



**Town of Ridgefield
Public Safety Facilities Committee
Minutes
APPROVED**

April 9, 2026 at 7PM

ANNEX, Large conference room, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, CT

Please note – these minutes are not verbatim.

Committee Members Present: David Brickley, Pamela Dunaway, Denis Graves (via telephone), Wally Martinez, Adam Safir (arrived during roll call), Stephen Scalzo, Ed Tyrrell

Committee Members Absent: None.

Presenters in Attendance: None.

Wally Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

1. **Public Comment** – Kirk Carr of Prospect Ridge shared two documents. One is regarding separate facilities and a possible misinterpretation of graphical data regarding voter support for a joint facility. Pamela Dunaway clarified that there is no misinterpretation but rather, the data was derived from several independent questions about sentiment. Any questions or concerns should be directed to the committee to avoid sharing misunderstandings. The other document is from the Board of Education Strategic Planning meeting showing capital improvement projections of \$200 million over the next ten years.

Jim Murphy of Barrack Hill Road commented that the Wilton Police Department seemed to contain all the Ridgefield police needs. He asked if Ridgefield police representatives have toured that facility. There was communication between the two departments and these committee members are also planning to see the new Wilton police facility. Adam Safir added that he will also be presenting other comparable police departments for comparison and discussion.

2. **Working Group Progress Reports** – Pamela Dunaway reported that the Snippets are generally well received. She has received some feedback that demonstrates misinformation and misunderstandings in the community. She is researching the concerns reported to her to confirm an accurate response. She welcomes these

concerns and is appreciative of the opportunity to provide accurate and verified information. Ed Tyrrell shared that he emailed several community groups and offered to meet with them in May to provide a presentation on the committee's work. The League of Women Voters, Ridgefield Men's Group, and a school PTA responded quickly. Then the committee robustly discussed tiger team efforts and process. The Needs Assessments Group reported on conversations with stakeholders, pending data, and on-going efforts breaking down needs based on legal requirements, needs based on industry standards, needs based on operations, and wants. David Brickley added that NAFCO is ready to start assessing costs for any aspects of the scenarios as they are developed. Steve Scalzo expressed concern that the Snippets are not related to the work of the committee. He feels that the Snippets should include a link to the committee goals. David Brickley suggested that as decision factors are locked in, they can be shared with Snippets showing the link between operations and committee work. Pamela Dunaway asked that committee members bring forward Snippets for department chief approval and distribution.

3. Briefing from Planning and Zoning (P&Z) and Inland Wetlands Board –

Ed Tyrrell motioned to table this item. David Brickley seconded. Motion carried 7-0.

4. General Discussion Regarding Timeline to Meet Milestones – This item was included in the discussion earlier. The committee will complete the working group tasks and continue the tiger team assignments begun last week. The working group research will inform the tiger team work as it moves forward.

5. General Discussion Regarding Future Events – No meeting will be held next week to give tiger teams the opportunity to complete research. Adam Safir suggested that with weather-driven events getting organized across town, the committee should consider having a presentation board to share. Pamela Dunaway suggested that the list of town lands potentially available for this project should be reviewed by town agencies such as Planning and Zoning, Wetlands, Conservation, etc., to remove any options that are not viable. She added that any commercial land can be culled directly from tax assessor's property list by filtering certain criteria such as square footage, and buildability.

6. Next Agenda Items – P&Z in two weeks, Chief Pambianchi, needs assessment and site selection report on April 30.

7. Adoption of meeting minutes –

Steve Scalzo motioned to approve the April 2, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. Denis Graves seconded. The motion carried 7-0.

***Adam Safir motioned to adjourn the Public Safety Facilities Commission meeting at 8:17 PM.
Ed Tyrrell seconded. Motion carried 7-0.***

Respectfully submitted by,
Etna Monsalve