

Town of Ridgefield Board of Selectmen Meeting
April 5, 2017; 7:30 PM - Town Hall/Large Conference Room
REVISED/APPROVED MINUTES

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

In attendance: R. Marconi, R. Hebert, M. Kozlark, B. Manners, K. Redmond

Absent: S. Zemo

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. ECDC Interview: Karen Wishod Sulzinsky
3. Reappointments: Parking Authority – Robert J. Murphy, Jr.
WCPA – Rudy Marconi
4. Renewal - The Natural Scoop (Kirstin Cerulli, Carin Crook)
5. Horse Ordinance Draft
- 6A. M. Kozlark moved and B. Manners seconded the motion to add to the evening 's agenda as #6A
Discussion of the cut of \$60,000 taken at last night's BOF meeting. Motion passed 4-0.
6. Golf Director Contract Renewal Request
7. Selectman's Report
8. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 3/22/17 Special, 3/22/17 Regular, 3/30/17

1. Public Comment – There were several comments from the public regarding the horse ordinance.
Michael ? - A horse needs to live in a larger area – even chews the fence.
Alison B. – Lives on the street and has a horse. The horse smells already – cannot walk dog on the street because it smells so badly.
Scott – has a program drafted that he will read later. There are several people present from the neighborhood. R. Marconi suggested a Public Hearing on the subject besides a Town Meeting the same evening.
2. ECDC Interview - Karen Sulzinsky was present for the interview. Her candidacy has been supported by ECDC Chairman Arnold Light. She also knows R. Hebert from her work on the Board of Education. She has a local business as a marketing producer in TV and video.

B. Manners moved and M. Kozlark seconded a motion to appoint Karen Sulzinsky for a one-year term on the Economic & Community Development Commission. Motion passed 4-0.

3. Reappointments: Parking Authority – Robert J. Murphy
WCPA – Rudolph Marconi
Mr. Murphy has been most active in obtaining the parking leases from renters. He has collected about 50% of the leases so far. He is very concerned about the parking situation at Ballard Park. Smaller groups are finding it difficult to afford to park there for a concert. The uniformed attendants are a big help. They have talked about being creative regarding the parking.

R. Hebert moved and M. Kozlark seconded a motion to reappoint Robert Murphy for an additional one-year term on The Parking Authority. Motion passed 4-0.

M. Kozlark moved and B. Hebert seconded a motion to reappoint Rudolph Marconi for a four-year term on the WPCA (Water Pollution Control Authority). Motion passed 3-0-1. R. Marconi abstained.

4. Vendor Permit Renewal – Kristen Cerulli and Carin Crook of The Natural Scoop, selling wrapped ice cream from April to October, are requesting renewal of their vendor permit.

M. Kozlark moved and B. Manners seconded a motion to renew the one-year vendor permit for Kristen Cerulli and Carin Crook of The Natural Scoop to sell wrapped ice cream. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Horse Ordinance Draft – Rudy Marconi read what has been drafted to this point. We may reference a map going forward and set a timetable as well, and possibly have a Public Hearing and a Town Meeting on the same night. R. Marconi read aloud the current definition of Livestock and Residential Lot Property. He interpreted zoning regulations in various nearby towns. ½ acre is for a horse and multiplied by the number of horses or other livestock. Do we have to have restrictions? We don't have an ordinance at this time. Mr. Pleus, a neighbor, suggested use of a smell barometer. Mr. Marconi will have a sample draft ready for the next meeting. We need an equestrian lawyer, someone who knows equestrian law.

6. Golf Director Contract Renewal Request –

Frank Sergiovanni is preparing and presenting the proposed annual and capital budgets for the Golf Course to be submitted for approval to the Golf Committee. The Golf Director will have administrative responsibility for the Golf Maintenance Operation and will be the primary supervisor of the Golf Course Superintendent. The Golf Course Superintendent will continue to supervise the maintenance staff. Frank's contract expired December 31, 2016 and he needs a new contract. April 11 is the opening date depending on the weather.

Bridle paths run along the border of the golf course. Maintenance is key. We are trying to catch up on the cart paths. Some paved paths have been in use for 12 years without resurfacing. Gravel paths are not cheaper. We do have a lot of pressed stone and they do a great job. They are natural-looking. We will be adding items to the contract and will let Frank see it first before signing it.

7. Kevin Redmond, Director Finance, recapped last night where the Board of Finance voted. They have taken \$25,000 out of Golf Paths and Police Department vests are out of surplus (\$10,000), \$12,000 has been taken out of the fence for the Library and the Rec Center repairs decreased to \$950,000. Debt service was approved – down about 2.5%. Roads came down a little bit. They still need to figure out \$60,000. The mill rate is 1.92%. Some more wants to be cropped from the State but cannot do that at this time. We need to approve capital and bring to the Town on May 6. We can bring Legal down by \$25,000. We need to bring 4 categories down by 5% on the salary line. R. Marconi is asking Laurie Fernandez in Human Resources to work on this. That will "hurt" the least.

R. Hebert moved and B. Manners seconded a motion to schedule a meeting on April 12 at 4:30 pm to approve the Bond Counsel motions as written. Motion passed 4-0.

8. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 3/22/17 Special, 3/33/17 Regular, 3/30/17 Special

-M. Kozlark moved and B. Manners seconded a motion to approve as written the minutes of the March 22nd Special Meeting of the BOS. Motion passed 4-0.

-M. Kozlark moved and R. Hebert seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the March 22nd meeting of the BOS. Motion passed 4-0.

-B. Manners moved and R. Hebert seconded a motion to approve as written the minutes of the March 30th Special Meeting of the Board of Selectmen. Motion passed 4-0.

R. Marconi moved and B. Manners seconded a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 10:45 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet L. Johnson