First Selectman Rudy Marconi explained to those present in the auditorium that approximately 30 more people were in the hallway waiting to enter. He further stated that if 2/3 majority approved, the voting would take place after the question is called and voters would write A or B on the back of the paper they received when checking in and place their paper ballot in the ballot box.

At 8:01 pm First Selectman Marconi called the meeting to order and 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. **Maureen Kozlark moved and Bob Hebert seconded the motion to appoint Sharon Dornfeld Moderator for the Special Town Meeting.** The “Aye” votes were unanimous and Sharon Dornfeld was appointed Moderator.

Moderator Sharon Dornfeld introduced Town Clerk Wendy Gannon Lionetti as the meeting secretary.

Moderator Dornfeld read the legal notice of the meeting that appears on page 359 to consider whether the Aquifer Protection Agency should be under the jurisdiction of the Planning & Zoning Commission or the soon-to-be elected Inland Wetlands Board.

Moderator Dornfeld then read the existing Section 19-37 from the Town Code of Ordinances:

19-37. Aquifer protection rights and obligations [Added 4-25-1990]

Pursuant to Public Act No. 89-305, Sec 8, all aquifer protection rights, duties, and obligations as set forth in Public Act 89-305 are herewith assigned to the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission in their capacity as the Inland Wetlands Board.

Moderator Dornfeld read the two proposed options as replacements of the existing ordinance:

**Option A:** Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 22a-354o, the Town of Ridgefield assigns all aquifer protection rights, duties and obligations to the members of the Inland Wetlands Board as elected November 5, 2019.

**Option B:** Pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Sec. 22a-354o, the Town of Ridgefield assigns all aquifer protection rights, duties and obligations to the members of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

**Katherine Daigle, 239 Peaceable St. moved and Michael Autuori, 197 Florida Rd. seconded the motion to approve Option A.**

**Margaret Price, 140 Wilton Rd. West moved and Rich Szentkuti, 80 Spring Valley Rd. seconded the motion to approve Option B.**

**George Hanlon, 238 West Lane moved and Hope Wise, 1 Keeler Close seconded the motion to call the question. The motion passed unanimously.**

Voters then placed their paper ballot in one of the two ballot boxes provided. The votes were then counted and tallies given to the Moderator.

At 8:27 pm Moderator Sharon Dornfeld read the results: 197 votes were cast for Option A; 86 votes were cast for Option B. Aquifer protection rights and obligations will be under the jurisdiction of the soon-to-be-elected Inland Wetlands Board.

**Alex Harris, 37 Christopher Rd. moved and Hope Wise, 1 Keeler Close seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk