



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

**September 2, 2026 at 6:30pm
Ridgefield Library, Dayton Room, 472 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT**

Please note – these minutes are not verbatim.

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

Absent:

Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 6:35pm.

1. Public Comment - None

2. Police Dept Special Revenue Fund (Fund 710) to be added to Friends of Ridgefield –

Chief Kreitz reported that a private donor would like to make a donation to the police department but requires the recipient to be a 501(c)3. Therefore, the request is for the Police Dept Special Revenue Fund (Fund 710) to be added to the Friends of Ridgefield 501(c)3. The BOS discussed that many donors require the recipient of donations to have the 501(c)3 status for the tax benefit to donors.

Sean Connelly motioned to recommend that the Friends Board of Directors accept the Ridgefield Police Department accordingly. Geoffrey Morris seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Grant Approvals

Jake Muller, Director of Public Works, reported the status of three grants. First, Sustainable Materials Management grant, \$413,800, was awarded by Connecticut DEEP for the Recycling Center and Transfer Station. The kiosk will be changed and pavement added. This is in addition to a previous grant bringing the grant total to \$560,000. The second grant, Community Connectivity Grant Program award, \$408,811, is for the Danbury Road sidewalk extension, north and south of the Danbury Road at Cops Hill intersection. Maureen Kozlark asked if the existing traffic study or pickle ball court project may impact this sidewalk project to plan ahead to avoid a duplication of effort and expense. Mr. Muller responded that it may have some impact but not foreseeable yet. Geoffrey Morris asked for a timeline and Mr. Muller said it's shovel ready and would take perhaps about six weeks. The third grant, Economic Development Initiative Community Project Funding awarded \$1 million from HUD for the Venus Building Complex

parking and ADA upgrades. This will likely be completed next summer. It will require coordination with the area businesses.

Maureen Kozlark motioned to accept the grants and authorize the first selectperson to sign on behalf of the board of selectpersons. Barbara Manners seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

4. Approval of Meeting Minutes - August 12, 2026 BOS Meeting

Sean Connelly motioned to approve the minutes from the August 12, 2026 Board of Selectpersons Meeting, as presented. Maureen Kozlark seconded. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Manners abstained).

5. Selectpersons Report

Rudy Marconi shared that a concept of Public Safety Building schematics is in progress for the chiefs to feel comfortable with the flow of the proposed structure. Planning and Zoning is involved and a meeting is scheduled with the private property owners to discuss the town's purchase of the Danbury Road property. Geoffrey Morris asked the BOS clarify who will be responsible for what tasks.

Route 35 at Copps Hill Traffic study preliminary draft is complete. The traffic signal cycling is off and a request to DOT will be made to extend the North/South green light. The walking signal also needs adjustment.

Rudy Marconi reviewed the items for the public hearing.

Maureen Kozlark motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 pm. Barbara Manners seconded. Motion carried 5-0.