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Ordinance #128

AN ORDINANCE
COMBINING THE ZONING COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LEDYARD
WITH THE PLANNING COMMISSION OF THE TOWN OF LEDYARD.

Be it ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Ledyard

Section 1. Authority

Pursuant to Chapter IV, Section 4, of the Town Charter, commencing on the ninetieth day after the effective date of this ordinance, the duties of the Zoning Commission of the Town of Ledyard as set forth in Chapter 124 of the General Statutes; shall be discharged by the Planning Commission of the Town of Ledyard which shall hereafter be known as the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Ledyard.

Section 2. Purpose

WHEREAS the Town Council finds combining the duties of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission into a single commission will enhance development within the Ledyard by reducing the number of boards and commissions with oversight of land use;

AND WHEREAS the Town Council finds combining the duties of the Planning Commission and the Zoning Commission into a single commission will improve the efficiency of the Town Planning Director and staff by reducing the number of monthly meetings the staff must support; There shall therefore be a single town commission known as the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Ledyard to discharge the duties specified in Chapters 124 and 126 of the General Statutes.

Section 3. Organization/Membership

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Ledyard shall be served by members as provided for in Chapter IV, Section 3, of the Town Charter, consisting of five (5) regular members who shall be electors of the Town of Ledyard and shall hold no salaried municipal office and shall not be members or alternate members of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Appointment and removal of any member of the Planning and Zoning Commission shall be as provided for in Chapter IV, Section 9, of the Town Charter.

Section 4. Duties

The Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Ledyard shall have the duties as specified in Chapter IV, Sections 3 and 4 of the Town Charter and all duties heretofore assigned by ordinance to either the Planning Commission of the Town of Ledyard or the Zoning Commission of the Town of Ledyard.

Section 5. Implementation

Within two weeks after effective date of this ordinance, all current members and current alternate members of the Planning Commission of the Town of Ledyard and the Zoning Commission of the Town of Ledyard shall indicate to their respective chairmen whether they desire to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Ledyard. The respective chairmen shall thereafter report to the Town Council the desires of their members. In addition, the respective chairmen shall make recommendations to the Town Council regarding present members to serve on the combined commission.

Within thirty days after the effective date of this ordinance, the Town Council shall notify each member and alternates to serve on the Planning and Zoning Commission, and such members and alternates shall thereafter familiarize themselves with the Ledyard Zoning regulations, Subdivision regulations, Current Plan of Conservation and Development, and their duties and responsibilities under the General Statutes and the ordinances of the Town of Ledyard.

Within thirty days of the effective date of this ordinance, the respective chairmen shall report to the Town Council all permit applications for which a public hearing has been or will have been held or commenced on or before the sixtieth day after the effective date of this ordinance and for which final action is expected to be pending on the sixtieth day after the effective date of this ordinance. The Town Council may make temporary appointments of alternates and such temporary alternates may thereafter be seated as necessary to ensure each such outstanding application will be acted upon by members present at the public hearing.

Within ninety-five days of the effective date of this ordinance the chairman of the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Ledyard shall direct the town's Land Use attorney to take any necessary step to substitute the Planning and Zoning Commission as the responsible party in any pending litigation involving either the Planning Commission of the Town of Ledyard or the Zoning Commission of the Town of Ledyard.

The Zoning regulations of the Town of Ledyard as adopted and made effective October 11, 1963 and as thereafter amended shall remain in full force and effect except as they may be further amended by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Ledyard by procedures established in the General Statutes.

The Subdivision regulations of the town of Ledyard as adopted on March 22, 1962 and as thereafter amended shall remain in full force and effect except as they may be further amended by the Planning and Zoning Commission of the Town of Ledyard by procedures established in the General Statutes.

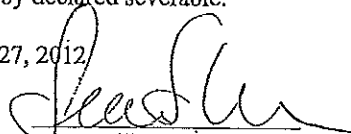
Section 6. Repeal

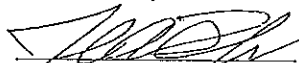
Ordinance 21, "An Ordinance establishing a separate Zoning Commission and Panel of Alternates", adopted on December 5, 1973, is hereby repealed. Part II of Ordinance 5, "An Ordinance separating the combined Planning Commission of the Town of Ledyard into a separate Planning Commission of the Town of Ledyard and a separate Zoning Commission of the Town of Ledyard", adopted on October 23, 1961 and as amended and adopted on September 13, 1972, is also repealed.

Section 7. Severability

If any provision of this 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 provision and for this purpose the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared severable.

Adopted by the Ledyard Town Council on: June 27, 2012


Sean Sullivan, Chairman


John A. Rodolico, Mayor

Approve / Disapprove on: 6-28-12