## NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT May 2, 2022



Electors and persons qualified to vote at Town Meetings of the Town of Ridgefield are hereby duly notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:30 P.M. (E.T.) at the Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut, for the following purposes:

1. To consider recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Town Expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$39,218,807 and debt service of \$8,265,705 on both Town and Education capital projects): \$47,484,512

2. To consider recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Board of Education Expenditures: \$106,600,490

3. To consider recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023:

Planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and ADA improvements: \$1,600,000

- 4. To consider a Resolution Appropriating \$291,404 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Fire Mini Attack Pumper, \$229,611 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Mack Dump Truck, \$300,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Sidewalk Improvements And \$1,000,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Tertiary Roads And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,821,015 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes (Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any Grants Received For Such Purposes, Which Are Anticipated To Be \$150,000 For Sidewalk Improvements).
- 5. To consider a Resolution Appropriating \$432,500 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Tennis, Basketball And Pickleball Court Replacement And \$106,250 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Recreation Center Updates, Including Gym Floors And Pads And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$538,750 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes.
- 6. To consider a Resolution Appropriating \$150,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Annex Building Interior Flooring, \$360,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Highway Garage 2 Roof Replacement And \$105,812 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Playhouse Fire Suppression And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$615,812 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes.
- 7. To consider a Resolution Appropriating \$396,570 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of East Ridge Middle School LED Lighting Upgrades, \$404,460 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School District Wide Network Infrastructure Upgrades, \$315,900 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Barlow Mountain Elementary School Oil Tank Removal And Replacement And \$282,075 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Branchville Elementary School Asbestos Abatement/Floor Re-Tiling And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,399,005 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes (Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any Eversource Rebates Received For Such Purposes, Which Are Anticipated To Be \$92,340 For School LED Lighting Upgrades).

RETURN OF POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

I, RUDOLPH P. MARCONI, First Selectman of the Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, hereby certify that featisted copy of the above Notice, bearing the signatures of all or a majority of the Board of Selectmen, to be posted in the office of the Town Clerk on April 29, 2022; and that I caused a copy of said Notice to be published in The Ridgefield Press, a newspaper having a general circulation in said Town of Ridgefield, in its issue of April 21, 2022.

Sully Plyanor First Selectman

8:30 am

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The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Ridgefield was held on Monday, May 2, 2022 at 7:30 P.M. (E.T.) at the 15 Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, Ridgefield, Connecticut.

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Rudy Marconi and he led attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Andrew Neblett, 31 Ashbee Lane, moved and Marge Davidson, 77 Sunset Lane, seconded the motion to appoint Sharon Dornfeld as Moderator. Motion passed unanimously.

Barbara Dobbin, 499 Danbury Road, moved and Andrew Neblett, 31 Ashbee Lane, seconded the motion to waive the reading of the Notice of the meeting that was signed by the First Selectmen and posted in the office of the Town Clerk on April 29, 2022, and published in The Ridgefield Press in its issue of April 21, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

The Moderator then explained that in accordance with Section 10-3 of the Town Charter Items 1 through 10 on the call of the Annual Town Meeting would be voted upon at a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022.

The Moderator further stated that in accordance with Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, only an elector of the Town or a citizen of the United States of the age of 18 years or more who, jointly or severally, was liable to the Town for taxes assessed against him based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the Town or who would have been so liable if not entitled to an exemption as a blind person or as a veteran or as a parent or surviving spouse of a veteran will be entitled to vote. Absentee ballots shall be available as provided by law at the Town Clerk's office during business hours.

Bob Hebert, 58 Prospect Street, moved and Sean Connelly, 550 Barrack Hill Road, seconded the motion to waive the reading of the letters from the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance. Motion passed unanimously and the following communication from the Board of Selectmen and Board of Finance was received, accepted and ordered incorporated into the minutes of the Meeting:



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April 13, 2022

To the Legal Voters of the Town of Ridgefield:

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held April 13, 2022, the following resolutions were adopted to be voted upon by a referendum vote on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.T.) at Yanity Gym, 60 Prospect St, Ridgefield, Connecticut:

RESOLVED: That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$47,484,512 For Town Expenditures (Consisting Of Town Operating Expenditures Of \$39,218,807 And Debt Service Of \$8,265,705 On Both Town And Education Capital Projects) For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2022 And Ending June 30, 2023, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

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RESOLVED: That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$1,600,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Various Town Road And ADA Improvements For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2022 And Ending June 30, 2023, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

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RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "Resolution Appropriating \$246,721 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of East Ridge Middle School Auditorium Lighting Upgrades And \$191,133 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School District Wide Replacement Of Orchestra And Band Instruments And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$437,854 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes", a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

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RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating 417 \$1,826,408 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Installation And Construction Of Various Public Improvements And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,826,408 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes", a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town by Town Meeting vote.

