

RIDGEFIELD AFFORDABLE HOUSING COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2026 at 7:00pm

on zoom due to weather.

Ridgefield, Connecticut

Please note: these minutes are not verbatim.

ATTENDEES: Present: Debra Franceschini-Gatje (Chair), Lori Mazzola (Vice Chair), Andrea Beebe, Tim Vilinskis, Kevin Brown, Sharon Coleman, Sheryl Knapp and Krista Willett.

Absent: Kent Rohrer,

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

AGENDA

1. Public Comment
2. Committee Officer Vote for Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary
3. Special Guest-Francis Pickering, Executive Director of WestCOG
4. Approve Sept. 24th, 2025 and November 19th 2025 meeting minutes
5. Discuss weekday of future meetings
5. Discuss Future Guest Speakers-Nick & Ryan Fletcher, Eppillotti, PNZ & Rudy and ??
6. 2025 attendance report to town hall due by end of year-Sheryl Knapp

1. Public Comment: None

2. Discussion Items:

- a) Debra Franceschini-Gatje was voted to be Chairman for another year. Nominated by Lori Mazzola and seconded by Sharon Coleman.
 - b) Lori Mazzola was voted to be Vice-Chairman for another year. Nominated by Debra Franceschini-Gatje and seconded by Sharon Coleman.
 - c) Sheryl Knapp was voted to be Secretary for another year. Nominated by Debra Franceschini-Gatje and seconded by Lori Mazzola.
 - d) Francis Pickering gave an in-depth presentation to the committee. He gave some ideas as to how Ridgefield can work with the new Bill that was passed. How other towns have addressed issues. There were some good questions from Tim Vilinskis and Andrea Beebe.
 - e) Sept. 24th, 2025 and November 19th 2025 Meeting Minutes will be approved at the next meeting.
 - f) RAHC meetings will still meet on Wednesdays. This meeting was the 4th Wednesday of the month.
 - g) Future Guest Speakers could be Nick & Ryan Fletcher, Ippolotti, PNZ & Rudy and Dr Lipton.
- h) **Public Comment:** none
- i) **Next meeting:** The next Regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday February 25, 2026 not February 25, 2026 as indicated in Agenda.
- j) **Adjournment:** Lori Mazzola moved to adjourn; Andrea Beebe seconded, and the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

