

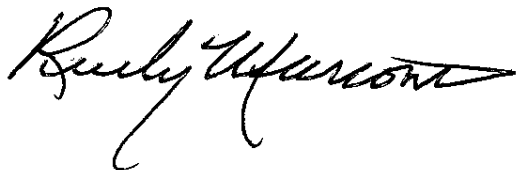
NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT
JULY 15, 2020

Notice is hereby given that a Special Town Meeting will be held on July 15, 2020 at 7:30pm via Zoom to vote on the purchase of one parcel of land by the Conservation Commission. Purchase of the land will be funded by the Conservation Commission funds and possibly partially funded by a grant.

Parcel: 14 acres on Bear Mountain, adjoining Hemlock Hills Open space.

See the Town calendar for details of this Board of Selectmen Zoom meeting. It will also be streamed live on our website, www.ridgefieldct.org as well as on Comcast Channel 24.

Rudy Marconi, First Selectman



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
Office of the First Selectman

July 20, 2020

Wendy Gannon Lionetti
Town Clerk

This is to affirm that the legal public notice for the Public Hearing & Special Town Meeting of July 15th, 2020 appeared in *The News Times* on July 2nd, 2020 and in *The Ridgefield Press* on July 9th, 2020.



Wendy Campbell-Gibson
First Selectman's Office

Special Town Meeting July 15, 2020

The First Selectman, Rudy Marconi, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. This meeting took place via Zoom due to the current COVID-19 health pandemic. Mr. Marconi asked the audience to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

R. Marconi stated that the first item of business was to appoint a Moderator. **Selectperson 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.**

Ed Tyrrell called the meeting to order and requested a motion to appoint a secretary. **Maureen Kozlark moved and Rudy Marconi 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 above, to consider using Conservation Commission funds to purchase 14 acres on Bear Mountain Road that abuts Hemlock Hills Open Space.

The Moderator then asked Mr. Marconi to provide background information on this land acquisition because the Conservation Commission Chairman was having technical difficulty accessing Zoom. Mr. Marconi stated the 14 acres is \$140,000 and it abuts the Hemlock Hills open space, which is the Town's largest open space parcel. The Conservation Commission received a grant from the Ridgefield Thrift Shop which will be used in conjunction with their own funds that have been received for acquisition of open space, so there will be no general funds or Town taxpayer money used for this purchase. Jack Kace, Conservation Commission Vice Chair, was asked by Rudy Marconi to confirm that all back taxes have been paid for this parcel. J. Kace stated that a full title search is being done and that the Tax Collector will be contacted to confirm that there are no back taxes owed for this property.

J. Kace described the property as steep terrain and this property will provide a bridge to another parcel that the town currently owns. The access to this property will be from Hemlock Hills.

-Geoffrey Morris, 231 Ivy Hill Road, asked whether the property is currently being used? Mr. Kace replied no, this privately owned parcel is not being used; the resident is carving out this acreage to be used as open space.

The Moderator then asked for a motion to approve. **S. Connelly moved and R. Marconi seconded the motion to approve the purchase of the Bear Mountain Road property. The “Aye” votes carried, and the motion was approved.**

Selectman Bob Hebert moved and Selectman Sean Connelly seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The “Aye” votes were unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk