



Town of Ridgefield
Public Hearing Minutes
UNAPPROVED
September 12, 2024 at 5:00pm

Please note – these minutes are not verbatim.

Present: Rudy Marconi, Barbara Manners, Sean Connelly, Maureen Kozlark
Absent: Chris Murray

1. **66 Grove Street Lease:** Dr. Susie Da Silva, Dr. Elizabeth Hannaway and Dr. Jacob Greenwood talked about the reasons that RPS would like to lease 66 Grove Street for the new location of the Alternative High School and 18-22 Students.

First Selectperson, Rudy Marconi, read several letters for the record from members of the community.

The letters in support of the lease agreement were from: Ian Schermann 33 Ned's Mountain Road, Sheryl Knapp 146 North Salem Road, Julie Henderson 44 Crest Road, Amy Dennis 7 East Ridge Road, Kelly Debald 37 Bobby's Court, Sarah LaBlanc Blossat 37 Benson Road, Karissa Basabe 24 Dillman Court, Kate Loewengart 20 Dily Court, Ana Cockerille 523 Ridgebury Road, Alan, Sarah, Ronan & Vale Hanley 19 Clearview Drive, Lauren Geluso 52 Neds Mountain Road, Mary Joyce 203 Nod Road, Mike Flynn CEO BGC Ridgefield, Stephanie Peppe on behalf of the RVNA, Kim Carone 84 Riverside Drive, Angela Rice 237 Branchville Road, Stacey Gifford 45 Old Washington Road, Katherine Voellmicke 14 Hayes Lane.

There was one letter against the lease agreement from John Tartaglia 638 Danbury Road.

Several members of the public commented in support of the lease agreement including: Cynthia Bachman 25 Pound Street, Garrett Levine 137 Old Branchville Road, Rachel Ruggeri 15 Lincoln Lane, Robert Bachman 16 Oscaleta Road, Steve Capella 41 Riverside Drive, Sylvia Steiner, Dena Levine 7 Marie Lane, Betsy Reid 132 Great Hill Road, Laura Kent 84 West Mountain Road, Andrew Sternlieb 62 Ridgecrest Drive, Debra Franceschini 30 Old Washington Road, Sheryl Knapp 146 North Salem Road, a member of the Transition Program, Karen Isaac 14 Virginia Court, 2 students from the A School, a woman who did not give her name or address, Margaret Burns 13 Fillmore Lane, Jeff Kramer 13 Lincoln Lane

Several members of the public commented against the lease agreement including: Matt Hicks 77 Bobby's Court, Alison Anderson 4 Juniper Lane, Peter Bachman 88 Cain Hill Road, Kirk Carr 62 Prospect Ridge, Patty Nevins Treetops, Joe Ternullo 66 Grove Street, Ray Arban 66 Grove Street

Mike Raduazzo 195 Peaceable Street was neither for or against the lease but brought up several things he would like the people to consider before making a decision.

Clemencia Saleeby 66 Grove Street asked if there is Town property available to use for the new location instead of putting money into a privately owned property.

2. **Donation of Land on Ketchum Road:** Joe Fossie reviewed the parcel of land on Ketchum Road that he would like to donate to the Town as Open Space. There were no public comments.

3. **In Line of Duty Death Determination Ordinance:** The Town must adopt an ordinance that declares who determines In Line of Duty Deaths or else the decision will default to either the Chief of Police or Fire per a new State Statue. The BOS would like that decision to be made by the Director of Human Resources in correlation with the corresponding Chief. There were no public Comments.

Maureen Kozlark motioned to adjourn he Public Hearing at 9:21pm. Sean Connelly seconded. The motion carried 4-0.