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NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
 TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT  
 APRIL 24, 2021

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 Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. (E.T.) outdoors at 90 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, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Town Expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$38,250,135 and debt service of \$9,789,668 on both Town and Education capital projects): \$48,039,803

2. To consider recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Board of Education Expenditures: \$102,260,087

3. To consider recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022:

Planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and infrastructure improvements (including \$75,000 for ADA): \$1,066,426

4. To consider a Resolution Appropriating \$193,684 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Mack Truck, \$150,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Sidewalk Improvements And \$230,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of The Norwalk River Valley Trail And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$573,684 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 and \$230,000 For The Norwalk River Valley Trail).

5. To consider a Resolution Appropriating \$201,760 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Scott's Ridge Turf Field Replacement And \$709,500 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Tiger Hollow Turf Field Replacement And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$911,260 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 \$164,597 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of A Police Body/Dash Camera System (State Mandated) And \$360,000 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of Police/Fire Initial Architectural Building Plans And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$524,597 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes.

7. To consider a Resolution Appropriating \$377,400 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School LED Lighting Upgrades, \$522,887 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School District Wide Network Infrastructure Upgrades, \$100,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of East Ridge Middle School Auditorium Upgrades And \$349,885 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of An East Ridge Middle School Emergency Power Generator And Authorizing The Issuance Of

\$1,350,172 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 \$28,000 For School LED Lighting Upgrades).

Items 1 through 7 on the call of the Annual Town Meeting will be voted upon by a referendum vote on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 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, in accordance with the General Statutes of Connecticut, Revision of 1958, as amended, and pursuant to Section 10-3 of the Town Charter.

8. To consider and vote upon a resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,781,244 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition, Installation And Construction Of Various Public Improvements And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,781,244 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 \$17,900 For Town LED Lighting Upgrades).

9. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Copies of the Town budget and the proposed bond resolutions are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Ridgefield, Connecticut this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2021.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

*Rudolph P. Marconi*  
Rudolph P. Marconi, First Selectman

*Wendy Gannon Lionetti*  
Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk

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TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD  
Office of the First Selectman

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 I caused a 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 26 2021; 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021.

*Rudolph P. Marconi*  
First Selectman

Received for Record

April 27, 2021.

*Wendy Gannon Lionetti*  
Town Clerk

The Annual Town Meeting of the Town of Ridgefield was held on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. (E.T.) outdoors at 90 East Ridge Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut due to the current COVID-19 pandemic.

The meeting was called to order by First Selectman Rudy Marconi at 3:00 pm.

Sharon Dornfeld, 65 Ritch Drive, was chosen and acted as Moderator.

Bob Hebert, 58 Prospect Street, moved and Andrew Neblett, Ashbee Lane, seconded the motion to waive reading the notice of the meeting as copies were available for all attendees. Moderator Sharon Dornfeld stated that said notice signed by the First Selectman had been posted in the office of the Town Clerk on April 13, 2021 and a copy thereof had been published in the April 15, 2021 issue of The Ridgefield Press, a newspaper of general circulation in said Town.

The Moderator then explained that in accordance with Section 10-3 of the Town Charter Items 1 through 9 on the call of the Annual Town Meeting would be voted upon at a referendum to be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2021.

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 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.

Mike Rettger moved, Ed Tyrrell seconded the motion to waive reading the communications from the BOS and BOF which was received, accepted and ordered incorporated into the minutes of the Meeting. Motion carried unanimously.



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

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April 7, 2021

To the Legal Voters of the  
Town of Ridgefield:

At a meeting of the Board of Selectmen held April 7, 2021, the following resolutions were adopted to be voted upon by a referendum vote on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.T.) at East Ridge Middle School, 10 East Ridge, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877:

**RESOLVED:** That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$48,039,803 For Town Expenditures (Consisting Of Town Operating Expenditures Of \$38,250,135 And Debt Service Of \$9,789,668 On Both Town And Education Capital Projects) For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2021 And Ending June 30, 2022, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

**RESOLVED:** That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$102,260,087 For Board Of Education Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2021 And Ending June 30, 2022, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

**RESOLVED:** That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$1,066,426 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Various Town Road And Infrastructure Improvements (including \$75,000 for ADA) For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2021 And Ending June 30, 2022, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

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In addition, at said meeting, the Board of Selectmen adopted the following resolution to be voted upon at the Annual Town Meeting on Saturday, April 24, 2021 at 3:00 P.M. (E.T.) outdoors at 90 East Ridge Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut:

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Very truly yours,



Rudolph P. Marconi  
First Selectman

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**Town of Ridgefield  
Board of Finance**

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Wendy Gannon Lionetti  
Ridgefield CT Town Clerk

April 8, 2021

To the Legal Voters of the  
Town of Ridgefield:

At a meeting of the Board of Finance held April 8, 2021, the following resolutions were adopted:

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Very truly yours,  
*David F. Ulmer*  
Chairman  
Board of Finance

382 Barbara Manners moved and Maureen Kozlark seconded the motion to alter the order of presentations to allow Board of Finance Chairman David Ulmer to present first as he has a personal obligation; motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ulmer stated that Ridgefield's unemployment rate is currently 6% (was 3% prior to the pandemic)—2500 people are currently on unemployment. The Board of Finance keeps 8-9 percent of the budget in fund balance; this is lower than other towns. This is your money and it is there for disaster relief; and our tax base is primarily residential so we don't have a risk of any one source of tax revenue leaving town, etc. Boehringer Ingelheim is a large taxpayer but we have done much to keep them in town—they built in Ridgefield because our mill rate is lower than Danbury's. The mill rate increase over the past few years has been low; we work hard to keep it that way. Last year we intentionally kept it at 0%. This year the increase is 0.3% basically by using fund balance surplus as well as some ARP (American Rescue Plan) money.

Moderator Sharon Dornfeld introduced First Selectman Rudy Marconi who spoke to the slides below, stating the total Town budget being requested is \$39 million; the pie chart in slide 4 breaks this down by category. highlighting the fact that the Board of Selectmen reduced the bud



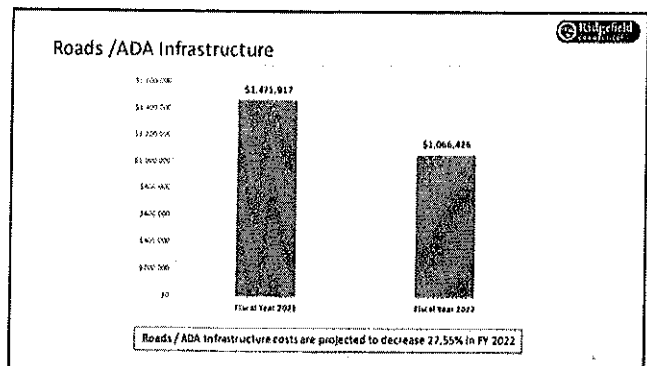
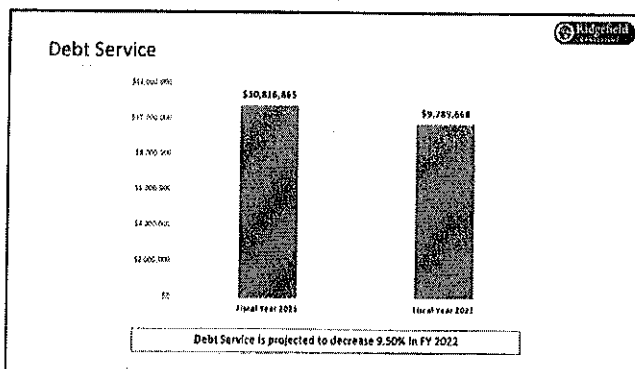
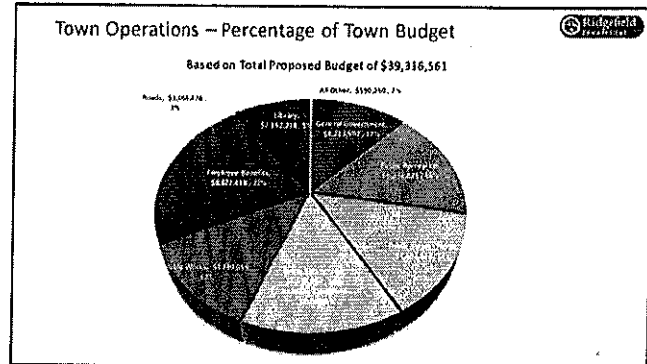
### General Town Budget Overview

Expenditures / FY:	2021	2022	\$ Change	% Change
Town Operations	\$ 26,705,799	\$ 27,048,635	\$ 342,837	3.22%
School Buildings & Grounds	610,616	626,216	14,597	2.39%
Utilities	1,788,773	1,763,866	(\$24,907)	-1.85%
Employee Benefits	8,700,948	8,822,418	121,472	1.40%
Subtotal	37,306,836	38,260,136	\$44,299	2.83%
Roads/ADA Infrastructure	1,471,817	1,086,420	(\$385,397)	-27.55%
<b>Total Town</b>	<b>\$ 38,777,653</b>	<b>\$ 38,316,561</b>	<b>\$ 461,092</b>	<b>1.38%</b>

Overall, town expenditures are budgeted to increase by \$539K or 1.39%.

### Town Operation – Components of Increase

Town Operations	School Buildings and Grounds	Utilities, Heat, Vehicle Fuel	Employee Benefits	Roads ADA Infrastructure
Salary and Related	\$431,270		Health Insurance	\$287,626
Salary – Combined Dispatch	139,224		Pension and OPEB	(79,896)
Salary – Add Highway Driver / Laborer	61,714		SS / Medicare	48,364
Liability Insurance	98,235		WC and Unemploy Ins	(71,547)
Govt Cont Lease	24,600		Elected Officials	742
P&R Program Costs	(70,000)		Defered Contribution	30,850
P&R Athletic Fields	(50,000)		Compensated Absences	5,840
Town Warden	50,000			
Library	42,749			
Reassessment Operating Transfer	100,200			
Other	10,446			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$642,287</b>	<b>\$16,887 (\$34,907)</b>	<b>\$121,472</b>	<b>(\$446,491)</b>
<b>Town Grand Total</b>			<b>\$539,008</b>	



### Capital – Public Recreation

Area	Cost
Golf	
Greens Mower	\$ 35,241
Storage Garage Roof	40,000
Parks & Recreation	
Recreation Center Campus Walking Path	27,452
Tennis/Basketball/Pickleball Court Repair	34,805
Scotts Ridge Turf Field Replacement	201,700
Parks, Fields and School Grounds Safety Improvements	29,857
Ballard Park Wall Repair	27,680
Wellness Center Circuit Equipment	79,790
Wellness Center Flooring	66,500
3/4 Ton Truck w/ Plow	30,792
Tiger Hollow	
Turf Field Replacement - TH 1	709,500
Norwalk River Valley Trail	
Design and Engineer	230,000
Less NRVY Grant	(230,000)
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,283,377</b>

### Capital – Public Safety

Area	Cost
Police Department	
Body/Dash Camera System	\$ 164,597
Fire Department	
Fire Marshal Vehicle	25,000
Firefighter Protective Gear	52,129
Fire Hose	12,460
SCBA Bottles	11,010
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 265,196</b>

### Capital – Public Works

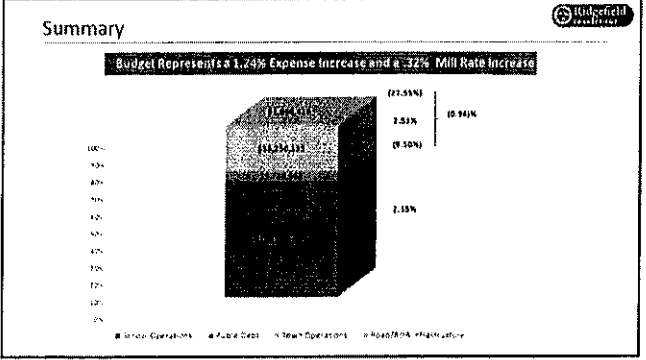
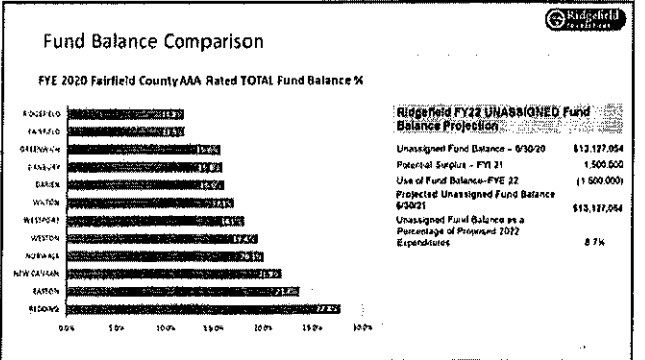
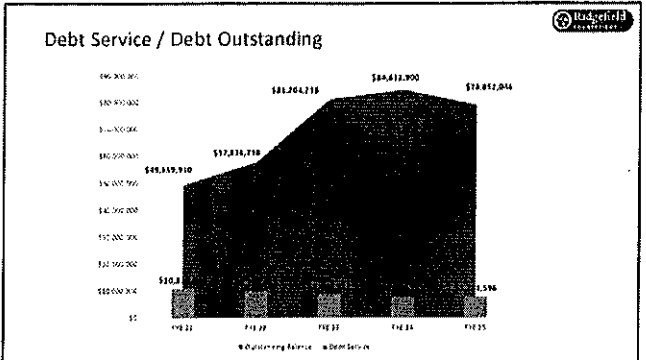
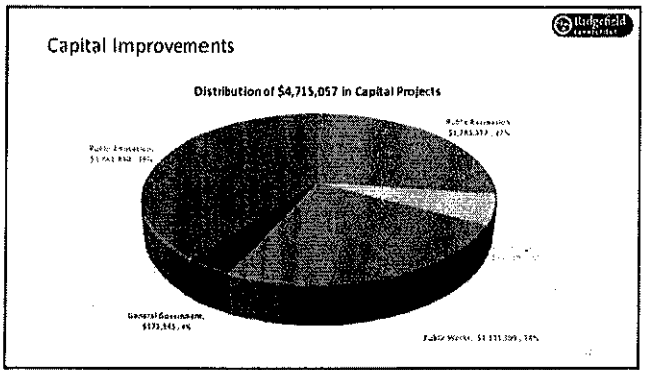
Area	Cost
Highway Department	
Guardrail Replacement	\$ 40,000
Back Dump Truck	163,664
Excavator (Reburishment)	28,200
Mowing Tractor	94,725
Snow Plow	8,900
Town Engineer	
Sidewalk Improvements	150,000
LEAK State Grant	(150,000)
Town Hall HVAC Upgrade	85,800
Town Hall HVAC Controls	10,000
Teen Center Building Repairs	27,000
Public Safety Building Plans	340,000
Door Replacement - various locations	90,000
RHS - Paving	45,000
Energy Conservation Projects LED	69,500
Loss Exposure Rebate	(17,800)
Farmington and Veterans Park - Planting	54,000
Mountain Road Bridge Design and Replacement	53,600
Roads	
Tertiary Roads	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,531,209</b>

### Capital – General Government

Area	Cost
Information Technology	
Fiber Optic Cable	\$ 12,650
Microsoft Upgrade	84,000
Library	
Technology Upgrades	17,000
Shelton Safety Rubber Trees	20,000
Other	
Architectural Plan/Drawing Copier and Printer	10,195
Conservation Commission - Fencing	4,500
Cemetery Restoration - Tree Remediation	25,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 173,345</b>

### Capital – Education

Area	Cost
Education	
Building-wide LED Lighting Update-S	\$ 377,400
Loss Exposure Rebate	(29,000)
Network Infrastructure Upgrades-D	522,897
Well Infrastructure Improvements - F	97,000
Asbestos Abatement/Floor Re-tiling-S	65,400
Asbestos Abatement/Floor Re-tiling-B	91,400
Engineering Study for AC - Cyma-RN	35,000
Replacement of Emergency Generator -RH	43,604
Renovation of Bathrooms-B, F, VP	50,635
Autism Upgrades, Lighting and Sound -ER	100,000
Emergency Power Generator -ER	349,885
Powered Custodial Floor Maintenance Equipment -D	97,500
Kitchen Equipment Replacement -D	58,119
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 1,861,831</b>



### Capital To Be Voted On At The Annual Town Meeting

Golf - Frank Sergio/vanelli	
Greens Mower	\$ 35,241
Storage Garage Roof	40,000
Parks & Recreation - Dennis DiPino	
Recreation Center Campus Walking Path	27,452
Tennis/Basketball/Pickleball Court Repair	34,805
Parks, Fields and School Grounds Safety Improvements	29,857
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Wellness Center Circuit Equipment	79,790
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Fire - Chief Myers	
Fire Marshal Vehicle	25,000
Firefighter Protective Gear	52,129
Fire Hose	12,460
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## A Look Back: 2020-2021 (FY21)

The Board of Education Approved Budget: 3.96%

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



## The Landscape

- Students experienced the greatest health crisis of their lifetime.
- Schools transformed overnight, and the traditional classroom forever changed.
- What we know about social, emotional and academic learning tells us that we will see significant impacts, not only for one year, but for years to come.
- Residual impact of the public health crisis on students and schools is likely to be substantial.



## The Landscape

- We owe students an assured experience, across schools, grades, and classrooms, and not even the excuse of a global pandemic relieves the District of this obligation.
- The Superintendent's proposed budget provides consistency and predictability for students, faculty and staff, with the focus on a high quality, assured social, emotional, and academic experience for all learners.
- The budget fortifies the District's foundation and sets the District up for future growth and innovation.
- Resources are prioritized *first* into establishing a reliable and consistent foundation.



## Budget Priorities

**Foundation**  
Protect the Experience  
Prepare for the Unknowns  
Plan to Mitigate Risks

**Sets the Stage**  
Future Innovation and Creativity  
World Class Education  
Get Better and Better

## Enrollment/Class Size

ENROLLMENT PROJECTIONS 2021-2022

School	K	OR1	OR2	OR3	OR4	OR5	OR6	OR7	OR8	OR9	OR10	OR11	OR12	Total
ERMS	78	77	51	54	51	54								305
BHS	51	57	55	61	63	69								354
PES	41	57	54	40	39	31								297
HEP	54	49	51	63	58	70								311
SEN	50	47	40	60	60	50								315
VPES	31	36	33	42	30	70								215
ERMS							185	159	181					525
SRMS							191	158	178					527
BHS										300	307	311	301	1529
TOTAL	290	293	308	329	330	335	456	387	330	300	307	311	301	1130

## The Budget Process

Leadership team works independently and collectively to study and review:

- Past Budgets
- Enrollment data/projections
- Staffing changes/needs
- Fixed costs
- Academic/non-academic needs
- Efficiencies- Redirection of resources
- Residual impact/costs of COVID-19

### Budget Decision Additions

Special Education Teacher: BHS  
Increased Hours/Supervisory Paraprofessionals  
Curriculum Position

### Budget Decision Reductions

Paraprofessionals: BHS  
Elementary Curriculum Lead Stipends

### Other Budget Additions

Hardware/Equip Technology  
LETE Art

### Other Budget Reductions

Math 180 at ERMS and SRMS  
BHS Equipment Replacement  
Club Stipends  
Special Education-Legal  
ERMS Project-Facilities  
Software Review-Technology  
Professional Ed Services  
Hardware Lease-Technology  
COVID Expenses

