



**Town of Ridgefield
Public Information Meeting Minutes**

APPROVED

June 22, 2026 at 7:30 PM

Town Hall – 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT

Please note – these minutes are not verbatim.

BOS Present: Sean Connelly, Barbara Manners, Rudy Marconi, Geoffrey Morris

BOS Absent: Maureen Kozlark

Others Present: Board of Finance Chair Mike Rettger, Parks and Recreation Director Dennis Dipinto

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

Rudy Marconi shared that the purpose of this public information meeting is to share that the town was not awarded the anticipated grant funding and will have to proceed with the project based on bonding approved at the May 12, 2026 referendum, question number 5, including \$310,654 for planning, design, and acquisition of pickle ball courts. Bond Counsel stated that the authority is given in the question to allow the BOS to go forward with the bonding of the full cost of the courts. The purpose of this meeting is to answer any questions from the community. Dennis Dipinto explained that \$310,000 was the funding gap for the project but since the community did vote to approve it, it continues to be a viable project and it will begin as scheduled. They will apply for the grant funding again.

The project includes four courts, parking, and seating. Originally, they were oriented east/west but were modified to south/north orientation.

Mike Retger reported that the grant denial came quickly after the May 12 vote, but not before. He was concerned that the Ridgefield residents might feel misled. He escalated his concern to the BOS to hold this meeting to ensure transparency.

Todd Gordon, 30 O'Neil Court, asked if there were any other state grants to seek. Geoffrey Morris responded that the town has recently appointed a town grant administrator who will research and help apply for grants.

Faith T, Keller, asked if any parts of the project will be downgraded due to no funding. Dennis Depinto responded that nothing will be downgraded.