

Town of Ridgefield
Board of Selectmen Meeting
Wednesday, October 11, 2017; 7:30 pm
Town Hall (Large Conference Room)
400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut
APPROVED MEETING MINUTES

In attendance: R. Marconi, B. Hebert, B. Manners, S. Zemo, M. Kozlark

Agenda

1. Public Comment
2. Commission on Aging Interview: George Noyes
3. Youth Commission Reappointment: Alttara Scheer
4. Reappointment: Conservation Open Space Violation Hearing Officers--John Fenton, Ron Gutstein, Walter Knittel
5. Ridgefield Playhouse Lease
6. Approval of Tax Refunds
7. Selectman's Report
8. Meeting Minutes Approval: 4/19/17, 8/23/17, 9/27/17

Call to Order

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:30 pm by R. Marconi.

1. Public Comment

No public comment.

2. Commission on Aging Interview: George Noyes

Dr. George Noyes, PhD. submitted a letter to R. Marconi stating his interest in serving on the Commission on Aging. In addition to receiving his PhD. from Rutgers University, Dr. Noyes has been deeply immersed in the town during his 35 year tenure while teaching at Ridgefield High School. Dr. Noyes talks about expanding the reach of the Commission by forming a technological partnership between the Committee and the High School, which is intended to help seniors become more connected through technology as well as increase interaction between youth and seniors.

S. Zemo moved and M. Kozlark seconded the motion to appoint Dr. George Noyes to the Commission on Aging. The Board does not have an issue with minority representation. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Youth Commission Reappointment: Alttara Scheer

Alttara Scheer has served on the Commission for two years and looks forward to her reappointment. Alttara briefly spoke about the initiatives that the Committee is currently working on, specifically the Kindness Mural and The Barn. Alttara also states that she is working on ways to increase youth attendance at the meetings which include offering dinner and changing the meeting times. Alttara looks forward to her reappointment and continuing to serve the Commission and our youth.

B. Hebert moved and B. Manners seconded the motion to reappoint Alttara Scheer for an additional term. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Reappointment: Conservation Open Space Violation Hearing Officers- John Fenton, Ron Gutstein, Walter Knittel

All proposed individuals seeking reappointment were unable to attend the meeting. Jim Coyle, Chair of the Conservation Commission (in attendance) states that to date, no violations have gone to the Hearing Officers for review, as the Committees goal is to intercept and resolve issues prior to a procedural hearing.

B. Hebert moved and M. Kozlark seconded the motion to reappoint John Fenton, Ron Gutstein, and Walter Knittel for an additional term. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Ridgefield Playhouse Lease

The current version of the draft lease was provided at the meeting for review. Both parties have agreed to make the following modifications to the agreement; the last sentence of Purpose/Use will be modified to read, "The lease premise shall not be used for religious services on a regularly scheduled basis" and Hold Harmless; Insurance will have a clause that allows for the lease to be reopened in ten years for the purpose of review and possible modification. R. Marconi will send figures to the Board of Selectmen related to the cost of potentially moving the Board of Education offices as well as installing a new breaker box. Once the lease modifications have been made they will be sent to Cohen & Wolf for attorney review.

6. Approval of Tax Refunds

M. Kozlark moved and B. Hebert seconded the motion to approve the tax refunds submitted by Jane Berendsen-Hill dated 10/5/17 in the amount of \$17,672.72. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Selectman's Report

Budget: R. Marconi spoke about the status of the proposed budget that is still resting in the hands of Governor Malloy. As of Monday the expected revision to the budget was not yet completed.

Branchville TOD Grant: R. Marconi stated that the town has been approved for the grant for the Branchville TOD project.

8. Meeting Minutes Approval

M. Kozlark moved and S. Zemo seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes from September 27, 2017 with modifications. (B. Manners abstains) Motion carried 4-0-1.

B. Hebert moved and M. Kozlark seconded the motion to approve the meeting minutes from August 23, 2017. Motion carried 5-0.

B. Hebert moved and S. Zemo seconded the motion to adjourn the BOS meeting at 9:07 pm. Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Shannon Freda