

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

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Notice is hereby given that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday June 19th, 2019 at 7:30pm in the Ridgefield Town Hall Large Conference Room, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut to approve the TAP and FLBP Bonding Resolution Language.

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Rudy Marconi
First Selectman



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This is to affirm that the legal public notice for the Special Town Meetings of June 19, 2019 appeared in *News Times* on Thursday June 13, 2019.


Amy Escribano
First Selectman's Office

Special Town Meeting June 19, 2019

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

R. Marconi stated that the first item of business was to appoint a Moderator. **John Katz moved and Rebecca Mucchetti seconded the motion to appoint Edward Tyrrell Moderator for the Special Town Meeting.**

Vote: The “Aye” votes were unanimous to appoint Ed Tyrrell as the meeting’s Moderator.

Moderator Ed Tyrrell called the meeting to order and requested a motion to appoint a secretary. **Rebecca Mucchetti moved and John Katz seconded the motion to appoint Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk, secretary.**

Vote: The “Aye” votes were unanimous to appoint Wendy Gannon Lionetti as secretary.

Moderator Ed Tyrrell read the following legal notice:

Notice is hereby given that a Special Town Meeting will be held on Wednesday June 19th, 2019 at 7:30pm in the Ridgefield Town Hall Large Conference Room, 400 Main Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut to approve the Transportation Alternative Program – TAP - and Federal Local Bridge Program – FLBP - Bonding Resolution Language.

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The Moderator then asked for a motion to approve the resolutions as presented. **Barbara Manners moved and John Katz seconded the motion to approve the FLBP and TAP bonding resolution.**

Mr. Tyrrell then opened the floor for discussion, asking First Selectman Rudy Marconi to explain. Mr. Marconi stated that the programs were approved at a Town Meeting on November 29, 2017; however, in review of the minutes from the meeting, it is not apparent that the bonding resolutions were approved. Bond Counsel advised the Town to bring them to a Town Meeting again for approval. Selectwoman Maureen Kozlark asked whether tonight’s Town Meeting would preclude the vote that took place at the 2017 Town Meeting? Rudy Marconi responded no, it would not.

Rudy Marconi then read the bonding resolutions:

“Resolution appropriating \$2,000,000 [\$1,591,000 of which will be paid from state and federal grants] for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of Transportation Alternative Program Improvements and authorizing the issuance of \$409,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose”.

“Resolution appropriating \$4,817,000 [\$4,509,000 of which will be paid from state and federal grants] for the planning, design, acquisition and construction of Federal Local Bridge Program

project and authorizing the issuance of \$308,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriation and pending the issuance thereof the making of temporary borrowings for such purpose”.

Rudy Marconi stated that the resolutions were approved by the Board of Selectmen at their May 8, 2019 meeting and the Board of Finance approved them at their June 18, 2019 meeting.

Macklin Reid, Great Hill Road, asked if the projects are for the bridge in Branchville? Rudy Marconi replied that the first project is for engineering for sidewalks, streetlamps, a pedestrian bridge and signalization for crossing to improve the Branchville area by the train station and make it more pedestrian friendly. The second project will fund construction of a new bridge as well as the widening of the metro-north crossing at Portland Avenue. The crossing at the north at Depot Road will be eliminated. A new signal light will be added at the Portland Avenue entrance for a left-hand turn into the train station.

Teresa Ancona, Olcott Way, asked if there is a diagram of the proposed walking bridge? Rudy Marconi responded that engineering and bridge testing is still due to take place and therefore the bridge plan is still to be determined. The Depot Road bridge has historic significance and we would not want to remove it but use it instead as a pedestrian bridge.

Vote: The “Aye” votes carried, and the motion to approve the TAP and FLBP bonding resolutions was approved.

John Katz moved and Rebecca Mucchetti seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting.

Vote: The “Aye” votes were unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk