

## **BOARD of SELECTMEN MEETING – APRIL 13, 2016**

TOWN HALL/LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM – 6:30 P.M.

### **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, S. Zemo

Absent: B. Manners

### **Agenda**

1. Public Comment
2. Interviews:- Commission for the Disabled: Edwin C. Pearson
  - Ridgefield Arts Council: Hilary L. Aronow
  - Economic Development Commission: Mary Louise Henwood Klotz
  - Parking Authority: Robert J. Murphy, Jr.
  - Golf Committee: George T. (Tim) Reid
3. WPCA Reappointments: Kevin P. Briody, Ronald P. Hill, Amy J. Siebert, Gary Zawacki
4. Vendor Permit Renewal: Zawack Shack
5. Conservation Commission Open Space Violation Ordinance Review: Set Public Hearing & Special Town Meeting Date
6. Pension Commission Structure Discussion
7. Approval of Budget Questions as Prepared by Robinson & Cole
8. Selectman's Report
9. Golf Committee Composition: Chairman Ed Tyrrell & Committee Members
10. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 3/7/16 budget, 3/9/16 Budget, 3/9/16 Regular & Budget, 3/30/16 Regular

R. Marconi called the Board of Selectmen Meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

1. Public Comment – There were no comments from the public.
2. Interviews:
  - Commission for the Disabled: Edwin C. Pearson  
Ed Pearson came forward to present himself to the BOS. Mr. Pearson has lived in Ridgefield for 50+ years. He served on the Conservation Commission in the 70's and also on the Historic District Commission. He volunteered for 20 years until 2014 for the Agency Program securing gifts for the silent auction. Mr. Pearson retired in 2011 after serving as Administrative Law Judge for the State of New York in their Office of Temporary Disability Assistance since 1997. He stated he is a "social worker attorney" working with people over the years. He has attended a couple of meetings of the Commission.

S. Zemo stated he has known Mr. Pearson for all these years for the work he has done in the community. Mr. Pearson is a "workhorse". He is perfect for ADA administration, research, and follow-thru.

M. Kozlark stated Mr. Pearson has been willing to take on projects that others do not want to do. He will be a good addition to the Commission for the Disabled.

R. Hebert stated he does not know Mr. Pearson well. He has reviewed his resume and wishes to say welcome aboard!

R. Marconi indicated how there are currently three open positions on the Commission. The positions are for staggered two-year terms.

**R. Hebert moved and S. Zemo seconded a motion to appoint Edwin C. Pearson to fill one of the vacancies on the Commission for the Disabled for a staggered term to expire on 3/31/2019. Motion passed 4-0.**

- Ridgefield Arts Council: Hilary L. Aronow

Hilary Aronow came forward to support her application to serve on the Ridgefield Arts Council. She has a degree in Art History and has focused on tabletops and home furnishings in her career. She is also passionate about dance. She has worked as an event planner for Bloomingdale's.

R. Hebert stated he has no questions as her resume speaks for itself. She is a Barnard graduate and has received a list of scholarships.

M. Kozlark inquired about how she works from home. Ms. Aronow feels that she does have the time to devote to the Arts Council. She is looking forward to being involved in the community now that her children are older. She found the Arts Council meeting very interesting and last evening heard about the plans for the Schlumberger property.

S. Zemo stated he noticed Alison Greeley present this evening. The Ridgefield Arts Council endorses Ms. Aronow's candidacy.

**M. Kozlark moved and S. Zemo seconded a motion to appoint Hilary Aronow to fill one of the vacancies on the Ridgefield Arts Council for a four-year term. Motion passed 4-0.**

- Economic Development Commission: Mary Louise Henwood Klotz

Mary Henwood Klotz came forward to support her desire to become a member of the EDC. After college, she went into the paper industry, served as the Executive Director of the American Cancer Society in NYC from 1998 to 2006, and then went into women's health and is currently Director, Women and Children's Service Line for Stamford Hospital. For ten years she served as a Commissioner on Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg's Commission on Women's Issues. R. Marconi indicated that he has reviewed Ms. Klotz's background and has met with her personally.

Ms. Klotz stated she is interested in economic development. She loves Ridgefield. She attended the EDC's most recent meeting and attended the town-wide meeting about parking. She felt that was a great meeting on an important subject. She understands how the EDC is going through a regrouping process. Ms. Klotz stated she does not feel that being the sole woman on the EDC at this time is at all a concern.

S. Zemo stated he can tell that Ms. Klotz will be "front and center". She has a wonderful skill set that will fit right in.

R. Hebert asked Ms. Klotz to explain how she works with the medical staff at Stamford Hospital. She responded how she is involved with projects concerning the doctors such as the purchase of new equipment, the opening of a new office. Strategic planning is an important part of her job. She manages working with an operational budget. What about re-branding. Re-branding is part of marketing. She re-branded the American Cancer Society while working for them in NYC. She managed events for them. She described how a repeat event at Shippan Point was moved to downtown Stamford while working with a marketing company from NYC. They developed a new logo, a new website, and the event “took off” with some new critical sponsors. This event now brings in over \$1 million in revenue. They worked first as a committee and then with the City of Stamford. R. Hebert stated Ms. Klotz will bring some terrific skills to the EDC.

R. Marconi stated there is only one remaining vacancy on the EDC. There is one additional candidate who has expressed interest in the position but he has not met with the EDC and Chairman, Arnold Light has not met him. The EDC supports Ms. Klotz’s candidacy.

**R. Hebert moved and M. Kozlark seconded a motion to appoint Mary Louise Henwood Klotz to fill a vacancy on the Economic Development Commission for a one-year term. Motion passed 4-0.**

- Parking Authority: Robert J. Murphy, Jr.

Bob Murphy came forward to present himself to the BOS. He has lived here since 1953 and “wants to keep the character of Ridgefield as it is”. He agrees that something needs to be done to improve the parking situation, but he is not in favor of parking meters nor a garage. People come to town and want to be able to park. People who work here need to be able to park. He feels it is a time in his life to give something back to the Town.

S. Zemo stated no one on the Parking Authority is a landlord. Mr. Murphy’s wife’s family are landlords and certainly know the town.

M. Kozlark stated we are trying to get the parking situation squared away. What other thoughts does Mr. Murphy have about parking? Now the State is getting involved in our parking situation. Mr. Murphy stated Main Street is still quiet. Some people think there is no parking problem at all and others say and landlords say how we need a long-term solution to this problem. The people who work here need a place to park. What about the man walking around with the chalk? Is that what we want to have happening?

M. Kozlark stated we want the Parking Authority to come forth with a whole new set of ideas.

R. Hebert asked Mr. Murphy if he knows any other members on the Parking Authority. He knows only a couple of the members and has not yet attended a meeting. R. Hebert suggested that Mr. Murphy attend a meeting of the Parking Authority first. He should get an endorsement from the Authority. He suggested that Mr. Murphy’s application be put on the agenda for the next meeting. Thank you to Mr. Murphy for coming forward.

- Golf Committee: George T. (Tim) Reid

Tim Reid came forward to express his interest in serving on the Golf Committee. Mr. Reid commented on the assets and challenges of the Ridgefield Golf Course. He understands the need for a budgeting viewpoint. He says at times the course is under-played. He commented

on the changes made last year with Henry as the Concessionaire. Henry did a good job but Mr. Reid said he knew about the problems with the contract. There could have been more groups playing golf. Sometimes the T-time would close at 4:00 p.m. There are some tournaments, but we could have more.

R. Hebert stated he has attended many golf outings. We need new creative ideas to bring golf outings to market. How can we make the Ridgefield Golf Course attract more groups?

M. Kozlark commented on Mr. Reid's travels and how he has played golf all over the world. T. Reid responded that from an operational point of view, private golf courses are very different from public courses. Ridgefield needs to incorporate some of the "private feeling" into their course. We need to look at golf outings from a financial point of view. It is a balance. We need to sometimes tell people who play slowly to move ahead.

S. Zemo stated there are three vacancies on the Golf Committee. It will be helpful to bring in someone with marketing experience but also bring in someone with food experience. Both perspectives would be good to create energy and new ideas. It would help to increase the Golf Committee back to seven members.

It was agreed to wait until Chairman of the Golf Committee, Ed Tyrrell arrived later in the evening and then get the Golf Committee's opinion as to whether or not to increase the Committee's membership to seven.

**R. Hebert moved and M. Kozlark seconded a motion to appoint Michael Reilly and George (Tim) Reid to each fill a vacancy on the Golf Committee for a four-year term, with the membership of the Golf Committee increased back to seven members. Motion passed 4-0.**

3. WPCA Reappointments: Kevin P. Briody, Ronald P. Hill, Amy J. Siebert, Gary Zawacki

All four individuals have requested reappointment. K. Briody, R. Hill and G. Zawacki came forward to share their comments about serving on the Water Pollution Control Authority. A. Siebert was not able to attend this evening but did submit an email requesting reappointment.

A company has been hired that will go door-to-door to the houses in the Sewer District to see if there is anything going down into the sewer during a storm. The WPCA is doing everything possible to get the flow volume number down. These individuals talked about the history of the WPCA. The WPCA needs to be able to handle \$4 million gallons of sewage. If we need to increase the size of our sewage plant, we may then be able to provide sewer coverage for additional homes. Where are we with the timeline? – the next couple of weeks. Yes, the sewer bills did go out. More people do want to get connected to the sewer line.

M. Kozlark inquired about the camera work during the last five years. Where are the major areas of seepage? S. Zemo stated lining of the piping negated the increase on Governor St. The question is what area is going to be addressed next. The hope is to have an impact with the dye test thru gutters and leaders. The Town needs to check basements for the use of sump pumps. We are behind with all of this checking. We continue to need to work very closely with the DEP. There are competent engineers working on this project. We are almost at the end of our bonding for what has been done to date. We need to figure out what the new cost will be. Charlie Fischer put \$20 million into his budget for sewer plant upgrade. The exact amount is not known. The awareness of the situation/problem needs to be kept up. There is a lot of technical information

available now. It would be good to have Amy come to a BOS meeting sometime to explain some of the engineering.

**M. Kozlark moved and R. Hebert seconded a motion to reappoint Kevin P. Briody, Ronald P. Hill, Amy J. Siebert, and Gary Zawacki for an additional four-year term on the Water Pollution Control Authority (WPCA). Motion passed 4-0.**

4. Vendor Permit Renewal

Joan Zawacki came forward to request renewal of the vendor permit for another year for the Zawack Shack (Greg Zawacki). This will be their 5<sup>th</sup> year in business. The Zawack Shack is “grandfathered in” under the moratorium.

**M. Kozlark moved and S. Zemo seconded a motion to renew the Zawack Shack vendor permit for an additional year for Greg Zawacki, Joan Zawacki, and Noel Fahey to sell hamburgers, hot dogs, sausage, chicken, fries, and soft drinks at their same location. Motion passed 4-0.**

5. Conservation Commission Open Space Violation Ordinance Review; Set Public Hearing & Special Town Meeting Date

Several members of the Conservation Commission came forward to discuss the Conservation Commission’s Open Space Violation Ordinance – Jack Kace, Kitsey Snow, and Dave Cronin. The Commission wishes to modify Chapter 262: Open Space Use and 24-7: Conservation Violations. The requested changes have been reviewed by David Grogins, Town Counsel. The proposed Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting can be on the same date.

The Conservation Commission wants a document that is flexible. They want to encourage residents to do the right thing and they do not want to have to collect fines. Jack Kace told how a shack was on open space property. The Conservation Commission attempted to get the owners of the shack to move it onto their own property but without success. Within two weeks after the Ordinance was passed, the shack was moved. Residents have cut down trees on property that is not their own – they do not know where the property line is located. The Conservation Commission has been able to levy a substantial fine for such a transgression. John Pinchbeck’s budget is over-budget because of addressing these issues. The suggestion was made to have J. Pinchbeck make use of The Tree Fund.

**M. Kozlark moved and S. Zemo seconded a motion to set a Public Hearing and a Town Meeting on May 4, 2016, at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall Large Conference Room, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT, to modify Conservation Commission Open Space Violation Ordinance, Chapter 262: Open Space Use, and 24.7: Conservation Violations. Motion passed 4-0.**

6. Pension Commission Structure Discussion

The following members of the Pension Commission came forward to discuss this proposal: Dave Campbell, Chairman, James Stovekin, Joe Conner, Art Aaronson, and Eugene Boehringer. They shared a paper they had put together to describe the “Pros and Cons of Different Pension Commission Structure Options”, which describes the Current Set-Up where the Pension Commission assumes investment management decision-making power, and the proposed Vanguard Option, where the Commission transfers investment management decision-making power, and trustee reporting and administration of Pension Fund and OPEB to Vanguard.

