

Notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing and Special Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday October 24th, 2018 7:30 PM, Town Large Conference Room, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield Connecticut to consider the following changes in Ridgefield Code under Chapter 19. Boards, Commissions and Committees. Underline and bold italics represents addition to existing language; brackets and strikethrough ~~{strikethrough}~~ indicates deletion of text.

## Article II: Pension Commission

§ 19-3. Establishment.

There is hereby established a Pension Commission for the Town to be known as the "Ridgefield Pension Commission."

§ 19-4. Composition; ***appointment; terms of office.***

The Pension Commission created by this article shall consist of seven ~~{resident electors}~~ ***Commissioners, each of whom is a resident of Ridgefield. The members of the Pension Commission shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen for staggered terms of service each beginning June 1, such that the regular terms of no more than three members shall conclude in any Town fiscal year. Each member shall serve for a term of three years. Upon written resignation of a member, or upon removal of a member by the Board of Selectmen, the Board of Selectmen shall select and appoint a successor who shall serve for the balance of the original member's regular term.***

~~{§ 19-5 Appointments; terms of office.~~

~~The members of the Pension Commission shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen as follows: two for a term of one year, two for a term of two years and three for a term of three years; thereafter each shall serve for a term of three years and until his successor shall have been appointed and qualified. Appointments to the Pension Commission shall be made effective July 1 each year. }~~

§ 19-~~{6}~~**5**. Minority representation.

No more than five members of the Pension Commission shall be from the same political party.

§ 19-~~{7}~~**6**. Oath required.

Each member of the Pension Commission shall be sworn to the faithful performance of his duties.

§ 19-~~{8}~~**7**. Officers.

The Pension Commission shall ~~{annually in July}~~ elect a Chairman and a Secretary from its members ***annually in July, or if no meeting is held in July, at the next subsequent meeting.***

~~{§ 19-9 Bond.~~

~~If required by the Board of Selectmen, each member of the Pension Commission shall furnish a bond to the Town, the cost thereof to be paid by the Town.~~

§ 19-~~{10}~~**8**. Meetings and records.

The Pension Commission shall meet at least quarterly and shall keep written records of its meetings. A special meeting of the Pension Commission may be called by the Chairman or a majority of the members at any time.

§ 19-~~{11}~~**9**. Quorum ***and decision making.***

A majority of the Pension commission shall constitute a quorum. ***Members may participate in commission meetings in person or by telephone. All formal actions by the Pension Commission shall require the approval of at least four members attending the meeting.***

~~{§ 19-12 Annual report.~~

The Pension Commission shall annually report to the Board of Selectmen, which report shall be included in and published by the Selectmen in the Annual Report of the Town.}

~~{~~ § 19-13. Pension plan

~~The Pension Commission shall provide a pension plan for the appointed employees of the Town which may include, but not be limited to, annuity purchase guarantees and such other benefits and methods of funding which the trustees shall deem appropriate for the continuing operation of the pension plan. No employee now a member of the State Teachers' Retirement Fund shall be eligible to participate in the plan.}~~

**§ 19-10. Pension and other post-employment benefit plan trusts.**

**The Board of Selectmen may establish pension plans and other post-retirement benefit plans for the benefit of Town employees and elected officials. The assets for each such plan shall be held in one or more trusts, annuity contracts, guaranteed investment contracts, or similar funding vehicles, pursuant to written agreements adopted by the Board of Selectmen.**

No employee who is now an active participant in the State Teachers' Retirement Fund shall be eligible to participate concurrently in any defined benefit pension plans of the Town.

~~{~~ § 19-14 **Authority to enter into agreements, invest funds and employ personnel.**

~~The Pension Commission is authorized to enter into appropriate agreements with life insurance companies and banks for the purpose of providing such pension and annuities, to invest such funds as are appropriated to it as it deems most expedient, and, subject to appropriations made by the Board of Finance and the Town Meeting, to employ agents and other personnel.}~~

**§ 19-11. Pension Commission as Trustee for certain trusts; management and oversight**

**The Pension Commission shall serve collectively as Trustee of the trust(s) established by the Town to hold the assets of any defined benefit pension plans, any money purchase pension plans, and any other post-employment benefit (OPEB) plans for the municipal employees and elected officials of the Town. The Town may also, by ordinance or written resolution of the Board of Selectmen, assign to the Pension Commission responsibility for other pension plans and other retirement-related benefit plans.**

**The Pension Commission shall be responsible for the management and oversight of those trust funds assigned to its purview under these ordinances, and is authorized to engage in all powers and authorities for the management and administration of those trust funds as may be provided in the trust agreements establishing such trusts. If required by the Board of Selectmen or by the terms of any underlying benefit plans under its purview, the members of the Pension Commission shall be covered by a bond or equivalent insurance to the benefit of the Town in a coverage amount of at least \$5 million or 10% of aggregate trust assets under its control, whichever is smaller, the cost thereof to be paid by the Town.**

**§ 19-12. Other contractual arrangements.**

**The Town may also engage trust companies, banks, and other authorized financial institutions to provide and manage defined-contribution pension plans or such other employee benefit plans as may be established by the Town. The Pension Commission shall have no authority or responsibility for such plans.**

§ 19-~~{15}~~13. Disbursement of funds **appropriated and contributed to the trusts.**

All funds appropriated by the Town for the pension {purposes} and the OPEB plan trusts, and all funds contributed by participants to such plans, shall be disbursed, as directed by the Pension Commission, in a timely manner, by the Treasurer ~~{upon written direction and order of the Chairman and Secretary of the Commission.}~~

**§ 19-~~{12}~~14. Annual Reports and Audits.**

The Pension Commission **shall provide an annual accounting of the financial activity of each trust under its control, summarizing the asset holdings and values, estimated liabilities, receipts, investment income, benefit payments and other disbursements, in such detail and on such time schedule as is required to support the production of the Town's regular financial reports. The Pension Commission may, at its discretion, retain third-party providers to produce any or all such accountings, and any costs incurred in producing these accountings shall be charged to the appropriate trust. The Pension Commission shall also periodically obtain and review**

actuarial valuations of each trust, as are appropriate for their prudent financial management and the timely determination of Town funding levels. The Pension Commission shall participate as needed in any audits authorized by the Town, for the production of the audited financial reports by the Town.

**§ 19-15. Plan administrators.**

**The Board of Selectmen shall designate one or more plan administrators for each plan requiring such a role in its corresponding trust agreement, and shall notify the Pension Commission in writing of each such designation, including any changes in such designations as may occur over time.**

§ 19-16. Amending Trust Agreement.

The Selectmen of the Town are hereby authorized to ~~{modify or}~~ amend, on behalf of the Town, ~~{a certain trust agreement dated May 21, 1964, between the Town as employer and the Pension Commission as trustees, in accordance with the following procedure:}~~ **any trust agreements relating to pension and retirement benefits created pursuant to these ordinances, in accordance with the terms of the trust agreements and the following procedures:**

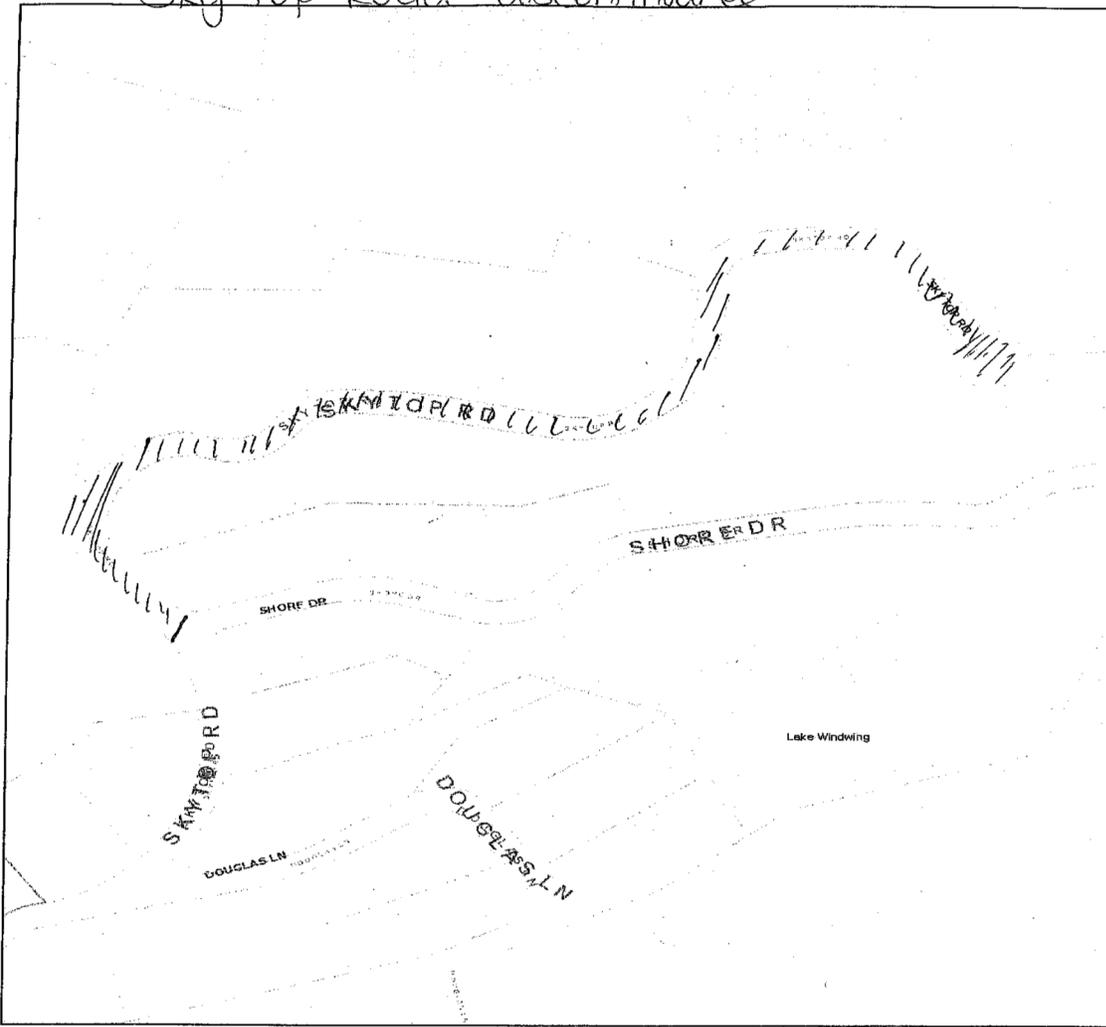
- A. At least 30 days prior to the adoption of such ~~{modification or}~~ amendment, the Selectmen shall deliver to the **Trustee** ~~{Pension Commission}~~ notice of their intention to make such ~~{modification or}~~ amendment, **including details of the proposed amendment.**
- B. **Provided that the Trustee, has not objected in writing to the proposed amendment in accordance with the terms of the trust agreement,** after the expiration of such thirty-day period but not later than 45 days thereafter, the Selectmen shall have the power to ~~{make such modification or amendment in accordance with the terms of Article X, § 10.01 of the trust agreement.}~~ **adopt the proposed amendment.** Such ~~{modification or}~~ amendment shall become effective 30 days after such ~~{modification or}~~ amendment has been published in a newspaper having a circulation in the Town, **subject to subsection C.**
- C. If, within 30 days after publication of such ~~{modification or}~~ amendment, the Selectmen shall receive ~~{an application}~~ a petition for a Town Meeting ~~an application~~ in accordance with § 3-~~{6}~~5 of the Town Charter for the purpose of repealing, in whole or in part, such ~~{modification or}~~ amendment, then such ~~{modification or}~~ amendment shall not become effective at the expiration of such thirty-day period, but such ~~{modification or}~~ amendment, or so much thereof as is not repealed by the Town Meeting called in accordance with this subsection, shall become effective immediately upon the adjournment of such Town Meeting.

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Notice is hereby given that a **Special Town Meeting** will be held on October 24, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall Large Conference Room, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut to act on eliminating the unbuilt portion of Sky Top Road from the town map.

Related documents for the proposed are available for public inspection in the Office of the First Selectman, the Town Clerk and on the Town website.

Sky Top Road - discontinuance



The information depicted on this map is for planning purposes only. It is not adequate for legal boundary definition, regulatory interpretation, or parcel-level analyses.



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**TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD**  
Office of the First Selectman

October 30, 2018

Wendy Gannon Lionetti  
Town Clerk

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This is to affirm that the legal public notices for the Special Town Meeting of October 24th, 2018 appeared in *The Ridgefield Press* on October 18th, 2018.

Amy Escibano  
First Selectman's Office

First Selectman Rudy Marconi called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the large conference room of Town Hall.

R. Marconi explained that the Town Meeting for the Pension Commission ordinance is canceled because the legal notice (found on page 313) did not reflect changes that the Board of Selectmen had made to the ordinance. The Town Meeting to discuss the Pension ordinance will be rescheduled.

Following the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance, R. Marconi stated that the first item of business was to appoint a Moderator. **Selectman Bob Hebert moved and Selectwoman Maureen Kozlark seconded the motion to appoint Jane Berendsen-Hill Moderator for the Special Town Meeting. Vote: The "Aye" votes were unanimous and Jane Berendsen-Hill was appointed Moderator.**

Moderator Jane Berendsen-Hill called the meeting to order and requested a motion to appoint a secretary. **Bob Hebert moved and Maureen Kozlark seconded the motion to appoint Town Clerk Wendy Gannon Lionetti secretary.**

**Vote: The "Aye" votes were unanimous and Wendy Lionetti was appointed secretary.**

Jane Berendsen-Hill explained the meeting is to consider eliminating the unbuilt portion of Sky Top Road from the Town map, as stated in the legal notice of the meeting that appears on page 315.

Discussion:

First Selectman Rudy Marconi explained that the unbuilt portion of the road that extends into Hemlock Hills, open space, and the Conservation Commission had asked for the this action. The road was used mostly by people gaining access to open space using motorized recreational vehicles such as ATVs. This action will help maintain the property in its current natural state in perpetuity.

The Moderator then asked for a motion to approve. **Dave Cronin, 10 Lawson Lane, moved and James Coyle, 258 Florida Road, seconded the motion to approve removing the unbuilt portion of Sky Top Road from the Town map.**

**Vote: The "Aye" votes carried, and the motion to approve eliminating the unbuilt portion of Sky Top Road from the Town map was approved.**

**Selectman Steve Zemo moved and Maureen Kozlark seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.**

**Vote: The "Aye" votes were unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk