Town of Ridgefield
Board of Selectpersons Meeting
Minutes
APPROVED
May 6, 2026 at 6:30pm
Town Hall – Large Conference Room, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT

Please note – these minutes are not verbatim.

Present: Maureen Kozlark, Barbara Manners, Geoffrey Morris
Absent: Sean Connelly and Rudy Marconi.

Barbara Manners called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

1. **Public Comment -** None

2. **Project with CT Green Bank PPA – Jake Muller, Dwyane Escola, Katie Shelton**
   They presented a request for proposal for each solar installations at the following schools; Ridgebury Elementary School, Ridgefield High School, Scotland Elementary School, and Veterans Park School. Green Bank will carry the cost of materials and installation. Ms. Shelton explained how the Buy All Sell All PPA would function at each of the first three schools and how a netting PPA functions for the last school. She also presented the layout for each school and corresponding economics of energy produced and credits. Then she described the environmental benefits.

   Maureen Kozlark motioned to interrupt this presentation to hold the Town Proclamation of agenda item three. Geoffrey Morris seconded. Motion carried 3-0 (Connelly and Marconi absent).

   Ms. Shelton completed her presentation. She shared federal deadlines for programs available. 5% of the project costs must be spent by July fourth. The BOS reviewed existing solar installations to address concerns with the new projects in advance. The BOS will render a final decision at the May 20th BOS meeting.

3. **Town Proclamation – Michael Londrigan**

Barbara Manners read the town proclamation honoring Michael Londrigan for his work on the Accessibility Commission. The commission chair also honored Mr. Londrigan for his dedication and service to the town of Ridgefield. Mr. Londrigan expressed his gratitude for this recognition, and all the attendees honored him with a standing ovation.

4. **Appointments and Reappointments**
    a. **Rhys Moore (reappointment) and Helen Dimos (new alternate) – Historic District Commission**
        - Mr. Moore expressed his appreciation for the work of this commission and the ability to contribute to the historic value of Ridgefield. He described recent accomplishments and future goals.
        - Ms. Dimos shared her professional background and interest in historic buildings.

    Barbara Manners motioned to reappoint Rhys Moore and appoint Helen Dimos as an alternate to the Historic District Commission. Maureen Kozlark seconded. Motion carried 3-0 (Connelly and Marconi absent).

    b. **Thomas Leonard – Pension Commission**
        - Mr. Leonard described the work accomplished since he began on the commission in 2020. Recently, he assisted in the Vanguard transition to state street to Vanguard. He enjoys assisting the town with money management.
        - Currently, the pension fund is funded at 99%.

    Maureen Kozlark motioned to appoint Thomas Leonard to the Pension Commission. Geoffrey Morris seconded. Motion carried 3-0 (Connelly and Marconi absent).

5. **Leaf Blower Ban Task Force - Carson Fincham, Andrea Leone-Bay, Arnie Nielsen, Will Cygan, Flint Mu, Vincent Giordano**
    a. The group met 17 to 20 times over the course of two years. They submitted a written report to the BOS and presented a summary of their discussion which brought forth several options. The group made a selection by plural vote to present the top three options.
    b. The options are: No change to gas-powered devices at user discretion; Time and Day Restrictions; and Work restrictions (use is limited to heavy duty projects).
    c. The group shared a major concern that the fire department isn't equipped to address lithium battery fires. If the ban should come to pass, thus requiring battery-operated devices, the fire department should be equipped properly.
    d. The group described their unanimous agreement to exemptions and four consensus points to be applied to any option implemented.

e. The BOS will discuss and reach a consensus to present for approval.

6. **RACE – Tabled.**

7. **Town Administrator – Review and Discussion**
   Geoffrey Morris expressed appreciation for the draft job description and the discussion with the two guests at the last meeting. He added that he supports establishing the role and hiring a candidate to begin January 1, 2027. Maureen Kozlark agreed that the role is needed but is undecided about the delineation between roles and superseding authority. Barbara Manners suggested that the BOS must distinguish between departments that will be overseen by the town administrator and the first selectperson. The BOS discussed the need for a search committee and possibly a hiring firm. The BOS will discuss again at the next meeting.

8. **Approval of Meeting Minutes**
   a. **April 22, 2026 BOS 5pm Special Meeting**
      Barbara Manners submitted some changes.

      Geoffrey Morris motioned to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2026 5pm Board of Selectpersons Special Meeting, as amended. Maureen Kozlark seconded. Motion carried 3-0 (Connelly and Marconi absent).

   b. **April 22, 2026 BOS 6:30 pm Regular Meeting**
      Maureen Kozlark and Barbara Manners submitted corrections.

      Maureen Kozlark motioned to approve the minutes from the April 22, 2026 6:30pm Board of Selectpersons Regular Meeting, as amended. Barbara Manners seconded. Motion carried 3-0 (Connelly and Marconi absent).

9. **Selectpersons Report**
   Barbara Manners reported that the First Selectperson continues to recover from a stomach bug.

   The BOS received several news articles.

   The BOS discussed items for the next agenda. The next meeting is May 20, 2026 at 6:30pm.

   Barbara Manners motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:42pm. Maureen Kozlark seconded. Motion carried 3-0 (Connelly and Marconi absent).