# Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting December 3, 2025 at 7:00 PM

### **In-Person Attendees:**

Town Hall Small Conference Room 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut Those Attending Virtually:

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Minutes taken by Danielle Roth

Present (in-person): Tracey Bryggman, Colleen Cash, Renee Brown-Cheng, Joe Collin (arrived 7:02pm), Jennifer Dineen, Danielle Roth

Present (virtually): Raje Kaur

Excused: Amy Casey, Nick Catino, Pamme Jones

Guests: Anna Rauchwerk, Jennifer Schiff

### **MEETING TO ORDER**

Tracey made a motion to call the meeting to order. Dani seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:01pm.

Dani made a motion to amend the evening's agenda to include one item of New Business: "Member Updates". Raje seconded. All approved.

### **MINUTES**

• Colleen made a motion to approve the November 2025 Meeting Minutes. Rene seconded. All else approved.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

• No activity this month other than two payments are currently in process.

### **Old Business**

## 26-27 Budget Review

- The Council discussed and reviewed the 26-27 FY budget request.
- Jennifer made a motion to approve the 26-27 FY budget request. Raje seconded. All approved. The request will be submitted to the BOS for consideration.

### Group Updates as needed

#### Banners

• The new schedule goes into effect in January.

#### Website

• The council will consider potentially transitioning its website to the town's website. The council will connect with the town to see what updates can be made, if any. A decision must be made before website renewal in June.

#### **EDR**

• The next EDR is Friday, December 5th at the Ridgefield Guild of Artists.

#### Our Artists Our Schools

• The council will receive an update in January from the new council member spearheading the initiative.

### Cultural Alliance

• The RAC/ECDC will be partnering up to collect data from Ridgefield's Arts & Cultural organizations in the new year.

### **Old Business**

### Member Updates

- Some council members have stepped down from the council recently. The council reflected fondly on those members' contributions.
- This does bring forth more vacancies and opportunities for new members. A recruitment post will be included in next month's Town Newsletter.

### Interview of RAC Candidate Anna Rauchwerk

 Anna expressed her interest in joining the RAC and shared ways she would like to contribute in meaningful ways - specifically referencing her project management skills and graphic design experience. A new resident to Ridgefield, Anna expressed her enthusiasm for the town and its arts and cultural presence.

### **DRAFT**

Jennifer made a motion to enter into Executive Session (excluding all present guests) to discuss Anna Rauchwerk's candidacy. Colleen seconded. All approved.

# **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

• The council entered Executive Session at 7:39pm to discuss Anna Rauchwerk's appointment to the council. The council exited the session and returned to the public at 7:45pm.

Jennifer made a motion to approve Anna Rauchwerk's candidacy to go before the Board of Selectpersons. Tracey seconded. The vote passed unanimously.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

• The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm following a motion made by Colleen and seconded by Joe. All approved.

The next meeting will be 1/7/2025 at 7:15pm.