



**Town of Ridgefield
Public Hearing Minutes
APPROVED**

June 10, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Town Hall – 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT

Please note – these minutes are not verbatim.

BOS Present: Sean Connelly, Maureen Kozlark, Rudy Marconi, Geoffrey Morris

BOS Absent: Barbara Manners

Others Present: Jake Muller, Director of Public Works

Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

Rudy Marconi shared that the purpose of this public hearing is to hear comments on the proposed Danbury Road sidewalk easements. The Town Meeting to vote on the resolution is scheduled for June 22nd. There are a total of four properties but only three easements are needed because one property is unaffected.

Jake Muller reported that at Parks and Rec there is a pedestrian bridge that terminates north of Enchanted Gardens. The town will complete the sidewalk from there to Copps Hill and Farmingville Road including the three gaps plus connect with the youth pathways and Ligi's Way sidewalk.

The project completion will begin in September and take about 45 days. The BOS and Jake Muller discussed the maintenance and snow removal responsibility. The concern is that other property owners will ask their sidewalks to be town responsibility. The distinction is that these sidewalks installed by the town are for community-wide benefit and access, not individual owner benefit.

1. Public Comment

Aaron Hirt-Manheimer, 165 Danbury Road, Enchanted Garden, shared that the town approached the owners about this sidewalk. They were concerned about maintenance responsibility, and they were told that the town would maintain. He stated that the sidewalk will be used by the community to get to other areas, not their business. He explained that their customers drive in to their parking lot. They do not walk in. Therefore, he asks that the town maintain and clear the snow during the winter.

Attorney Bob Jewel commented that the resolution for the easement could identify the maintenance responsibility because the use of the sidewalks will not be unique to the owner,

but rather for the entire town. Additionally, the sidewalks will be on private property, not on town property, which could affect the owner's liability.

Public Hearing was adjourned at 8 PM.