



**Town of Ridgefield
November 24, 2025
Special Meeting of the Board of Selectpersons
Approved/Revised Minutes
Town Hall Large Conference Room
3:30 pm**

In Attendance: Sean Connelly (late arrival), Maureen Kozlark, Barbara Manners, Rudy Marconi, Geoffrey Morris

Minutes:

Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 3:43 pm.

Maureen Kozlark motioned to enter executive session inviting Scott Bristol, LEP via phone to discuss the Property Purchase Review of 217 Danbury Road. Maureen Kozlark also acknowledging they would be inviting HR Director, Laurie Fernandez, Fire Chief Duckworth, Assistant Fire Chief Cerulli and the candidates for their portions of the agenda for Fire Fighter interviews, discussion of Deputy Fire Marshal Appointment, and finally just HR Director Fernandez for the UPSEU Tentative Agreement and the Police Major Employment Contract. Geoffrey Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0. Sean Connelley entered while the Board was in Executive Session at 3:58pm.

Scott Bristol left executive session via phone at 4:06 PM.

At 4:07PM the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief, HR Director and candidates were invited into executive session for the interviews.

The Board exited executive session at 5:29PM and went to public session, inviting anyone present to come into the meeting room.

There were no votes or actions taken on the Property Purchase Review.

Maureen Kozlark made a motion to appoint, pending a post offer physical, drug screening, and background check, the following people:

- 1. Michael Ellis – Firefighter/EMT**
- 2. Lamont Bagley – Firefighter/EMT**

3. John Lanzante – Firefighter/Medic

Sean Connelly made a motion to return to executive session to discuss the Deputy Fire Marshal position inviting the Fire Chief, Assistant Fire Chief and HR Director. Maureen Kozlark seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 to 0. The board entered executive session at 5:34 PM.

The Board exited Executive Session at 5:53 PM inviting the public to come into the meeting room.

Sean Connelly made a motion to appoint Michael Aurelia as Deputy Fire Marshal. Barbara Manners seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 to 0.

Maureen Kozlark made a motion to return to Executive Session inviting Laurie Fernandez to discuss the UPSEU Tentative Agreement and the Police Major Employment Agreement. Sean Connelly seconded the motion. Motion passed 5 to 0. The Board re-entered executive session at 5:54PM

Barbara Manners exited the meeting at 6:28PM.

The Board exited Executive Session at 6:39PM and invited the public to come into the meeting room.

Maureen Kozlark made the motion to approve the UPSEU Tentative Agreement as discussed in executive session. G Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Sean Connelly made a motion to approve the Police Major Agreement as discussed in Executive Session. G Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Sean Connelly made a motion to adjourn the Special Board of Selectperson's meeting at 6:40PM. Maureen Kozlark seconded the motion. Motion passed 4 to 0.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Fernandez