2.35% Increase: \$102,260,087

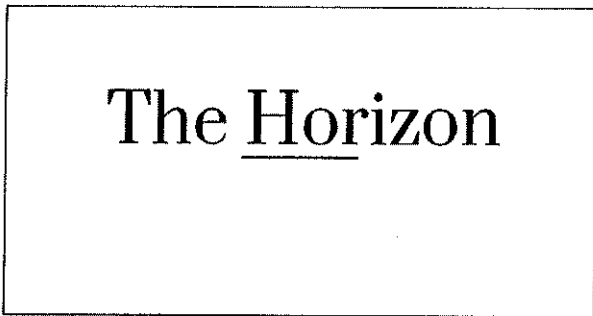
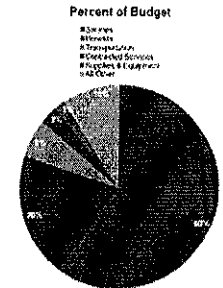
Year	Requested Percentage	Final Budget	Approved Budget	Increase
2016-2017	5.91%	4.99%	\$90,374,229	\$4,295,864
2017-2018	3.48%	2.50%	\$92,633,544	\$2,259,314
2018-2019	4.23%	2.55%	\$95,000,000	\$2,366,456
2019-2020	3.60%	3.36%	\$98,193,760	\$3,193,760
2020-2021	3.96%	1.75%	\$99,912,151	\$1,718,391
2021-2022	3.45%**	DOE approved budget 2.35%	\$102,260,087	

2021-2022 Budget by Major Category

Description	2020-2021	2021-2022	Difference	% Change
Certified Salaries	\$48,520,489	\$49,800,173	\$1,279,683	2.64%
Non-Certified Salaries	\$11,774,595	\$12,017,327	\$242,732	2.06%
Employee Benefits	\$19,752,024	\$19,937,849	185,825	0.94%
Transportation	\$6,070,541	\$6,288,514	\$217,973	3.59%
Contracted Services	\$2,846,042	\$2,412,134	-\$433,907	-15.25%
Supplies & Equipment	\$1,757,645	\$2,001,867	\$244,221	13.89%
All Other	\$9,190,815	\$9,802,223	\$611,408	6.63%
Total Gross Budget	\$99,912,151	\$102,260,087	\$2,347,935	2.35%

2021-2022 Budget by Major Category

Category	21-22 Budget	Percent of Budget
Salaries	\$61,817,600	60%
Employee Benefits	\$19,937,849	20%
Transportation	\$6,288,514	6%
Contracted Services	\$2,412,134	2%
Supplies & Equipment	\$2,001,867	2%
All Other	\$9,802,223	10%
Total Gross Budget Increase	\$102,260,087	100%



The Horizon

- The world has changed-the formula is different
  - A strong foundation allows us to look beyond test scores
    - Leading
    - Innovation
    - Creativity
    - Future Trends

B. Manners moved and Russ Porter, Pilgrim Hill Road, seconded the motion to waive the reading of the resolutions; motion passed unanimously.

Moderator Sharon Dornfeld introduced and read the following budget questions 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 \$48,039,803 FOR TOWN EXPENDITURES (CONSISTING OF TOWN OPERATING EXPENDITURES OF \$38,250,135 AND DEBT SERVICE OF \$9,789,668 ON BOTH TOWN AND EDUCATION CAPITAL PROJECTS) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022. Sean Connelly moved and Ken Scholbey, Cains Hill Road, seconded the motion to approve the resolution; motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$102,260,087 FOR BOARD OF EDUCATION EXPENDITURES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022. Anne Blood, 27 Barnum Place, moved and Cathleen Holz, 3 Ninth Lane, seconded the motion to approve the resolution; motion carried unanimously.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE BOARD OF FINANCE RELATIVE TO THE APPROPRIATION OF \$1,066,426 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS TOWN ROAD AND INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS (INCLUDING \$75,000 FOR ADA) FOR THE FISCAL YEAR COMMENCING JULY 1, 2021 AND ENDING JUNE 30, 2022. **Maureen Kozlark moved and Barbara Manners seconded the motion to approve the resolution; motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$193,684 FOR THE DESIGN AND ACQUISITION OF A MACK TRUCK, \$150,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS AND \$230,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND CONSTRUCTION OF THE NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$573,684 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 AND \$230,000 FOR THE NORWALK RIVER VALLEY TRAIL). **Amy Hancock, 35 Woodlawn Drive, moved and Anne Blood seconded the motion to approve the resolution; motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$201,760 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF SCOTT'S RIDGE TURF FIELD REPLACEMENT AND \$709,500 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF TIGER HOLLOW TURF FIELD REPLACEMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$911,260 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATIONS AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES. **Andrew Neblett, 31 Ashbee Lane, moved and Sara Pettitt, 190 Nod Road, seconded the motion to approve the resolution; motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$164,597 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND ACQUISITION OF A POLICE BODY/DASH CAMERA SYSTEM (STATE MANDATED) AND \$360,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN AND ACQUISITION OF POLICE/FIRE INITIAL ARCHITECTURAL BUILDING PLANS AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$524,597 BONDS OF THE TOWN TO MEET SAID APPROPRIATION AND PENDING THE ISSUANCE THEREOF THE MAKING OF TEMPORARY BORROWINGS FOR SUCH PURPOSES. **Barbara Manners moved and Angela Liptack, 63 Wilton Road East, seconded the motion to approve the resolution; motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING \$377,400 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL LED LIGHTING UPGRADES, \$522,887 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF SCHOOL DISTRICT WIDE NETWORK INFRASTRUCTURE UPGRADES, \$100,000 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF EAST RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL AUDITORIUM UPGRADES AND \$349,885 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION AND INSTALLATION OF AN EAST RIDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL EMERGENCY POWER GENERATOR AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,350,172 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 \$28,000 FOR SCHOOL LED LIGHTING UPGRADES). **Rachel Ruggeri moved and Angela Rice, 237 Branchville Road, seconded the motion to approve the resolution; motion carried unanimously.**

After discussion on the Town budget and the proposed bond resolutions, a motion was made by **Ken Scholberg** and seconded by **Barbara Manners**, that the **First Selectman** be authorized and directed to call a referendum to be held on **Tuesday, May 11, 2021** between the hours of **6:00 o'clock A.M. and 8:00 o'clock P.M. (E.T.)** at **East Ridge Middle School, 10 East Ridge Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut**, to consider and take action upon the aforesaid proposed Town budget and the proposed bond resolutions and that the reading of the notice of said referendum, which was made available to all attendees and is made part of this record below, be waived. **Unanimously approved.**

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD  
NOTICE OF REFERENDUM  
TO BE HELD MAY 11, 2021

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 11, 2021 between the hours of 6:00 A.M. and 8:00 P.M. (E.T.) at East Ridge Middle School, 10 East Ridge Road, 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 \$48,039,803 for Town expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$38,250,135 and debt service of \$9,789,668 on both Town and Education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, 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 \$48,039,803 for Town expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$38,250,135 and debt service of \$9,789,668 on both Town and Education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, be approved? YES/NO"

2. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$102,260,087 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, 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 \$102,260,087 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, be approved? YES/NO"

3. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$1,066,426 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and infrastructure improvements (including \$75,000 for ADA) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, 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 \$1,066,426 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and infrastructure improvements (including \$75,000 for ADA) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, be approved? YES/NO"

4. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$193,684 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Mack Truck, \$150,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Sidewalk Improvements And \$230,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of The Norwalk River Valley Trail And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$573,684 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 and \$230,000 For The Norwalk River Valley Trail), be approved?"

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

"Shall the resolution appropriating \$193,684 for the design and acquisition of a Mack truck, \$150,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of sidewalk improvements and \$230,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of the Norwalk River Valley Trail and authorizing the issuance of \$573,684 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations and pending 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 and \$230,000 for the Norwalk River Valley Trail), be approved? YES/NO"

5. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$201,760 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Scotts Ridge Turf Field Replacement And \$709,500 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Tiger Hollow Turf Field Replacement And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$911,260 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And 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 \$201,760 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of Scotts Ridge turf field replacement and \$709,500 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of Tiger Hollow turf field replacement and authorizing the issuance of \$911,260 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 \$164,597 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of A Police Body/Dash Camera System (State Mandated) And \$360,000 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of Police/Fire Initial Architectural Building Plans And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$524,597 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And 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 \$164,597 for the planning, design and acquisition of a police body/dash camera system (State mandated) and \$360,000 for the planning, design and acquisition of police/fire initial architectural building plans and authorizing the issuance of \$524,597 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purposes, be approved? YES/NO"

7. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$377,400 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School LED Lighting Upgrades, \$522,887 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School District Wide Network Infrastructure Upgrades, \$100,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of East Ridge Middle School Auditorium Upgrades And \$349,885 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of An East Ridge Middle School Emergency Power Generator And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,350,172 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 \$28,000 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 \$377,400 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of school LED lighting upgrades, \$522,887 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of school district wide network infrastructure upgrades, \$100,000 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of East Ridge Middle School auditorium upgrades and \$349,885 for the planning, design, acquisition and installation of an East Ridge Middle School emergency power generator and authorizing the issuance of \$1,350,172 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 \$28,000 for school led lighting upgrades), 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:

East Ridge Middle School 10 East Ridge Road, 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 6th day of May 2021.

Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk

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RETURN OF POSTING AND PUBLICATION  
OF NOTICE OF REFERENDUM

I, Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk of the Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, hereby certify that I caused a copy of the attached Notice of Referendum bearing my written signature to be posted in the Office of the Town Clerk on April 27, 2021, 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 6, 2021.

Wendy Gannon Lionetti  
Wendy Gannon Lionetti  
Town Clerk

The Moderator then explained that the Annual Town Meeting has the authority to approve capital items under \$100,000 and then introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLUTION MAKING APPROPRIATIONS AGGREGATING \$1,781,244 FOR THE PLANNING, DESIGN, ACQUISITION, INSTALLATION AND CONSTRUCTION OF VARIOUS PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS AND EQUIPMENT AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF \$1,781,244 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 \$17,900 FOR TOWN LED LIGHTING UPGRADES). **Ann Blood moved and Claire Pettis, 190 Nod Road, seconded the motion that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read. The motion carried unanimously.**

RESOLVED:

Section 1. The sum of \$1,781,244 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:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Estimated Amount</u>
<u>Highway Department</u>	
Guardrail Replacement	\$40,000
Excavator Refurbishment	28,200
Mowing Tractor	94,725
Snow Plow	8,900
 <u>Golf</u>	
Greens Mower	35,241
Storage Garage Roof	40,000
 <u>Parks and Recreation</u>	
Recreation Center Campus Walking Path	27,452
Tennis/Basketball/Pickleball Court Repair	34,805
Parks, Fields and School Grounds Safety Improvements	29,857
Ballard Park Wall Repair	27,680
Wellness Center Circuit Equipment	79,790
Wellness Center Flooring	66,500
¾ Ton Truck with Plow	30,792

Town Engineer

Town Hall HVAC Upgrade	85,600
Town Hall HVAC Controls	19,000
Teen Center Building Repairs	27,000
Door Replacement - Various Locations	50,000
RHS - Paving	45,000
Energy Conservation Projects (LED)	89,500
Farmingville and Veterans Park	54,000
Mountain Road Bridge Design and Replacement	53,600
<u>Fire Department</u>	
Fire Marshal Vehicle	25,000
Firefighter Protective Gear	52,129
Fire Hose	12,460
SCBA Bottles	11,010
<u>Information Technology</u>	
Fiber Optic Cable	12,650
Microsoft Upgrade	84,000
<u>Library</u>	
Technology Upgrades	17,000
Stairwell Safety Rubber Treads	20,000
<u>Education</u>	
Well Infrastructure Improvements	97,000
Asbestos Abatement/Floor Retiling - S	66,400
Asbestos Abatement/Floor Retiling - B	91,400
Engineering Study for AC - Gyms - RH	35,000
Replacement of Emergency Generator - RH	43,604
Renovation of Bathrooms - B, F, VP	50,635
Powered Custodial Floor Maintenance Equipment - D	97,500
Kitchen Equipment Replacement - D	58,119
<u>Other</u>	
Architectural Plan/Drawing Copier and Printer	10,195
Conservation Commission - Fencing	4,500
Cemetery Restoration - Tree Remediation	<u>25,000</u>
Total	<u>\$1,781,244</u>

Robert Lavelle, 38 Aspen Mill road, asked whether there is a threshold for bids? R. Marconi responded that any capital item costing over \$10,000 lasting more than five years must go out to bid. Mike Rettger, Board of Finance member, stated that the Board of Finance members receive detailed bid information for all items requested in the budget from the department heads.

Section 2. To meet said appropriations, \$1,781,244 bonds of the Town or so much as shall be necessary for such purpose (provided that the bonds shall be reduced by the amount of any Eversource rebates received for such purposes, which are anticipated to be \$17,900 for Town LED Lighting Upgrades), 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, Attorneys-at-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.

Section 5. 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.

Section 7. 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

392 agreements or representations to provide information to the MSRB made prior hereto are hereby confirmed, ratified and approved.

Section 8. 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.

Ed Tyrrell moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and the motion was seconded by Andrew Neblett. The motion carried unanimously; the Moderator thereupon declared the resolution adopted.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

**Reconvened Annual Town Meeting May 11, 2021**

First Selectman, Rudy Marconi, reconvened the Annual Town Meeting of April 24, 2021 in the outdoor tent of the Richard E. Venus building complex at 9:31 p.m.

The first order of business was to elect a Moderator. **Board of Finance member Amy Freidenrich, 14 Market Street, moved and Andrew Neblett, 31 Ashbee Lane, seconded the motion to appoint Jane Berendsen-Hill Moderator. Unanimously approved.**

The Moderator asked the Head Moderator of the Referendum, Jacqueline Putman, to announce the results. J. Putman read the results, shown below. All questions were approved.

**Selectman Bob Hebert moved and First Selectman Rudy Marconi seconded the motion to recess the meeting in order that the Board of Finance could meet and set the mill rate. Unanimously approved.**

The meeting reconvened after the Board of Finance met, and Moderator Berendsen-Hill announced the new mill rate—28.21.

**Selectman Bob Hebert moved and Selectman Sean Connelly seconded the motion to accept the new mill rate of 28.21. Unanimously approved.**

The Moderator then asked for a motion to adjourn.

**Selectman Sean Connelly moved and Amy Freidenrich seconded the motion to adjourn the Annual Town Meeting at 9:47 pm. Unanimously approved.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD  
RESULTS OF REFERENDUM VOTE

At a referendum vote held on May 11, 2021 in the Town of Ridgefield, Connecticut, the following vote was taken on the following questions, viz.:

1. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$48,039,803 for Town expenditures (consisting of Town operating expenditures of \$38,250,135 and debt service of \$9,789,668 on both Town and Education capital projects) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, be approved?"

\_\_\_\_\_ 1108 \_\_\_\_\_ YES      \_\_\_\_\_ 207 \_\_\_\_\_ NO



2. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$102,260,087 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, be approved?"

\_\_\_\_\_ 977 \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ 339 \_\_\_\_\_ NO

3. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$1,066,426 for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of various Town road and infrastructure improvements (including \$75,000 for ADA) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022, be approved?"

\_\_\_\_\_ 1190 \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ 121 \_\_\_\_\_ NO

4. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$193,684 For The Design And Acquisition Of A Mack Truck, \$150,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of Sidewalk Improvements And \$230,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Construction Of The Norwalk River Valley Trail And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$573,684 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 and \$230,000 For The Norwalk River Valley Trail), be approved?"

\_\_\_\_\_ 1094 \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ 220 \_\_\_\_\_ NO

5. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$201,760 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Scott's Ridge Turf Field Replacement And \$709,500 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of Tiger Hollow Turf Field Replacement And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$911,260 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes, be approved?"

\_\_\_\_\_ 918 \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ 392 \_\_\_\_\_ NO

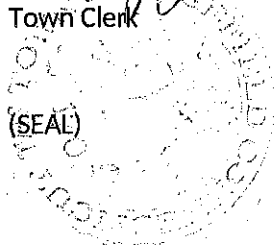
6. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$164,597 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of A Police Body/Dash Camera System (State Mandated) And \$360,000 For The Planning, Design And Acquisition Of Police/Fire Initial Architectural Building Plans And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$524,597 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriation And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purposes, be approved?"

\_\_\_\_\_ 1093 \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ 211 \_\_\_\_\_ NO

7. "Shall the Resolution Appropriating \$377,400 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School LED Lighting Upgrades, \$522,887 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of School District Wide Network Infrastructure Upgrades, \$100,000 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of East Ridge Middle School Auditorium Upgrades And \$349,885 For The Planning, Design, Acquisition And Installation Of An East Ridge Middle School Emergency Power Generator And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,350,172 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 \$28,000 For School LED Lighting Upgrades), be approved?"

\_\_\_\_\_ 1050 \_\_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_\_ 254 \_\_\_\_\_ NO

*Wendy Gannon Fioratto*  
Town Clerk



NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING  
TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT  
WEDNESDAY MAY 19, 2021 AT 7:30PM

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6:32:27 PM  
MAY 10 2021  
Wendy Gannon Lionetti  
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Notice is hereby given that a Special Town Meeting for residents will be held on Wednesday May 19, 2021 at 7:30pm **outdoors at 90 East Ridge Road, Ridgefield, Connecticut. Location:** Richard Venus Complex "under a tent" to vote on the acceptance of land. "Voting will be in-person only"

**A donation of 1.17 acres of land located at the intersection of Turner Rd & Barnum Place.**

See the Town calendar for details of this Special Town Meeting. It will also be streamed live on our website at [www.ridgefieldct.org](http://www.ridgefieldct.org).

  
Rudy Marconi, First Selectman




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

June 4, 2021

Wendy Gannon Lionetti  
Town Clerk

This is to affirm that the legal public notice for the Special Town Meeting of May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2021 appeared in *Ridgefield Press* on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021

  
Amy Escribano  
First Selectman's Office

Special Town Meeting Minutes - May 19, 2021

The First Selectman, Rudy Marconi, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm under the tent at the Richard Venus Complex, 90 East Ridge. Mr. Marconi asked the audience to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

R. Marconi stated that the first item of business was to appoint a Moderator. **B. Manners moved and A. Neblett seconded the motion to appoint Ed Tyrrell Moderator for the Special Town Meeting.**

**Vote: The "Aye" votes were unanimous and Ed Tyrrell was appointed Moderator.**

Ed Tyrrell called the meeting to order and requested a motion to appoint a secretary. **B. Manners moved and S. Connelly seconded the motion to appoint Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk, secretary. The "Aye" votes were unanimous and Wendy Gannon Lionetti was appointed secretary.**

Ed Tyrrell read the legal notice of the meeting that appears on page 394, to consider the acceptance of a donation of 1.17 acres of land at the intersection of Turner Road and Barnum Place.

R. Marconi explained the property was approved for affordable housing project but there was a need for additional Town land for the project and rather than having to go to a Town Meeting to ask for the land, the builder decided to donate the property to the Town.

Gloria Driscoll, Barnum Place, asked whether the property will automatically become open space and is the property inclusive of the property that is old pavement? R. Marconi replied that the Board of Selectmen will have