

Minutes of Board of Selectmen Meeting  
Held April 12, 2017  
APPROVED

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ridgefield was held in the Town Hall on April 12, 2017 at 4:30 P.M. (E.D.T.).

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Members present and absent were as follows:

Present

R. Marconi, B. Hebert, M. Kozlark, B. Manners, S. Zemo

Absent

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R. Marconi called the Board of Selectmen special meeting to order at 4:30 pm:

B. Hebert introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$47,074,886 For Town Expenditures (Consisting Of Town Operating Expenditures Of \$35,552,295 And Debt Service Of \$11,522,591 On Both Town And Education Capital Projects) For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2017 And Ending June 30, 2018, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

M. Kozlark moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by B. Manners. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

R. Marconi, B. Hebert, M. Kozlark, B. Manners, S. Zemo

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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M. Kozlark introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$92,633,544 For Board Of Education Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2017 And Ending June 30, 2018, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

S. Zemo moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by B. Hebert. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

R. Marconi, B. Hebert, M. Kozlark, B. Manners, S. Zemo

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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R. Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$1,840,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Various Town Road And Infrastructure Improvements (including \$75,000 for ADA) For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2017 And Ending June 30, 2018, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

B. Manners moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by M. Kozlark. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

R. Marconi, B. Hebert, M. Kozlark, B. Manners, S. Zemo

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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B. Manners introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$900,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Branchville Transit Infrastructure Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$900,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose (Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any State Grants Received For Such Purpose And It Is Anticipated That Grants Will Cover All Expenditures Under The Appropriation)”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

R. Marconi moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by B. Hebert. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

R. Marconi, B. Hebert, M. Kozlark, B. Manners, S. Zemo

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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S. Zemo introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$182,882 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Mack Truck, \$170,805 For The Design And Acquisition Of A John Deere Loader, \$235,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of Ambulance #3 And \$400,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Replacement Fuel Tanks And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$988,687 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.

B. Manners moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by B. Hebert. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

R. Marconi, B. Hebert, M. Kozlark, B. Manners, S. Zemo

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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B. Hebert introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$950,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction To Repair Water And Structural Damage to The Recreation Center And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$950,000 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.

M. Kozlark moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by B. Manners. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

R. Marconi, B. Hebert, M. Kozlark, B. Manners, S. Zemo

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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M. Kozlark introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$378,770 For Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of School Energy Conservation Measures (Which Is Expected To Result In \$78,857 Of Incentive Savings), \$550,000 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of A School Phone System Upgrade And \$106,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of School Sidewalk And Curbing Repairs, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,034,770 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations 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.

B. Manners moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by S. Zemo. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

R. Marconi, B. Hebert, M. Kozlark, B. Manners, S. Zemo

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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R. Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,322,108 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of Various Public Improvements And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,322,108 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations 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.

B. Manners moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by M. Kozlark. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

R. Marconi, B. Hebert, M. Kozlark, B. Manners, S. Zemo

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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A motion was made by M. Kozlark, and seconded by B. Manners, that the First Selectman be authorized and directed to call an Annual Town Meeting to be held at the Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, Ridgefield, Connecticut, on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. (E.D.T.), for the following purposes: (A) To consider (1) the resolution approving Town expenditures of \$47,074,886 (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$35,552,295 and debt service of \$11,522,591 on both Town and Education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; (2) the resolution approving Board of Education expenditures of \$92,633,544 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; (3) the resolution approving \$1,840,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and infrastructure improvements (including \$75,000 for ADA) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018; (4) the resolution entitled "resolution appropriating \$900,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of Branchville transit infrastructure improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$900,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose (provided that the bonds shall be reduced by the amount of any State grants received for such purpose and it is anticipated that grants will cover all expenditures under the appropriation)"; (5) the resolution entitled "resolution appropriating \$182,882 for the design and acquisition of a highway Mack Truck, \$170,805 for the design and acquisition of a John Deere loader, \$235,000 for the design and acquisition of Ambulance #3 and \$400,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of replacement fuel tanks and authorizing the issuance of \$988,687 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose"; (6) the resolution entitled "resolution appropriating \$950,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction to repair water and structural damage to the Recreation Center and authorizing the issuance of \$950,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the of temporary borrowings for such purpose"; (7) the resolution entitled "resolution appropriating \$378,770 for planning, design, acquisition and construction of school energy conservation measures (which is expected to result in \$78,857 of incentive savings), \$550,000 for the planning, design and acquisition of a school phone system upgrade and \$106,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of school sidewalk and curbing repairs, and authorizing the issuance of \$1,034,770 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose", (b) to consider and vote upon the resolution entitled "resolution making appropriations aggregating \$1,322,108 for the planning, design and acquisition of various public improvements and equipment and authorizing the issuance of \$1,322,108 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose"; (c) to submit the aforesaid resolutions in (a) above to a referendum vote to be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and pursuant to Section 10-3 of the Town Charter, and that the questions to be voted upon and the ballot labels at said referendum shall read as follows:

Read by B. Manners:

1. "Shall the recommendation of the board of finance relative to the appropriation of \$47,074,886 for town expenditures (consisting of town operating expenditures of \$35,552,295 and debt service of \$11,522,591 on both town and education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the recommendation of the board of finance relative to the appropriation of \$47,074,886 for town expenditures (consisting of town operating expenditures of \$35,552,295 and debt service of \$11,522,591 on both town and education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town? YES/NO"

Read by S. Zemo:

2. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$92,633,544 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

“Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$92,633,544 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town? YES/NO”

Read by B. Hebert:

3. “Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$1,840,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and infrastructure improvements (including \$75,000 for ADA) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, be approved?”

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

“Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$1,840,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and infrastructure improvements (including \$75,000 for ADA) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town? YES/NO”

Read by M. Kozlark:

4. “Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$900,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Branchville Transit Infrastructure Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$900,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose (Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any State Grants Received For Such Purpose And It Is Anticipated That Grants Will Cover All Expenditures Under The Appropriation), be approved?”

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

“Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$900,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Branchville Transit Infrastructure Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$900,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose (Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any State Grants Received For Such Purpose And It Is Anticipated That Grants Will Cover All Expenditures Under The Appropriation).”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town? YES/NO”

Read by R. Marconi:

5. “Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$182,882 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Mack Truck, \$170,805 For The Design And Acquisition Of A John Deere Loader, \$235,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of Ambulance #3 And \$400,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Replacement Fuel Tanks And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$988,687 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose, be approved?”

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

“Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$182,882 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Mack Truck, \$170,805 For The Design And Acquisition Of A John Deere Loader, \$235,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of Ambulance #3 And \$400,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Replacement Fuel Tanks And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$988,687 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? YES/NO”

Read by B. Manners:

6. “Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$950,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction To Repair Water And Structural Damage to The Recreation Center And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$950,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending the issuance thereof the Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose, be approved?”

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

“Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$950,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction To Repair Water And Structural Damage to The Recreation Center And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$950,000 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? YES/NO”

Read by S. Zemo:

7. “Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$378,770 For Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of School Energy Conservation Measures (Which Is Expected To Result In \$78,857 Of Incentive Savings), \$550,000 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of A School Phone System Upgrade And \$106,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of School Sidewalk And Curbing Repairs, And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,034,770 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose, be approved?”

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

“Shall the resolution appropriating \$378,770 for planning, design, acquisition and construction of school energy conservation measures (which is expected to result in \$78,857 of incentive savings), \$550,000 for the planning, design and acquisition of a school phone system upgrade and \$106,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of school sidewalk and curbing repairs, and authorizing the issuance of \$1,034,770 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose”, be approved? YES/NO”

and (D) to publish as provided by law notice of said Annual Town Meeting in the following form:

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT  
May 1, 2017

Electors and persons qualified to vote at Town Meetings of the Town of Ridgefield are hereby duly notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, Ridgefield, Connecticut, on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. (E.D.T.) for the following purposes:

1. To consider recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018:

Town Expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$35,552,295 and debt service of \$11,522,591 on both Town and Education capital projects): \$47,074,886.

2. To consider recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018:

Board of Education Expenditures: \$92,633,544.

3. To consider recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018:

Planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and infrastructure improvements (including \$75,000 for ADA): \$1,840,000.

4. To consider a Resolution Appropriating \$900,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Branchville Transit Infrastructure Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$900,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose (Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any State Grants Received For Such Purpose And It Is Anticipated That Grants Will Cover All Expenditures Under The Appropriation).

5. To consider a Resolution Appropriating \$182,882 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Mack Truck, \$170,805 For The Design And Acquisition Of A John Deere Loader, \$235,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of Ambulance #3 And \$400,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Replacement Fuel Tanks And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$988,687 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

6. To consider a Resolution Appropriating \$950,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction To Repair Water And Structural Damage to The Recreation Center And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$950,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

7. To consider a Resolution Appropriating \$378,770 For Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of School Energy Conservation Measures (Which Is Expected To Result In \$78,857 Of Incentive Savings), \$550,000 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of A School Phone System Upgrade And \$106,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of School Sidewalk And Curbing Repairs And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,034,770 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

Items 1 through 7 on the call of the Annual Town Meeting will be voted upon by a referendum vote on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and pursuant to Section 10-3 of the Town Charter.

8. To consider and vote upon a resolution entitled “Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,322,108 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of Various Public Improvements And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,322,108 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”.

9. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Copies of the town budget and the proposed bond resolutions are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Ridgefield, Connecticut this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

\_\_\_\_\_  
Rudolph P. Marconi, First Selectman

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Barbara R. Manners, Selectman

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Maureen Kozlark, Selectman

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Robert J. Hebert, Selectman

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Steven Zemo, Selectman

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Barbara C. Serfilippi, Town Clerk

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M. Kozlark moved and B. Hebert seconded the motion to approve the Notice of the Annual Town Meeting. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

R. Marconi, B. Hebert, M. Kozlark, B. Manners, S. Zemo

NAYS

The First Selectman thereupon declared the motion carried.

**B. Manners moved and M. Kozlark seconded the motion to adjourn the BOS special budget meeting at 5:06 pm. Motion carried 5-0.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Gannon Lionetti