

BOARD of SELECTMEN MEETING – JULY 6, 2011

TOWN HALL/LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM – 7:30 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, A. Bodner, M. Kozlark, D. Masters

Absent: B. Manners

Agenda

1. Vendor Permit Application: Paul Bertolami
2. Gino's Way – Request for Acceptance as Town Road
3. Historic District Commission Alternate Member Reappointment: Nancy McDaniel
4. Peter Parley School House Lease
5. Homeland Security Grant Resolution
6. Historic Documents Preservation Grant Application Resolution
7. Municipal Solid Waste Collector Registration Resolution
8. Selectman's Report
9. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 4/27/11; 5/27/11-special; 6/1/11; 6/6/11-special; 6/8/11-public hearing; 6/15/11

R. Marconi called the Board of Selectmen Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He commented on Ridgefield's July 4th celebration and the good fireworks.

1. Vendor Permit Application: Paul Bertolami

Paul Bertolami came forward to express his interest in securing a vendor permit for his hot dog stand. He also wants to sell lemonade and hibiscus tea, sausage and peppers, soda, juice, and chips. The truck he has ordered will be ready for inspection by the Ridgefield Health Department later this week. He also plans to take the food handling course later this month so he can also serve lobster rolls. Mr. Bertolami showed a map of the planned location, 2.3 miles north of Dunkin Donuts on Route 7, on left side if heading south. He plans to stay in this one location and has met with the DOT. There is no traffic/parking issue if all vehicles are 15 feet off the road. He is purchasing a special solar-powered refrigerator, and has been hoping for a July 15 opening. M. Kozlark and D. Masters expressed their desire for Health Department approval of Mr. Bertolami's vehicle prior to the BOS's approval of his vendor permit application. Mr. Bertolami agreed to return to the July 20th BOS meeting with all approvals from the Health Department in hand.

2. Gino's Way – Request for Acceptance as Town Road

R. Marconi read the letter just received from Peter Hill, Director Highway Dept., regarding Gino's Way. Also received was a July 1, 2011 letter from Rex Gustafson, Attorney at Law, enclosing Sidewalk Easement from Sturges Brothers, Inc. and Sidewalk Easement from Kenneth Polverari, and a survey showing the respective easement areas. D. Grogins wants language added to the easement indicating that if shrubbery is damaged by the plow, the Town of Ridgefield is not responsible for this.

Peter Hill indicated that the sidewalks and plantings have been installed. The sidewalks have been installed up to the access way. About 20 feet have not been done. Originally the sidewalks all the way around were required by Planning & Zoning. A property owner wasn't aware of this. D. Masters stated that she wanted to ask a procedural question – "Can the request for sidewalks all

the way around be ignored?” Peter Hill responded that “Yes” – if the residents are OK with it the way it is. The letters show that the residents are all in agreement. Peter Hill indicated that the road is up to the town’s standards. R. Marconi will send a note to Planning & Zoning to tell Planning Director, Betty Brosius, to make sure that all residents are in agreement and because the drainage and the road was built to town standards, Gino’s Way can become a town road.

3. Historic District Commission Alternate Member Reappointment: Nancy McDaniel

R. Marconi read the email received from Nancy McDaniel expressing her interest in being reappointed to the Historic District Commission. She wants to continue as an Alternate.

J. Rifkinson, New Rd., asked if the openings are announced to the public? Yes, the position was advertised. Someone did request info regarding a full membership position, but there were no inquiries about the Alternate position.

A. Bodner moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to reappoint Nancy McDaniel as Alternate on the Historic District Commission for an additional five-year term effective 1/01/11. Motion passed 4-0.

4. Peter Parley School House Lease

The Garden Club no longer wants responsibility for the Peter Parley School House located right off Route 35 and the intersection of Silver Spring Rd. and West Lane. The historical schoolhouse is to be turned over to the Historical Society. They would like to be able to heat the building and use it in the winter as well. The building is equipped with an oil tank and furnace. Casey Fuel donated a cleaning of the furnace and one shipment of oil. The town’s costs for the building will remain constant as in the past. The Town provides electricity and volunteers oversee the building.

John Katz, Old Ridgebury Rd., recommended a provision in the lease regarding capital maintenance on the furnace. R. Marconi will address this issue with the tenants, The Ridgefield Historical Society, Inc. If a repair is needed, perhaps the Town could pay for the repair and the tenant pay the town back. M. Kozlark suggested that Casey Fuel provide the BOS an assessment as to the status of the furnace.

M. Kozlark moved and A. Bodner seconded a motion to set a Public Hearing for July 20, 2011, 7:30 p.m., and a Town Meeting for August 3, 2011, 7:30 p.m., for consideration of the proposed Peter Parley School House Lease, with both the Public Hearing and the Town Meeting to be held at Town Hall Large Conference Room, 400 Main St., Ridgefield, CT. Motion passed 4-0.

5. Homeland Security Grant Resolution

R. Marconi stated that Ridgefield is part of Region 5 under the Department of Homeland Security. Federal government dollars are allocated to each region for expenditures associated with emergency preparation. \$856,000 is the current annual amount dedicated to Region 5. He then read Ridgefield’s list of equipment to be covered with the grant dollars and the purpose of the resolution.

Andy Bodner moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to approve the Homeland Security Grant Resolution, the Authorizing Resolution of the Town of Ridgefield Board of Selectmen providing for the BOS to enter into with and deliver to the State of Connecticut Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security any and all documents which it deems to be necessary, and that Rudy Marconi, as First Selectman of the Town of Ridgefield, is authorized to execute and deliver any and all documents on behalf of the Town of Ridgefield

and to perform all acts appropriate to carry out the terms of such documents. Motion passed 4-0.

