

**Town of Ridgefield- Ridgefield Arts Council Meeting
January 7, 2026 at 7:15 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): Renee Brown-Cheng, Tracey Bryggman, Colleen Cash, Nick Catino, Joe Collin (arrived 7:17pm), Jennifer Dineen, Raje Kaur, Danielle Roth

Present (virtually): Pamme Jones (arrived at 7:17pm)

Excused: N/A

Guests: Peter Bachman, Naomi Bond, Anna Rauchwerk, Jennifer Schiff, Laurie Schaefer-Fenton

MEETING TO ORDER

Raje made a motion to call the meeting to order. Dani seconded. The meeting was called to order at 7:16pm.

MINUTES

- Jennifer made a motion to approve the December 2025 Meeting Minutes. Raje seconded. All else approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT

- An invoice for last FY's Make Music Day Parking Attendants was received and is being processed.

Old Business

26-27 Budget Submission

- 26-27 Budget Request has been submitted.

- RAC will request to be at an upcoming BOS meeting in the next few months.

RAC Charge

- Our new charge was approved by the BOS.
- The town RAC website will be updated as will RAC's proprietary website.

New Member Updates

- Another RAC council member has stepped down from the council.
- The council has 5 seats available on the council.
- The council reviewed available positions and areas of need. More information will be added to the New Member doc including Banner support, Arts Watch Column, Our Artists Our Schools, and Scholarship Program.

Group Updates as needed

Banners

- Banners are up and running.

Our Artists Our Schools

- A program with RSO musicians at RHS is underway. Updates forthcoming.

Behind the Scenes

- Work will begin and a date will be selected in the next month.
- Organizations will be asked for their nominees.

A-250

- Several upcoming events are scheduled for this month.
- Liberty Ball is being finalized as well as Ballard Park events.
- Once more is solidified, the RAC will be called upon for support.

Scholarship

- The management of the scholarship program must be led by another council member. Information on dates/deadlines/process will be obtained from the former council member to ensure a smooth transition.
- Scholarship Spring Fundraiser to be determined at the February meeting.

EDR

- December EDR was extremely well-attended.

- A survey will be sent out to organizations to poll preferred day and time for further EDRs.
- Potential locations for 2026: Founder's Hall, ACT of CT, and the Meeting House.

Website

- The council will connect with the town to see what updates can be made on RAC's page, if any, including updating our Mission and Charge.

MMD

- Kick-off call happening this month. Updates forthcoming!

New Business

Cultural District Award Nominations

- All nominations must be submitted by the end of January.
- Raje made a motion that the RAC write a letter of support for a specific candidate. Jennifer seconded. All approved. A draft will be written and sent before the deadline.

RAC Interested Candidates

- There has been an influx of interest in joining the council.
- A document covering RAC's initiatives and needs will be sent to all interested parties.

ADJOURNMENT

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:09pm following a motion made by Tracey and seconded by Raje. All approved.

The next meeting will be 2/4/2026 at 7:15pm.