Town of Ridgefield-Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting November 5, 2025 at 7:00 PM

In-Person Attendees:

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

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3625596884?omn=84770649006

Meeting ID: 362 559 6884 One tap mobile • +1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Find your local number: https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kdshP7aqyl

Minutes taken by Danielle Roth

Present (in-person): Renee Brown-Cheng, Nick Catino, Joe Collin, Jennifer Dineen, Pamme Jones (arrived at 7:49pm), Danielle Roth

Present (virtually): Tracey Bryggman (arrived at 7:09pm; left at 8:10pm), Colleen Cash, Amy Casey (arrived 7:02pm), Raje Kaur (left at 8:05pm)

Excused: Joshua Fischer

Guests: N/A

MEETING TO ORDER

Raje made a motion to call the meeting to order. Nick seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

MINUTES

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

TREASURER'S REPORT

• Fee for Make Music Day Alliance Dues was paid; receipt will be emailed to Town Hall for reimbursement.

Old Business

Treasurer Role

• The Council is actively seeking a Treasurer. An overview of the Treasurer's responsibilities was presented to Council members. The need for a Treasurer will also be shared with Town Hall for promotion, along with the call for new Council members.

Member Roles

 The Council discussed the various active initiatives as well as those in need of leadership (including Our Artists, Our Schools, Generator, and the ArtsWatch Column). Council members were asked to reflect on their current roles and responsibilities in relation to these initiatives.

Group Updates as needed

Banners

• 2026 Banner Schedule is finalized.

Mission/Charge

• Revised mission/charge should be presented at the Board of Selectman meeting on 11/19. More details will be shared with the council in the coming days.

ECDC Member Updates

 RAC has connected with the new members of the ECDC. Further discussion is planned regarding potential collaboration between the two groups, particularly in relation to Ridgefield's designation as a cultural district.

EDR

• The next EDR will be on 12/5 at the Ridgefield Guild of Artists (Festive Home).

Old Business

26-27 Budget Review

• The Council reviewed expenditures from the previous fiscal year in preparation for determining the Fiscal Year 2026–2027 budget request. A vote on the 2026–2027 FY budget request will be held at the December meeting.

2026 RAC Meeting Dates

- Tracey made a motion to move RAC monthly meetings to Wednesdays at 7:15pm in 2026. Rene seconded. All else approved.
- Pamme made a motion to approve the 2026 meeting dates. Jennifer seconded. All else approved.

OAOS

• Pamme made a motion to approve the allocation of 2025–2026 OAOS funds toward the Conducting/Career Seminar and Clinic with the Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra for the Ridgefield High School Music Department. Jennifer seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

• The meeting was adjourned at 8:19pm following a motion made by Pamme and seconded by Nick. All approved.

The next meeting will be 12/3/2025 at 7:00pm.