispatch Emergency Communications CAD/RMS System. (please see notes below).

The 2026 Grant Application Deadline is April 20, 2025 (please see attached email 4/14/2025)

In March, 2025 Senator Richard Blumenthal's Office provided an update regarding the Continuing Resolution that Congress was passed, however, it did not fund the Congressionally Directed Spending Program for Community Projects that had been submitted for the current fiscal year (fy 24/25).

Senator Blumenthal’s Office explained that should Ledyard choose to resubmit their request in 2026 for the COPS Technology Grant in the amount of \$240,000 for the replacement of the Dispatch Base Station Radio, which was a computer aided dispatch system that would enable the Police Department to integrate with the Fire Departments and with other partner towns, that Ledyard’s Application would have top priority at the top of the list.

Ledyard is a Multi-Town Emergency Communications Dispatch Service providing 911- Support to both Ledyard and Preston.

The Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems provide public safety agencies with the ability to create and maintain digital records of all department activities and also provide modules for report writing, evidence and property management, prisoner processing and monitory, and crime reporting to state and federal agencies.

The Emergency Communications Dispatch/Police Department CAD/RMS System, administered by Central Square Technologies, is antiquated, outdated, and the company is sunsetting the product in the next two-years. Therefore, the Department needs to invest in an updated CAD.RMS System.

Although the Town Council has included a two-year funding plan as follows: 2025 \$45,000; 2026 \$89,500 to support the replacement of the CAD/RMS System the Town is seeking financial assistance to minimize the impact on its taxpayers by submitting an Application for a *COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment Grant* in the amount of up-to \$240,000 through the Congressionally Directed Spending initiative.

This Grant Program does not require a local funding match.

The Grant Application Deadline is April 14, 2024

Department Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Finance Director Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Mayor Comments/Recommendation:

(Type text here)

Please Complete the Grant Request Form Below:

TOWN OF LEDYARD
GENERAL GOVERNMENT
GRANT APPLICATION POLICY AND PROCESS

The Ledyard Town Council will approve all grant applications submitted by the Town to any governmental agency or private foundation on behalf of the Town; and any items that are offered to the Town by any entity, and items taken in forfeiture by the Town. Every department, commission, or board acting on behalf of the Town of Ledyard when seeking grants or responding to an offer to the Town of grant funds or items must follow this policy and process.

Grants, for these purposes include:

1. Grants that require a Town match -- whether the match is a dollar figure, an in-kind contribution, or a combination thereof
2. Grants that are 100% funded
3. Items or services that are offered (“gifted”) to the Town such as land, equipment, buildings, or vehicles
4. Items that are taken by forfeiture and intended to be retained by the Town
5. Items granted to a fire company’s 501(c)3 organization but expected to be maintained and/or insured by Town operating dollars

When applying for any grant, the grant seeker will create a legislative file and attach a completed GRANT REQUEST FORM and any pertinent information about the grant and grantor. The legislative file will be set up to go the Town Council using the Finance Committee workflow.

When applying for Federal funding, the grant seeker must include acknowledgement in the GRANT REQUEST FORM that they have read and understand the Federal Government procurement standards for federal funding in 2 CFR 200.318 through 200.325 (See Attachment 1).

Amended and Approved by the Town Council: on: July 22, 2020

Linda C Davis

Linda C. Davis, Chairman

Revisions: “General Government Grant Application Policy and Process” Adopted: May 8, 2018.

History: Paragraph 5 added the following: *“When applying for Federal funding, the grant seeker must include acknowledgement in the GRANT REQUEST FORM that they have read and understand the Federal Government procurement standards for federal funding in 2 CFR 200.318 through 200.325 (See Attachment 1).”*

Below the Form added: *FOR FEDERAL GRANTS: “I confirm that I have read and understand the federal general procurement standards in 2 CFR § 200.318 through 200.325”*

Added to the Policy Attachment 1 *“Code of Federal Regulations: 2 CFR”* to Policy.

GRANT REQUEST FORM

Requestor John Rich, Police Chief

Date April 4, 2024

Dept/Commission/Board

Police Department/Emergency Communications Dispatch

Name of Grant *COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment Grant*

Type of Grant (State of CT, Federal, Private Foundation, Individual - if combination, explain)

Federal Grant through US Senator Richard Blumenthal & US Senator Chris Murphy’s Offices

Reason for Applying for this Grant

Ledyard is a Multi-Town Emergency Communications Dispatch Service providing 911- Support to both Ledyard and Preston

The Emergency Communications Dispatch/Police Department CAD/RMS System, administered by Central Square Technologies, is antiquated, outdated, and the company is sunsetting the product in the next two-years. Therefore, the Department is looking to invest in an updated CAD/RMS System.

Amount of Town Match -0-

Source of Town Match N/A

In-Kind Match - Explain

N/a

FOR FEDERAL GRANTS: I confirm that I have read and understand the federal general procurement standards in 2 CFR § 200.318 through 200.325 (Appendix 1)

Signed Name

Printed Name

Date

ATTACHMENT 1

Code of Federal Regulations: 2 CFR

§200.318 General procurement standards.

(a) The non-Federal entity must use its own documented procurement procedures which reflect applicable State, local, and tribal laws and regulations, provided that the procurements conform to applicable Federal law and the standards identified in this part.

(b) Non-Federal entities must maintain oversight to ensure that contractors perform in accordance with the terms, conditions, and specifications of their contracts or purchase orders.

(c)(1) The non-Federal entity must maintain written standards of conduct covering conflicts of interest and governing the actions of its employees engaged in the selection, award and administration of contracts. No employee, officer, or agent may participate in the selection, award, or administration of a contract supported by a Federal award if he or she has a real or apparent conflict of interest. Such a conflict of interest would arise when the employee, officer, or agent, any member of his or her immediate family, his or her partner, or an organization which employs or is about to employ any of the parties indicated herein, has a financial or other interest in or a tangible personal benefit from a firm considered for a contract. The officers, employees, and agents of the non-Federal entity may neither solicit nor accept gratuities, favors, or anything of monetary value from contractors or parties to subcontracts. However, non-Federal entities may set standards for situations in which the financial interest is not substantial or the gift is an unsolicited item of nominal value. The standards of conduct must provide for disciplinary actions to be applied for violations of such standards by officers, employees, or agents of the non-Federal entity.

(2) If the non-Federal entity has a parent, affiliate, or subsidiary organization that is not a state, local government, or Indian tribe, the non-Federal entity must also maintain written standards of conduct covering organizational conflicts of interest. Organizational conflicts of interest means that because of relationships with a parent company, affiliate, or subsidiary organization, the non-Federal entity is unable or appears to be unable to be impartial in conducting a procurement action involving a related organization.

(d) The non-Federal entity's procedures must avoid acquisition of unnecessary or duplicative items. Consideration should be given to consolidating or breaking out procurements to obtain a more economical purchase. Where appropriate, an analysis will be made of lease versus purchase alternatives, and any other appropriate analysis to determine the most economical approach.

(e) To foster greater economy and efficiency, and in accordance with efforts to promote cost-effective use of shared services across the Federal Government, the non-Federal entity is encouraged to enter into state and local intergovernmental agreements or inter-entity agreements where appropriate for procurement or use of common or shared goods and services.

(f) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use Federal excess and surplus property in lieu of purchasing new equipment and property whenever such use is feasible and reduces project costs.

(g) The non-Federal entity is encouraged to use value engineering clauses in contracts for construction projects of sufficient size to offer reasonable opportunities for cost reductions. Value engineering is a systematic and creative analysis of each contract item or task to ensure that its essential function is provided at the overall lower cost.

(h) The non-Federal entity must award contracts only to responsible contractors possessing the ability to perform successfully under the terms and conditions of a proposed procurement. Consideration will be given to such matters as contractor integrity, compliance with public policy, record of past performance, and financial and technical resources. See also §200.213 Suspension and debarment.

(i) The non-Federal entity must maintain records sufficient to detail the history of procurement. These records will include, but are not necessarily limited to the following: rationale for the method of procurement, selection of contract type, contractor selection or rejection, and the basis for the contract price.

(j)(1) The non-Federal entity may use a time and materials type contract only after a determination that no other contract is suitable and if the contract includes a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Time and materials type contract means a contract whose cost to a non-Federal entity is the sum of:

(i) The actual cost of materials; and

(ii) Direct labor hours charged at fixed hourly rates that reflect wages, general and administrative expenses, and profit.

(2) Since this formula generates an open-ended contract price, a time-and-materials contract provides no positive profit incentive to the contractor for cost control or labor efficiency. Therefore, each contract must set a ceiling price that the contractor exceeds at its own risk. Further, the non-Federal entity awarding such a contract must assert a high degree of oversight in order to obtain reasonable assurance that the contractor is using efficient methods and effective cost controls.

(k) The non-Federal entity alone must be responsible, in accordance with good administrative practice and sound business judgment, for the settlement of all contractual and administrative issues arising out of

procurements. These issues include, but are not limited to, source evaluation, protests, disputes, and claims. These standards do not relieve the non-Federal entity of any contractual responsibilities under its contracts. The Federal awarding agency will not substitute its judgment for that of the non-Federal entity unless the matter is primarily a Federal concern. Violations of law will be referred to the local, state, or Federal authority having proper jurisdiction.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014; 80 FR 43309, July 22, 2015]

§200.319 Competition.

(a) All procurement transactions must be conducted in a manner providing full and open competition consistent with the standards of this section. In order to ensure objective contractor performance and eliminate unfair competitive advantage, contractors that develop or draft specifications, requirements, statements of work, or invitations for bids or requests for proposals must be excluded from competing for such procurements. Some of the situations considered to be restrictive of competition include but are not limited to:

(1) Placing unreasonable requirements on firms in order for them to qualify to do business;

(2) Requiring unnecessary experience and excessive bonding;

(3) Noncompetitive pricing practices between firms or between affiliated companies;

(4) Noncompetitive contracts to consultants that are on retainer contracts;

(5) Organizational conflicts of interest;

(6) Specifying only a “brand name” product instead of allowing “an equal” product to be offered and describing the performance or other relevant requirements of the procurement; and

(7) Any arbitrary action in the procurement process.

(b) The non-Federal entity must conduct procurements in a manner that prohibits the use of statutorily or administratively imposed state, local, or tribal geographical preferences in the evaluation of bids or proposals, except in those cases where applicable Federal statutes expressly mandate or encourage geographic preference. Nothing in this section preempts state licensing laws. When contracting for architectural and engineering (A/E) services, geographic location may be a selection criterion provided its application leaves an appropriate number of qualified firms, given the nature and size of the project, to compete for the contract.

(c) The non-Federal entity must have written procedures for procurement transactions. These procedures must ensure that all solicitations:

(1) Incorporate a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements for the material, product, or service to be procured. Such description must not, in competitive procurements, contain features which unduly restrict competition. The description may include a statement of the qualitative nature of the material, product or service to be procured and, when necessary, must set forth those minimum essential characteristics and standards to which it must conform if it is to satisfy its intended use. Detailed product specifications should be avoided if at all possible. When it is impractical or uneconomical to make a clear and accurate description of the technical requirements, a “brand name or equivalent” description may be used as a means to define the performance or other salient requirements of procurement. The specific features of the named brand which must be met by offers must be clearly stated; and

(2) Identify all requirements which the offerors must fulfill and all other factors to be used in evaluating bids or proposals.

(d) The non-Federal entity must ensure that all prequalified lists of persons, firms, or products which are used in acquiring goods and services are current and include enough qualified sources to ensure maximum open and free competition. Also, the non-Federal entity must not preclude potential bidders from qualifying during the solicitation period.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]

§200.320 Methods of procurement to be followed.

The non-Federal entity must use one of the following methods of procurement.

(a) Procurement by micro-purchases. Procurement by micro-purchase is the acquisition of supplies or services, the aggregate dollar amount of which does not exceed the micro-purchase threshold (§200.67 Micro-purchase). To the extent practicable, the non-Federal entity must distribute micro-purchases equitably among qualified suppliers. Micro-purchases may be awarded without soliciting competitive quotations if the non-Federal entity considers the price to be reasonable.

(b) Procurement by small purchase procedures. Small purchase procedures are those relatively simple and informal procurement methods for securing services, supplies, or other property that do not cost more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold. If small purchase procedures are used, price or rate quotations must be obtained from an adequate number of qualified sources.

(c) Procurement by sealed bids (formal advertising). Bids are publicly solicited and a firm fixed price contract (lump sum or unit price) is awarded to the responsible bidder whose bid, conforming with all the material terms and conditions of the invitation for bids, is the lowest in price. The sealed bid method is the preferred method for procuring construction, if the conditions in paragraph (c)(1) of this section apply.

(1) In order for sealed bidding to be feasible, the following conditions should be present:

(i) A complete, adequate, and realistic specification or purchase description is available;

(ii) Two or more responsible bidders are willing and able to compete effectively for the business; and

(iii) The procurement lends itself to a firm fixed price contract and the selection of the successful bidder can be made principally on the basis of price.

(2) If sealed bids are used, the following requirements apply:

(i) Bids must be solicited from an adequate number of known suppliers, providing them sufficient response time prior to the date set for opening the bids, for local, and tribal governments, the invitation for bids must be publicly advertised;

(ii) The invitation for bids, which will include any specifications and pertinent attachments, must define the items or services in order for the bidder to properly respond;

(iii) All bids will be opened at the time and place prescribed in the invitation for bids, and for local and tribal governments, the bids must be opened publicly;

(iv) A firm fixed price contract award will be made in writing to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder. Where specified in bidding documents, factors such as discounts, transportation cost, and life cycle costs must be considered in determining which bid is lowest. Payment discounts will only be used to determine the low bid when prior experience indicates that such discounts are usually taken advantage of; and

(v) Any or all bids may be rejected if there is a sound documented reason.

(d) Procurement by competitive proposals. The technique of competitive proposals is normally conducted with more than one source submitting an offer, and either a fixed price or cost-reimbursement type contract is awarded. It is generally used when conditions are not appropriate for the use of sealed bids. If this method is used, the following requirements apply:

(1) Requests for proposals must be publicized and identify all evaluation factors and their relative importance. Any response to publicized requests for proposals must be considered to the maximum extent practical;

(2) Proposals must be solicited from an adequate number of qualified sources;

(3) The non-Federal entity must have a written method for conducting technical evaluations of the proposals received and for selecting recipients;

(4) Contracts must be awarded to the responsible firm whose proposal is most advantageous to the program, with price and other factors considered; and

(5) The non-Federal entity may use competitive proposal procedures for qualifications-based procurement of architectural/engineering (A/E) professional services whereby competitors' qualifications are evaluated and the most qualified competitor is selected, subject to negotiation of fair and reasonable compensation. The method, where price is not used as a selection factor, can only be used in procurement of A/E professional services. It cannot be used to purchase other types of services though A/E firms are a potential source to perform the proposed effort.

(e) [Reserved]

(f) Procurement by noncompetitive proposals. Procurement by noncompetitive proposals is procurement through solicitation of a proposal from only one source and may be used only when one or more of the following circumstances apply:

(1) The item is available only from a single source;

(2) The public exigency or emergency for the requirement will not permit a delay resulting from competitive solicitation;

(3) The Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity expressly authorizes noncompetitive proposals in response to a written request from the non-Federal entity; or

(4) After solicitation of a number of sources, competition is determined inadequate.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014; 80 FR 54409, Sept. 10, 2015]

§200.321 Contracting with small and minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus

area firms.

(a) The non-Federal entity must take all necessary affirmative steps to assure that minority businesses, women's business enterprises, and labor surplus area firms are used when possible.

(b) Affirmative steps must include:

(1) Placing qualified small and minority businesses and women's business enterprises on solicitation lists;

(2) Assuring that small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises are solicited whenever they are potential sources;

(3) Dividing total requirements, when economically feasible, into smaller tasks or quantities to permit maximum participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(4) Establishing delivery schedules, where the requirement permits, which encourage participation by small and minority businesses, and women's business enterprises;

(5) Using the services and assistance, as appropriate, of such organizations as the Small Business Administration and the Minority Business Development Agency of the Department of Commerce; and

(6) Requiring the prime contractor, if subcontracts are to be let, to take the affirmative steps listed in paragraphs (1) through (5) of this section.

§200.322 Procurement of recovered materials.

A non-Federal entity that is a state agency or agency of a political subdivision of a state and its contractors must comply with section 6002 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act. The requirements of Section 6002 include procuring only items designated in guidelines of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) at 40 CFR part 247 that contain the highest percentage of recovered materials practicable, consistent with maintaining a satisfactory level of competition, where the purchase price of the item exceeds \$10,000 or the value of the quantity acquired during the preceding fiscal year exceeded \$10,000; procuring solid waste management services in a manner that maximizes energy and resource recovery; and establishing an affirmative procurement program for procurement of recovered materials identified in the EPA guidelines.

[78 FR 78608, Dec. 26, 2013, as amended at 79 FR 75885, Dec. 19, 2014]

§200.323 Contract cost and price.

(a) The non-Federal entity must perform a cost or price analysis in connection with every procurement action in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold including contract modifications. The method and degree of analysis is dependent on the facts surrounding the particular procurement situation, but as a starting point, the non-Federal entity must make independent estimates before receiving bids or proposals.

(b) The non-Federal entity must negotiate profit as a separate element of the price for each contract in which there is no price competition and in all cases where cost analysis is performed. To establish a fair and reasonable profit, consideration must be given to the complexity of the work to be performed, the risk borne by the contractor, the contractor's investment, the amount of subcontracting, the quality of its record of past performance, and industry profit rates in the surrounding geographical area for similar work.

(c) Costs or prices based on estimated costs for contracts under the Federal award are allowable only to the extent that costs incurred or cost estimates included in negotiated prices would be allowable for the non-Federal entity under Subpart E-Cost Principles of this part. The non-Federal entity may reference its own cost principles that comply with the Federal cost principles.

(d) The cost plus a percentage of cost and percentage of construction cost methods of contracting must not be used.

§200.324 Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity review.

(a) The non-Federal entity must make available, upon request of the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity, technical specifications on proposed procurements where the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity believes such review is needed to ensure that the item or service specified is the one being proposed for acquisition. This review generally will take place prior to the time the specification is incorporated into a solicitation document. However, if the non-Federal entity desires to have the review accomplished after a solicitation has been developed, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may still review the specifications, with such review usually limited to the technical aspects of the proposed purchase.

(b) The non-Federal entity must make available upon request, for the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity pre-procurement review, procurement documents, such as requests for proposals or invitations for bids, or independent cost estimates, when:

(1) The non-Federal entity's procurement procedures or operation fails to comply with the procurement standards in this part;

(2) The procurement is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded without competition or only one bid or offer is received in response to a solicitation;

(3) The procurement, which is expected to exceed the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, specifies a "brand name" product;

(4) The proposed contract is more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold and is to be awarded to other than the apparent low bidder under a sealed bid procurement; or

(5) A proposed contract modification changes the scope of a contract or increases the contract amount by more than the Simplified Acquisition Threshold.

(c) The non-Federal entity is exempt from the pre-procurement review in paragraph (b) of this section if the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity determines that its procurement systems comply with the standards of this part.

(1) The non-Federal entity may request that its procurement system be reviewed by the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity to determine whether its system meets these standards in order for its system to be certified. Generally, these reviews must occur where there is continuous high-dollar funding, and third party contracts are awarded on a regular basis;

(2) The non-Federal entity may self-certify its procurement system. Such self-certification must not limit the Federal awarding agency's right to survey the system. Under a self-certification procedure, the Federal awarding agency may rely on written assurances from the non-Federal entity that it is complying with these standards. The non-Federal entity must cite specific policies, procedures, regulations, or standards as being in

compliance with these requirements and have its system available for review.

§200.325 Bonding requirements.

For construction or facility improvement contracts or subcontracts exceeding the Simplified Acquisition Threshold, the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity may accept the bonding policy and requirements of the non-Federal entity provided that the Federal awarding agency or pass-through entity has made a determination that the Federal interest is adequately protected. If such a determination has not been made, the minimum requirements must be as follows:

(a) A bid guarantee from each bidder equivalent to five percent of the bid price. The “bid guarantee” must consist of a firm commitment such as a bid bond, certified check, or other negotiable instrument accompanying a bid as assurance that the bidder will, upon acceptance of the bid, execute such contractual documents as may be required within the time specified.

(b) A performance bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “performance bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to secure fulfillment of all the contractor's obligations under such contract.

(c) A payment bond on the part of the contractor for 100 percent of the contract price. A “payment bond” is one executed in connection with a contract to assure payment as required by law of all persons supplying labor and material in the execution of the work provided for in the contract.

§200.326 Contract provisions.

The non-Federal entity's contracts must contain the applicable provisions described in Appendix II to Part 200-Contract Provisions for non-Federal Entity Contracts Under Federal Awards.

Roxanne Maher

From: Matthew Bonin
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 1:10 PM
To: Roxanne Maher
Subject: FW: COPS Office FY2026 Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) Funding

Hi Roxanne

Here is the email from the Chief with the award details – can you please add that to the file ?

Thank you !

Matt



Matthew Bonin, CPA
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From: John Rich <chief.rich@ledyardct.org>
Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 12:29 PM
To: Matthew Bonin <finance.director@ledyardct.org>
Subject: FW: COPS Office FY2026 Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) Funding

Matt,

This is the notice of the COPS Grant award for the replacement of CAD/RMS system and server.

I have updated quotes from NEXGEN Public Safety Solutions, same numbers, with discounts extended.

Let me know when you have a few minutes to discuss execution details.

Chief

From: Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) <copsusdoj@service.govdelivery.com>

Sent: Thursday, February 19, 2026 11:41 AM

To: John Rich <chief.rich@ledyardct.org>

Subject: COPS Office FY2026 Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) Funding



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES

145 N Street, NE, Wash DC 20535

Dear John Rich:

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office) is pleased to inform you that your agency, Town of Ledyard, was identified as a recipient of funding for Community Project Funding / Congressionally Directed Spending in the [Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Joint Explanatory Statement \(JES\)](#) for the Commerce, Justice, Science; Energy and Water Development; and Interior and Environment Appropriations Act, 2026 (Public Law 119-74). Specifically, funding was designated for your agency in the amount of \$229,000.00 for the following project: "Police Dispatch System Replacement."

The grant funding designated to your agency will be administered by the COPS Office through the FY26 COPS Technology and Equipment Program (TEP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO). The noncompetitive, online application is expected to be available next month, and the COPS Office will inform your agency, via email, once the online application is available. To ensure that you receive the notification email, please

- confirm receipt of this message within one week by sending an email to the COPS Office at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov; and
- in your email to AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov, confirm or provide the best point of contact for your agency, including email and telephone number.

While we understand that you may have previously submitted several documents to your congressional representatives to request your project funding, a complete application that provides specific and detailed information regarding your agency's project is required to receive the grant award. Please note that completing an application for the FY26 Technology and Equipment Program is a two-step process; applications must first be submitted electronically through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and then completed in [DOJ's Justice Grants System \(JustGrants\)](#).

The COPS Office encourages you to prepare to apply by taking the following key steps:

- Confirm whether your agency has an active registration in the System for Award Management ([SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov)), and if not, begin the [SAM.gov](https://www.sam.gov) registration process. An active SAM registration is required to complete the application in [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Go to [Help | SAM.gov](#) for SAM registration assistance. Note: the applicant agency must be the same agency listed for this project in the JES.
- Gather information necessary to prepare a detailed project narrative, as well as detailed information on the item(s) to be requested in your proposal that align with the project title in the JES, such as a description of each item and the anticipated cost of each item.
- Review the application submission guidance available at these links:
 - [JustGrants Training: Application Submission](#)
 - [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#)

The COPS Office looks forward to working with your agency. If you would like more information or require technical assistance during the application process, please contact the COPS Office Response Center at AskCOPSRC@usdoj.gov.

Sincerely,

Brenda Worthington

Assistant Director

Grants Administration Division



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Roxanne Maher

From: Naomi Rodriguez
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2025 11:35 AM
To: Roxanne Maher
Subject: Fw: Update on FY26 Community Project Funding process

From: McGrath, Julia <Julia.McGrath@mail.house.gov>
Sent: Monday, April 14, 2025 5:40 PM
To: Naomi Rodriguez <NaomiR@ledyardct.org>
Subject: FW: Update on FY26 Community Project Funding process

Hi Naomi! I hope you are well.

We are planning to resubmit our FY25 CPF requests for FY26 and would like to move forward with the Ledyard – I just need confirmation from the Town that you are on board. I am sure the Chief is a busy man, so I wanted to put this on your radar as well.

Thanks!



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Subject: Update on FY26 Community Project Funding process
Importance: High

Dear Community Partners,

As you know, last month your project request for FY25 Community Project Funding was eliminated from H.R. 1968, *Full-Year Continuing Appropriations and Extensions Act, 2025*. At that time, it was uncertain whether Members of Congress would have the opportunity to request project funding during the FY26 appropriations process. However, Appropriations Chairman Cole has now announced the beginning of the FY26 cycle and confirmed that Members will be able to request Community Project Funding: [Cole Releases FY26 Programmatic, Language, and Community Project Funding Guidance](#).

We remain committed to supporting your project and would very much like to move forward with resubmitting it. Chairman Cole has not yet released subcommittee guidance but has communicated that FY25 projects previously-approved by the Appropriations Committee will be eligible this year again.

That being said, please let us know if you have any concerns with the resubmission of your project. Additionally, please let us know the following information:

Has your project budget changed?

Has the project scope or details changed?

Are you currently able to supply matching funds?

Has the project moved forward without the requested FY25 funding?

Have you secured other sources of funding for the project, or do you anticipate doing so?

Please have these responses back to us by close of business on Friday, April 11th. If you decide to move forward with the resubmission, we will discuss with you updating your letters of support.

If you have any questions, please send them our way!



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CONGRESSIONALLY DIRECTED SPENDING

Office of U.S. Senator Richard Blumenthal

Office of U.S. Senator Chris Murphy

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

- Generally speaking, this is funding requested for a specific project in a specific location.
- **No Member Financial Interest:** Members cannot make requests to further their financial interest (or that of their immediate family), must certify in writing that there is no such interest and make that certification public.
- **Request in Writing:** Members must make CDS requests in writing and include their name, the name and location of the intended recipient, and the purpose of the spending item.
- **Ban on For-Profits:** for-profit entities do not qualify for CDS funding;
- **Notice:** Require senators to post their CDS item requests online, as well as their financial certification disclosures attesting that they do not have any financial interest in any of the items requested
- **Audits:** The Committee will require the Government Accountability Office to audit a sample of enacted CDS items and report its findings to Congress.
- It is also referred to as Community Project Funding (CPF), Earmarks

PROCEDURE

- All entities interested in CDS funding must submit an application.
- On the Senate side, all applications are filed jointly. You will submit 1 application that will go to both Senators Blumenthal and Murphy. Both offices jointly submit the same projects for consideration in order to enhance the number of projects accepted by Committee.
- The House of Representatives has its own procedures. You are welcome to apply through your Representative as well, but that is a separate process. We recommend reaching out to the relevant office for details.
- Senators Blumenthal and Murphy endeavor to submit as many eligible applications to the Senate Appropriations Committee as possible. Once we submit to committee, it is up to them which projects to fund.
- CDS is a long process – you must first apply through our offices, then we must submit your project to committee, which selects projects for their bills. Once a bill passes out of committee, it still needs to be voted on and passed by the full Senate. Then, the Senate and House bills must be reconciled. All told, it will be at least a year before you receive your award, if you are selected.
- To see examples of projects we have submitted in the past, see our websites:
 - Senator Blumenthal: Blumenthal.senate.gov/services/federal-funding
 - Senator Murphy: murphy.senate.gov/services/appropriations

TYPICAL TIMELINE

- Continued Uncertainty for FY2024
- Process for FY2025 and Tentative Deadlines
- What happens after we submit an application?
- What happens when the appropriations bill is signed into law?
- When can I start expending funds?

WILL MY PROJECT HAVE A MATCHING REQUIREMENT?

- Some (but not all) CDS accounts have a matching requirement.
- For example, USDA – Rural Development, Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband Program Grants has a flat, 15% matching requirement for all projects.
- Prior to applying, it is important to determine if your project requires a match, and whether or not you are able to meet the matching requirement.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

- CDS requests may be submitted within the DOJ's Byrne Discretionary Program and the COPS Law Enforcement Program.
 - **DOJ Byrne Discretionary**: Provides additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems. This funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction. Should refrain from specifying brand names for equipment to ensure fair and open competition.
 - **DOJ COPS Law Enforcement Technology**: Funds the development of technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime. Recipients shall include state, local, tribal, and territorial governments and their public agencies (for example, police and/or sheriff's departments). Should refrain from specifying brand names for equipment to ensure fair and open competition. Should consider the full range of potential legal, constitutional, and civil liberties and privacy implications associated with generating, acquiring, or using technology or data.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE - NATIONAL OCEANIC AND ATMOSPHERIC ADMINISTRATION:

- *NOAA Operations, Research, and Facilities—Special Projects*: This account funds projects related to fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, climate, weather, and atmospheric research and programs. This account cannot be used to fund construction projects.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE:

- *Byrne Discretionary*: This account helps states, localities, and tribal law enforcement efforts prevent crime, improve the criminal justice system, and provide victims' services. Applicants can submit requests to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems.

Awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide. Allowable costs are those costs consistent with the principles set out in the 2 CFR Part 200, Subpart E, and those permitted by the grant program's authorizing legislation. To qualify for Federal awards, costs must be reasonable, allocable, and necessary to the project, and they must also comply with the funding statute and agency requirements. This funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction.

- *COPS Law Enforcement Technology and Equipment*: This account provides funding the development of technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime. Eligible recipients are states, localities, tribes, and territorial governments and their public agencies (for example, police and/or sheriff's departments). Allowable activities are limited to the statutorily allowable purpose areas under the COPS Office statute, including the procurement of equipment, technology, or support systems, and the development of new technologies to assist recipient entities in reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime. Even though this line funds equipment, please do not specify brand names of equipment you are considering purchasing to ensure fair and open competition.

Awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, and the applicable Award Owner's Manual. Applicants are cautioned against requests for vehicles and vessels that carry with them a high maintenance cost at the conclusion of the CDS request.

Applicants should consider the full range of potential implications of their request for legal, constitutional, and civil liberties and privacy. In addition, if applicants are looking to purchase unmanned aircraft systems, please review the federal guidance around safe



CT FY25 CDS Application for Commerce, Justice, & NASA (CAD/RMS

Dispatch)

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** indicates a required field.*

Section 1. Funding Request

1. Name of Proposal *

Please name your project using the following convention: "[NAME OF ORGANIZATION] for [USE OF FUNDS]." For example, "Town of Stratford for Renovations to Senior Housing Facility"; "New Haven Food Pantry for Staffing Needs"; or "Stamford Hospital for HVAC Upgrades"

No answer.

2. Submitting Organization (the legal entity that would receive the grant) *

No answer.

3. Location in Connecticut *

No answer.

4. Congressionally Directed Spending Funding Request (in dollars) *

No answer.

5. Total Cost of Project (in dollars) *

No answer.

6. If you cannot receive the entire award, is there an amount of funding that would still enable you to move forward with your project? If so, please provide that minimum amount below (in dollars). *

No answer.

7. Please provide a five sentence description of how you will use federal funds. *

No answer.

8. Priority Ranking of Proposal *

NOTE: if you are only submitting one request, please enter 1.

No answer.

9. Was this request submitted to another member of the Connecticut Delegation? *

No answer.

9.1 Please select the member:

No answer.

10. Is your organization a for profit entity? *

NOTE: for-profits are not eligible for congressionally directed spending

No answer.

11. Please provide your organization's Employer Identification Number (EIN). *

No answer.

Section 2. Contact Information

NOTE: if awarded funds, the primary point of contact listed must be able to act as the organization's liaison with the federal agency administering your award. The individual listed should have responsibilities for overseeing and executing grants.

1. Name of Organization *

No answer.

2. Primary Point of Contact Name *

No answer.

3. Primary Point of Contact Title *

No answer.

4. Address Line One *

No answer.

5. Address Line Two *

No answer.

6. City *

No answer.

7. State *

No answer.

8. Zip *

No answer.

9. Primary Point of Contact Phone Number *

No answer.

10. Primary Point of Contact Email *

No answer.

Head of Organization/Department/Agency

11. Name *

No answer.

12. Title *

No answer.

13. Address Line One *

No answer.

14. Address Line Two

No answer.

15. City *

No answer.

16. State *

No answer.

17. Zip *

No answer.

18. Head of Organization/Department/Agency Phone Number *

No answer.

19. Head of Organization/Department/Agency Email *

No answer.

Section 3. Project Details and Need

- 1. Please identify which account your project fits within. NOTE: there are additional questions that you must complete specific to your account in the following section. ***

Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Law Enforcement Technology

- 2. Problem/Issue Statement ***

Using up to 250 words, please describe the problem or issue that you are trying to address through this request. If possible, describe how the problem could not be addressed without this federal funding.

No answer.

- 3. Description of Proposal for Use of Federal Funds ***

Using up to 250 words, please describe the services, products, research, or work that will be provided through this funding. Please use non-technical language where possible.

No answer.

- 4. Description of Impact to Connecticut ***

Briefly describe how your project will benefit Connecticut. If possible, include metrics such as jobs created, jobs maintained, areas protected, etc.

No answer.

- 5. Supporting and/or Partnering Organizations or Entities ***

Please list any organizations that support this project. NOTE: for projects submitted under the Byrne Discretionary and COPS Law Enforcement Technology Accounts, please specify any community-based organizations that support this project.

No answer.

6. Budget Breakdown *

Please include a specific breakdown of how the requested funding will be used (provide specific amounts for salaries, materials, equipment, etc. to the best of your ability). Please make sure to confirm that everything listed is an allowable expense under the selected account.

No answer.

7. Timeline *

Please include an anticipated timeline for project progress and, if relevant, completion date for the project or program.

No answer.

8. Does your project have a website? If so, please provide:

No answer.

Section 4. Additional Questions for Department of Commerce, NASA, and NOAA

NOTE: if you selected NIST STRS, NIST Construction of Research Facilities, NOAA ORF, or NASA SSMS in Section 2, please complete the required additional questions in the below section. Failure to complete the required additional questions may result in problems processing your application.

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1. If you selected National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Scientific and Technical Research Services (STRS) External Projects, your project must address standards-related research and technology development.

NOTE: projects that require construction are not eligible. Does your project meet these requirements?

No answer.

2. If you selected NIST Construction of Research Facilities, your project must be for construction projects for non-federal research facilities at research institutions and colleges and universities. Does your project meet these requirements?

No answer.

3. If you selected National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Operations, Research, and Facilities (ORF) Special Projects, your project must address fisheries, marine mammals, ocean, climate, weather, or atmospheric research and programs.

NOTE: projects that require construction are not eligible. Does your project meet these requirements?

No answer.

4. If you selected National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Security and Mission Support (SSMS), your project must focus on science education, research, and technology related to NASA's mission. Does your project meet these requirements?

NOTE: projects that require construction, medical research, or that are located in NASA-owned visitor's centers or state's designated Space Grant Consortium are not eligible.

No answer.

Section 5. Additional Questions for Department of Justice

NOTE: if you selected Department of Justice in Section 2, there are additional questions you need to complete in this section. Providing detailed justifications for these questions is vital to our application review process.

1. If you selected State and Local Law Enforcement, Byrne Discretionary, funding can be used to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice systems.
Please describe the focus of your project.

No answer.

2. If you selected State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, Byrne Discretionary, funding cannot be used for land acquisition or construction. Does your project require land acquisition or construction?

No answer.

3. If you selected State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance, Byrne Discretionary, awarded grants will be subject to the requirements of Subpart E of 2 CFR Part 200 and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide. Allowable costs are those costs consistent with the principles set out Subpart E of 2 CFR Part 200 and those permitted by the grant program's authorizing legislation. Please describe how your project will comply with these requirements.

No answer.

4. If you selected COPS Law Enforcement Technology, funding can be used for projects to develop and purchase technologies and automated systems to assist law enforcement agencies in investigating, responding to, and preventing crime.
NOTE: COPS funding cannot be use for labor or planning costs. Please describe the focus of your project.

No answer.

5. If you selected COPS Law Enforcement Technology, you must be a state, local, tribal, or territorial governments and their public agencies, e.g., police and/or sheriff's departments. Are you an eligible recipient?

No answer.

6. If you selected COPS Law Enforcement Technology, project activities are limited to the statutorily allowable purpose areas under the COPS Office Statute (34 U.S. Code § 10381). This includes the procurement of equipment, technology, or support systems, and the development of new technologies to assist recipient entities in reorienting the emphasis of their activities from reacting to crime to preventing crime. Please describe how your project will meet the COPS Office Statute.

No answer.

7. If you selected COPS Law Enforcement Technology, does your project include a request for vehicles or vessels that carry with them a high maintenance cost at the conclusion of the grant?

No answer.

8. If you selected COPS Law Enforcement Technology, any project that involves generating, acquiring, or using technology or data recipients should consider the full range of potential legal, constitutional, and civil liberties and privacy implications.
For example, agencies who purchase unmanned aircraft systems must be aware of the Federal requirements and best practices for their effective and safe operation that is respectful of civil liberties and maximize the safety of citizens. Other technologies often carry similar privacy concerns to unmanned aircraft systems. How will you address these concerns? Providing a detailed justification to this question is vital to our application review process.

No answer.

9. Any projects awarded funding through the DOJ COPS Law Enforcement Technology account will be subject to Subpart E of 2 CFR Part 200, the DOJ Financial Guide and the applicable Award Owners Manual.

Please explain how your project will comply with these requirements.

No answer.

Section 6. Affirmations and Acknowledgements

- Submission of a request that meets the requirements of this form, as well as any subsequent requirements, does not guarantee the support of Senators Blumenthal or Murphy or the award of federal funding.
- This request and any information submitted in support of it may be made public in part or in its entirety.
- The requesting entity will comply with any request presented to it by the Government Accountability Office, the Office of the Inspector General of a Federal agency, Congress, and any other Federal entity performing an audit, investigation, or oversight function.
- Any support or funding award associated with this request does not guarantee support or funding in future fiscal years.

1. I affirm and acknowledge the above statements *

No answer.



TOWN OF LEDYARD

741 Colonel Ledyard
Highway
Ledyard, CT 06339-1511

File #: 26-0207

Agenda Date: 3/11/2026

Agenda #: 2.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS REQUEST (FBR)

Motion/Request:

MOTION to approve a bid waiver to Daniels Equipment Co, Inc of Auburn NH for the purchase of commercial laundry equipment and services.

Background:

Ledyard Fire Co wishes to purchase a turnout gear dryer using CNR funds. Daniels Equipment is the area representative for Continental Laundry Solutions. Daniels Equipment currently services the gear washer/extractor at Ledyard Fire and is the closest area service company for Continental equipment.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

I support the motion, as having a single vendor servicing both appliances is efficient.

After reviewing the LFD request, there are very few cabinet-style turnout gear dryers on the market. This style of dryer allows the unit to be used for not only turnout gear, but fire hose, cold water rescue suits, ropes, and other equipment.

I plan to add Daniels Equipment to the Standing Bid Waiver list for next FY.

Finance Director Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

StationDry

Gear & Apparatus Dryer

Firefighters know dirty gear is dangerous. As more and more particles and chemicals attach to protective gear, it gradually loses its effectiveness — putting firefighters and those they come in contact with at risk. The apparel that's designed to protect can be hazardous when dirty because it reflects less radiant heat, becomes flammable and can even conduct electricity.

Continental Girbau's StationDry Gear Dryers safely and quickly dry up to 6 sets of turnout gear and accessories. StationDry aligns with gear manufacturer drying requirements and complies with NFPA 1851 recommendations for drying gear.

- Dry turnout gear, hose, dive suits & more!
- Commercial-grade Construction
- No additional accessories required
- NFPA 1851 Compliant
- Industry leading warranty
- CSA / ETL Compliant
- Rugged powder coat finish
- Electrical option: 120V, 208-240V
- Includes removable hangers and shelves
(number varies based on cabinet size)

StationDry[®]

CABINET GEAR DRYER

SD6

- Dry gear in approximately 3 hours
- Includes 6 hangers & 4 shelves
- 55" x 38" x 82" (WxDxH)
- 900 CFM

SD2

- Includes 4 hangers & 3 shelves
- 33" x 37" x 84" (WxDxH)
- 850 CFM





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Quotation

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SOLD TO: **Account #**
Name: Ledyard Fire Company
Address: 11 Fairway Dr
City, State, Zip: Ledyard, CT 06339
Contact: Todd Willis
Phone: 860-608-9888
Email: todd.willis@ledyardfire.org

Delivery To: (if different, if not mark "same")
Name: **SAME**
Address:
City, State, Zip:
Contact:
Phone:
Email:

see item 5 on reverse side

DATE	FOB	VIA	REQUESTED DEL DATE	TERMS	
1/26/2026	factory	best way	as agreed	20% dep/bal COD	
QTY	Description			UNIT PRICE	AMOUNT
1	Continental Girbau Express Gear Dryer, model SD-2 Maximum of 2 gear sets, 12 accessory drying ports, 32.75" X 38.62" X 84", 303-311lbs stainless steel, 12 gauge steel, powder coated paint, 360 degree swivel, 120/60/1 volt 1 hose shelf, 3 boot shelves, 4 glove hangers, 4 gear hangers Price includes freight, delivery, setting in place Delivery & setup to include: Uncrate, put in place and level. Final connections to be done by others. Entrance ways into/out of buildings and/or rooms are the customer's responsibility as well as the integrity of the floors, permits, etc. Employee training included at time of startup.				\$ 7,077.00

Quote valid for: 30 days
Prepared by: NA

Plus Applicable Taxes

THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE REVERSE SIDE ARE INCORPORATED INTO THE TERMS OF THIS AGREEMENT

Purchaser:
By: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____

Accepted by Seller:
By: _____
Print Name: _____
Title: _____
Ralph Daniels, President & CEO
rgd@decequip.com 603-518-2817

Pricing includes all manufacturer rebates

All specifications subject to manufacturer updates

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Daniels Equipment Company, Inc., a New Hampshire corporation (hereinafter "Seller"), upon written acceptance of this Agreement, agrees to sell to Purchaser (as named on the reverse side) and Purchaser agrees to buy from Seller the equipment described on the reverse side for the price and terms shown on the reverse side, and on the following terms and conditions:

1 Invoice(s): Late Charges. Individual items may be delivered and invoiced separately and payment shall be made for each individual item in accordance with the particular invoice, unless financing is specified as below. Time of payment for each item is of the essence of this Agreement. LATE CHARGES ON ANY OVERDUE ACCOUNT SHALL BE PAID AT 1-1/2% PER MONTH OR THE HIGHEST AMOUNT PERMITTED BY APPLICABLE LAW, WHICHEVER IS LESS.

2 Transfer of Title: Lien: Risk of Loss. Title to the equipment shall remain in Seller until Purchaser has paid in full for the equipment and any additional charges provided herein. Should Purchaser default in payment of the purchase price, or any part thereof, or any additional charges as specified herein, Purchaser authorizes seller to remove the equipment from Purchaser's premises, free of any lien, claim, or interest of Purchaser or any other creditor of Purchaser. Any such removal by Seller shall not be deemed a waiver of Seller's right to damages, and Seller shall have the right to enforce any other legal or equitable remedy or right. Seller shall not be obligated to restore Purchaser's premises to original condition. Risk of loss or damage to the equipment shall pass to Purchaser upon delivery of the equipment to Purchaser or to a freight carrier at the factory or Seller's place of business for transportation to Purchaser. Purchaser agrees that the equipment shall not, in any event, become part of the real estate and shall at all times remain personal property. Purchaser agrees that it shall not remove the equipment from its Premises without the advance written notice of Seller until the purchase price has been paid in full.

3 Purchase Price: Payment. The purchase price specified on the reverse side includes all manufacturer's rebates, promotion and discounts of any kind, **(and applicable freight, storage and handling charges, insurance and taxes.)** The purchase price shall be paid as follows:

Deposit upon signing: \$ _____

Due on Delivery: \$ _____

Net 30 days: \$ _____

4 Creation of security interest. To secure performance of all of Purchaser's obligations under this Agreement, Purchaser grants to Seller a security interest in the equipment. Purchaser represents that it is organized under the laws of the State of _____. Purchaser agrees to maintain and protect the collateral by avoiding misuse, abuse, waste and deterioration, except for ordinary wear and tear; to insure the collateral against all expected risks to which it is exposed and those risks designated by Seller, with policies acceptable to Seller and payable to both Purchaser and Seller for so long as any amount remains due and owing from Purchaser to Seller; to keep the collateral at the business address of the Purchaser or such other address as notified to Seller in advance in writing, except for its temporary removal in connection with its ordinary use; and not to sell, transfer or dispose of the collateral or allow it to become subject to any unpaid charge or lien, including tax obligations.

Purchaser represents that there is no security interest or other lien on the collateral, except for the security interest created by this agreement.

The security interest created by this instrument is intended to be and shall be a purchase money security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code and the Seller shall have all rights of a holder of a purchase money security interest under the Uniform Commercial Code and Purchaser agrees to take all action hereafter as may be required to effectuate the terms hereof.

If Purchaser does not make payments in accordance with this Agreement, or fails to perform any obligation with regard to the protection of the collateral, or has made any misrepresentation in this instrument or in any other instrument prepared in connection with this transaction, Purchaser shall be in default, and Seller may repossess and remove the collateral and may resort to all legal and equitable remedies.

5 Delivery. A quoted delivery date is a best estimate and not a guaranteed delivery date. Seller shall have no liability to Purchaser for any alleged damages caused by late delivery. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL SELLER BE RESPONSIBLE FOR OR PURCHASER ENTITLED TO CONSEQUENTIAL OR INCIDENTAL DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR OWING TO ANY DELAYS IN DELIVERY WHATSOEVER. Seller shall not be liable for its failure to perform hereunder due to acts of God, public enemy, governmental agency, fires, floods, epidemics, strikes, work stoppages, freight embargoes, disruption of electrical or computer service, weather, war, hostilities, riot, rebellion, transportation delays, material shortage or other delay beyond its control.

6 WARRANTY. ALL EQUIPMENT SOLD HEREUNDER SHALL CARRY ONLY THE MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY, IF ANY. THERE IS NO OTHER WARRANTY EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE, OR ANY OTHER WARRANTY UNDER THE UNIFORM COMMERCIAL CODE.

7 Taxes. Purchaser shall be responsible for paying all local, state and federal sales, use, property and excise taxes and all other regulatory fees and charges imposed by the applicable governing authority in connection with the sale and use of the equipment hereunder, whether or not included in the purchase price set forth on the reverse side.

8 Disclaimer. This Agreement is a complete and exclusive statement of the understanding of the parties, there are no promises, agreements, covenants or understandings beyond those stated in this Agreement, including the reverse side hereof.

9 Limitation of Damages. In the event of any breach of this contract by Seller, Purchaser shall not be entitled to consequential, punitive, special or incidental damages of any kind.

10 Indemnification. Purchaser agrees to indemnify and hold seller, its agents, employees, representatives, successors and assigns, harmless against loss, claim, liabilities, costs and expenses, including reasonable attorneys' fees, arising out of, in connection with, or resulting from the use, operation or condition of the equipment sold. Purchaser shall provide Seller with prompt notice of any proceeding involving Seller or this indemnification, and shall provide Seller with any documents, including pleadings, related to such proceedings.

11 Governing Law, Jurisdiction and Venue. The validity, interpretation and performance of this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New Hampshire, including Article 2 of the Uniform Commercial Code as enacted in New Hampshire, without reference to its principles of conflicts of law rules. Any legal action brought by any party shall be instituted in, and be determined only by, the Rockingham County Superior Court in New Hampshire. Purchaser irrevocably consents to jurisdiction and venue of the Rockingham County Superior Court in the state of New Hampshire in connection with any action or proceeding arising out of or related to the transactions contemplated hereby. In the event of a breach of this Agreement by Purchaser, Seller shall be entitled to all costs of collection, including reasonable attorney fees.

12 Severability. If any term or provision of this Agreement is for any reason held to be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such term or provision will be enforced to the maximum extent possible, and such invalidity, illegality or unenforceability will not affect any other term or provision of this Agreement. This Agreement will be interpreted and construed as if such severable term or provision, to the extent which it is invalid, illegal or unenforceable, had never been contained in this Agreement, provided that no such severability shall be effective if it materially impairs the intentions of the parties.

CONDITIONS: The price and terms of this Agreement are not subject to verbal changes or other agreements unless approved in writing by the home office of the Seller. Prices are based on costs and conditions existing on date on the reverse side, and are subject to change by the Seller before final acceptance as evidenced by Seller's receipt of this fully executed Agreement. Typographical and stenographic errors are subject to correction. Purchaser assumes liability for patent and copyright infringement when goods are made to Purchaser's specification. Conditions not specifically stated herein shall be governed by established trade customs. Terms inconsistent with those stated herein which may appear on Purchaser's formal order will not be binding on the seller.

Seller's initials: _____

Purchaser's initials: _____



CIRCUL-AIR V511 EXPRESS 2 GEAR DRYING CABINET / 120V

SKU CIR-V511

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Description

The **Smart 6 Gear Dryer** with simple controls and factory preset temperatures ensure proper drying temperature for each unique clothing or turnout item.

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- Dries from the inside and outside simultaneously using a dual circulation system



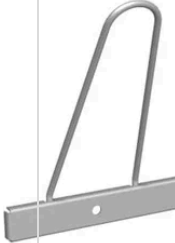



- Program ends with "cool down" to room temperature

- Equipped with Humidity Tracking System (HTS) which uses temperature and humidity sensors to detect the moisture level and stop the





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File #: 26-0256

Agenda Date: 3/11/2026

Agenda #: 4.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS REQUEST (FBR)

Motion/Request:

MOTION to authorize overspending Account #10110205-53615 (Town Attorney) through June 30, 2026.

Background:

Account #10110205-53615 (Town Attorney) current balance is \$473 for billings through October 31, 2025 (Original Budget \$20,000).

Major Expenses were:

- Proposed Ethics Ordinance Review & Work
- Lead Paint Hazards Nathan Lester House

With several more months of billing remaining, the Mayor's Office anticipates incurring additional attorney fees through June 30, 2026.

Department Comment/Recommendation:

(type text here)

Finance Director Comment/Recommendation:

As is typical with this type of request for legal fees, no threshold is identified.

Mayor Comment/Recommendation:

This FY has been particularly challenging with various legal opinion needs, including Budget questions, lead paint hazards, draft Ethics Ordinance, and other legal challenges.