

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 21, 2022 AT 7:30PM

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Notice is hereby given that a Special Town Meeting for residents will be held on Wednesday September 21, 2022 at 7:30pm in the Town Hall Large Conference room located at 400 Main St. Ridgefield, CT 06877 to vote on the use of the below funds.

- That the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$229,420 For the Planning, Design, Acquisition, Installation and Construction of School Safety Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance Of \$229,420 Bonds of The Town to Meet Said Appropriations and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purposes", a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town by Town Meeting vote
- That the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$1,766,800 For the Acquisition of Two Fire Trucks and Authorizing the Issuance Of \$1,766,800 Bonds of The Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose", a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town by Town Meeting vote.
- An allocation of \$45,000 from ARPA "American Rescue Plan Act" funds as a donation to the Boys and Girls Club toward their construction project.

See the Town calendar for details pertaining to this Special Town Meeting. It will also be streamed live on our website, www.ridgefieldct.org as well as on Comcast Channel 24.


Rudy Marconi, First Selectman



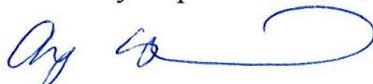
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September 23, 2022

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Town Clerk

This letter is to affirm that the legal public notices for the Special Town Meeting held on Wednesday September 21, 2022 appeared in *the Ridgefield Press* on Thursday September 15th, 2022.


Amy Escribano
First Selectman's Office

First Selectman Rudy Marconi called the September 21, 2022 Special Town Meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the large conference room of Town Hall. Mr. Marconi asked the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

R. Marconi stated that the first order of business was to appoint a Moderator. **Selectwoman Barbara Manners moved and Selectwoman Maureen Kozlark seconded the motion to appoint Ed Tyrrell Moderator for the Special Town Meeting. The "Aye" votes were unanimous and Ed Tyrrell was appointed Moderator.**

Moderator Ed Tyrrell called the meeting to order and requested a motion to appoint a secretary. **Selectwoman Maureen Kozlark moved and Selectman Sean Connelly seconded the motion to appoint Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk, secretary. The "Aye" votes were unanimous and Wendy Gannon Lionetti was appointed secretary.**

Moderator Tyrrell read the legal notice of the meeting that appears on page 442..

The Moderator then asked for a motion to approve the first item. **Barbara Manners moved and Sean Connelly seconded the motion to approve the resolution “Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$229,420 for the Planning, Design, Acquisition, Installation and Construction of School Safety Improvements and Authorizing the Issuance of \$229,420 Bonds of the Town to Meet Said Appropriations and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purposes.”**

The Moderator then entertained input from the meeting attendees.

- First Selectman Rudy Marconi stated that all three matters received Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance approval. Further, the ARPA funding allocation to the Boys & Girls Club is appropriate given all the demands borne by the Boys & Girls Club which are Covid-related.
- Superintendent Susie Da Silva stated that the two school security projects were not completed due to Covid and supply challenges as well as increased cost issues. The BOE did realize a surplus from the 2021-2022 fiscal year which went back to the Town and the intent is to use this money to complete these projects.

The Moderator then called for a vote to approve the motion. The “Aye” votes carried, and the motion to approve the appropriation of \$229,420 for school safety improvements was approved.

The Moderator then asked for a motion to approve the second item. **Barbara Manners moved and Bob Hebert seconded the motion to approve the resolution “Resolution Appropriating \$1,766,800 For the Acquisition of Two Fire Trucks and Authorizing the Issuance Of \$1,766,800 Bonds of The Town to Meet Said Appropriation and Pending the Issuance Thereof the Making of Temporary Borrowings for Such Purpose.”**

The Moderator then entertained input from the meeting attendees.

First Selectman Rudy Marconi stated that this request is part of the five-year capital plan. A new truck is requested for both 2023 and 2024; we are asking for the taxpayers to move those requests up to allow for an earlier purchase of the new trucks. The Town is currently experiencing significant failure with two pumper trucks. Fire Chief Jerry Myers further stated his concern that these two trucks won't last their full life expectancy, which is ten years. It will take approximately 17 months for delivery of the new trucks. First Selectman Rudy Marconi further stated that the Fire Commission and Board of Selectmen are in agreement on this matter to purchase the new Pierce Firetrucks now. Selectman Sean Connelly stated that there is a plan to craft a maintenance agreement with the City of Danbury to service the Pierce Firetrucks. R. Marconi stated there is also a Pierce service center in Patterson, NY.

The Moderator then called for a vote to approve the motion. The “Aye” votes carried, and the motion to approve the resolution appropriating \$1,766,800 for two new fire trucks was approved.

The Moderator then asked for a motion to approve the third and final item. **Selectman Bob Hebert moved and Sean Connelly seconded the motion to approve an allocation of \$45,000 from ARPA “American Rescue Plan Act” funds as a donation to the Boys and Girls Club toward their construction project.**

The Moderator then entertained input from the meeting attendees.

Mike Flynn, CEO of the Boys & Girls Club, stated that they had reached their initial fundraising goal last year, but the increase in material costs and the number of kids they are serving continues to rise. They are grateful for the Town's support in this endeavor.

The Moderator then called for a vote to approve the motion. The “Aye” votes carried, and the motion to approve allocation of \$45,000 from ARPA to the Boys & Girls Club for their construction project was approved.

Barbara Manners moved and Maureen Kozlark seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk