

Town of Ridgefield
Parking Authority Meeting
January 16, 2025 – 8:00 a.m.
Town Hall Lower Level Small Conference Room, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT
MEETING MINUTES - APPROVED

Members present: J. Wilmot, E. Burns, M. Recck

Members absent: None

Also Present: L. Yarrish, Parking Enforcement Officer

Chairman Recck called the meeting to order at 8:03 a.m.

1. Approval of minutes from December 19, 2024. Mr. Recck moved, and Ms. Wilmot seconded, approval of minutes for 12/19/24. Motion passed 3 – 0.
2. Parking Enforcement Officer report. Mr. Yarrish said the town website listings of the PA 2025 meetings had been corrected. He raised the issue of two possible additional violations that may need to be added: 1. Cars parking in the wrong direction on Main Street (ie car facing south on the east side of Main Street. 2. Motorcycles parking in more than one space (ie straddling 2 spaces). He will review other town’s regs and make a recommendation at our next meeting. He has received no further complaints about the change from 3 hr to 2 hr limits in the Bailey Avenue lot – he actually received a few thanks. He raised the issue of the roof work being done in the Donnelly building that houses the Thrift Shop. The contractor has blocked off all of the handicap spaces for their dumpster and equipment. Chairman Recck received an email on this issue from Tony Phillips (Director of Social Services). Mr. Recck contacted Rex Gustafson and forwarded the email to him, since it is the landlord’s responsibility. Mr. Yarrish also reported that Fairfield County Bank has “reclaimed” 5 spaces behind the small Governor Street bank by installing signage. Gavin Donnelly was upset by this and may take back the 4 spaces currently marked for Fairfield County Bank in his lot. It was noted that the town does not enforce those spaces.
3. CVS/USPS lot discussion
 - a. USPS follow up with Sen. Blumenthal. No further updates. Mr. Marconi is managing this process at this point.
 - b. Ms. Burns mentioned the Ridgefield Press article from last week discussing under-utilized USPS facilities, which specifically mentioned the Ridgefield facility as well as one in Norwalk. The article indicated that the US Postmaster General is slow-walking any changes, saying there are many locations that need to be reviewed throughout the country. Senator Blumenthal was also quoted in the article.
4. Review draft agreements
 - a. Regency Centers, 404-424, 424R & 426 Main Street. 2025 project.
 - b. Fairfield County Bank Insurance Services, 401 Main Street. Mr. Recck submitted the final agreement to FCBIS and is awaiting their signed copies.
5. Bailey Avenue update: Discussed under Item #1, Parking enforcement report.

6. Parking data review. There were 180 violations issued in December, an increase of 8% compared to November. 51% of the violations were for overtime violations, compared to 56% in November. Daily parking fees in the Branchville Train station lot were 121, a decrease of 24% from November. There were 12 violations for parking in an EV space without charging.

Adjournment. Ms. Burns moved, and Mr. Recck seconded a motion to adjourn at 8:35 a.m. Motion approved 3 – 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Ellen Burns