



**Town of Ridgefield  
Board of Selectmen Meeting Minutes  
UNAPPROVED**

**May 10, 2023 at 7:30pm** (directly after the Town Meeting)

Please note – these minutes are not verbatim.

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

The meeting was called to order at

**1. Public Comment**

Kirk Carr, 62 Prospect Ridge, commented on his disappointment that the meeting with the state legislation was canceled and suggested hosting a webinar.

**2. Vendor Permit Renewal – College Creamery**

Fabiana Vonloeser appeared before the Board with her daughters Addison and Reagan who help run College Creamery. Reagan talked about how the money they raise goes into their college savings. Mrs. Vonloeser, who rides on the truck with the girls, commented on their success over the past two years, the great experiences and life skills that the girls are learning while working, and future endeavors.

The Board asked questions about where they operate and what kinds of lessons the girls are learning.

*Maureen Kozlark moved to approve the vendor permit renewal for College Creamery. Barbara Manners second the motion. Motion carries 5-0.*

**3. Appointment and Reappointments**

**a. Youth Commission Appointment – Albert Wakin**

Albert Wakin talked about his time in Ridgefield with his grandchildren and career and his reasons for now wanting to get involved with the Commission. The Board asked several questions including which areas Mr. Wakin is interested in getting involved in, if there will be parental/youth groups, and what the boundaries are when talking with youths.

Denise Quailey, Chair of the Youth Commission, commented on the

dynamics and parent-youth structure of the Commission.

*Barbara Manners moved to approve Albert Wakin for a two-year term to the Youth Commission. Sean Connelly second the motion. Motion carries 5-0.*

**b. Parking Authority Reappointments – Ellen Burns, Jessica Wilmot, Marcus Reck**

There was a discussion about moving Town Employee parking to Governor Street. The Donnelly and Bailey Avenue lots have very limited parking and this would open up some spots. There was also a discussion about the possibility of adding a sidewalk on the far end of the Governor Street lot that connects to Bailey Avenue.

Marcus Reck, Chair, talked about electric charging stations, and the postal service parking lot project that was rejected by the Post Office. They will continue to work with the Post Office on an agreement so the Town can gain use of the lot.

*Maureen Kozlark moved to approve Ellen Burns, Jessica Wilmot and Marcus Reck for a one-year term to the Parking Authority. Sean Connelly second the motion. Motion carries 5-0.*

**4. Approval of Meeting Minutes**

*Sean Connelly moved to approve the April 25, 2023 Board of Selectmen meeting minutes as amended. Maureen Kozlark second the motion. Motion carries 5-0.*

**5. Selectman's Report**

Rudy Marconi and Sean Connelly met with Ridgefield's four state representatives to discuss the housing bills that are currently in discussion in Hartford. The bills are still being worked through and changes are expected, making it difficult for the representatives to answer questions accurately. And for this reason, the representatives do not think a Public Hearing is a good idea. The Board will schedule a meeting with the representatives to discuss the bills before they go to a vote.

The Memorial Day Parade is moving forward as planned.

The 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks will be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup> this year. Ridgefield High School is still the best location for the event.

The Solar Canopy project will begin after the fireworks.

The Branchville project has started and the Ligi's Way Boardwalk project starts next week.

There was a discussion about the Father's Club proposal to build a clubhouse on Halpin Lane. Maureen Kozlark and Barbara Manners did a walk through of the property. The Board members have several concerns including disruption to the topography, the septic & water situation, adding additional commotion to the already busy area, and the extent of the site work that will be needed. The Board also discussed other possible locations.

*Maureen Kozlark moved to adjourn the May 10, 2023 Board of Selectmen meeting at 9:19pm. Sean Connelly second the motion. Motion carries 5-0.*