

PUBLIC HEARING & BOARD of SELECTMEN MEETING

NOVEMBER 2, 2005

TOWN HALL/LOWER LEVEL CONFERENCE ROOM

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, B. Manners, D. Masters, J. Plock, P. Yanity

PUBLIC HEARING AGENDA

A Public Hearing will be held on Wednesday, November 2, 2005, 7:30 P.M., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT, to consider the proposed lease between the Town of Ridgefield and LifeCare Design, Inc.

BOARD of SELECTMEN MEETING AGENDA

1. Conservation Commission Interview – Carol Stoddard
2. Parking Authority Interview – Penny Hoffman
3. Constable Interview – Peter Killie
4. 8-24 Referral – Old Sib Road
5. Approval of meeting minutes – 10/19/05, 10/27/05
6. Selectman's Report

R. Marconi called the Public Hearing to order at 7:45 p.m. following a Town Meeting regarding the proposed Town assumption of ownership of Mapleshade Cemetery.

R. Marconi read the November 1, 2005 memo received from Planning & Zoning stating their favorable approval for the LifeCare Design lease. This lease covers 1474 sq. feet of space above the VNA on the second floor in the rear of the Richard E. Venus Building. There were no questions from the public. **J. Plock moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to hold a Town Meeting on Tuesday, November 16, 2005, 7:30 P.M., Town Hall Lower Level Conference Room, to consider the proposed lease between the Town of Ridgefield and LifeCare Design, Inc. Motion passed 5-0.**

The Public Hearing was closed at 7:48 p.m.

R. Marconi opened the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 7:50 p.m.

1. Conservation Commission Interview – Carol Stoddard
Ms. Stoddard came forward to express her interest in serving on the Conservation Commission. George Orlan came forward representing the Conservation Commission. R. Marconi read Carol Stoddard's letter and the letter received from the Conservation Commission expressing their support for Ms. Stoddard's appointment to the Commission. She expressed her appreciation for open space and wetlands and her desire

to have more residents use the open space owned by the Town. She has been most active in environmental protection in the Town. **J. Plock moved and B. Masters seconded a motion to appoint Carol Stoddard to fill the vacant position on the Conservation Commission. Motion passed 5-0.**

2. Parking Authority Interview – Penny Hoffman

Penny Hoffman is the current President of the Chamber of Commerce. As part of the Chamber of Commerce, she has been involved with the issue of parking and has conducted two forums on the subject. She is aware of the parking problems present in Ridgefield. She believes in raising the parking fines from \$10 to \$25, and has been involved with the possibility of making Bailey Avenue parking as an area where one can park longer than two hours. The Board thanked her for coming forward to express her interest in serving on the Parking Authority. **B. Manners moved and P. Yanity seconded a motion to appoint Penny Hoffman as a member of the Parking Authority. Motion passed 5-0.**

3. Constable Interview – Peter Killie

Mr. Killie came forward to express his interest in serving as a constable. R. Marconi read Section 9-7 of the Town Charter detailing the procedure for appointment of constables. This is not a paid position. Constables are called upon in times of emergency civil unrest. They deliver legal papers. They are not called upon at specific dates, but called upon when there is a need for their services. R. Marconi read the letter received from Mr. Killie expressing his desire to be appointed as a Town Constable. He is a twelve year Ridgefield resident and is a retired Special Agent with the United States Customs Service and a former NYC Police Officer. **J. Plock moved and P. Yanity seconded a motion to appoint Peter Killie as Town Constable. Motion passed 5-0.** With Mr. Killie's appointment, Ridgefield now will have five constables out of a possible seven allowed.

4. 8-24 Referral – Old Sib Road

George Orlan, representing the Conservation Commission, came forward to express the Conservation Commission's interest in the Old Sib road property. The Board of Selectmen viewed a map of the property under discussion. It is adjacent to New York State public open space. The total parcel, valued at \$1 million, is being purchased by Conservation Commission funds for a cost of approximately \$400,000. **B. Manners moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to authorize the First Selectman to send an 8-24 Referral to Planning & Zoning relative to the Old Sib Road property. Motion passed 5-0.**

5. Approval of Meeting Minutes – 10/19/05, 10/27/05

J. Plock moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the Board of Selectmen Special Meeting held on October 27, 2005. Motion passed 5-0.

J. Plock moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to approve as amended the minutes of the Public Hearing and Board of Selectmen Meeting of October 19, 2005. Motion passed 5-0.

6. Selectman's Report –

- R. Marconi read the October 31, 2005 letter received from Fire Chief, Louis Yarrish expressing his desire to retire from the Ridgefield Fire Department, effective July 1, 2006. Chief Yarrish is required to give only three months notice; he felt it was important to give at least six months notice. D. Masters inquired as to the procedure for replacement of a Fire Chief -- Do we promote from within? - advertise? The Fire Chief may well have a suggestion.
- Edna May Olson passed away today, November 2nd at the age of 92. There will be a service on November 8.
- Response to advertisement for someone to take over the Golf Course food concession. A response has been received from the current owner of Café on the Green at the Richter Golf Course, including pictures. The consensus was that Café on the Green is much “too fancy” a restaurant, which is open to the public in the evening as well as for golfers during the day. The Planning & Zoning permit for the Ridgefield Golf Course only provides for food service for golfers. A sign advertising a restaurant would not be allowed.

J. Plock moved and D. Masters seconded a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectmen Meeting at 8:30 p.m. Motion passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janet L. Johnson