



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

July 16, 2026, at 7PM

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

Please note – these minutes are not verbatim.

Committee Members Present: Pamela Dunaway, Denis Graves, Wally Martinez, Adam Safir, Stephen Scalzo, Ed Tyrrell

Committee Members Absent: David Brickley

Presenters in Attendance: None

Wally Martinez called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

1. Public Comment – None

Ed Tyrrell motioned to add to the agenda a discussion on the assessment matrix for potential sites and facilities. Denis Graves seconded. Motion carried 6-0 (Brickley absent).

- 2. Assessment Matrix for Potential Sites and Facilities** – Pamela Dunaway presented modifications to the matrix and scoring system. She previously discussed the revised matrix with the fire and police chiefs. Several criteria have Pass/Fail strength, which means a scenario can be disqualified if it fails to comply with one of these criteria. The committee discussed public interest in these meetings and the need for outreach. They discussed road shows throughout Ridgefield to present the facilities options with the public. Unfortunately, the committee has explored many properties, but few are realistically viable and feasible.

Pamela Dunaway made a motion to request that the BOS extend the September 15th date. Motion died for lack of a second.

Ed Tyrrell asked the two members of the public in attendance if they knew of any potentially suitable properties not yet considered. Neither had a property in mind. The

committee also determined that if a private property option was to be considered, only the BOS would engage with the owner and negotiate a transfer.

3. **Progress Update from Tiger Teams** – Ed Tyrrell stated that there is no update from his tiger team. Steve Scalzo stated that his tiger team called KBA and Jake Muller to complete a fit test. Pamela Dunaway shared that her tiger team has an update for executive session. Adam Safir added that recent information has brought forward a possible viable renovation scenario.

4. **Move to Executive Session to Discuss Privately Owned Real Estate** –

Ed Tyrrell motioned to move to executive session to discuss privately owned real estate. Pamela Dunaway seconded. Motion carried 6-0 (Brinkley absent).

5. **Return from Executive Session and Possible Vote** – None

6. **General Discussion** – None

7. **Next Agenda Items** – Please forward any new agenda items to Ed Tyrrell. Pamela Dunaway stated that the matrix will be ready for final review and possible adoption. If Steve Scalzo provides the list of any properties considered and disqualified, she will add them to the list. Adam Safir added a discussion item to revisit the communications plan.

8. **Adoption of meeting minutes** – *Ed Tyrrell motioned to approve the July 9, 2026, meeting minutes as amended. Steve Scalzo seconded. The motion carried 6-0 (Brinkley absent).*

9. *Adam Safir motioned to adjourn the Public Safety Facilities Commission meeting at 9:01 PM. Steve Scalzo seconded. The motion carried 6-0 (Brinkley absent).*

Respectfully submitted by,
Etna Monsalve