Very truly yours,

M. Herson Rudolph P. Marconi

First Selectman

Town of Ridgefield **Board of Finance** 

April 14, 2022

To the Legal Voters of the Town of Ridgefield:

At a meeting of the Board of Finance held April 14, 2022, the following resolutions were adopted to be voted upon by a referendum vote on Tuesday, May 10th, 2022 between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.T.) at Yanity Gym, 60 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut:

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Chairman

Board of Finance

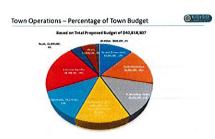
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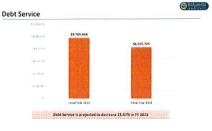


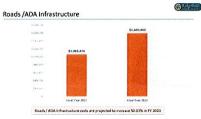














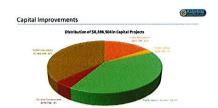
Capital – Public Safety	
Police Department	
Glock Handguns - 60	\$7,538
Fire Department	
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Pads for venicles - 17s	25,500
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Respirator Fit Tester	15.054
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Capital - Public Works	Radgefield
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Capital - Engineer	Ridgefield
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Sidewalk improvements	\$ 300 000
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Mac Build Rep - Beth Renduction Town Hat (garden lever)	27 000
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Carego 2 Roof Replacement	360,000
Truck Wash Bay (Eng. & Construction)	\$0,000
Door Replacement, various locations	\$9,000
Exterior light registement-LED	76 000
Paving School Buildings	50 000
Stormwater MS4 permit requirements	66 202
Drainage Study	24 200
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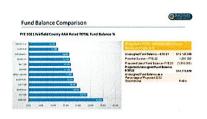
General Government	Ridgefield
Information Technology	3000
SAN - Storage Area Natural Disks	\$35.716
Multifactor Authentication	45.975
Library	
Morris Building Limentone Feçade Repair	14,700
Gdesek Reper	5.500
Brct Repair	4.800
Technology Lipgrades	33.000
Other	
Pleyhouse - Fire Suppression	108 812
Playhouse - Asbestos Abetement	28.760
Consentation Commission - Fencing	4,500
	\$278.745

Capital - Education	Ridgefield
Education	
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Nation Infrastructure Upgrades-D	434,460
Remove & Replace 30-year pid pi tank-BN	315 93
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Replacement of Dichestra and Band Instruments	191.13
Remove Replace Acid Neutralization Tank RM	67.02
Renovation of Bathroome F	\$2.75
Renovation of Batteriores ER	\$7,50
Auditorium Upgrades, Lighting and Sound-ER	246.72
Building 'Burns out' for New Electrical Switzingear - ER	54 800
Kitcher Egypment Replacement -D	86,500
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Solf - Frank Sergiovanni	
Driving Range Net Replacement	\$48,000
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Farway Mower	71.500
Parks & Recreation - Dennis DiPinto	
Passenger Vehicle (Police Car Trude-In)	\$2,500
N Pickup Truck	36 972
1 % Dump Truck	57 324
ACA Compliance - Governor Park Ramp	37.750
Parks, Fields and School Grounds Safety Improvements	39 695
Barlow Pool Repairs - Pool Outer and Ties	33.525
Recreation Center - Audio Equipment	33,100
Police - Chief Kreitz	
Glock Handguns	\$7,536
Fire - Chief Myers	
IFade for Vehicles	\$25.500
Firefighter Protective Gear	53 220
Respirator Fd Tester	15.654
SCBA Bottes	10,099
Cardiac Montor/Deforiator/Pacemiser	36 911

Capital To Be Voted On At The Annua	l Town Meeting	G HILL COM
Highway Department - Dave Buccins		
Guardraf Replacement	\$ 40,000	
John Deere Loader Returbishment	37,000	
Piek Up Truck	45,000	
Duny Truck	74,600	
Hat Box	30,400	
Cross Conveyor	15,000	
AC Recovery Unit	29,000	
Town Engineer - Jake Multer		
Town Hat Interior - Carden Level Painting	\$ 22,000	
Town Hat litterior - Garden Level Battycom Renovation	27,600	
Town Hall Interior - Garden Level Carpet Replacement	50.000	

