

Town of Ridgefield
Special Board of Selectmen Meeting
Tuesday, November 13th , 2018 – 6:30 pm
Town Hall Large Conference Room
400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut
UNREVISED/UNAPPROVED MINUTES

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

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

Agenda

- I. Public Comment
- II. Avery Hermann - Youth Commission (Teen) Advisory appointment
- III. James W. Carroll - Board of Ethics reappointment
- IV. Anthony Ippoliti – Parking Authority Appointment
- V. Natasha Andrew (Pink Elephant Food Truck) - Vendor Permit
- VI. 2019 BOS & FC Calendar review
- VII. Peddlers ordinance date time and place for PH/TM
- VIII. Permit Waiver Policy - Resolution
- IX. Affordable Housing Committee – Membership Response
- X. Refunds - Tax Collector's Office
- XI. Approval of Minutes from 10/24/18
- XII. Selectman's Report

R. Marconi called the **Board of Selectman's Meeting** to order at 6:30 pm.

1. Public Comment

Dave Pope, of 39 Aspen Mill Road Ridgefield, CT expressed his concerns about the potential changes to the Peddlers Ordinance that he read about in the Ridgefield Press. He stated that these new potential laws could prohibit town youth and not for profit organizations from knocking on doors to offer their services to the community. Furthermore D. Pope did not feel the modifying the Peddlers Ordinance was necessary.

R. Marconi reminded all present that the current changes to the Peddlers Ordinance was specific to organized commercial businesses from soliciting door to door in order to provide health, safety and welfare to the town residents. These changes are not intended to preclude any 501C3 organizations from going door to door. R. Marconi Insures that the language in the Ordinance modification will reflect this concern in order to make it clear and clarified. All with the common goal of preserving Ridgefield's small town charm.

2. Appointment of Youth Commission Teen Advisor: Avery Hermann

R. Marconi announced that candidate Avery Hermann who was not present decided to withdrawal his name and will not be moving forward with the advisory position.

3. Reappointment to the Board of Ethics: James W. Carroll

R. Marconi stated James has been serving on the Board of Ethics since January 2018.

J. Carroll says that he has spent some time going to several town committee meetings in order to get an overall better understanding of how Ridgefield operates through various channels. While still working fulltime he wanted to remain on the Board of Ethics and potentially be more involved as he nears retirement in the future.

B. Hebert asked J. Carroll about his concerns in regards to Ethics Violations

J. Carroll explained that he wanted to make sure that the Charter reflected language in regards to special interest for an elected official or those involved on board and committees

B. Hebert moved and M. Kozlark seconded the motion to re-appoint James W. Carroll to the Board of Ethics. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Appointment to the Parking Authority: Anthony Ippoliti

R. Marconi shared the letter that Anthony sent in expressing his interest in being on the Parking Authority. He was then asked to share about his experience in public service and some background about himself to the Board of Selectmen.

A. Ippoliti mentioned that he is a Ridgefield native born and raised. Has spent 6 years in the Marine Corps and did a tour of duty in Iraq in 2006. For the past several years he has lived with his family overseas working for the Government in the National Security Sector. A. Ippoliti decided to move his family back to Ridgefield and is now settling back into home with his family. Feels that Main Street is the heart and soul of the town and parking is key, which is why he wants to contribute his time to the Parking Authority Committee

Jessica Wilmot Chair of the Parking Authority was present to support Anthony.

S. Zemo moved and B. Manners seconded the motion to appoint Anthony A. Ippoliti to the Parking Authority. Motion carried 5-0.

5. Vendor Permit applicant – Natasha Andrews (Pink Elephant Food Truck)

R. Marconi called Natasha forward to ask about her interest in a vendor permit for private events. Proceeding to ask if Natasha was thinking of setting up in a permanent location in Ridgefield.

N. Andrews expressed that there was a corporate lot off route 7 interested in having her food truck set up there to service the corporate office and potential passing traffic.

R.Marconi stated that they could vote in accordance with the town ordinance to approve Natasha Andrews for Special Events only at this time.

S. Zemo moved and B. Herbert seconded the motion to approve a Vendor Permit for the Pink Elephant Food Truck owned by Natasha Andrew for special events only. Motion carried 5-0.

