

NOTICE OF A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT

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Notice is hereby given that a Town Meeting will be held on **Monday, June 22, 2026 at 7:30PM** in the **Town Hall Large Conference Room**, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, CT to vote on the following item: Vote to approve Danbury Road Sidewalk Easements. The supporting documents can be found on the Town Calendar section of the Town website - www.ridgefieldct.gov.

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Town Clerk

This letter is to affirm that the legal public notice for the Town Meeting held on June 22, 2026, appeared in the *Ridgefield Press* on Thursday, June 11th, 2026.

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First Selectperson's Office

Special Town Meeting June 22, 2026 – 7:30 pm

First Selectperson Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order and asked the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance, after which he requested a motion to appoint a Moderator. **Selectperson Sean Connelly moved and Michael Rettger, 25 Fairview Avenue, seconded the motion to appoint Geoffrey Morris, 231 Ivy Hill Road, as Moderator for the Special Town Meeting. The "Aye" votes were unanimous and Geoffrey Morris was appointed Moderator.**

Moderator Ed Tyrrell requested a motion to appoint a Secretary. **Selectperson Barbara Manners moved and Sean Connelly seconded the motion to appoint Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk, Secretary. The "Aye" votes were unanimous and Wendy Gannon Lionetti was appointed Secretary.**

According to the Town Clerk's unofficial head count, there were 24 people in attendance (in addition to the BOS members, the Moderator, and the Secretary) at the Special Town Meeting.

Jake Muller, Director of Public Works, was asked to provide background. He explained that this sidewalk will connect the Parks & Recreation walking trail to the sidewalk that continues south to the intersection of Farmingville and Danbury Road, down Farmingville Road, and then to Ligi Way past ROAR and the Recycling Center, finally to the wooded trail by the Goodwill trailer connecting existing gaps in the trail system. The wooded trail leads to the end of Prospect Street at the trailhead of the rail trail. This project funding was approved in the 2027 budget. Another grant opportunity exists and this will be discussed with the Board of Selectpersons in the weeks ahead.

Christopher Reese, 4 Mountainview Avenue, asked how the Shell gas station ties into this? Jake Muller responded that Shell is funding the construction of their own sidewalk on Farmingville and Danbury Road. The crosswalks may be realigned in the future to make for safer crossing.

Fred Burke, 80 Walnut Grove Road, asked whether the sidewalks will continue to ROAR? The answer is yes.

Russ Porter, Pilgrim Hill Road, stated that the stretch of road being described is very dangerous now; this will make it safer. It is a good project.

Scott DeYoung, Caudatowa Drive, asked how close to the edge of the road are the easements? Would any of them be at risk if the state ever decided to widen the road? Jake Muller responded all the sidewalks are on private property.

Rudy Marconi, 145 Main Street and First Selectperson, stated this is part of a master plan for this area. The plan is to create a safe path from Parks & Recreation all the way to Branchville; an approximately 10-mile round-trip hike. The intersection of Danbury Road at Farmingville north to the Parks & Recreation entrance is part of a safety study. We will be applying for a connectivity grant that will allow us to address the light sequencing, which is dramatically off. It will make it much safer

Moderator Geoffrey Morris called for a vote on the motion to approve the sidewalk easements with JMF Realty, LLC; 165 Danbury Road LLC; and Copps Hill Professional Association Inc. Selectperson Sean Connelly moved and Terry Bearden-Rettger, seconded the motion to approve the Danbury Road easements. The 'Aye; votes were unanimous. All three easements were approved.

Mike Rettger moved and Russ Porter seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 pm. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Gannon Lionetti CMC CCTC, Town Clerk