

Special Town Meeting July 25, 2018

The First Selectman, Rudy Marconi, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. In the large conference room of Town Hall. Mr. Marconi asked the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Marconi stated that the first item of business was to appoint a Moderator. Barbara Manners made a motion to appoint Ed Tyrrell, seconded by Maureen Kozlark.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous and Mr. Tyrrell was appointed Moderator.

Mr. Tyrrell called the meeting to order and requested a motion to appoint Barbara Serfilippi, Town Clerk, as secretary. John Katz made the motion, seconded by Becky Mucchetti.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous and Ms. Serfilippi was appointed secretary.

Mr. Tyrrell read the legal notice of the meeting that appears on page 307, to consider changes in Ridgefield Code under Chapter 274, Peddling and Soliciting.

Mr. Tyrrell asked for a motion to approve. Bill Davidson, 77 Sunset Lane, made the motion, seconded by Douglas Coombs., Nod Rd.

The Moderator stated that before discussion would begin, there were two typographical changes to be made. In the fifth line from the bottom, the work "issues" should be changed to "issued," and in the fourth line from the top, the work "use" should be capitalized to read "Use."

Becky Muchetti made the motion to correct the typos, John Katz seconded.

Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous and the motion was approved.

Discussion:

Jonathan Gitlin, 25 Hauley Place spoke in favor of the change in the ordinance.

Barbara Manners, Selectman, spoke as a citizen and remarked that she liked the idea, but questioned the specificity of the language in the change and needed to be worked on.

Maureen Kozlark, Selectman, concurred with Manners, and the matter should be taken up again by the Board to get the language right. She said the language should be right the first time.

Mr. Marconi reiterated that the town attorney, David Grogins, said the language of the petition could not be changed. If the language is to be changed, then the petition has to be voted down and then revisited.

The following people spoke in favor of the petition: Jon Gitlin, 25 Hauley Place, Michael Weiss, 9 Branchville Rd., and Louis Rodriguez, 197 Old Stagecoach Rd.

Ed Tyrrell, 17 Pond Rd. spoke against the petition.

Robert Kaye, 280 Umpawaug Rd., Redding, owner of the Nod Hill Brewery and petitioner reported that the language used in the petition to change the ordinance was composed by his attorney and the town attorney approved it. He felt it should be approved, because it would be a disservice to the 400 people who signed the petition to be told the petition would have to go back to redo the language. Mr. Kaye also stated to the meeting that the food truck will close the same time as the brewery closes.

The Moderator then asked for a vote on the motion, with the typographical corrections.

Vote: "Aye" votes carried, and the motion to approve the changes in the ordinance was approved.

Dick Aarons made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by a member of the audience.
Vote: "Aye" votes unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Serfilippi, Town Clerk