Town of Ridgefield
Board of Selectpersons Meeting
Minutes
UNAPPROVED
November 18, 2026 at 6:30pm
Town Hall – Large Conference Room, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT

Please note – these minutes are not verbatim.

Present: Sean Connelly (arrived after the first motion and prior to Public Comment), Maureen Kozlark, Barbara Manners, Rudy Marconi, Geoffrey Morris
Absent:

Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 6:31pm.

Maureen Kozlark motioned to move item four ahead of appointments and reappointments to allow Mr. Scalzo to leave quickly to attend his committee meeting tonight. Barbara Manners seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (Connelly absent).

1. **Public Comment**
   None.

2. **Public Safety Facilities Committee request for deadline extension – Steve Scalzo**
   Mr. Scalzo reported that the committee has made significant progress. Several stakeholders have presented requested reports and the committee is studying the data and making refinements. They hope to hold one or two community information sessions before presenting a final report to the BOS. They believe the work will be completed on February 1. The next PSFC meeting will be December 2. Geoffrey Morris confirmed with Mr. Scalzo that the PSFC will host the community information meetings. Maureen Kozlark confirmed with Mr. Scalzo that the PSFC will present to the public all the options being studied and gather the public feedback for each scenario to be shared with the BOS. Geoffrey Morris reaffirmed that even the Katoonah Street scenario will be presented with the reasoning disqualifying it. Sean Connelly confirmed with Mr. Scalzo that the wide swath of scenarios considered will be included in the presentation to the public to demonstrate the array of potential options that were studied and the reasons for disqualification. Sean Connelly also if public feedback is broad or if it centers on any specific areas. Mr. Scalzo commented that perhaps one recurring theme is that there might be benefits to several smaller stations throughout town. He added that due to the state of the current station, substations would not address the town's needs. He further explained that although the

committee is not including future-proofing in the design considerations, they are exploring police station designs that incorporate flexibility for some amount of expansion or modifications later. Future growth that requires fire department expansion could be addressed by substations. He also thanked the regulars at the committee meeting for their input and support. Geoffrey Morris added that the committee should go into the community meetings assuming the public doesn't have much information and ensure thorough public education.

Geoffrey Morris motioned to modify the Public Safety Facilities Committee charge to extend the committee work until February 1, 2027. Sean Connelly seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Appointments and Reappointments

a. Ellen S. Burns and Jessica M. Wilmot – Parking Authority Reappointment

The BOS asked how the parking app is working. Ms. Burns and Ms. Wilmot shared that Chair Marcus Recck receives daily reports. He stated to them that on the first day of operation, that the app reported eight or nine users. This is still the trial period so no citations are being issued yet. Ms. Wilmot explained that the parking app is only applicable to eleven specified parking spaces in the Bailey Avenue lot closest to the brick building where Dr. Peterson's office is located. The app allows parking longer than two hours. It was also implemented at the Branchville lot. Rudy Marconi added that any parking fee income must go toward Branchville lot maintenance. Vince Giordano of Fairview Avenue asked if there are any electric vehicle parking violations. They responded that it's nothing alarming but they will share the statistics with him.

Maureen Kozlark motioned to appoint Ellen S. Burns and Jessica M. Wilmot to the Parking Authority. Barbara Manners seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

b. Daniel J. O'Brien – Historic District Committee Reappointment

Mr. O'Brien reported that they are researching the West Lane Extension and Olmstead Lane areas as potential historic districts. They will soon submit the proposals to the State Historic Preservation office, which is the start of the regulatory process.

Geoffrey Morris asked Mr. O'Brien if he has discussed the police station with the Public Safety Facilities Committee. He explained that there were no formal discussions with the committee but they discussed different remodeling possibilities preserving the facade due to the historic value of the building.

Maureen Kozlark motioned to appoint Daniel J. O'Brien to the Historic District Committee. Sean Connelly seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

c. Jennifer D. Gioffre – Economic & Community Development Commission Reappointment

Ms. Gioffre was joined by fellow commission members Kay Gelfman and Nadia Blair. She shared that with her marketing background, she serves the ECDC as the town's liaison on the Western Connecticut Tourism District. There are many opportunities through that agency to bring in tourism. The 5th annual Tiger Shark Tank was very successful. The Tiger Shark Tank has strengthened the connection between the community and Ridgefield businesses. Maureen Kozlark asked what the ECDC is doing to grow the Grand

List. They explained that recognizing the growing impact of the small businesses and the Cultural District, they host events to highlight these such as the Pitch Event and the Ridgefield Connect. Vince Giordano of Fairview Avenue ask Ms. Gioffre if there is any future development expected at the Georgetown Water Mill and would it add to the Grand List. They responded that the ECDC has met once with the ECDC representatives of neighboring towns on the Route 7 corridor to discuss Route 7 business development challenges and possible coordination. Future meetings are anticipated.

Geoffrey Morris motioned to reappoint Jennifer Gioffre to the Economic and Community Development Commission. Maureen Kozlark seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT TO PUBLIC HEARING AT 7:30pm AND RETURN TO BOS MEETING AT 9:17pm

4. **2027 Meeting Calendar for Board of Selectpersons (BOS), Fire Commission (FC), Fair Rent Commission**

   The BOS reviewed and finalized their 2027 meeting schedule with some changes.

   Sean Connelly motioned to approve the 2027 meeting calendar with the revision to remove the April 21 meeting. Maureen Kozlark seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

5. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
   a. **October 7, 2026 BOS Meeting**

      Maureen Kozlark, Geoffrey Morris, and Sean Connelly submitted corrections.

      Maureen Kozlark motioned to approve the minutes from the October 7, 2026 Board of Selectpersons Meeting, as amended. Sean Connelly seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

   b. **November 4, 2026 BOS Meeting**

      Maureen Kozlark and Rudy Marconi submitted corrections.

      Maureen Kozlark motioned to approve the minutes from the November 4, 2026 Board of Selectpersons Meeting, as amended. Geoffrey Morris seconded. Motion carried 3-0 (Connelly and Manners abstained).

6. **Selectpersons Report**

   Rudy Marconi reported that he has meetings scheduled to discuss conversion of a couple of fields from grass to artificial turf.

   SCORE is looking to light Scott Ridge Middle field.

   Rudy Marconi is dealing with an issue at Bennetts Farm Road regarding the storm water management system put in by the development in 2014 and altered by a homeowner. No violations were cited, but the town will file a Notice of Violation if Town Counsel advises doing so.

   Rudy Marconi reviewed real estate activity and building permits.

Rudy Marconi reminded the board of pending human resource requests.

The BOS is individually reviewing applications for town administrator candidates and by December 1 will each have their top 10 or 15.

Maureen Kozlark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:54pm. Sean Connelly seconded. Motion carried 5-0.