



**Town of Ridgefield
Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes
UNAPPROVED
July 21, 2021 at 7:30pm
400 Main St. Ridgefield, CT 06877
Large Conference Room**

Please note – these minutes are not verbatim.

Present: Rudy Marconi, Bob Hebert, Barbara Manners, Maureen Kozlark, Sean Connelly

1) Public comment

Resident Nicholas Fischetti gave a public comment to the Board of Selectmen. Mr. Fischetti reviewed previous complaints concerning the health department, building Department, Zoning Department and Fire Marshall's Office. Mr. Fischetti feels that the town has not done its job in enforcing codes and has not followed up on his complaints. Mr. Fischetti did not submit or provide any materials to the Board of Selectmen.

2) Appointment

a. Colleen Cash – Appoint to the Ridgefield Arts Council

Colleen Cash was interviewed by the Board for a position on with Ridgefield Arts Council. Although a recent resident to Ridgefield, Colleen answered all questions relative to the Arts Council with enthusiasm and interest to get started as soon as possible. Chairperson of the Arts Council Jennifer DiLaura complimented Colleen and is looking forward to hopefully capitalize on her experience with technology and experience with Art Auctions.

B. Hebert moved to approve the appointment of Colleen Cash to the Arts Council. B. Manners seconded the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

3) Tax Rebate – Tablao Lease

Tablao restaurant was originally the recipient of a Tax incentive program developed by the

Economic and Community Development Commission (ECDC). The original agreement called for a tax rebate based on the square footage over a three-year period to be reviewed each year. The third and final year was the topic of tonight's discussion. The Board voted to approve this third and final year for this rebate.

B. Hebert to approve the third and final year for the Tax Rebate program for Tablao Lease. S. Connelly second the motion. Motion carries 3-2 (Manners and Kozlark voted nay).

4) Tax Collector Refunds

The tax collector refunds were reviewed and approved.

B. Manners moved to approve the Tax Collector Refunds. M. Kozlark second the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

5) Cannabis Retail

Mr. Marconi informed the BOS that there will be a discussion only at the July 27th, 2021 Planning and Zoning Commission meeting about cannabis retail in Ridgefield.

Conversation continued with each board member explaining their positions of the issue with having a possible retail location in Ridgefield. All board members for various reasons felt that a retail cannabis location in Ridgefield would not be in the best interest of our community. There was no vote taken, however Mr. Marconi will proceed to the meeting on July 27th, 2021 to inform the P&Z commission of the Board of Selectmen sentiments and concerns.

No Vote Taken

6) Covid Update

Mr. Marconi reviewed the most recent report from Dr. Rick Lawrence, who has been providing daily updates on Ridgefield's case rate and vaccination status throughout the entire pandemic. Ridgefield has begun to experience a slight uptick in the number of cases due to the delta variant. Discussion took place about the delta variant and the concern for case increase across our country. The Board of Selectmen were hopeful that Ridgefield and can continue its vaccinations rate and not see a large increase in new covid cases.

No Vote Taken

7) Approval of Meeting Minutes 5/19/2021 & Special 06/23/21

The Special June 23, 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved.

The May 19th, 2021 minutes were reviewed and approved.

M. Kozlark moved to approved the BOS June 23, 2021 meeting minutes. B. Hebert second the motion. Motion carries 4-0-1 (S. Connelly Sustained).

S. Connelly moved to approved the BOS May 19, 2021 meeting minutes. B. Manners second the motion. Motion carries 3-0-1 (B. Hebert & M. Kozlark Sustained).

8) Selectman's Report

B. Hebert moved to adjourn the BOS meeting. M. Kozlark second the motion. Motion carries 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.