



**Town of Ridgefield
Board of Selectman Meeting Minutes
UNAPPROVED**

October 20, 2021 at 6.30pm

Please note – these minutes are not verbatim.

Present: Rudy Marconi, Maureen Kozlark, Barbara Manners Bob Hebert

Absent: Sean Connelly

1) Public comment

There was no public comment.

2) Appointment – Marie T. Ascher – Architectural Advisory Committee

Ms. Ascher talked about her interest in architecture and the enjoyment she has gotten from attending the 4 Architectural Advisory Committee meetings. Ms. Ascher answered questions from the Board which included how she would handle signage, her passion to keep the feel and look of Ridgefield and the value in preserving buildings with historical significance while incorporating some modern designs. There was a discussion about plans for the new space on Main Street that Deborah Ann's will move in to.

Ms. Kozlark moved to approve the appointment of Marie Ascher as an alternate on the Architectural Advisory Committee for a four-year term. Mr. Hebert second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

3) Tax Collector Refunds

Ms. Manners moved to approve the Tax Collector Refunds. Mr. Hebert second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

4) Set Public Hearing & Town Meeting for acceptance from Land Conservancy

There is a property on ledges road that the RHS Boys Cross Country Team runs near during their training. The property owner has complained about this and the Athletic Department has asked the Town to do something about it. The Land Conservancy owns a piece of property that can be used by the Team that will allow them to avoid running near the ledges road property. The Land Conservancy does not want to grant permission for this use and would rather convey the land to the Town of Ridgefield, who can then grant permission to the

Team. There will be a Public Hearing and Town Meeting to discuss and vote.

Kozlark moved to approve scheduling a Public Hearing on November 3, 2021 at 7.30pm and a Town Meeting for November 17, 2021 at 7.30pm for the acceptance from the land conservancy. Mr. Hebert second the motion. Motion carries 4-0.

Mr. Carpenter, President of the Land Conservancy, spoke briefly about what they have done to prepare for the conveyance of the land to the Town and presented a map that shows the layout of the property.

5) Approval of Meeting Minutes: October 6, 2021

Ms. Kozlark moved to approve the October 6, 2021 BOS meeting minutes. Ms. Manners second the motion. Mr. Hebert abstained. Motion carries 3-0.

Mr. Marconi read aloud some revisions that Mr. Connelly had suggested.

Ms. Kozlark moved to approve to revise the motion to accept the BOS October 6, 2021 meeting minutes with changes. Ms. Manners second the motion. Mr. Hebert abstained. Motion carries 3-0.

6) Selectman's Report

Mr. Marconi gave an overview of a project involving the two drainage basins that run under several of the roads in Town. Tighe and Bond has been working on this project up to when Covid occurred. The Project will commence again in the near future.

The State never issued a permit for the Zawack Shack on Route 7, even though all the paperwork was submitted for it. After 10 years of serving food on Route 7, the Zawack Shack is no longer allowed to operate from this location. The BOS discussed other possible locations for the food truck until the permit issue has been resolved.

Mr. David Scott, of 90 Poplar Road has passed away. His wishes are that his house be designated as a local historic property under State and Town statutes.

There will be a press conference with the HRRA on Friday, October 22, 2021 at the Recycling center regarding the building of a solar-operated aerated static pile composting system on site to improve Ridgefield's composting practices.

A meeting was held regarding the Old Branchville school house and what to do with the property.

Mr. Marconi provided a brief update on the Covid statistics in Ridgefield, Fairfield County

and the State.