Town Engineer - Jake Mutter (continued)		
School Paving Projects	\$ 50,000	
Stormwater MS4 Permit Requirements	66,365	
Drainage Study	24.200	
Thealer Barn - LULA Exvalor	89,150	
Information Technology - Andrew Neblett		
Storage Area Network Delts	\$ 35.716	
Multifactor Authentication	45.970	
Library - Brenda McKinley		
Morris Building Limestone Façade Repair	\$ 14,700	
Stirval Repair	6,500	
Brok Repair	4.800	
Technology Upgrases	13,000	
Other		
Conservation Commission - Fencing	8 4,500	
Playhouse - Asbestos Abatement	28.760	

Education
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Capital To Be Voted On A The Annual Town Meeting

Annual Budget Referendum is May 10, 2022

Proposed Mill Rate is 28.43 which represents a .77% Increase

# 420 Moderator Dornfeld then introduced Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Susie DaSilva, who gave this presentation:



## FY 2023 **Board of Education Adopted Budget**

Annual Town Meeting May 2, 2022

A world class education

Adults who advocate on their behalf and care deeply

environment that is engaging

better and better

A safe and secure

and joyful

What do Ridgefield students deserve?

## Mission Statement

Ridgefield Public Schools provide engaging, relevant, and personalized learning experiences so all students can pursue their interests and prepare for life, learning, and work as global citizens.

- Efficiencies- Redirection of resources
- Inflation-utilities- supply shortages
- Fixed costs
- Staffing changes/needs
- The landscape of our student population Euroliment data/projections Academic/non-academic needs
- Trends in education · Past Budgets

Leadership team works independently and collectively to study and

#### The Superintendent's Role

- · Identify the current state of the District
- · Prioritize the most significant needs
- · Support the District in remaining steady and strong

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 They embrace failure and are ineffectual inhi-taken. They are self-methated, thoughtful and independent decision-males who value fidence learners.

- · Set the destination
- · Continuously move the District forward, purposefully and incrementally



#### A Look Back: 2021-2022 (FY 2022) 2020-2021 (FY 2021)

The Board of Education Approved Budget: 3.96% The Board of Finance Adopted Board of Education Budget: 1.75%

The Board of Education Approved Budget: 3.45% The Board of Finance Adopted Board of Education Budget: 2.35%



#### Spending Comparisons - DRG A and Statewide

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FY 2023 RPS Budget

#### Current Context

- Students returned to full time, in-school learning for the first time since March 2020
   The student learning experience for 2020 and 2021 varied significantly from one
- student to the next Research and school-based data (qualitative and quantitative) show that students emotional wellness and academic gains were impacted since March 2020



## **Current Context**

- · Enrollment increased by 90 students in the 21-22 school year

  Trends in special education are showing
- increases in students with complex needs as well as overall increases in students with disabilities
- Crisis intervention and acute mental health needs have been highlighted across schools



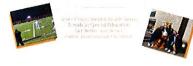
## Current Enrollment 2021-2022

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Branchattle	19	57	58	67	85	63								354
Famelogville	50	- 55	58	49	55	38								305
Ridgebiay	55	19	38	67	61	64								354
Scotland	52	15	60	62	57	35								341
Veterans Park	49	30	37	37	41	59		-						253
Kast Bidge							131	169	133					501
Scotts Ridge							15.3	261	63					530
Ridge Beld High	-			-						389	375	404	401	1569
RHS 18-21													9	9
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PK Enrolment.	45	0	0	4	0	0	43				-			

## **Enrollment Projections**

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### **Budget Themes and Priorities**



## Budget Decision Additions

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0.8 Special Education Supervisor

I.O Counseling Supervisor RHS
I.4\* Elementary Supervisors
I.O SRBI (MTSS) Behavior
Interventionist Interventionist LO Elementary Math Coach

#### **Budget Decision** Reductions

0.4 Special Education Department Chair RHS 0.4 Special Education Teacher RHS 0.4 Guidance Department Chairperson RHS 0.6 Counceior RHS 1.0 Assistant Principal RHS 1.0 Nusce (unfilled 13) 0.5 Technology Integrator

#### Other Budget Additions

Feelinology Hardware

## Other Budget Cost Mitigations

**Transportation** Insurance ort-term subscription

## 2022-2023 (FY 23) Superintendent's Proposed Budget

\$106,600,490 4.24% Increase

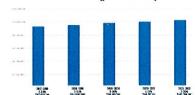
## 2022-2023 Budget by Major Category

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Certified Salaries	\$49,905,367	\$51,599,772	\$1,794.405	3.45%
Non Certified Salaries	\$12.017.642	\$2,349,05\$	\$331.411	2.76%
Employee Benefits	\$19.907,850	\$20,178,695	\$240.845	121%
Transportation (All)	\$6,284,514	56,442,857	\$153,743	1.96%
Contracted Services	\$2,412,134	\$2,506,035	\$93,901	246%
Supplies & Earliprocent	\$2,021,567	52,869,934	\$848,087	40.16%
Al Other	\$9,776,723	\$11,253,576	\$1,436,853	10.62%
Total Grees Burleys	\$102,260,087	\$304,600,600	\$4,140,403	4.24%