6. 2019 BOS and Fire Commission Calendar review:

The BOS discussed changing a few dates based on religious holidays and where they fall on the calendar for 2019. In addition, a mention of moving all BOS meetings to start at 6:30pm, but decided to remain as alternating some weeks to 7:30pm start times in order to accommodate commuters from the public who may wish to attend the meeting. BOS decided to add in predetermined quarterly Town Meetings to the calendar for 2019 to better serve the residents of Ridgefield.

R. Marconi moved and S. Zemo seconded the motion to approve the Board of Selectmen and Fire Commission 2019 Calendar with modifications of adding quarterly Town Hall Meetings. Motion carried 5-0.

7. Peddlers Ordinance:

R.Marconi invited Attorney Alexander Copp to discuss his review of the modifications in the language made to the peddlers ordinance.

A.Copp expressed that there are constitutional restraints in the language that could potentially be used for the Peddlers Ordinance. Stating that essentially the drafted ordinance modification simply prohibits door to door sales in general not pertaining to a particular person or group.

BOS discussed that the goal of the ordinance modification is to protect residents from door to door sales by a commercial retailer. They felt it was important to move forward with a Public hearing and Town Meeting for the modified Peddlers Ordinance in order to let the public comment and decide.

M. Kozlark moved and B. Manners seconded the motion for a Public Hearing and Town Meeting for the Peddlers Ordinance on Wednesday November 28th, 2018 at 7:30pm in the Town hall Large Conference Room. Motions carried 5-0.

8. Permit Waiver Policy:

A resolution was presented by R.Marconi to the Board of Selectmen for review of the language and discussion. This Permit Waiver Policy would be for Town owned properties only. The renter of a Town owned building would be eligible to have their permit fee waived based on the current State of

Connecticut split which is 74% town and 26% State. The State Fee of 26% will not be waived as this is not permitted.

S. Zemo moved and B. Herbert seconded the motion to approve the Authorizing Resolution for the Policy allowing the waiver of permit fees for Town Owned Property based on the split allowed by the State of CT which is (74% Town and 26% State).

Motion carried 5-0.

Note-Barbara Manners excused herself from the meeting at 7:57pm

9. Affordable Housing Committee – Membership Response:

R.Marconi mentioned that he has met with several candidates for the Affordable Housing Committee that is getting in order to be reinstated.

The BOS decided that they wanted to take the next few meetings to relook at the current charge in place for the Affordable Housing Committee and make any modifications based on the needs reflecting present day. They feel it is important for the AHC to really consider the demographics in the town of Ridgefield. All with the goal of seeing up the town for the next 20 years ahead. AHC candidates already applied will be interviewed at the January 9th, 2019 BOS Meeting.

No Vote

10. Refunds – Tax Collectors Office

The BOS received a list of refunds to residents received by the Tax Collectors office. The majority of the refunds were for motor vehicle taxes in the amount of \$10,377.65.

M. Kozlark moved and B. Hebert seconded the motion to approve refunds requested by Tax Collectors Office in the total amount of \$10,377.65. Motion carried 4-

11. Selectman's Report

- a. Abutting Letter received regarding Application for Multifamily Development at 62 Prospect Ridge Rd.
- b. Abutting Letter received regarding Application for Multifamily Development at 84 Governor Street.
- c. Susan Setaro has resigned from her role as transcriber. Search for a new candidate in is motion.
- d. M.Kozlark Board of Selectman rep for the Town Energy Task Force came forth to the BOS with the Standard contract for the purchase and sale of Connecticut Class 1 Renewable Energy Credits. The Energy task for is organizing Energy Panels for Ridgefield Schools. The Application for a refundable fee is up against the 11/26/18 deadline for the Ridgefield high school application totaling \$3,457.53. M.Kozlark is asking for the BOS to approve fronting the \$3,457.53 in order to meet the cutoff. The BOS Approved this request.

M. Kozlark moved and S. Zemo seconded the motion to approve and allocate up to \$7000 to pay the refundable fees to the Energy Task Force for the installation of Solar Panels application on Town Schools in order to meet the deadlines, which will be reimbursed by the Board of Education. Motion carried 4-0.

12. Approval of Meeting Minutes: 10/24/18 special

Approval of the meeting minutes from 10/24/18 with modifications.

R. Marconi noted the next meeting will be held on November 28th.

R. Marconi moved and M. Kozlark seconded the motion to approve as modified 10/24/18 BOS Special Meeting Minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:08pm

R. Marconi moved and B. Hebert seconded a motion to adjourn the Board of Selectman Meeting at 9:08pm. Motion carried 4-0.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Escibano