

Special Town Meeting September 30, 2009

First Selectman, Rudy Marconi, called the meeting to order at 6:45 P.M. in the lower level conference room of Town Hall.

Mr. Marconi announced that Barbara Serfilippi, Town Clerk, would be secretary of the meeting.

The first item of business was to elect a Moderator. Barbara Manners moved, Wendy Lionetti seconded that Jane Berendsen-Hill be nominated Moderator of the meeting.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and Mrs. Hill was elected Moderator.

The Moderator read all 5 items on the legal notice that appears on page 217. She announced that copies of the bonding resolution, proposed utility easement, proposed sewer line easement, and proposed parking lot lease agreement were available at the front of the room.

Barbara Manners, Round Lake Rd. moved, John Katz, Ridgebury Rd. seconded to waive the reading of each of the above.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and the reading was waived.

Mrs. Hill entertained a motion to approve **Item #1**, proposed additional language to the ordinance, Tax Deferment for the Elderly, Sec. 13 ½-20 (4).

John Katz moved, Barbara Manners seconded to approve.

Discussion: Mr. Marconi stated that in section (a) "voted on by the Board of Finance" should be changed to "approved by the Board of Finance."

Barbara Manners moved, and it was seconded to approve the amendment.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and the amendment was approved.

The Moderator then entertained a motion to accept the motion with the amendment.

John Katz moved, Barbara Manners seconded to approve the change to the ordinance as amended.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and the motion carried.

The Moderator presented **Item #2**, the North St. Water Main Extension ARRA Bonding Resolution.

No discussion.

John Katz moved, Barbara Manners seconded to approve the resolution.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and the resolution was approved.

The Moderator presented **Item #3**, the proposed utility easement between the Town of Ridgefield and Urstadt Biddle Properties Inc. in the Bailey Ave. parking lot.

Discussion: Mr. Marconi explained that behind Bailey's Backyard and Melillo's there are overhead lines, and Urstadt Biddle wants to put them underground. In order to do so, a trench must be dug and part of it goes onto the Town property.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and the easement was approved.

The Moderator presented **Item #4**, the proposed sewer line easement between the City of Danbury and the Town of Ridgefield on Turner Rd.

Discussion: Mr. Marconi explained that there is a cancer care facility, Ann's Place, located on Saw Mill Rd. in Danbury, beyond Ridgefield and Ridgebury Rd. They need to put in a sewer line, which would have to come back to Ridgefield, down Saw Mill Rd., and down Turner Hill Rd. in order to get to the pumping station the City of Danbury has on Turner Rd. In order to run the line there, Danbury has to run it through a small sliver of Ridgefield.

Barbara Manners moved, Wendy Lionetti seconded to approve the sewer easement.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and the easement was approved.

The Moderator presented **Item #5** on the agenda, the proposed 378 Main St. (Love Realty) parking lot lease agreement, and entertained a motion to approve.

John Katz moved, Barbara Manners seconded to approve the parking lot lease.

Discussion: Mr. Marconi explained that the parking lot involved is behind the old Bissell's building. Most property owners allow the Town of Ridgefield, through the Parking Authority, to patrol the lot to make sure people adhere to parking restrictions. The owners of the new building have agreed to enter this agreement to patrol the lot. In exchange, the Town covers the cost of the striping, and the money for that comes from the fines on tickets issued.

The Moderator called for a vote.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and the parking lot lease agreement was approved.

There was no other business. The Moderator asked for a motion to adjourn.

Barbara Manners moved, and it was seconded to adjourn the meeting

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous, and the meeting adjourned at 7:05 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Serfilippi, Town Clerk