

Ridgefield Commission on Aging
Approved Special Meeting Minutes
January 27, 2025 at 2:30pm
Town Hall Small Conference Room, 400 Main Street

Commissioner Yaffa called the meeting to order at 2:30pm.

Commissioners Beebe, Saleeby, Martin, Nolan, Tewes, Culhane, Yaffa and Ternullo were present. Commissioner Crook was excused because of international travel. Intern Vhora was excused for school related matters.

As the 1st Order of Business, Ms. Yaffa invited public comment.

Ms. Beebe announced that she has been approved to become a commissioner to the Town's Affordable Housing Committee.

As to the 2nd Order of Business, approving the 12/12/24 CoA minutes, Ms. Nolan made a motion to approve said minutes and Ms. Saleeby seconded the motion. No discussion; the said Minutes were unanimously approved.

As to the 3rd Order of Business - Progress Report on Expo. Mr. Tewes reviewed the status and progress of the various areas being worked on including sponsors, exhibitors, speakers and the print program.

As to the 4th Order of Business - Old Business - Ribbon Cuttings

1. Copps Hill Bench - Ms. Saleeby and Mr. Phillips related the successful Ribbon Cutting Ceremony which took place.
2. Chamber of Commerce - there will be a Ribbon Cutting ceremony on February 10th at 12 Noon welcoming the Commission on Aging as a new member to the Chamber of Commerce.

Transportation - Nate Mockry, the new Chair of Rides for Ridgefield, Discussed the current transportation state of affairs including mention of the budget and what is being done regarding obtaining grants and donations.

As to the 5th Order of Business- New Business –

1. Commendations - the list is comprised of the following individuals/entities: Tony Phillips, Karen Gaudian, Kenn Devine of Minetech, Gladstone Foundation, Brenda McKinley/Andy Forsyth/Lucy Handley from The Ridgefield Library, Bob DiFalco and lastly Ginger Smith of SOAR Together, LLC. A motion was made by Mr. Ternullo and seconded by Ms. Beebe to so approve, after a discussion this was approved unanimously.
2. Election of 2025 officers - Mr. Ternullo motioned and Ms. Beebe seconded that Ms. Yaffa remain as Vice-Chair, motion carried unanimously. It was decided that the Commission will continue its election of officers discussion at our February meeting.
3. Selection of 2025 CoA goals - It was decided that this discussion will take place at our February meeting.

There being no other business, Ms. Yaffa called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Martin made the motion to adjourn which was seconded by Mr. Tewes. The motion to adjourn was unanimously approved at 3:45pm.

The above is a true and accurate summary of the CoA 1/27/2025 meeting.

Patricia Yaffa, Vice-Chair, submitted as acting Secretary.