



Town of Ridgefield Public Hearing

Approved Public Hearing Meeting Minutes Monday March 28, 2022

I. Call to order

Dave Ulmer called to order the Public Hearing at 7:30 PM, March 28, 2022 at the Veterans Park Elementary School. BOF Board Members Dave Ulmer, Greg Kabasakalian, Mike Rettger, Andrew Okrongly and Karen Ogden present.

II. The following presented a summary of the proposed budgets:

Rudy Marconi, First Selectman – FY 2023 Town Operating Budget and Capital Budget.
Dr. Susie DaSilva, School Superintendent- FY 2023 BOE budget.

Mr. Ulmer reviewed several slides of historical information and economic indicators as background to the budget discussions.

III. Public Hearing. The following residents made a public comment:

John Tartaglia, Danbury Road, made comments about general budget concerns
Chris Murray, Ivy Hill Road, made comments about general budget concerns
Catherine Sementini, Old Wagon Road, requested that neither budget have an increase due to current economic concerns
Mike McNamara, Limestone Road, spoke in favor of the BOE proposed budget
Christine More, Scott Ridge Road, spoke in favor of the BOE proposed budget
Melissa Ettere, Pleasant Lane, spoke in favor of the BOE proposed budget
Lorraine Catalano, St. John's Road, spoke in favor of the BOE proposed budget
Angela Rice, Branchville Road, spoke in favor of the BOE proposed budget
Robin Collins, Lakeside Drive, spoke in favor of the BOE proposed budget
Kim Carrone, Riverside Drive, spoke in favor of the BOE proposed budget
Mike LaRusso, Ritch Drive, spoke in favor of the BOE proposed budget
John Noonan, Sunset Lane, spoke in favor of the BOE proposed budget
Mary Ellen Dunne, Barry Avenue, spoke in favor of the BOE proposed budget

Mila Scala, S. Olmstead Lane, made comments about general budget concerns

The following residents provided comments via email in advance of the meeting:

Angela Rice wrote in favor of the BOE proposed budget

Liz Chaikivsky, Nod Hill Road, wrote in favor of the BOE proposed budget

Andrew Colucci, Spectacle Ln, wrote in favor of the BOE proposed budget

Jennifer Evans wrote in favor of the BOE proposed budget

Rachel Ruggeri wrote in favor of the BOE proposed budget

Carina and Eric Drake wrote in favor of the BOE proposed budget

Joseph O'Dea wrote in opposition to the BOE proposed budget

Sarah Hanley, Clearview Dr, wrote in favor of the BOE proposed budget

Kimberly Bishop wrote in favor of the BOE proposed budget

Jason Rice wrote in favor of the BOE proposed budget

Caroline and Richard Keenan, Old Musket Lane, wrote in favor of the BOE proposed budget

Addendum: The following individuals provided comments via email subsequent to the public hearing. All wrote in support of the BOE budget as proposed.

Jennifer Valluzzo

Vanessa and Jason Metzger

Amanda Al-Masri

Beth Polo

Katherine Higgins

Anna Cocherille

IV. Adjournment – 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Mia Belanger