The Vanguard Option will reduce the Town of Ridgefield and Commissioner fiduciary liability and will tighten up administration and reporting. The Commissioners feel they are getting older (only one is still working) and thus they are somewhat more removed from Wall Street sources.

Art Aaronson presented the Pension Commission's proposal. They have worked closely with Vanguard over the past five to six years. They meet with Vanguard quarterly and discuss asset allocations. They have found Vanguard to be a great partner and have given the Pension Commission some great advice. They have been helpful in lowering the actual contribution rate. Their fee will be considerably less than that of other firms – about \$90,000/year. For this fee they will provide professional management, insight, and will take on some of the responsibility of Trustee services and provide additional security. The Pension Commission stated "we have seen their proposed portfolio and we like it."

M. Kozlark asked about the fee and how does it fluctuate. It will fluctuate up and down with the growth of the fund. Ridgefield's pension plan is almost a closed plan. They are not getting new retirees. The annual contribution from the Town now covers the cost. As the Town moves forward, the plan will be getting smaller. New people tend to go more toward defined benefits. What is the length of the agreement and the renewal process – sixty days either way. The Pension Commission has developed an investment policy that Vanguard will work under.

S. Zemo stated this new relationship with Vanguard will result in a 50% increase in cost. What are we buying? Dave Campbell responded, "We are getting rid of our liability".

R. Hebert stated as the fund decreases over time, will we be thinking about moving back in-house? The answer is no – there is a 20-25 year life on this new process. Vanguard is owned by its members. They do not need to deliver anything to the shareholders. R. Hebert then asked if Vanguard is the keeper of the funds, why are they not putting our investments into their own funds. The answer is that we do not use just Vanguard products. They are open to discussing. Vanguard hears what we have to say.

The turnover date is July 1, 2016. Most of our assets are already with Vanguard. We have only a few assets that will need to be moved.

R. Hebert inquired as to what is our average return. Our return is not averaged, but compounded – over time at about 7%. Our fund has been well managed over the years. The Pension Commission feels that our fund will be well-run. They feel that the fee is a small price to pay and not take on that liability.

**R. Hebert moved and M. Kozlark seconded a motion to approve the Pension Commission's requested transfer of investment management decision-making power, and trustee reporting and administration of Pension Fund and OPEB to Vanguard, effective July 1, 2016. Motion passed 4-0.**

#### 7. Approval of Budget Questions As Prepared by Robinson & Cole

**RESOLVED:** That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$46,763,858 For Town Expenditures (Consisting Of Town Operating Expenditures Of \$34,703,538 And Debt Service Of \$12,060,320 On Both Town And Education Capital Projects) For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2016 And Ending June 30, 2017, 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 S. Zemo. Motion carried 4-0.

**RESOLVED:** That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$90,374,229 For Board Of Education Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2016 And Ending June 30, 2017, 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 R. Marconi. Motion carried 4-0.

**RESOLVED:** That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$1,875,000 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, 2016 And Ending June 30, 2017, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

R. Hebert moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by R. Marconi. Motion carried 4-0.

**RESOLVED:** That the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$2,000,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Phase 1 Of The Branchville Transit Oriented Development Study, \$548,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of A Prospect Ridge Parking Area And \$150,000 For Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Sidewalk Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,698,000 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.

S. Zemo moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by M. Kozlark. Motion carried 4-0.

**RESOLVED:** That the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$187,033 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Mack Truck, \$138,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Mowing Tractor For Town Roads, \$83,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Backhoe, And \$225,000 For Refurbishment Of Engine #3 And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$633,033 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 R. Hebert. Motion carried 4-0.

**RESOLVED:** That the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$62,500 For The Design And Acquisition Of Venus Building Windows, \$46,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of Highway Garage 1 Floor Repairs, And \$87,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of East Ridge Middle School Roof Repairs And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$195,500 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 S. Zemo. Motion carried 4-0.

**RESOLVED:** That the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$355,282 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of School Energy Conservation Measures (Which Is Expected To Result In \$92,405 Of Incentive Savings) And \$453,886 For School Portion Of The Public Safety Radio System And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$809,168 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 R. Hebert. Motion carried 4-0

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$942,818 For The Planning, Design and Acquisition Of Various Public Improvements And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$942,818 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.

M. Kozlark moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by S. Zemo. Motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by R. Hebert, and seconded by M. Kozlark, 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 May 2, 2016 at 7:30 P.M. (E.D.T.), for the following purposes: (A) To consider (1) the resolution approving Town expenditures of \$46,763,858 (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$34,703,538 and debt service of \$12,060,320 on both Town and Education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017; (2) the resolution approving Board of Education expenditures of \$90,374,229 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017; (3) the resolution approving \$1,875,000 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, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017; (4) the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$2,000,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Phase 1 Of The Branchville Transit Oriented Development Study, \$548,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of A Prospect Ridge Parking Area And \$150,000 For Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Sidewalk Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,698,000 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 \$187,033 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Mack Truck, \$138,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Mowing Tractor For Town Roads, \$83,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Backhoe, And \$225,000 For Refurbishment Of Engine #3 And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$633,033 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 \$62,500 For The Design And Acquisition Of Venus Building Windows, \$46,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of Highway Garage 1 Floor Repairs, And \$87,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of East Ridge Middle School Roof Repairs And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$195,500 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”; (7) the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$355,282 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of School Energy Conservation Measures (Which Is Expected To Result In \$92,405 Of Incentive Savings) And \$453,886 For School Portion Of The Public Safety Radio System And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$809,168 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation 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 \$942,818 For The Planning, Design and Acquisition Of Various Public Improvements And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$942,818 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 May 10, 2016 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:

1. “Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$46,763,858 for Town expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$34,703,538 and debt service of \$12,060,320 on both Town and Education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, 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 \$46,763,858 for Town expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$34,703,538 and debt service of \$12,060,320 on both Town and Education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, be approved? YES/NO”

2. “Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$90,374,229 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, 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 \$90,374,229 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, be approved? YES/NO”

3. “Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$1,875,000 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, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, 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 \$1,875,000 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, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017, be approved? YES/NO”

4. “Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$2,000,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Phase 1 Of The Branchville Transit Oriented Development Study, \$548,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of A Prospect Ridge Parking Area And \$150,000 For Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Sidewalk Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,698,000 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 \$2,000,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of Phase 1 of the Branchville Transit Oriented Development Study, \$548,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of a Prospect Ridge parking area and \$150,000 for planning, design, acquisition and construction of sidewalk improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$2,698,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation (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? YES/NO”

5. “Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$187,033 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Mack Truck, \$138,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Mowing Tractor For Town Roads, \$83,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Backhoe, And \$225,000 For Refurbishment Of Engine #3 And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$633,033 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 \$187,033 for the design and acquisition of a highway Mack truck, \$138,000 for the design and acquisition of a mowing tractor for Town roads, \$83,000 for the design and acquisition of a backhoe, and \$225,000 for refurbishment of Engine #3 and authorizing the issuance of \$633,033 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation, be approved? YES/NO”

6. “Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$62,500 For The Design And Acquisition Of Venus Building Windows, \$46,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of Highway Garage 1 Floor Repairs, And \$87,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of East Ridge Middle School Roof Repairs And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$195,500 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 \$62,500 for the design and acquisition of Venus Building windows, \$46,000 for the design and acquisition of Highway Garage 1 floor repairs, and \$87,000 for the design and acquisition of East Ridge Middle School roof repairs and authorizing the issuance of \$195,500 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation, be approved? YES/NO”

7. “Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$355,282 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of School Energy Conservation Measures (Which Is Expected To Result In \$92,405 Of Incentive Savings) And \$453,886 For School Portion Of The Public Safety Radio System And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$809,168 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 \$355,282 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of school energy conservation measures (which is expected to result in \$92,405 of incentive savings) and \$453,886 for school portion of the public safety radio system and authorizing the issuance of \$809,168 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation, 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 2, 2016

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 May 2, 2016 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, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017:

Town Expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$34,703,538 and debt service of \$12,060,320 on both Town and Education capital projects): \$46,763,858.

2. To consider recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017:

Board of Education Expenditures: \$90,374,229.

3. To consider recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2016 and ending June 30, 2017:

Planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and infrastructure improvements: \$1,875,000 (including \$75,000 for ADA)

4. To consider a Resolution Appropriating \$2,000,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Phase 1 Of The Branchville Transit Oriented Development Study, \$548,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of A Prospect Ridge Parking Area And \$150,000 For Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Sidewalk Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$2,698,000 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 \$187,033 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Mack Truck, \$138,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Mowing Tractor For Town Roads, \$83,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Backhoe, And \$225,000 For Refurbishment Of Engine #3 And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$633,033 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 \$62,500 For The Design And Acquisition Of Venus Building Windows, \$46,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of Highway Garage 1 Floor Repairs, And \$87,000 For The Design And Acquisition Of East Ridge Middle School Roof Repairs And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$195,500 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 \$355,282 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of School Energy Conservation Measures (Which Is Expected To Result In \$92,405 Of Incentive Savings) And \$453,886 For School Portion Of The Public Safety Radio System And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$809,168 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation 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 May 2, 2016 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 \$942,818 For The Planning, Design and Acquisition Of Various Public Improvements And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$942,818 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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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

Motion carried 4-0.

8. Selectman's Report

- April 28 at 6:30 p.m. – Parks & Recreation – Schlumberger Citizens Committee Workshop. The Committee's final report will be presented at the May 4 BOS Meeting and reviewed at the May 25 BOS Meeting.
- Review of Governor Malloy's proposed budget cuts.
- Proposed action on the Family Medical Leave in Hartford – this issue will be taken from the Federal government and given to the State. This is an all-encompassing medical leave package for up to 12 weeks of time off.
- Town Meeting scheduled for Monday, May 2 and referendum, Tuesday, May 10..

9. Golf Committee Composition: Chairman Ed Tyrrell & Committee Members

Ed Tyrrell, Chair of the Golf Committee, came forward to discuss the upcoming composition of the Golf Committee. Also present were Golf Committee members, Todd Kolb, Marlene Gerhard, and Al Fazi. The consensus is to change back to seven members. The Golf Committee has three possible new members – Michael Reilly, George (Tim) Reid, and Arnold H. Leichtman (aka

Light). Arnold Light already interviewed for one of the vacancies, but he is very busy right now with the EDC. E. Tyrrell stated the Golf Committee does not have an attendance problem. He is very anti having any special group get hold of a committee. Michael Reilly was interviewed on 3/30/16 and Patrick Egan has not yet been interviewed. An individual can pay a fee at the beginning of the year and then can play golf as much as he/she wants. Cart revenues continue to go up. Under consideration are special ADA-compliant carts that can go on the greens. They are looking at different models and the advantages of each. The thought is to sponsor a fund-raiser for these special carts.

R. Hebert stated he has not heard of any anticipated problems with moving the Committee back up to a membership of seven. The Concession is up and running and everything seems to be OK.

It was agreed to propose Michael Reilly and Tim Reid for membership on the Golf Committee (motion moved and voted upon – written up under #2 – Golf Committee).

10. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 2/7/16 Budget, 3/8/16 Budget, 3/9/16 Regular & Budget, 3/30/16 Regular

**M. Kozlark moved and R. Hebert seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the March 7, 2016, Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting. Motion passed 3-0-2. S. Zemo left early and B. Manners is not present this evening.**

**M. Kozlark moved and R. Hebert seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the March 8, 2016, Board of Selectmen Budget Meeting. Motion passed 3-0-2. S. Zemo left early and B. Manners is not present this evening.**

**R. Hebert moved and M. Kozlark seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the March 9, 2016, Board of Selectmen Meeting. Motion passed 3-0-2. S. Zemo left early and B. Manners is not present this evening.**

**M. Kozlark moved and R. Hebert seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the March 30, 2016, Board of Selectmen Meeting. Motion passed 3-0-2. S. Zemo left early and B. Manners is not present this evening.**

**M. Kozlark moved and R. Hebert seconded a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 10:00 p.m. Motion passed 3-0-2. S. Zemo left early.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet L. Johnson