6. Historic Documents Preservation Grant Application Resolution

R. Marconi read the June 21, 2011 memo received from Barbara Serfilippi, Town Clerk, requesting BOS approval of the resolution authorizing R. Marconi as First Selectman to sign a contract with the Connecticut State Library in order for Ridgefield to receive the \$3,500 Historic Documents Preservation Grant for the tenth year funded by Public Act 00-146.

A. Bodner moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to approve the Historic Documents Preservation Grant Application Resolution, authorizing Rudy Marconi, as First Selectman of the Town of Ridgefield, to enter and sign a contract with the Connecticut State Library to receive the 2011 Historic Documents Preservation Grant of \$3,500 funded by Public Act 00-146. Motion passed 4-0.

7. Municipal Solid Waste Collector Registration Resolution

R. Marconi explained the purpose of this resolution which gives the HRRRA authority to collect fees and give dollars back to the participating towns. This resolution covers Fiscal Year 2012. A. Bodner asked if we have the right to not agree to this resolution? R. Marconi responded that he would have to research the answer to this question by looking up info in the original HRRRA agreement. He believes that approval of this resolution is an annual requirement.

M. Kozlark moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to approve the Municipal Solid Waste Collector Registration Resolution, providing for adoption of the HRRRA Permit Application and Municipal Registration Packet, including Form A, Form B, the Sworn Affidavit, Form D and the Certificate of Insurance Requirements; that the Town of Ridgefield designates the Housatonic Resources Recovery Authority (HRRRA) to act as the town's authorized agent to annually register all collectors hauling solid waste within the municipality and collect any registration fees set by the town and to remit such registration fees to the town, and collect on the town's behalf the annual municipal reports required by P.A. 10-87 Sec. 10 (2) from each collector on or before July 31st, and that the Town of Ridgefield authorizes the HRRRA to deny a municipal registration to any collector who fails to complete the Application Packet in its entirety, to pay the required fee or to provide the required answer to all questions designated on Form A. Motion passed 4-0.

8. Selectman's Report

- Removal of blocks on Prospect St, which have been there for 35 years. The current owners are in agreement and want to be relieved of any liability. The town will take over the entrance and ramp up. This will change the pedestrian way to the back next to Raveis. There is a problem getting fire trucks into Bailey Avenue. This will allow direct access from Prospect St. The town has applied for a \$680,000 grant from the State of Connecticut. The balance will be about \$415,000. Lamp posts similar to those on Main Street will be brought along this road. LOSA dollars can be used for this project if necessary. C. Fischer could come to the next BOS meeting and present the master plan for this area. Paving, curbing, lighting, greenery will all be needed. The town owns only the Bailey Avenue parking lot, and we do not want to reduce the number of parking spots. The town will pay for lighting and curbing and the owners can pay for the paving. The town wants to get the owners to agree to the overall plan and do some of the maintenance and clean-up. The town will probably have to do the plowing. The Chamber of Commerce has helped to get all these owners together on this project. D. Masters commented on how this is a great step forward.

- Schlumberger property – A letter went around to abutting neighbors indicating a plan to raze all the buildings. This is a 45 acre valuable property right in the middle of town.
 - World Water on the north area of town has been purchased by Aquarian as well as Topstone Water.
 - One year electrical agreement has been signed for a rate of .0825/kw hour.
 - J. Rifkinson, New Rd., has sent an email requesting that the BOS agenda include the designation of “Old Business” and “New Business”. The BOS will discuss this suggestion.
 - The water line on Acre Lane has been extended and all property owners have been assessed accordingly. Peter Hill was very helpful with this project. Laurel Hill needs repair and wants help from the town. The suggestion is to do Laurel Hill similar to the Acre Lane project. The assessment on Acre Lane was thru the Tax Assessor’s office.
 - Property taxes are down about \$80,000 this year, which will be made up thru fund balance for Fiscal Year 2011. Revenue from Boehringer Ingelheim should help for Fiscal Year 2012.
 - Energy Study went out to bid – there was a large range in the bids. The low bid was for \$852,000, NYCONN – a reputable company. No guarantee is included in this bid as there was with Johnson Controls. Currently getting references relative to this low bid. NE Utilities will cover some of this cost.
 - Oil down to about \$2.96 to \$2.98/gallon – watching this every day
 - Working on bringing gas to the high school; want Yankee Gas to make a presentation. A. Bodner pointed out how even if gas is brought up to the high school, there is the cost of conversion. Regarding bringing gas over to the municipal buildings in town and East Ridge, the BOF said no to the BOE; not willing to sign a long-term contract.
 - Regarding affordable housing, A. Bodner asked how many units need to be designated as such in order to apply for a waiver? What if 20 units short? J. Katz expressed agreement with Mr. Bodner – this is a complex issue. R. Marconi sending a response to Betty Brosius, Director of Planning, indicating receipt of list of our affordable and deed-restricted housing.
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A. Bodner moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to approve as written the minutes of the April 27, 2011, Board of Selectmen Special Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Masters moved and M. Kozlark seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the May 27, 2011, Board of Selectmen Special Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

D. Masters moved and A. Bodner seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the June 1, 2011, Board of Selectmen Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

M. Kozlark moved and A. Bodner seconded a motion to approve as written the minutes of the June 6, 2011 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting. Motion passed 3-0-1. D. Masters abstained as she was not present at this BOS Meeting.

M. Kozlark moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to approve as written the minutes of the June 15, 2011, Public Hearing & Board of Selectmen Meeting. Motion passed 4-0.

M. Kozlark moved and A. Bodner seconded a motion to approve as written the minutes of the June 8, 2011 Board of Selectmen Public Hearing. Motion passed 3-0-1. D. Masters abstained as she was not present at the Public Hearing.

D. Masters moved and M. Kozlark seconded a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 9:20 p.m. Motion passed 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Johnson