



**Town of Ridgefield  
Public Hearing Minutes  
UNAPPROVED  
June 28, 2023 at 7:30pm**

Please note – these minutes are not verbatim.

**Present:** Rudy Marconi, Sean Connelly, Bob Hebert

**Absent:** Barbara Manners, Maureen Kozlark

Rudy Marconi reviewed the process for reviewing and voting on the Charter.

The Board of Selectmen asked the following questions:

- Can the proposed changes be consolidated into fewer questions for the referendum?
- Would the CRC consider increasing the years between each charter revision?
- Did the CRC discuss moving to a town manager form of government?
- Did the CRC think about changing the charter language to be more gender neutral?

Andrea Beebe, 378 Main Street, complimented the commission on their work.

Andrew Neblett, 31 Ashbee Lane, provided reasons why there should not be an IT Commission

Joe Shapiro, 73 Blackman Road, commented that he supports changing the Tax Collector, Town Clerk and Treasurer from elected to appointed. He also suggested consolidating the proposed changes into fewer questions for the referendum.

Angela Liptack, 63 Wilton Road East, commented that there should be a communications plan to educate the community about the proposed charter changes.

There was a discussion about the different platforms used for meetings and the reasons that some meetings are streamed or on zoom while others are in person only.

The Board of Selectmen will vote on the proposed revisions on July 12, 2023.

The Public Hearing was closed at 8:17pm.