

**TOWN of RIDGEFIELD – SPECIAL TOWN MEETING – AUGUST 3, 2011**

**7:30 P.M.**

TOWN HALL/LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM – 400 MAIN STREET

**UNREVISED/UNAPPROVED MINUTES**

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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

Absent: B. Manners, D. Masters

*Notice is hereby given that a **Special Town Meeting** will be held on August 3, 2011 at 7:30 p.m. in the Town Hall/Large Conference Room, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut to consider and act upon the transfer of the unexpended balance of funds in the amount of \$29,000 from the Venus Building gas conversion project account to the proposed gas conversion account for the Police and Fire Departments. Any unexpended funds for said project to be placed in the General Fund. Documents relating to the gas conversion are available for public inspection in the Office of the First Selectman and the Town Clerk.*

R. Marconi called the Town Meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

**J. Katz moved and J. Rifkinson seconded a motion to appoint Ed Tyrrell as Moderator of the Town Meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**J. Rifkinson moved and A. Bodner seconded a motion to appoint Janet Johnson as Recording Secretary for the Town Meeting. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Mr. Tyrrell read the Call for the meeting. R. Marconi provided a background of the issue. The Venus Building was converted from oil to gas, resulting in a significant savings in the annual cost for heating. The \$29,000 is the balance of funds not used in the Venus Building conversion. This amount is now available to be used for the proposed gas conversion account for the Police and Fire Departments. The gas company brings the gas to the buildings, but the Town of Ridgefield is responsible for the cost of bringing the gas into the buildings and conversion of the burners from oil to natural gas.

Chris McQuilkin, Nod Rd., inquired if there is any issue regarding gas pressure? Mr. Marconi responded that this is a good question – no problem is anticipated. If another building is added, then there might be a pressure problem. In that case, a pump building would have to be installed. There would not be a problem running a gas line to the high school because the gas line would come from the Mills Plains side.

**J. Rifkinson moved and A. Bodner seconded a motion to approve to transfer of the unexpected balance of funds in the amount of \$29,000 from the Venus Building gas conversion project account to the proposed gas conversion account for the Police and Fire Departments. Any unexpended funds for said project are to be placed in the General Fund. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

**John Katz moved and J. Rifkinson seconded a motion to adjourn the Special Town Meeting at 7:40 p.m. Motion passed by unanimous vote.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Janet L. Johnson