### 2022-2023 Budget by Major Category

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Employee Benefits	\$20,73,865	Ja oom
Transportation	58 447 257	60%
Contracted Services	\$2,504,095	1379
Supplies & Equipment	\$2,869,634	2.00%
All Other	\$1,713.574	10.034
Total Gross Budget Increise	\$106,600,410	200%

### General Fund Budget 5 Year Comparison



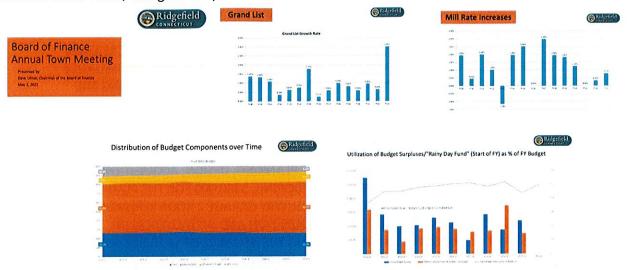
### Past Budgets: Six Years of Data

Year	Requested Percentage	Final Budget	Approved Budget	Increase
2017-2018	3.48%	2.50%	\$92,633,544	\$2,259,314
2018-2019	4.23%	2.55%	\$95,000,000	\$2,366,456
2019-2020	3.60%	3.36%	\$98,193,760	\$3,193,760
2020-2021	3.96%	1.75%	\$99,912,151	\$1,718,391
2021-2022	3.45%	2.35%	\$102,260,087	\$2,347,936
2022-2023	4.79%	4.24%	106,600,490	\$4,340,403

#### The Horizon

- Innovations-Curriculum Series
- · Forward Thinking Committee
- Program Development
- Continuation of the work in providing students with assured experiences across schools, grades, and

At the conclusion of Dr. DiSilva's presentation, Moderator Dornfeld then introduced the Chairman of the Board of Finance David Ulmer, who gave this presentation:



Geoffrey Morris, 231 Ivy Hill Road, moved and Andrew Neblett, 31 Ashbee Lane, seconded the motion to waive the reading of the full resolutions. Unanimously approved.

Moderator Dornfeld then introduced and read the following budget resolutions and bond resolutions by their title. Complete copies of the budget and complete copies of the bond resolutions were printed and made available to members of the public attending the meeting:

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$47,484,512 FOR TOWN EXPENDITURES (CONSISTING OF TOWN OPERATING EXPENDITURES OF \$39,218,807 AND DEBT SERVICE OF \$8,265,705 ON BOTH TOWN AND EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

Sean Connelly, 550 Barrack Hill Road, moved and Selina Bell, 40 North Street, seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Unanimously approved.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$106,600,490 FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

Rachel Ruggeri, 15 Lincoln Lane, moved and Richard Kent, 2 Florida Hill Road, seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Unanimously approved.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$1,600,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS TOWN ROAD AND ADA IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2022 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

Sean Connelly, 550 Barrack Hill Road, moved and Bob Hebert, 85 Prospect Street, seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$291,404 FOR THE DESIGN AND ACQUISITION OF A FIRE MINI ATTACK PUMPER, \$229,611 FOR THE DESIGN AND ACQUISITION OF A HIGHWAY MACK DUMP TRUCK, \$300,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND \$1,000,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF TERTIARY ROADS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,821,015 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES (PROVIDED THAT THE BONDS SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY GRANTS RECEIVED FOR SUCH PURPOSES, WHICH ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE \$150,000 FOR SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS)

Jonathan Steckler, 165 Mamanasco Road, moved and Angela Rice, 237 Branchville Road, seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$432,500 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF TENNIS, BASKETBALL AND PICKLEBALL COURT REPLACEMENT AND \$106,250 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF RECREATION CENTER UPDATES, INCLUDING GYM FLOORS AND PADS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$538,750 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES

Richard Kent, 2 Florida Hill Road, moved and Jonathan Steckler, 165 Mamanasco Road, seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$150,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF ANNEX BUILDING INTERIOR FLOORING, \$360,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF HIGHWAY GARAGE 2 ROOF REPLACEMENT AND \$105,812 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF PLAYHOUSE FIRE SUPPRESSION AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$615,812 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES

Marjorie Davidson, 77 Sunset Lane, moved and Geoffrey Morris, 231 Ivy Hill Road, seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$396,570 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF EAST RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL LED LIGHTING UPGRADES, \$404,460 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT WIDE NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES, \$315,900 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF BARLOW MOUNTAIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL OIL TANK REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT AND \$282,075 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF BRANCHVILLE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL ASBESTOS ABATEMENT/FLOOR RE-TILING AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,399,005 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES (PROVIDED THAT THE BONDS SHALL BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF ANY EVERSOURCE REBATES RECEIVED FOR SUCH PURPOSES, WHICH ARE ANTICIPATED TO BE \$92,340 FOR SCHOOL LED LIGHTING UPGRADES)

Selina Bell, 40 North Street, moved and Rachel Ruggeri, 15 Lincoln Lane, seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Unanimously approved.

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$246,721 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF EAST RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM LIGHTING UPGRADES AND \$191,133 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT WIDE REPLACEMENT OF ORCHESTRA AND BAND INSTRUMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$437,854 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES

Jonathan Steckler, 165 Mamanasco Road, moved and Rachel Ruggeri, 15 Lincoln Lane, seconded the motion to approve the resolution. Unanimously approved.

After discussion on the Town budget and the proposed bond resolutions, a motion was made by Bill Davidson, 77 Sunset Lane, and seconded by Sean Connelly, 550 Barrack Hill Road, that the First Selectman be authorized and directed to call a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.T.) at Yanity Gym, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut, to consider and take action upon the aforesaid proposed Town budget and the proposed bond resolutions. Bill Davidson, 77 Sunset Lane, moved and Tom Byrne, 35 Sky Top Road, seconded that the notice of said referendum, which was made available to all attendees and is made part of this record below, be waived:

## TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD NOTICE OF REFERENDUM TO BE HELD May 10, 2022

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BY TOWN CLERK'S DEFICE

Pursuant to Section 10 of the Town Charter and the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, notice is hereby given to the electors and persons qualified to vote in the Town of Ridgefield that a referendum will be held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (E.T.) at Yanity Gym, 60 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut, for the purpose of voting on the following questions:

1. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$47,484,512 for Town expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$39,218,807 and debt service of \$8,265,705 on both Town and Education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$47,484,512 for Town expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$39,218,807 and debt service of \$8,265,705 on both Town and Education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, be approved? YES/NO"

2. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$106,600,490 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$106,600,490 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, be approved? YES/NO"

3. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$1,600,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and ADA improvements for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$1,600,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and ADA improvements for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, be approved? YES/NO"

4. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$291,404 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Fire Mini Attack Pumper, \$229,611 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Highway Mack Dump Truck, \$300,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Sidewalk Improvements And \$1,000,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Tertiary Roads And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,821,015 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes (Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any Grants Received For Such Purposes, Which Are Anticipated To Be \$150,000 For Sidewalk Improvements), be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution appropriating \$291,404 for the design and acquisition of a fire mini attack pumper, \$229,611 for the design and acquisition of a Highway Mack dump truck, \$300,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of sidewalk improvements and \$1,000,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of tertiary roads and authorizing the issuance of \$1,821,015 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes (provided that the bonds shall be reduced by the amount of any grants received for such purposes, which are anticipated to be \$150,000 for sidewalk improvements), be approved? YES/NO"

5. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$432,500 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Tenn Basketball And Pickleball Court Replacement And \$106,250 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Recreation Center Updates, Including Gym Floors And Pads And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$538,750 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making C Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution appropriating \$432,500 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of tennis, basketball and pickleball court replacement and \$106,250 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of Recreation Center updates, including gym floors and pads and authorizing the issuance of \$538,750 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes, be approved? YES/NO"

6. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$150,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Anne Building Interior Flooring, \$360,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Highway Garag Roof Replacement And \$105,812 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Playhouse Fire Suppression And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$615,812 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations An Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution appropriating \$150,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of Annex building interior flooring, \$360,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of Highway Garage 2 roof replacement and \$105,812 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of Playhouse fire suppression and authorizing the issuance of \$615,812 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes, be approved? YES/NO"

7. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$396,570 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of East Ridge Middle School LED Lighting Upgrades, \$404,460 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation School District Wide Network Infrastructure Upgrades, \$315,900 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Barlow Mountain Elementary School Oil Tank Removal And Replacement And \$282,075 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Branchville Elementary School Asbestos Abatement/Floor For Tilling And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,399,005 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Per The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes (Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any Eversource Rebates Received For Such Purposes, Which Are Anticipated Be \$92,340 For School LED Lighting Upgrades), be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$396,570 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of East Ridge Middle School LED Lighting Upgrades, \$404,460 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of school district wide network infrastructure upgrades, \$315,900 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of Barlow Mountain Elementary School oil tank removal and replacement and \$282,075 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of Branchville Elementary School asbestos abatement/floor re-tiling and authorizing the issuance of \$1,399,005 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes (provided that the bonds shall be reduced by the amount of any Eversource rebates received for such purposes, which are anticipated to be \$92,340 for school LED lighting upgrades), be approved? YES/NO"

8. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$246,721 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of East Ridge Middle School Auditorium Lighting Upgrades And \$191,133 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School District Wide Replacement Of Orchestra And Band Instruments And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$437,854 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes, be approved?"

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"Shall the resolution appropriating \$246,721 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of East Ridge Middle School auditorium lighting upgrades and \$191,133 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of school district wide replacement of orchestra and band instruments and authorizing the issuance of \$437,854 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes, be approved? YES/NO"

The vote will be by optical scan voting machine. Those in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval under the word "YES" under such question. Those not in favor of the resolution referred to in the question shall fill in the oval under the word "NO" under such question. Absentee ballots will be available at the office of the Town Clerk as provided by law.

The polls will be open during the hours between 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (E.T.). Electors and persons qualified to vote as aforesaid may cast their votes at the following polling place:

Yanity Gym

60 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut

In accordance with Section 7-6 of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, only an elector of the Town or a citizen of the United States of the age of eighteen years or more who, jointly or severally, was liable to the Town for taxes assessed against him based on an assessment of not less than \$1,000 on the last completed grand list of the Town or who would have been so liable if not entitled to an exemption as a blind person or as a veteran or as a parent or surviving spouse of a veteran will be entitled to vote. Absentee ballots shall be available as provided by law at the Town Clerk's office during business hours.

The voting will take place pursuant to the provisions of the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and the votes will be cast and canvassed and the results determined and certified as nearly as may be in accordance with the laws governing the election of the Town officials.

The full text of said resolutions is on file open to public inspection at the Office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Ridgefield, Connecticut, this 5th day of May, 2022.

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Town Clerk

RETURN OF POSTING AND PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

BY TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE I, WENDY GANNON LIONETTI, Town Clerk of the Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, hereby certify that Feat Sequal copy of the attached Notice of Referendum bearing my written signature to be posted in the office of the Town Clerk on May 4, 2022, and that I caused a copy thereof to be published in The Ridgefield Press, a newspaper published in the Town of Ridgefield and having a general circulation in the Town of Ridgefield in its issue of May 5, 2022.

Wendy Gannon Lionetti

Town Clerk

Town Clerk

Moderator Sharon Dornfeld explained that the Annual Town Meeting has the authority to approve capital items under \$100,000 and the next item for discussion and vote is a list of such items and that we will be voting on them as they are grouped by Town departments. Any questions about the items can be asked during this time. The moderator then introduced each department and called for a vote on each accordingly introduced and read the following resolution:

> RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AGGREGATING \$1,826,408 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF

\$1,826,408 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES

## **RESOLVED**:

<u>Section 1.</u> The sum of \$1,826,408 is hereby appropriated by the Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut (the "Town") for the planning, design, acquisition, installation and construction of the various public improvements and equipment hereinafter listed, including costs of legal, administrative and related costs (the "Projects"), said appropriations to be inclusive of any and all Federal and State grants-in-aid thereof:

Project	Estimated Amount
Highway Department	Louinatea Amount
Guardrail Replacement	\$40,000
John Deere Loader Refurbishment	37,000
Pickup Truck	45,000
Dump Truck	74,000
Hot Box	30,400
Cross Conveyor	15,000
AC Recovery Unit	20,000
Golf	20,000
Driving Range Net Replacement	48,000
Greens Mower	48,500
Fairway Mower	71,500
Parks and Recreation	, _,,,,,
Passenger Vehicle (Police Car Trade-in)	2,500
3/4 Pickup Truck	36,972
1 1/2 Dump Truck	57,324
ADA Compliance - Governor Park Ramp	37,750
Parks, Fields and School Grounds Safety Improvements	39,685
Barlow Pool Repairs - Pool Gutter and Tile	33,525
Recreation Center - Audio Equipment	33,100
Town Engineer	,
Town Hall Interior - Garden Level Painting	22,000
Town Hall Interior - Garden Level Bathroom Renovation	27,000
Town Hall Interior - Garden Level Carpet Replacement	50,000
Truck Wash Bay Engineering	50,000
Door Replacement - Various Locations	59,000
Exterior LED Lighting - Various Locations	75,000
School Paving Projects	50,000
Stormwater MS4 Permit Requirements	66,365
Drainage Study	24,200
Theater Barn - LULA Elevator	89,150
Police Department	·
Glock Handguns	7,538
<u>Fire Department</u>	
iPads for Vehicles	25,500
Firefighter Protective Gear	53,220
Respirator Fit Tester	15,654
SCBA Bottles	10,099
Cardiac Monitor/Defibrillator/Pacemaker	36,911
Information Technology	
Storage Area Network Disks	35,716
Multifactor Authentication	45,970
Library	
Morris Building Limestone Façade Repair	14,700

