



**Ridgefield
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**Unapproved Meeting Minutes
November 3, 2025 at 6:30pm**

The meeting was called to order at 6:34pm in the large conference room in Town Hall.

In attendance: Commissioners Corrin Arasa, Kay Gelfman, Jennifer Gioffre, James Classey, Peter Kearney, Sean Dowd and Bob Knight by mobile phone. Commissioner elect, Nadia Blair was in attendance as well. Guests in attendance were David Perlmutter, Mark Riser, Mike Gelormino, and Joy Mariconda

Announcements

Next meeting Nov 3, 2025

Public Comment

Joy Mariconda is planning to open a store that focuses on sustainability for household goods. Ridgefield is one of the few towns she is interested in doing so. She went to FIT and has worked for women lead businesses. Currently, she is working at an organic wine store in Darien.

Approval of September Minutes:

Commissioner Knight motioned that we approve the September Meeting Minutes without changes. Seconded by Commissioner Gioffre. All in favor.

Recap of Recent Events / Info

Corrin met with the cultural district to discuss goal setting and future state now that Glori has stepped down.

Strategic Planning Recap

To be discussed next session.

Interview with David Perlmutter

David moved here in 2019 after living and raising his family in Chappaqua. David has been a commercial real estate developer, specifically in the retail vertical, and currently works as a commercial real estate broker. He has served on multiple boards throughout his career. He believes he can add value by being the primary liaison between the ECDC and CRE brokerage community.

P&Z

Discussed recommendations the ECDC has for P&Z. We will vote on the referrals in a special meeting to be held on Monday November 17th. Kay will submit to P&Z prior to public hearing.

Tiger Shark Tank

Incredible feedback post event. A few ideas for next year: An app allowing the audience to vote/weigh in. Also, having a QR code link to each pitch deck to allow the audience the ability to review the entire pitch. Sean has created a blueprint /SOP for future events to delegate responsibilities amongst ECDC.

Marketing

Jen Gioffre has posted Tiger Shark Tank Press Release. Approval has been granted for the closing Bailey Ave. during the Holiday Bazaar. Vendor applications are open for businesses to set up on Bailey's.

Ridgefield Connect:

Brainstorming options for our 1Q26 Ridgefield Connect Event.

Annual Budget

ECDC will vote on budget in special meeting for submission by December 1st deadline

Executive Session:

Commissioner Gelfman motions to enter executive session at 8:22pm to discuss candidates. Commissioner Classey seconded. All in favor. Subsequently executive session ends at 8:46pm.

The Commissioners note that all applicants to the ECDC are very well qualified, and skill sets are diversified. However, at this time there is only one Commissioner position open, and the Commissioners believe assistance within the Commercial Real Estate space would be most beneficial. Commissioner Gelfman motions, Dowd seconded that we recommend David Perlmutter to the Board of Selectpersons. Chairman Knight abstained from voting. All others in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50pm