



Town of Ridgefield
BOF Approved Meeting Minutes
Special Meeting, Tuesday, May 27, 2025

I. Call to order

Mike Rettger called a special meeting of the Board of Finance to order at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 27, 2025 in the Town Hall small conference room. Board Members Mike Rettger, Dave Ulmer, Greg Kabasakalian and Joe Shapiro present, and Andrew Okrongly present via telephone.

Others Present: Rudy Marconi, First Selectperson (who joined the meeting beginning with Agenda Item VI).

II. Comments from Public
None.

III. Waiver of the reading of detailed resolution regarding purchase of real property at 217 Danbury Road

Motion by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Rettger, to waive the reading of the detailed resolution regarding purchase of real property at 217 Danbury Road. All voted in favor.

IV. Purchase of Real Property at 217 Danbury Road

Motion by Mr. Rettger, seconded by Mr. Ulmer, as follows: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$750,000 For Costs Related To The Acquisition Of Real Property Located At 217 Danbury Road in Ridgefield; And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$750,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town by Town Meeting vote. The amount of bonds issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds, if any, received by the Town for the Project and not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the Project.

Mr. Rettger summarized information about the proposed purchase that was provided at the recent public hearing. The property will be used to expand facilities at the Parks and Recreation and

Founders Hall site, although there are no immediate plans to do anything. The property will most likely be used to expand recreation fields, due to surrounding wetlands, rather than parking. In response to a question, Mr. Redmond said the appraisal for the property has not yet been received. Mr. Rettger said he would follow up with Mr. Marconi to determine the expected timing for that information. All voted in favor of the motion.

V. Waiver of the reading of detailed resolution regarding a radio communication dispatch console system

Motion by Mr. Shapiro, seconded by Mr. Rettger, to waive the reading of the detailed resolution regarding a radio communication dispatch console system. All voted in favor.

VI. Radio communication dispatch console system

Motion by Mr. Rettger, seconded by Mr. Ulmer, as follows: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Appropriating \$200,000 For Costs Related To The Acquisition And Installation Of A Radio Communication Dispatch Console System; And Authorizing The Issuance of \$200,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town by Town Meeting vote. The amount of bonds issued shall be reduced by the amount of grants or other funds, if any, received by the Town for the Project and not separately appropriated to pay additional costs of the Project.

Mr. Marconi explained that with the purchase of the new equipment, the equipment currently in use, that was taken from the Fire Department, would be taken out of active service and could still be used as backup. It was noted that the quote for the new equipment is \$174,000, but the \$200,000 authorization ensures that there is a sufficient approval level. Mr. Kabasakalian noted that it appears the new equipment to be purchased is backward compatible with the Town’s older existing equipment. Mr. Marconi stated that the new console would be used in a new public safety building should one be approved. All voted in favor of the motion.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 5:46 p.m. by Mr. Ulmer, seconded by Mr. Shapiro. All in favor.

Next BOF meeting June 17, 2025.