

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

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Notice is hereby given that a Special Town Meeting for residents will be held on Wednesday June 7, 2023 at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall conference room located at 400 Main St. Ridgefield, CT 06877 to vote on the items pertaining to the following:

1. **Capital Closeout Funding Request for New Capital Project totaling \$81,850.00**
2. **Capital Closeout Funding Request for Current Capital Project Overages Totaling \$727,655.84**

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

  
Rudy Marconi, First Selectman



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June 13, 2023

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Town Clerk

This letter is to affirm that the legal public notices for the Special Town Meeting held on June 7, 2023 appeared in the *News Times* on Monday, June 5, 2023.

  
Amy Escribano  
First Selectman's Office

Special Town Meeting June 7, 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.

The first order of business was to appoint a Moderator. **Selectwoman Barbara Manners moved and Selectwoman Maureen Kozlark 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 Selectman 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.**

Moderator Tyrrell read the legal notice of the meeting that appears on Page XX, to consider the capital closeout funding request for new capital projects totaling \$81,850.00.

The Moderator then asked for a motion to approve Item #1. **Sean Connelly moved and Barbara Manners seconded the motion to approve the capital closeout funding request for new capital projects totaling \$81,850.00.**

The Moderator then requested that some background for this request be provided. Jake Muller, Purchasing Director, was introduced by R. Marconi and explained that under Item 1, the total amount of \$81,850 is for two 6/7/23 STM Capital Closeouts, Page 1 of 2

requests: upgrading the Town Hall Annex conference room for recording and broadcasting capabilities at \$27,850; and a Ridgefield Playhouse ADA-compliant restroom request. The request from the Ridgefield Playhouse was \$108,000 and the BOS approved 50% of that amount--\$54,000. This is not a request for additional money and will not raise taxes. The money will be taken from other capital closeout funds.

The Moderator then called for a vote to approve the motion. **The “Aye” voted carried and the motion to approve the capital closeout funding request for new capital projects totaling \$81,850.00 was approved.**

The Moderator then asked for a motion to approve Item #2. **Maureen Kozlark moved and Bob Hebert seconded the motion to approve the capital closeout funding request for current capital project overages totaling \$727,655.84.**

The Moderator then entertained input from the meeting attendees.

R. Marconi stated these items were approved in the previous budget cycle but bids many things came in much higher than expected, for example, a Mack truck was estimated to cost \$193,684, but when the bids came in, the cost was \$259,989. Everything has gone up. Mr. Muller elaborated on the situation the town has faced with escalating costs as a result of Covid and supply chain issues. There were also some projects, such as window replacement at the Town Hall Annex, that expanded in scope based on the Fire Marshal review. In addition, the Ridgefield Playhouse fire suppression was necessary per the Fire Marshal. The space classification changed which therefore changed the fire suppression requirements.

Bob Hebert requested clarification that the Ridgefield Playhouse improvements are the responsibility of the Town, as its landlord. Jake Muller responded yes, these improvements are the Town’s responsibility.

Jan Hebert, Prospect Street, asked if \$727,000 is more than what was originally approved? Moderator Tyrrell responded yes, that is correct. If the Town Meeting does not approve them tonight, these improvements would not proceed and the vehicles would not be purchased.

R. Marconi clarified that both the Board of Selectmen and the Board of Finance approved all these requests.

**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.**

**Barbara Manners moved and Maureen Kozlark seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 pm. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk