NOTICE OF A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT
WEDNESDAY JANUARY 4, 2023 AT 7:30PM

Notice is hereby given that a Special Town Meeting for residents will be held on Wednesday January 4, 2023, at 7:30pm in the Town Hall large conference room located at 400 Main St, Ridgefield, CT 06877 to vote on item pertaining to the following: Scenic Road request pertaining to the below private road: Rustic Rd. See the Town calendar for details pertaining to this Special Town Meeting. It will also be streamed live on our website, www.ridgefieldct.org.

Rudy Marconi, First Selectman

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
Office of the First Selectman

January 6, 2023

Wendy Gannon Lionetti
Town Clerk

This letter is to affirm that the legal public notices for the Special Town Meeting held on January 4, 2023 appeared in the Ridgefield Press on Thursday, December 29, 2022.

Amy Escrivan
First Selectman’s Office

Special Town Meeting January 4, 2023

First Selectman Rudy Marconi called the Special Town Meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the large conference room of Town Hall. Mr. Marconi asked the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

R. Marconi stated that although a number of roads in the “Lakes District” were designated as scenic back in November of 2022, Rustic Road was not included due to two reasons: there was at the time a court case around inappropriate open space use on the road. This case has since been resolved. The other reason was that in order for a road to be designated as scenic, a majority of the owners of lot frontage abutting the road must approve of the designation. Approximately 50% of the lot frontage is Town-owned property. Hence, tonight’s Town Meeting.

The first order of business was to appoint a Moderator. Selectwoman Maureen Kozlark moved and Selectman Bob Hebert seconded the motion to appoint Ed Tyrrell Moderator for the Special Town Meeting. The “Aye” votes were unanimous and Ed Tyrrell was appointed Moderator.

Moderator Ed Tyrrell called the meeting to order and requested a motion to appoint a secretary. Maureen Kozlark moved and Bob Hebert seconded the motion to appoint Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk, secretary. The “Aye” votes were unanimous and Wendy Gannon Lionetti was appointed secretary.

Moderator Tyrrell read the legal notice of the meeting that appears on Page 10, to consider the request to designate Rustic Road as a scenic road.

The Moderator then asked for a motion to approve. John Katz, Ridgebury Road, moved and Geoffrey Morris, Ivy Hill Road, seconded the motion to approve designating Rustic Road as scenic.
The Moderator then entertained input from the meeting attendees.
- Shirley Wilken, 26 Rustic Road, stated she thought that Rustic was already considered a scenic road. Mr. Marconi stated the Town researched all files and it is not a scenic road. Ms. Wilkin stated she supports giving it a scenic designation.
- Geoffrey Morris, Ivy Hill Road, stated he doesn’t know how a road named Rustic could not be considered scenic!
- John Katz, Ridgebury Road, stated most people don’t know where it is.

The Moderator then called for a vote to approve the motion. The “Aye” votes carried, and the motion to approve designating Rustic Road as scenic was approved.

John Katz moved and Maureen Kozlark seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:37 pm. Motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk