



**Town of Ridgefield
Board of Selectpersons Meeting
Minutes**

UNAPPROVED

August 12, 2026 at 6:30pm

Town Hall – Large Conference Room, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT

Please note – these minutes are not verbatim.

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

Absent: Barbara Manners

Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 6:30pm.

Maureen Kozlark motioned to add an Executive Session to the agenda to discuss potential transfer of several properties. Sean Connelly seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (Manners absent).

Geoffrey Morris motioned to add to the agenda the storm water agreement for the A School. Sean Connelly seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (Manners absent).

1. Public Comment

Vince Giordano, 28 Fairview Avenue, shared that RACE is working with the Conservation Commission and an eco-commercial vendor will be demonstrating equipment at 8am at McKeon Farm on Old Stage Road. Susan Baker applauded BOS efforts to bring forth an ordinance that will hopefully bring some peace to the community affected. Donald Kulnik, 72 Golf Lane, also expressed appreciation for the BOS efforts on the leaf blower ordinance. Mike Rettger, 25 Fairview Avenue, added that he just came from dinner on his patio from where he could hear leaf blowers two blocks away.

2. Leaf Blower Ordinance

The BOS reviewed the language for the ordinance. They discussed exceptions and restrictions and edited some text for clarification. They set a date for the public hearing and town meeting.

Sean Connelly motioned to schedule the public hearing on September 2 and the town meeting on September 16. Maureen Kozlark seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (Manners absent).

3. Form of Government – Town Administrator

Town Counsel recommended that the BOS hold a public hearing to share with the town the plan to hire a town administrator. The item has been discussed at several meetings and added to the budget. Voter approval is not required to create and fill a new position. However, a public information session will discuss expectations and guide public interaction. The BOS also discussed using LinkedIn to start the search and seeking candidates internally and externally simultaneously.

Sean Connelly motioned to set a public hearing for September 2 to discuss the town administrator role with the community. Maureen Kozlark seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (Manners absent).

4. Senior Tax Credit

The current credit of \$1048 is still in effect and won't change. The new credits will be added to the next budget and will require applicants to submit by April. The change is a means test that requires an applicant to establish an income of under \$85,000 for an extra \$200 credit the first year and an additional \$200 the following year for a total credit of \$1448. The deferment will be raised to \$100,000 for any resident over 65.

Geoffrey Morris motioned to add Senior Tax Credit to the September 2 public hearing and the September 16 town meeting. Maureen Kozlark seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (Manners absent).

5. Pension Commission Membership Modification to Allow 2 Alternates

Chris Christiansen, Pension Commission Chair, asked BOS approval to change the ordinance governing membership. Town Counsel provided language for the ordinance revision. BOS discussed the language and edited some text for clarification.

Sean Connelly motioned to add an ordinance change to Pension Commission membership to the September 2 public hearing and the September 16 town meeting. Maureen Kozlark seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (Manners absent).

6. Sale of 29 Lakeview

Per town charter, a property appraisal was completed. A phase 1 (review of anything in Hartford) is needed. The town will clean up a bit more. A public hearing will be held to present a price range. Then the town will approve the sale at a proposed price range during the town meeting. An engineering inspection is pending to ensure the lot is buildable. The lot has town water and approved septic.

Sean Connelly motioned to add the sale of 29 Lakeview to the September 2 public hearing and the September 16 town meeting. Geoffrey Morris seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (Manners absent).

7. Special BOS Meeting – Aug 31 at 6:30pm to Hear Public Safety Facilities Committee Recommendations – police chief, fire chiefs, and police commission are invited

8. Refunds

Maureen Kozlark motioned to approve the tax refunds as presented by the tax collector, totaling \$10,967.06. Geoffrey Morris seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (Manners absent).

9. Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. June 8, 2026 BOS Special Meeting

Sean Connelly motioned to approve the minutes from the June 8, 2026 Board of Selectpersons Special Meeting, as presented. Maureen Kozlark seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (Manners absent).

b. July 15, 2026 BOS Special Meeting

Sean Connelly motioned to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2026 Board of Selectpersons Special Meeting, as presented. Geoffrey Morris seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (Manners absent).

c. July 15, 2026 BOS Meeting

Sean Connelly noted one correction on page 3.

Sean Connelly motioned to approve the minutes from the July 15, 2026 Board of Selectpersons Meeting, as amended. Geoffrey Morris seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (Manners absent).

10. Stormwater Agreement Approval

The BOS reviewed the text of the agreement and confirmed the address and location.

Sean Connelly motioned to authorize the first selectperson to sign the agreement as presented with one modification correcting Halpin Lane. Geoffrey Morris seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (Manners absent).

11. Selectpersons Report

Mr. Marconi reported that the work occurring at Red Rooster is to be inspected due to a tree removed from town property. A penalty will be assessed.

Mr. Marconi reported that several communities have joined the state's Connecticut Municipal Development Authority (CMDA) which opens up funding for possible Branchville projects.

Mr. Marconi shared a revenue meeting report with the BOS.

Mr. Marconi reported that the golf pro, Frank Sergiovanni, is retiring after 25 years.

Meetings for the Battle of Ridgefield (April 27) have begun.

A delegation of Ukraine International (UAI) will be in town September 11, 12:30 – 2pm.

Whistlestop at the train station is vacant.

The Historic District report was shared.

Mr. Marconi reported that three grants will be reviewed by the BOS and town totaling over \$1.5 million.

Route 7 safety is being discussed with different agencies. License plate readers and cameras are being considered. A letter from the DOT Commissioner with recommendations was shared.

Sean Connelly motioned to adjourn to Executive Session at 8:41pm to discuss the potential engagement regarding several lots. No vote will be taken after the Executive Session. Maureen Kozlark seconded. Motion carried 4-0 (Manners absent).