

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT
May 1, 2023

Received
Wendy Anna Smith
2023 APR 14 PM 3:00

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 on Monday, May 1, 2023 at 7:30 P.M. (E.T.) at the Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut, for the following purposes:

1. To consider recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:

Town Expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$42,029,352 and debt service of \$6,686,131 on both Town and Education capital projects): \$48,715,483

2. To consider recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024:

Board of Education Expenditures: \$110,645,000

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Planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and ADA improvements: \$2,657,000

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Items 1 through 8 on the call of the Annual Town Meeting will be voted upon by a referendum vote on Tuesday, May 9th, 2023 between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.T.) at Yanity Gym, 60 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut, in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and pursuant to Section 10-3 of the Town Charter.

9. To consider and vote upon a resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,681,530 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Installation And Construction Of Various Public Improvements And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,681,530 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes".

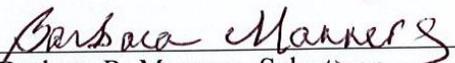
10. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

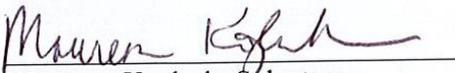
Copies of the Town budget and the proposed bond resolutions are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

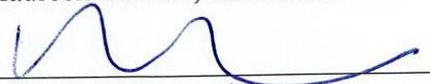
Dated at Ridgefield, Connecticut this 20st day of April, 2023.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

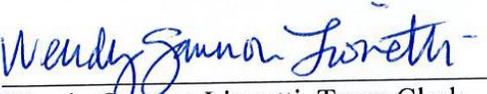

Rudolph P. Marconi, First Selectman


Barbara R. Manners, Selectman


Maureen Kozlark, Selectman


Robert J. Hebert, Selectman

Sean Connelly, Selectman


Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk

RECEIVED

04:25 PM

MAY 01 2023

Wendy Gannon Lionetti
BY TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RIDGEFIELD, CT

RETURN OF NOTICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on April 14, 2023, I left a duplicate of the attached warning and notice of the Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, with Wendy Gannon Lionetti, its Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that I caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in Ridgefield Press, a newspaper having a general and substantial circulation in said Town, on April 20, 2023.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that on April 14, 2023, I caused to be set upon the signpost or other exterior place nearest the office of the Town Clerk and at all other places and signposts designated by the Town a written copy of said warning and notice signed by the Town Clerk.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said Annual Town Meeting on May 1, 2023.


Title: FIRST SELECTMAN

Annual Town Minutes
Held May 1, 2023 at 7:30 pm
Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, Ridgefield, Connecticut

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 by First Selectman Rudy Marconi. All rose and said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Selectperson Maureen Kozlark moved and Selectman Bob Hebert seconded the motion to appoint Sharon Dornfeld as this evening's Moderator.

Barbara Dobbin, 499 Danbury Road, moved and Mike Rettger, 25 Fairview Avenue, seconded the motion to waive the reading of the Notice of the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. Moderator Dornfeld stated that said Notice signed by the Board of Selectmen had been posted in the office of the Town Clerk on April 14, 2023, and that a copy thereof had been published in The Ridgefield Press, a newspaper of general circulation in said Town, in its issue of April 20, 2023 and was also available to all attendees of this Annual Town Meeting.

The Moderator then explained that in accordance with Section 10-3 of the Town Charter Items 1 through 8 on the call of the Annual Town Meeting would be voted upon at a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

The Moderator further stated that in accordance with Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, only an elector of the Town or a citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, was liable to the Town for taxes assessed against him based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the Town or who would have been so liable if not entitled to an exemption as a blind person or as a veteran or as a parent or surviving spouse of a veteran will be entitled to vote. Absentee ballots shall be available as provided by law at the Town Clerk's office during business hours.

The following communication from the Board of Selectmen was received, accepted and ordered incorporated in the minutes of the Meeting:



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
Office of the First Selectman

RECEIVED
@ 2:28pm
APR 18 2023
Wanda Gannon Finetti
BY TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RIDGEFIELD, CT

April 13, 2023

To the Legal Voters of the
Town of Ridgefield:

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held April 12, 2023, the following resolutions were adopted to be voted upon by a referendum vote on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.T.) at Yanity Gym, Ridgefield, Connecticut:

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**Town of Ridgefield
Board of Finance**

Received

2023 APR 24 AM 9:19

Wendy Gunnar Jonetti
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Ridgefield CT Town Clerk

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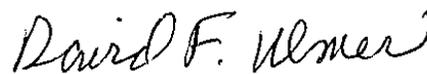
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Very truly yours,



Chairman
Board of Finance

Moderator Sharon Dornfeld introduced Board of Education Superintendent Dr. Susie DaSilva, who presented the following:

FY 2024

Board of Education Adopted Budget

Public Hearing
May 1, 2023

Enrollment as of 10/1/22 (2022-2023)														
School	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Barlow Mountain	54	46	53	60	57	58								376
Branchville	45	49	57	59	66	62								322
Farmingville	41	59	59	60	48	55								366
Ridgebury	55	62	50	61	69	61								347
Scotland	45	54	60	63	65	60								251
Veterans Park	46	52	34	38	39	42								495
East Ridge							151	169	183					533
Scotts Ridge							181	183	169					1524
Ridgefield High										364	388	368	404	16
RHS 18-21														16
Grade Level Totals:	286	322	313	341	344	338	341	342	345	364	388	368	420	4568
School:	BMES	BES	FES	RES	SES	VPES	Total							
PK Enrollment:	48	0	0	8	0	0	56							

Budget Themes and Priorities



What will you hear about...now and in the future...

