



**Town of Ridgefield**  
**BOF Unapproved Meeting Minutes**  
Special Meeting, Tuesday, May 27, 2025  
DRAFT FINAL

**I. Call to order**

Mike Rettger called a special meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 in the Town Hall small conference room. Board Members Mike Rettger, Dave Ulmer, Greg Kabasakalian and Joe Shapiro present, and Andrew Okrongly present via telephone.

Others Present: Rudy Marconi, First Selectperson (who joined the meeting beginning with Agenda Item VI).

**II. Comments from Public**

None.

**III. Waiver of the reading of detailed resolution regarding purchase of real property at 217 Danbury Road**

**Motion** by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Rettger, to waive the reading of the detailed resolution regarding purchase of real property at 217 Danbury Road. All voted in favor.

**IV. Purchase of Real Property at 217 Danbury Road**

**Motion** by Mr. Rettger, seconded by Mr. Ulmer, as follows: That the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$750,000 For Costs Related To The Acquisition Of Real Property Located At 217 Danbury Road in Ridgefield; And Authorizing The Issuance of \$750,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town by Town Meeting vote. The amount of bonds issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds, if any, received by the Town for the Project and not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the Project.

Mr. Rettger summarized information about the proposed purchase that was provided at the recent public hearing. The property will be used to expand facilities at the Parks and Recreation and Founders Hall site, although there are no immediate plans to do anything. The property will most likely be used to expand recreation fields, due to surrounding wetlands, rather than parking. In response to a question, Mr. Redmond said the appraisal for the property has not yet been received. Mr. Rettger said he would follow up with Mr. Marconi to determine the expected timing for that information. All voted in favor of the motion.

**V. Waiver of the reading of detailed resolution regarding a radio communication dispatch console system**

**Motion** by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Rettger, to waive the reading of the detailed resolution regarding a radio communication dispatch console system. All voted in favor.

**VI. Radio communication dispatch console system**

**Motion** by Mr. Rettger, seconded by Mr. Ulmer, as follows: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$200,000 For Costs Related To The Acquisition And Installation Of A Radio Communication Dispatch Console System; And Authorizing The Issuance of \$200,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town by Town Meeting vote. The amount of bonds issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds, if any, received by the Town for the Project and not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the Project.

Mr. Marconi explained that with the purchase of the new equipment, the equipment currently in use, that was taken from the Fire Department, would be taken out of active service and could still be used as backup. It was noted that the quote for the new equipment is \$174,000, but the \$200,000 authorization ensures that there is a sufficient approval level. Mr. Kabasakalian noted that it appears the new equipment to be purchased is backward compatible with the Town’s older existing equipment. Mr. Marconi stated that the new console would be used in a new public safety building should one be approved. All voted in favor of the motion.

**VII. Adjournment**

**Motion** to adjourn at 5:46 p.m. by Mr. Ulmer, seconded by Mr. Shapiro. All in favor.

Next BOF meeting June 17, 2025.

**First Attachment to Minutes of May 27, 2025 Special Board of Finance Meeting  
(a 3-page attachment)**

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$750,000 FOR THE COSTS RELATED TO THE ACQUISITION OF REAL PROPERTY LOCATED AT 217 DANBURY ROAD IN RIDGEFIELD; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$750,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSE**

**RESOLVED:**

Section 1. That the sum of \$750,000 is hereby appropriated by the Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut (the "Town") for the costs related to the acquisition of real property located at 217 Danbury Road in Ridgefield (the "Project"). The appropriation may be spent for property price, inspection costs, survey fees, appraisals, title searches and insurance, feasibility and planning studies related to acquisition, broker commissions, recording and legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the Project. The amount of the bonds authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds, if any, received by the Town for the Project and not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the Project.

Section 2. That the Town issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$750,000 to finance the appropriation for the Project, provided such bonds shall be issued maturing not later than the maximum maturity permitted by the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "General Statutes"). Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the First Selectperson, in consultation with the Board of Selectpersons and the Board of Finance, in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the Project determined after considering the estimated amount of any Federal and State grants-in-aid for the Project, or the actual amount thereof if ascertainable, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, financing, legal and other costs of issuance of such bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued on fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signature of the First Selectperson, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issuance has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying agent, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, the details and particulars of such bonds, including the approval of the rate or rates of interest, shall be determined by the First Selectperson in the best interest of the Town and in accordance with the General Statutes. The amount of the bonds issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds, if any, received by the Town for the Project and not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the Project.

Section 3. That the bonds of each series shall be sold by the First Selectperson, in consultation with the Board of Selectpersons and the Board of Finance, in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in his or her discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, the purchase agreement shall be approved and signed by the First Selectperson.

Section 4. That the First Selectperson is authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signature of the First Selectperson, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the First Selectperson, be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the First Selectperson pursuant to Section 7-373 of the General Statutes. The notes shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issuance has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, may be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose. The amount of the notes issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds, if any, received by the Town for the Project and not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the Project.

Section 5. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulations Section 1.150-2 that costs for the Project may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the Project. The First Selectperson is authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as he or she may deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as he or she may deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

Section 6. That the First Selectperson is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the aforesaid bonds, notes or temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes.

Section 7. That the First Selectperson is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any other agreements, instruments, documents and certificates, including tax and investment agreements, for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution.

Section 8. That the First Selectperson, Town Treasurer, Controller, and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the Project and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes and obtain other funding to finance the aforesaid appropriation, including but not limited to applying for and accepting grants and funds that may be available for the Project.

**Second Attachment to Minutes of May 27, 2025 Special Board of Finance Meeting  
(a 3-page attachment)**

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$200,000 FOR THE COSTS RELATED  
TO THE ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF A RADIO  
COMMUNICATION DISPATCH CONSOLE SYSTEM; AND  
AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$200,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO  
MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE  
THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH  
PURPOSE**

**RESOLVED:**

Section 1. That the sum of \$200,000 is hereby appropriated by the Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut (the "Town") for the costs related to the acquisition and installation of a radio communication dispatch console (the "Project"). The appropriation may be spent for design and consultant fees, acquisition of equipment and related materials, removal and disposal of prior system, installation costs, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the Project. The amount of the bonds authorized to be issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds, if any, received by the Town for the Project and not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the Project.

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