

BOARD of SELECTMEN EMERGENCY MEETING – APRIL 18, 2006

TOWN HALL/LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM – 3:00 P.M.

REVISED/APPROVED MINUTES

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

AGENDA

1. Annual Town Meeting and Referendum Date, Time, & Location

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ridgefield was held in the Large Conference Room on April 18, 2006. The meeting was called to order at 3:24 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.) by Rudy Marconi. (As D. Masters was not available to attend the meeting, two attempts were made to contact her on her cell phone prior to the start of the meeting, and one attempt was made during the meeting. All attempts were unsuccessful.)

Members present and absent were as follows:

Present

Rudy Marconi
Andrew Bodner
Barbara Manners
Joan Plock

Absent

Di Masters

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Rudy Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That The Recommendations Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$41,961,700 For Town Expenditures (Excluding Board Of Education And Capital And Non-Recurring Fund Expenditures) For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2006 And Ending June 30, 2007, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

Joan Plock moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by Barbara Manners. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

**Joan Plock
Barbara Manners
Rudy Marconi
Andrew Bodner**

none

Rudy Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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Rudy Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That The Recommendations Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$68,653,285 For Board Of Education Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2006 And Ending June 30, 2007, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

Joan Plock moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by Andrew Bodner. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

**Joan Plock
Barbara Manners
Rudy Marconi
Andrew Bodner**

none

Rudy Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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Rudy Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$294,300 For Capital And Non-Recurring Fund Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2006 And Ending June 30, 2007, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

Andrew Bodner moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by Joan Plock. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

**Joan Plock
Barbara Manners
Rudy Marconi
Andrew Bodner**

none

Rudy Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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Rudy Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$753,000 For Various Town Building And Improvement Projects And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$663,000 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.

Barbara Manners moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by Joan Plock. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

**Joan Plock
Barbara Manners
Rudy Marconi
Andrew Bodner**

none

Rudy Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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Rudy Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,504,500 For Various Town Road and Infrastructure Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,504,500 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.

Joan Plock moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by Barbara Manners. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

Joan Plock
Barbara Manners
Rudy Marconi
Andrew Bodner

none

Rudy Manners thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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Rudy Manners introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$556,000 For Vehicles And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$556,000 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.

Andrew Bodner moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by Joan Plock. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

Joan Plock
Barbara Manners
Rudy Marconi
Andrew Bodner

none

Rudy Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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Rudy Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$496,000 For School Improvement Projects And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$419,500 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.

Joan Plock moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by Andrew Bodner. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

Joan Plock
Barbara Manners
Rudy Marconi
Andrew Bodner

none

Rudy Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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A motion was made by Barbara Manners, and seconded by Joan Plock, that the First Selectman be authorized and directed to call an Annual Town Meeting to be held at Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, on Monday, May 1, 2006, at 7:30 P.M. (E.D.T.), for the following purposes: (A) to consider (i) the resolution approving Town expenditures (excluding Board of Education and Capital Non-recurring Fund expenditures) of \$41,961,700 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007; (ii) the resolution approving Board of Education expenditures of \$68,653,285 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007; (iii) the resolution approving Capital and Non-recurring Fund expenditures of \$294,300 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007; (iv) the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$753,000 For Various Town Building And Improvement Projects And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$663,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose"; (v) the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,504,500 For Various Town Road And Infrastructure Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,504,500 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose"; (vi) the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$556,000 For Vehicles And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$556,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose"; and (vii) the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$496,000 For School Improvement Projects And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$419,500 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", and (B) to submit the aforesaid resolutions to a referendum vote, the date and time of said referendum to be determined by the Town Meeting, and to be held not less than seven or more than fourteen days after the date of the Annual Town Meeting in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, 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 \$41,961,700 for Town expenditures (excluding Board of

Education and Capital and Non-Recurring Fund expenditures) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007, 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 \$41,961,700 for Town expenditures (excluding Board of Education and Capital and Non-Recurring Fund expenditures) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 be approved? YES/NO"

2. **"Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$68,653,285 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007, 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 \$68,653,285 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 be approved? YES/NO"

3. **"Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$294,300 for Capital and Non-Recurring Fund expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007, 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 \$294,300 for Capital and Non-Recurring Fund expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007 be approved? YES/NO"

4. **"Shall the resolution entitled 'Resolution making appropriations aggregating \$753,000 for various town building and improvement projects and equipment and authorizing the issuance of \$663,000 bonds of the town to meet said appropriations 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 \$753,000 for various town building and improvement projects and equipment and authorizing the issuance of \$663,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation, be approved? YES/NO”

5. **“Shall the resolution entitled ‘Resolution making appropriations aggregating \$1,504,500 for various town road and infrastructure improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$1,504,500 bonds of the town to meet said appropriations 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 \$1,504,500 for various town road and infrastructure improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$1,504,500 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation, be approved? YES/NO”

6. **“Shall the resolution entitled ‘Resolution making appropriations aggregating \$556,000 for vehicles and equipment and authorizing the issuance of \$556,000 bonds of the town to meet said appropriations 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 \$556,000 for vehicles and equipment and authorizing the issuance of \$556,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation, be approved? YES/NO”

7. **“Shall the resolution entitled ‘Resolution making appropriations aggregating \$496,000 for school improvement projects and equipment and authorizing the issuance of \$419,500 bonds of the town to meet said appropriations 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 \$496,000 for school improvement projects and equipment and authorizing the issuance of \$419,500 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation, be approved? YES/NO”

(ii) and to publish as provided by law notice of said Annual Town Meeting in the following form:

**TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MAY 1, 2006**

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 Monday, May 1, 2006 at 7:30 P.M. (E.D.T.) for the following purposes:

1. To consider recommendations of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

and Town Expenditures (excluding Board of Education Expenditures and Capital Non-Recurring Fund Expenditures): \$41,961,700.

2. To consider recommendations of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Board of Education Expenditures: \$68,653,285.

3. To consider recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2006 and ending June 30, 2007:

Capital and Non-recurring Fund Expenditures: \$294,300.

4. To consider a resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$753,000 For Various Town Building And Improvement Projects And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$663,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

5. To consider a resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,504,500 For Various Town Road And Infrastructure Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,504,500 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

6. To consider a resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$556,000 For Vehicles And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$556,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

7. To consider a resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$496,000 For School Improvement Projects And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$419,500 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

At its meeting held on April 18, 2006, the Board of Selectmen voted to submit all of the above items of the call of the Annual Town Meeting to a referendum vote to take place on the date and at the hours to be determined by the Town Meeting.

8. 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 19th day of April, 2006.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Rudolph P. Marconi, First Selectman

Joan R. Plock, Selectman

Di Masters, Selectman

Barbara R. Manners, Selectman

Andrew M. Bodner, Selectman

Barbara C. Serfilippi, Town Clerk

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Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

AYES

NAYS

Joan Plock

none

Barbara Manners

Rudy Marconi

Andrew Bodner

The First Selectman thereupon declared the motion carried.

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J. Plock requested that an itemized list of expenditures for all budget questions be made available at the voting booths for residents, as had been done last year. J. Wahlberg explained the itemization will be listed in the newspaper legal notice, and in addition will provide a detailed listing for residents at voting locations.

At 3:55 p.m. B. Manners moved and J.Plock seconded to adjourn the Board of Selectmen meeting.