- School security continues to be a primary focus for schools across the nation, and RPS
- Inflation - supply shortages
- Growth in Preschool special education program
- Complexity of programs for students who receive special education services
- Future facility needs
- Residual learning loss from pandemic
- Acute mental health/social emotional needs
- Student population growth at SRMS
- Enrollment exceeded 2022-23 projections by 102 students in the 22-23
- Substitute/Teacher shortages and retention



2023-2024 (FY 24) Board of Education Budget

\$110,645,000

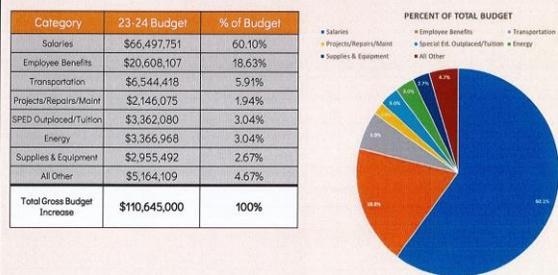
3.79% Increase

DISTRICTS	Expenditure Per Pupil (in \$K/cr.pup)					Rank of Expenditure Per Pupil In State (edaphi.ct.gov)
	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021* (Unaudited-M3P)	2021-2022	
DRG A Districts				\$26,833	\$26,621	15
Redding* (K-8)	\$23,210	\$25,051	\$26,030			
Region 9** (9-12)	\$24,116	\$24,759	\$23,264	\$25,264	\$26,336	17
Weston	\$22,708	\$23,170	\$23,592	\$23,614	\$24,262	28
Westport	\$21,843	\$22,774	\$22,790	\$23,348	\$24,149	30
New Canaan	\$21,480	\$22,569	\$21,985	\$21,898	\$22,164	54
Darien	\$21,327	\$22,095	\$21,805	\$22,838	\$23,180	39
Willton	\$20,957	\$21,914	\$22,234	\$22,651	\$22,980	43
Ridgefield	\$19,258	\$20,130	\$21,019	\$21,688	\$22,394	50
Easton * (K-8)	\$18,907	\$19,241	\$18,819	\$22,044	\$21,953	60
CT Overall AVG	\$18,155	\$18,847	\$19,191	\$19,134	\$21,438	

2023-2024 Budget by Major Object

Description	2022-2023	2023-2024	Difference	% of Increase
Certified Salaries	\$51,532,110	\$52,979,478	\$1,447,368	2.81%
Non-Certified Salaries	\$12,266,015	\$13,518,273	\$1,252,258	10.21%
Employee Benefits	\$20,153,694	\$20,608,107	\$454,413	2.25%
Transportation	\$6,415,208	\$6,544,418	\$129,210	2.01%
Projects/Repairs/Maint	\$2,307,576	\$2,146,075	-\$161,501	-7.00%
Special Ed Outplace/Tuition	\$3,359,100	\$3,362,080	\$2,980	0.09%
Energy	\$2,809,824	\$3,366,968	\$557,144	19.83%
Supplies & Equipment	\$2,822,515	\$2,955,492	\$132,977	4.71%
All Other	\$4,934,448	\$5,164,109	\$229,661	4.65%
Total Gross Budget	\$106,600,490	\$110,645,000	\$4,044,510	3.79%

2023-2024 Budget by Major Object



Budget Decision Additions

- *Campus Security
- 1.0 Network Technician
- 1.0 VPA MS Music Teacher
- 0.5 SPED Teacher
- 2.0 SPED Paraprofessionals
- 0.5 Elementary Supervisor
- Plus \$4,000 to repurpose EL coordinator role to become supervisory

Budget Decision Reductions

- -\$475,248 (off set professional services)
- -\$120,000 1.5 FTE at RHS
 - Projected enrollment yields 1.5 reduction in FTE

Other Budget Additions

Phonics Resource
 Mathematics Resource-PK-2
 Pay to Participate/Weight Room Fees
 Foundations*- Grade 3

Other Budget Cost Mitigations

-\$200,000 Transportation Consolidation

- offsets van drivers

 Director of Health and Wellness
 A continuation of multi-year subscriptions
 Extension of the Bus Contract/Review of Routes
 Health Insurance
 Pension

Campus Security - A Comparison of Models

FY24 BUDGET (Prof Svc Model)		FY24 BUDGET (In-House Model)	
PROF SVC:	\$415,000	PROF SVC:	\$106,630
PARKING OFFSET:	\$100,000	PARKING OFFSET:	\$100,000
SUB-TOTAL:	\$515,000	SUB-TOTAL:	\$206,630
-33% RATE INCREASE:	\$169,950	SECURITY DIRECTOR:	\$120,000
		9 SSO POSITIONS:	\$383,141
TOTAL:	\$684,950	TOTAL:	\$709,771
		30,000 District provided pension	

The Horizon

- Facility growth- PK and AHS
- Expansion of RISE
- BRIDGE without ESSER
- Continuation of:
 - commitment to professional learning for teachers in light of research and implementation of curriculum resources
 - growth in programs with and without costs
 - providing students with assured experiences across schools, grades, and courses
 - Studying efficiencies across areas (ex: transportation)



First Selectman Rudy Marconi then addressed the audience and presented the following information:



Board of Selectmen FY 2024 Budget

Presented by
Rudy Marconi, First Selectman
May 1, 2023

General Town Budget Overview

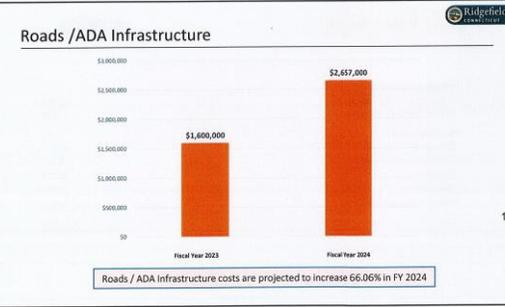
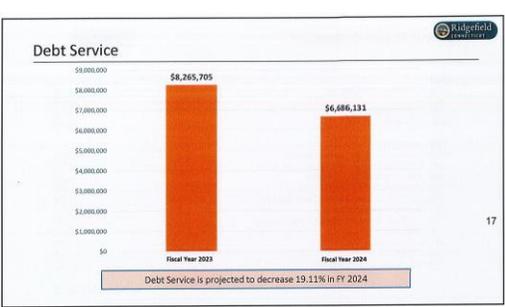
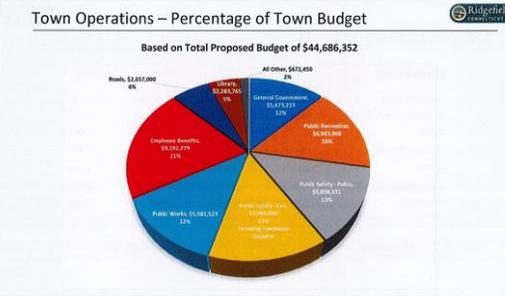
Expenditures	2023	2024	\$ Change	% Change
Town Operations	\$ 28,301,769	\$ 28,749,274	\$ 1,447,505	5.11%
School Buildings & Grounds	644,314	672,966	28,352	4.40%
Utilities	1,984,678	2,415,133	430,455	21.69%
Employee Benefits	8,288,046	9,192,279	904,233	10.91%
Subtotal	39,218,807	42,029,352	2,810,545	7.17%
Roads/ADA Infrastructure	1,600,000	2,657,000	1,057,000	66.06%
Total Town	\$ 40,818,807	\$ 44,686,352	\$ 3,867,545	9.47%

Overall, town expenditures are budgeted to increase by \$3,868K or 9.47%.

Town Operation – Components of Increase

Town Operations	School Buildings and Grounds	Utilities, Heat, Vehicle Fuel	Employee Benefits	Roads ADA Infrastructure
Salary / Outsourcing	\$723,372		Medical / Dental	\$159,841
Liability Insurance	18,717		Pension	599,014
Legal	40,000		CFRB – GASB 45	2,876
Central Admin Telephones	25,000		Social Security / Medicare	54,099
IT	200,914		Workers Comp/Unemployment Ins	57,103
Building Maint	52,798		Elected Officials	987
Vehicle Maint / Drivers	102,753		Defined Contribution	31,114
Rec Center – Program Costs	51,621			
Golf & Recreation Ground Care	42,107			
Snow Materials / Contractors	65,300			
Library	77,229			
All Other	47,726			
Total	\$1,447,505	\$28,352	\$430,455	\$904,233

Town Grand Total \$3,867,545



Capital – Public Recreation

Golf	
Clubhouse Bathroom Upgrade	698,775
Mini Excavator	85,000
300 Gallon Spray Rig	78,000
Heavy Duty Utility Cart	45,000
Parks & Recreation	
Court Replacement/Repair - Gov Park Phase 2	500,000
Court Replacement/Repair - RHS Tennis	35,715
New Courts – Pickleball Site Engineering	9,000
Recreation Center Building Repair – HVAC	553,000
Recreation Center Building Repair – Charter Oak 1,2,3	30,971
Yanby Building Maintenance/Repair	20,791
Parks, Fields and School Grounds Safety Improvements	69,408
1-Ton Dump w/Flow	69,236
Mini Sidewalk Loader	71,785
Seeder Attachment	20,995
Parks Safety – Rec & Ballard Cameras	20,000
Total	\$1,704,670

Capital – Public Safety

Police Department	
Animal Control Patrol Vehicle	\$32,234
Red Dot Pistol Sights/Holsters	31,028
Fire Department	
Ambulance Replacement	395,657
Firefighter Protective Gear	58,800
Fire Hose	20,371
Jaws of Life	15,508
Rescue Ropes and Harnesses	13,440
Total	\$558,038

Capital – Public Works

Highway Department	
Guardrail Replacement	\$40,000
Ridgebury Road Design	100,000
Pick Up Truck	60,000
Screener	148,000
Air Compressor	15,000
Fume Extractor	8,000
Lift	28,167
Lockers	8,560
Total	\$405,727

Capital – Engineer

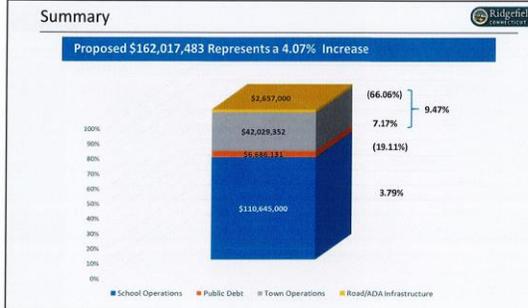
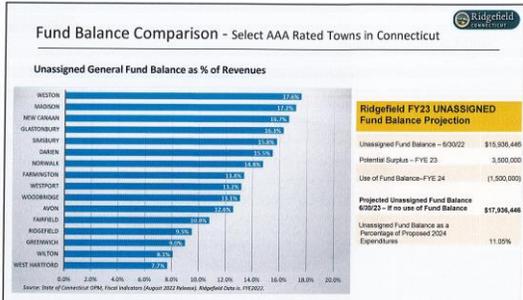
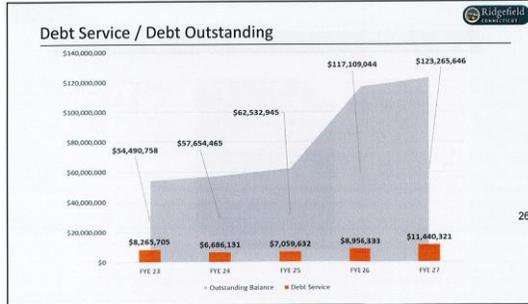
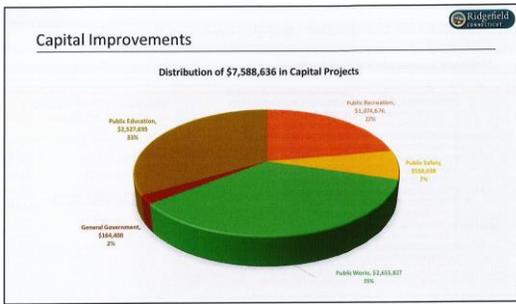
Town Engineer	
RHS & Scott Ridge MS Water Main Installation	\$1,040,000
Sidewalk Improvements (\$300K less State LOCIIP of \$150K)	150,000
Bridge Replacement Engineering	105,300
FEMA Drainage & Construction	100,000
MS4 Projects – Disconnect / Previous Surfaces	75,000
Schools Exterior Light Replacement – LED	85,800
Schools – Paving	50,000
Public Works Garage 1 Roof Replacement	385,000
Public Works Garage 1 Generator Replacement	81,800
Door Replacement – Various Locations	60,000
Venus Building Cupola Study	25,000
Exterior Painting – Town Hall, Venus & Yanby	90,000
Total	\$2,228,100

General Government

Information Technology	
Storage Area Network Disks	\$55,000
Computer Windows 11 Replacement	44,400
Library	
HVAC – DOAS Units	29,000
Technology Upgrades	27,000
Other	
Conservation Commission - Fencing	9,000
Total	\$155,400

Capital – Education

Education	
Asbestos Abatement / Floor Re-tiling – BES	\$295,612
RHS / SRMS Entrance Guard Booth	170,800
Front Entrance Security Enclosure / Secure Peripherals – RH	272,400
School Safety & Security Upgrades – District	284,470
Security Gates – Student Center to Cafeteria Servery – RH	38,016
G Wing Bathroom Construction Room G – 13 – RH	50,530
Building Addition for Student Services & Program Growth – AH	275,000
Building – wide LED Lighting Update – FES	284,767
Emergency Power whole Building Generator – RES	349,500
Network Infrastructure Upgrades – District	381,600
Engineering Study to Develop District Master Plan	165,000
Total	\$2,527,695



Capital To Be Voted On At The Annual Town Meeting

Department / Project	Amount
Highway Department - Dave Buccetti	
Guardrail Replacement	\$40,000
Pick Up Truck	60,000
Air Compressor	15,000
Fume Extractor	8,000
Lift	28,167
Lockers	6,650
Golf - Frank Sergiovanni	
Clubhouse Bathroom Upgrade	\$98,775
Mini Excavator	85,000
300 Gallon Spray Rig	78,000
Heavy Duty Utility Cart	45,000
Parks & Rec - Dennis Dipinto	
Clubhouse Replacement/Repair - RHS Tennis	\$35,715
New Courts - Pickle Ball Site Engineering	9,000
Rec Center Bldg Repair - Charter Oaks 1,2,3	30,971
Yanley Bldg Maintenance/Repair	20,791
Parks, Fields & School Grounds Safety Improvements	69,408

Capital To Be Voted On At The Annual Town Meeting

Department / Project	Amount
Parks & Rec - Dennis Dipinto (Continued)	
1-Ton Dump with Pile	66,236
Mini Sidewalk Loader	71,785
Seeder Attachment	20,995
Parks Safety - Rec & Ballard Cameras	20,000
Town Engineer - Jake Muller	
MS4 Projects - Disconnect/PerVIOUS Surfaces	\$75,000
Schools Exterior Light Replacement - LED	85,000
Schools - Paving	50,000
Public Works Garage 1 Generator Replacement	61,900
Door Replacement - Various Locations	60,000
Venus Building Cupola Study	25,000
Exterior Painting - Town Hall, Venus & Yanity	90,000
Police Department - Chief Kreitz	
Animal Control Patrol Vehicle	\$32,234
Red Dot Pistol Sights/Holsters	31,028

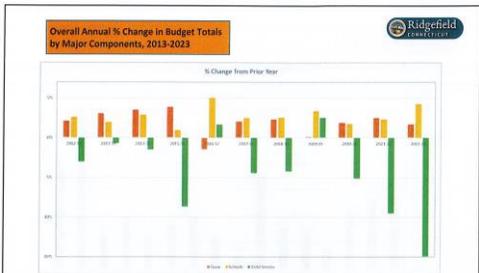
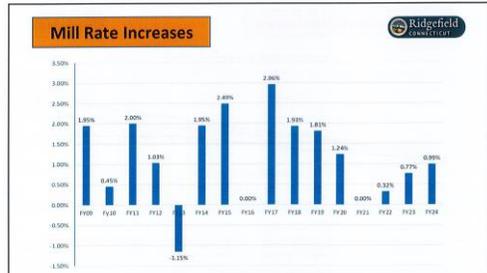
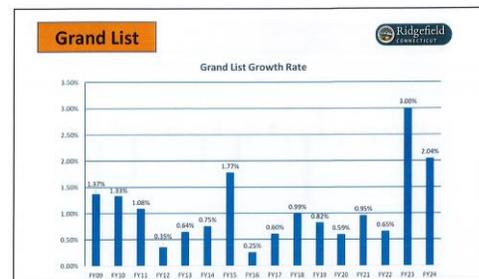
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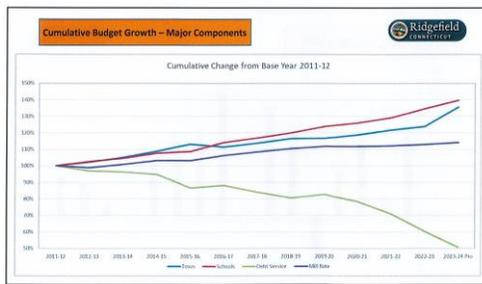
Department / Project	Amount
Fire Department - Chief Myers	
Firefighter Protective Gear	\$58,800
Fire Hose	20,371
Jaws of Life	15,508
Rescue Ropes & Harnesses	13,440
Information Technology - Andrew Neblett	
Storage Area Network Disks	\$55,000
Computer Windows 11 Replacement	44,400
Library - Brenda McKinley	
HVAC - DOAS Units	\$29,000
Technology Upgrades	27,000
Education	
Security Gates - Student Center to Cafeteria Senery RH	\$38,016
G Wing Bathroom Construction Rim G-138-RH1	50,530
Other	
Conservation Commission - Fencing	\$9,000

Board of Finance Chair David Ulmer then addressed the audience, delivering the Board of Finance information:

Board of Finance Budget Public Hearing

Presented by
Dave Ulmer, Chairman of the Board of Finance
May 1, 2023





Annual Budget Referendum is May 9, 2023

Proposed Mill Rate is 25.81 which represents a .99% Increase

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Geoffrey Morris, 231 Ivy Hill Road, moved and Andrew Neblett, 31 Ashbee Lane seconded the motion to waive the reading of the full text of the resolutions. Motion passed unanimously.

Moderator Dornfeld introduced and read the following budget resolutions and bond resolutions by their title. Complete copies of the budget and complete copies of the bond resolutions were printed and made available to members of the public attending the meeting:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$48,715,483 FOR TOWN EXPENDITURES (CONSISTING OF TOWN OPERATING EXPENDITURES OF \$42,029,352 AND DEBT SERVICE OF \$6,686,131 ON BOTH TOWN AND EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

Selectman Sean Connelly moved and Angela Rice, 237 Branchville Road, seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$110,645,000 FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

Selectwoman Maureen Kozlark moved and Colette Kabalaskian, 2 Washington Street, seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$2,657,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS TOWN ROAD AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2023 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

Geoffrey Morris moved and Maureen Kozlark seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$148,000 FOR THE DESIGN AND ACQUISITION OF A HIGHWAY SCREENER, \$385,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC WORKS GARAGE 1 ROOF REPLACEMENT, \$386,657 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND ACQUISITION OF A FIRE DEPARTMENT AMBULANCE AND \$300,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,219,657 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES (PROVIDED THAT THE BONDS SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY GRANTS RECEIVED FOR SUCH PURPOSE, WHICH ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE \$150,000 FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS)

Mike Rettger, 25 Fairview Avenue, moved and Joe Shapiro, 73 Blackman Road, seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$500,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF PHASE 2 TENNIS, BASKETBALL AND PICKLEBALL COURT REPLACEMENT AND \$553,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF RECREATION CENTER HVAC; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,053,000 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES

Selectwoman Maureen Kozlark moved and Geoffrey Morris seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$100,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND ACQUISITION OF RIDGEBURY ROAD DESIGN, \$1,040,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF RIDGEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL WATER MAIN INSTALLATION, \$105,300 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND ACQUISITION OF BRIDGE REPLACEMENT ENGINEERING AND \$100,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF FEMA DRAINAGE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,345,300 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES

Selectman Bob Hebert moved and Angela Rice seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$264,767 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF FARMINGVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LED LIGHTING UPGRADES, \$381,600 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT WIDE NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES, \$275,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF ALTERNATIVE HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING ADDITION, \$349,500 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF RIDGEBURY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WHOLE BUILDING EMERGENCY POWER GENERATOR, \$165,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND ACQUISITION OF AN ENGINEERING STUDY TO DEVELOP A DISTRICT WIDE MASTER PLAN AND \$295,612 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF BRANCHVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASBESTOS ABATEMENT/FLOOR RE-TILING; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,731,479 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES

Andrew Neblett moved and Rachel Ruggeri, 15 Lincoln Lane, seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$170,800 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF RIDGEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL AND SCOTT'S RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL ENTRANCE GUARD BOOTH, \$272,400 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION AND INSTALLATION OF RIDGEFIELD HIGH SCHOOL FRONT ENTRANCE SECURITY ENCLOSURE AND PERIPHERALS AND \$264,470 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT WIDE SAFETY AND SECURITY UPGRADES; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$707,670 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES

Geoffrey Morris moved and Rachel Ruggeri seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Motion passed unanimously.

After discussion on the Town budget and the proposed bond resolutions, **a motion was made by Sean Connelly and seconded by John Noonan, 77 Sunset Lane, Unit 321, that the First Selectman be authorized and directed to call a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.T.) at Yanity Gym, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut, to consider and take action upon the aforesaid proposed Town budget and the proposed bond resolutions and that the notice of said referendum be in substantially the following form:**

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM
TO BE HELD May 9, 2023

RECEIVED

@ 8:30 am

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Wendy Simon-Fioritto
BY TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RIDGEFIELD

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Town Charter and the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, notice is hereby given to the electors and persons qualified to vote in the Town of Ridgefield that a referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (E.T.) at Yanity Gym, 60 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut, for the purpose of voting on the following questions:

1. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$48,715,483 for Town expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$42,029,352 and debt service of \$6,686,131 on both Town and Education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$48,715,483 for Town expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$42,029,352 and debt service of \$6,686,131 on both Town and Education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, be approved? YES/NO"

2. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$110,645,000 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$110,645,000 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, be approved? YES/NO"

3. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$2,657,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and ADA improvements for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, 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 \$2,657,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and ADA improvements for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024, be approved? YES/NO"

4. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$148,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Screener, \$385,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Public Works Garage 1 Roof Replacement, \$386,657 For the Planning, Design And Acquisition Of A Fire Department Ambulance And \$300,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Sidewalk Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,219,657 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes (Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any Grants Received For Such Purposes, Which Are Anticipated To Be \$150,000 For Sidewalk Improvements), be approved?"

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

"Shall the resolution appropriating \$148,000 for the design and acquisition of a highway screener, \$385,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of public works Garage 1 roof replacement, \$386,657 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of a Fire Department ambulance and \$300,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of sidewalk improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$1,219,657 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes (provided that the bonds shall be reduced by the amount of any grants received for such purposes, which are anticipated to be \$150,000 for sidewalk improvements), be approved? YES/NO"

5. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$500,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Phase 2 Tennis, Basketball And Pickleball Court Replacement And \$553,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Recreation

Center HVAC And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,053,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes, be approved?"

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

"Shall the resolution appropriating \$500,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of Phase 2 tennis, basketball and pickleball court replacement and \$553,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of recreation center HVAC and authorizing the issuance of \$1,053,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes, be approved? YES/NO"

6. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$100,000 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of Ridgebury Road Design, \$1,040,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction And Installation Of Ridgefield High School Water Main Installation, \$105,300 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of Bridge Replacement Engineering And \$100,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of FEMA Drainage Design And Construction And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,345,300 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes, be approved?"

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

"Shall the resolution appropriating \$100,000 for the planning, design and acquisition of Ridgebury Road design, \$1,040,000 for the planning, design, acquisition, construction and installation of Ridgefield High School water main installation, \$105,300 for the planning, design and acquisition of bridge replacement engineering and \$100,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of FEMA drainage design and construction and authorizing the issuance of \$1,345,300 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes, be approved? YES/NO"

7. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$264,767 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Farmingville Elementary School LED Lighting Upgrades, \$381,600 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School District Wide Network Infrastructure Upgrades, \$275,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Alternative High School Building Addition, \$349,500 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Ridgebury Elementary School Whole Building Emergency Power Generator, \$165,000 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of An Engineering Study To Develop A District Wide Master Plan And \$295,612 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Branchville Elementary School Asbestos Abatement/Floor Re-Tiling And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,731,479 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes, be approved?"

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

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8. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$170,800 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Ridgefield High School And Scott's Ridge Middle School Entrance Guard Booth, \$272,400 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Construction And Installation Of Ridgefield High School Front Entrance Security Enclosure And Peripherals And \$264,470 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School District Wide Safety And Security Upgrades And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$707,670 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes, be approved?"

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

"Shall the resolution appropriating \$170,800 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of Ridgefield High School and Scott's Ridge Middle School entrance guard booth, \$272,400 for the planning, design, acquisition, construction and installation of Ridgefield High School front entrance security enclosure and peripherals and

issuance of \$1,731,479 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes, be approved? YES/NO”

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The vote will be by optical scan voting machine. Those in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval under the word “YES” under such question. Those not in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval under the word “NO” under such question. Absentee ballots will be available at the office of the Town Clerk as provided by law.

The polls will be open during the hours between 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (E.T.). Electors and persons qualified to vote as aforesaid may cast their votes at the following polling place:

Yanicy Gym, 60 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut

In accordance with Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, only an elector of the Town or a citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, was liable to the Town for taxes assessed against him based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the Town or who would have been so liable if not entitled to an exemption as a blind person or as a veteran or as a parent or surviving spouse of a veteran will be entitled to vote. Absentee ballots shall be available as provided by law at the Town Clerk's office during business hours.

The voting will take place pursuant to the provisions of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and the votes will be cast and canvassed and the results determined and certified as nearly as may be in accordance with the laws governing the election of the Town officials.

The full text of said resolutions is on file open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

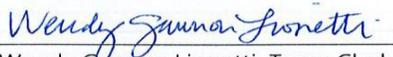
Dated at Ridgefield, Connecticut, this 4th day of May, 2023.


Wendy Gannon Lionetti, CCTC
Town Clerk

RETURN OF POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

I, WENDY GANNON LIONETTI, Town Clerk of the Town of Ridgefield, HEREBY CERTIFY that on May 2, 2023, I left a copy of the attached warning and notice of the Referendum of the Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, bearing my signature to be posted in the Office of the Town Clerk and caused a copy of said warning and notice to be published in The Ridgefield Press, a newspaper having a general and substantial circulation in the Town of Ridgefield, on April 27, 2023.

I FURTHER CERTIFY that all of the above acts were done at least five days before the holding of said Referendum on May 9, 2023.


Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk

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Moderator Dornfeld introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AGGREGATING \$1,681,530 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT; AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,681,530 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES

RESOLVED:

Section 1. That the aggregate sum of \$1,681,530 is hereby appropriated by the Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut (the "Town") for the planning, design, acquisition, construction and installation of the various public improvements and equipment herein after listed, including, where appropriate, costs for design, acquisition, installation, construction, site improvements, removal of materials and discarded equipment, permitting and environmental costs, equipment, materials, architectural, engineering and other consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings and other financing costs, and other expenses related to the Projects and their financing. The appropriation is inclusive or any and all federal and state grants-in-aid thereof:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
<u>Highway Department</u>	
Guardrail Replacement	\$40,000
Pick Up Truck	60,000
Air Compressor	15,000
Fume Extractor	8,000
Lift	28,167
Lockers	6,560
<u>Golf</u>	
Clubhouse Bathroom Upgrade	98,775
Mini Excavator	85,000
300 Gallon Spray Rig	78,000
Heavy Duty Utility Cart	45,000
<u>Parks & Recreation</u>	
Court Replacement/Repair – RHS Tennis	35,715
New Courts – Pickleball Site Engineering	9,000
Recreation Center Building Repair – Charter Oak 1,2,3	30,971
Yanity Building Maintenance/Repair	20,791
Parks, Fields and School Grounds Safety Improvements	69,408
1-Ton Dump w/Plow	66,236
Mini Sidewalk Loader	71,785
Seeder Attachment	20,995
Parks Safety – Rec & Ballard Cameras	20,000
<u>Town Engineer</u>	
MS4 Projects – Disconnect/Pervious Surfaces	75,000
Schools Exterior Light Replacement – LED	85,900
Schools – Paving	50,000
Public Works Garage 1 Generator Replacement	61,900
Door Replacement – Various Locations	60,000
Venus Building Cupola Study	25,000
Exterior Painting – Town Hall, Venus & Yanity	90,000
<u>Police Department</u>	
Animal Control Patrol Vehicle	32,234
Red Dot Pistol Sights/Holsters	31,028
<u>Fire Department</u>	
Firefighter Protective Gear	58,800
Fire Hose	20,371
Jaws of Life	15,508
Rescue Ropes and Harnesses	13,440

<u>Information Technology</u>	
Storage Area Network Disks	55,000
Computer Windows 11 Replacement	44,400
<u>Library</u>	
HVAC – DOAS Units	29,000
Technology Upgrades	27,000
<u>Education</u>	
Security Gates – Student Center to Cafeteria Servery – RH	38,016
G Wing Bathroom Construction Room G-138-RH	50,530
<u>Other</u>	
Conservation Commission – Fencing	9,000
Total	<u>\$1,681,530</u>

Section 2. That the Town issue bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,681,530 to finance the appropriations for the Projects, provided such bonds shall be issued maturing not later than the maximum maturity permitted by the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended (the "General Statutes"). Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the First Selectman, in consultation with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the Projects determined after considering the estimated amount of any Federal and State grants-in-aid for the Projects, or the actual amount thereof if ascertainable, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, financing, legal and other costs of issuance of such bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$5,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued on fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signature of the First Selectman, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issuance has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying agent, registrar, transfer agent and paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, the details and particulars of such bonds, including the approval of the rate or rates of interest, shall be determined by the First Selectman in the best interest of the Town and in accordance with the General Statutes. The amount of the bonds issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds, if any, received by the Town for any of the Projects and not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the relevant Project.

Section 3. That the bonds of each series shall be sold by the First Selectman, in consultation with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in his or her discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, the purchase agreement shall be approved and signed by the First Selectman.

Section 4. That the First Selectman is authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signature of the First Selectman, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the First Selectman, be approved as to their legality by Pullman & Comley, LLC, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the First Selectman pursuant to Section 7-373 of the General Statutes. The notes shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issuance has been duly complied with,

that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, may be included as a cost of the Project. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose. The amount of the notes issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds, if any, received by the Town for any of the Projects and not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the relevant Project.

Section 5. That the appropriations in Section 1 hereof may be transferred by the Board of Selectmen among the Projects upon a finding that the appropriation or portion thereof is not needed for its respective purpose.

Section 6. That the Town hereby declares its official intent under Federal Income Tax Regulations Section 1.150-2 that costs for the Projects may be paid from temporary advances of available funds and that the Town reasonably expects to reimburse any such advances from the proceeds of borrowings in an aggregate principal amount not in excess of the amount of borrowing authorized above for the Projects. The First Selectman is authorized to amend such declaration of official intent as he or she may deem necessary or advisable and to bind the Town pursuant to such representations and covenants as he or she may deem necessary or advisable in order to maintain the continued exemption from federal income taxation of interest on the bonds, notes or temporary notes authorized by this resolution, if issued on a tax-exempt basis, including covenants to pay rebates of investment earnings to the United States in future years.

Section 7. That the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the aforesaid bonds, notes or temporary notes to provide secondary market disclosure information, which agreements may include such terms as they deem advisable or appropriate in order to comply with applicable laws or rules pertaining to the sale or purchase of such bonds, notes or temporary notes.

Section 8. That the First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any other agreements, instruments, documents and certificates, including tax and investment agreements, for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution. The First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept any and all federal and state loans and/or grants-in-aid for any of the Projects, to expend said funds in accordance with the terms hereof, and in connection therewith to contract in the name of the Town with engineers, contractors and others.

Section 9. That the First Selectman, Town Treasurer, Controller, and other proper officers and officials of the Town are authorized to take all other action which is necessary or desirable to complete the Projects and to issue bonds, notes or temporary notes and obtain other funding to finance the aforesaid appropriations.

Geoffrey Morris asked where the new pickleball courts would be located? Parks & Recreation Director Dennis DiPinto responded that the money requested is for site selection; the site is unknown at this point.

Mike Rettger moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read, seconded by Bob Hebert. Following discussion and a vote by show of hands, the Moderator reported that the motion passed unanimously. The Moderator thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.