Sidewalk Repair	5,500
Brick Repair	4,800
Technology Upgrades	33,000
<u>Education</u>	
Remove / Replace Acid Neutralization Tank - Ridgefield High School	87,020
Building "Bump out" for New Electrical Switchgear - East Ridge	54,800
Middle School	
Renovation of Bathrooms - East Ridge Middle School	52,750
Renovation of Bathrooms - Farmingville Elementary School	57,500
Kitchen Equipment Replacement - District Wide	69,509
<u>Other</u>	
Conservation Commission - Fencing	4,500
Playhouse - Asbestos Abatement	<u>28,750</u>
Total	\$ <u>1,826,408</u>

Section 2. To meet said appropriations, \$1,826,408 bonds of the Town or so much as shall be necessary for such purpose, shall be issued maturing not later than the maximum maturity permitted by the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended from time to time (the "General Statutes"). Said bonds may be issued in one or more series as determined by the First Selectman, in consultation with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, in the amount necessary to meet the Town's share of the cost of the Projects determined after considering the estimated amount of any Federal and State grants-in-aid of the Projects, or the actual amount thereof if this be ascertainable, and the anticipated times of the receipt of the proceeds thereof, provided that the total amount of bonds to be issued shall not be less than an amount which will provide funds sufficient with other funds available for such purpose to pay the principal of and the interest on all temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds outstanding at the time of the issuance thereof, and to pay for the administrative, financing, legal and other costs of issuance of such bonds. The bonds shall be in the denomination of \$1,000 or a whole multiple thereof, be issued in fully registered form, be executed in the name and on behalf of the Town by the facsimile or manual signature of the First Selectman, bear the Town seal or a facsimile thereof, be certified by a bank or trust company, which bank or trust company may be designated the registrar and transfer agent, be payable at a bank or trust company, and be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Attorneysat-Law, of Hartford, Connecticut. The bonds shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the bonds shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such bond is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the principal thereof and interest thereon. The aggregate principal amount of the bonds of each series to be issued, the annual installments of principal, redemption provisions, if any, the certifying, registrar and transfer agent and the paying agent, the date, time of issue and sale and other terms, details and particulars of such bonds, including approval of the rate or rates of interest shall be determined by the First Selectman in the best interest of the Town and in accordance with the General Statutes.

Section 3. The bonds of each series shall be sold by the First Selectman, in consultation with the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance, in a competitive offering or by negotiation, in his discretion. If sold in a competitive offering, the bonds shall be sold at not less than par and accrued interest on the basis of the lowest net or true interest cost to the Town. A notice of sale or a summary thereof describing the bonds and setting forth the terms and conditions of the sale shall be published at least five days in advance of the sale in a recognized publication carrying municipal bond notices and devoted primarily to financial news and the subject of state and municipal bonds. If the bonds are sold by negotiation, the purchase agreement shall be approved and signed by the First Selectman. Section 4. The First Selectman is authorized to make temporary borrowings in anticipation of the receipt of the proceeds of said bonds. Notes evidencing such borrowings shall be signed by the First Selectman, have the seal of the Town affixed, be payable at a bank or trust company designated by the First Selectman, be approved as to their legality by Robinson & Cole LLP, Attorneys-at-Law, of Hartford, Connecticut, and be certified by a bank or trust company designated by the First Selectman pursuant to Section 7-373 of the Connecticut General Statutes. The notes shall be issued with maturity dates which comply with the provisions of the Connecticut General Statutes governing the issuance of such notes. The notes shall be general obligations of the Town and each of the notes shall recite that every requirement of law relating to its issue has been duly complied with, that such note is within every debt and other limit prescribed by law, and that the full faith and credit of the Town are pledged to the payment of the

principal thereof and the interest thereon. The net interest cost on such notes, including renewals thereof, and the expense of preparing, issuing and marketing them, to the extent paid from the proceeds of such renewals or said bonds, may be included as a cost of the Projects. Upon the sale of the bonds, the proceeds thereof, to the extent required, shall be applied forthwith to the payment of the principal of and the interest on any such notes then outstanding or shall be deposited with a bank or trust company in trust for such purpose.

<u>Section 5.</u> The appropriations in Section 1 may be transferred by the Board of Selectmen among the Projects upon a finding that the appropriation or portion thereof is not needed for its respective purpose.

Section 6. The Town hereby expresses its official intent pursuant to Section 1.150-2 of the Federal Income Tax Regulations, Title 26 (the "Regulations"), to reimburse expenditures paid sixty days prior to and any time after the date of passage of this resolution in the maximum amount and for the Projects with the proceeds of bonds, notes, or other obligations ("Tax Exempt Obligations") authorized to be issued by the Town. The Tax Exempt Obligations shall be issued to reimburse such expenditures not later than 18 months after the later of the date of the expenditure or the substantial completion of the Projects, or such later date the Regulations may authorize. The Town hereby certifies that the intention to reimburse as expressed herein is based upon its reasonable expectations as of this date. The First Selectman or his designee is authorized to pay Project expenses in accordance herewith pending the issuance of the Tax Exempt Obligations.

<u>Section 7</u>. The First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into agreements or otherwise covenant for the benefit of bondholders to provide information on an annual or other periodic basis to the Municipal Securities Rulemaking Board (the "MSRB") and to provide notices to the MSRB of events as enumerated in Securities and Exchange Commission Exchange Act Rule 15c2-12, as amended, as may be necessary, appropriate or desirable to effect the sale of the bonds and notes authorized by this resolution. Any agreements or representations to provide information to the MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

<u>Section 8.</u> The First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to enter into any other agreements, instruments, documents and certificates, including tax and investment agreements, for the consummation of the transactions contemplated by this resolution. The First Selectman is hereby authorized, on behalf of the Town, to apply for and accept any and all Federal and State loans and or grants-in-aid of any Projects, to expend said funds in accordance with the terms hereof, and in connection therewith to contract in the name of the Town with engineers, contractors and others.

Bob Hebert, 85 Prospect Street, moved and Rudy Marconi, 145 Main Street, seconded that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read. Following discussion and a vote by show of hands, the Moderator reported that all present were in favor of the adoption of the resolution and 0 votes in opposition to the adoption of the resolution. The Moderator thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:16 pm.

## Reconvened Annual Town Meeting May 10, 2022

First Selectman, Rudy Marconi, reconvened the Annual Town Meeting of May 2, 2022 in the large conference room of Town Hall at 9:05 p.m.

The first order of business was to elect a Moderator. Andrew Okrongly, 34 Tanglewood Court, moved and Greg Kabasakalian, Two Washington Avenue, seconded the motion to appoint Jane Berendsen-Hill Moderator. Unanimously approved.

The Moderator asked the Head Moderator of the Referendum, Jackie Putman, to announce the results. J. Putman read the results, shown below, stating that a total of 1,186 people voted, which includes 33 absentee and 2 grand list voters; 6.9% eligible voters. All questions were approved.

The Moderator recessed the meeting in order that the Board of Finance could meet and set the mill rate. After the Board of Finance met, David Ulmer, BOF Chairman, announced the new mill rate—28.43.

The Moderator then called the meeting back to order and asked for a motion to adjourn.

David Ulmer, 193 South Salem Road, moved and Karen Ulmer, 97 Whipstick Road, seconded the motion to adjourn 29 the Annual Town Meeting at 9:17 pm. Unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted, Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk

## **TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD RESULTS OF REFERENDUM VOTE**

At a referendum vote held on May 10, 2022 in the Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, the following vote was taken on

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expenditures Town and Edu	(consisting	of Town o	perating ex	xpenditui	nance relative to the appropriation of \$47,484,512 for Town res of \$39,218,807 and debt service of \$8,265,705 on both commencing July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, be
approved?"					
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of Education 6		es for the fi	scal year o		nance relative to the appropriation of \$106,600,490 for Boarding July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023, be approved?"
planning, desi commencing	ign, acquisi July 1, 202	tion and co 2 and endin	nstruction g June 30,	of variou 2023, be	nance relative to the appropriation of \$1,600,000 for the us Town road and ADA improvements for the fiscal year approved?"
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Instal \$437,	"Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$246,721 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Middle School Auditorium Lighting Upgrades And \$191,133 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition Of School District Wide Replacement Of Orchestra And Band Instruments And Author 854 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof Torary Borrowings For Such Purposes, be approved?"  901 YES 275 NO	uisition And rizing The Issuance Of
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