

NOTICE OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT
WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 AT 7:30PM

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Wendy Gannon Lionetti
BY TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE
RIDGEFIELD CT

Notice is hereby given that a formal Special Town Meeting for residents will held on Wednesday September 22, 2021 at 7:30pm located in the Town Hall Large Conference Room at 400 Main St. Ridgefield, CT 06877 to vote on the lease between the Town of Ridgefield and Henny Penny Farm.

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



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
Office of the First Selectman

September 23, 2021

Wendy Gannon Lionetti
Town Clerk

This letter is to affirm that the legal public notices for the Special Town Meeting of September 22, 2021 appeared in *Danbury News-Times* on September 9th, 2021 and September 14th, 2021.


Amy Escribano
First Selectman's Office

Special Town Meeting Minutes - September 22, 2021

The First Selectman, Rudy Marconi, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm in the Town Hall large conference room, 400 Main Street. 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 M. Kozlark 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. **John Katz, Ridgebury Road, 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 395 to consider the acceptance of the lease between the Town of Ridgefield and Henny Penny Farm (Whitney Freeman).

R. Marconi stated the following three changes were made to the lease based on input received at the public hearing: Item 5d: "No other livestock shall be permitted hereunder, except with consent of the ~~Landlord~~ **Board of Selectmen.**"; Item 5h: "Regarding **species** of special concern is a species of special concern is spotted so that ~~she may the lessee shall~~ **contact ...**"

Moderator Tyrrell then opened the floor for comment, reminding attendees that only comments of persuasion would be entertained at this time as the public hearing had already occurred.

Jim Coyle, 258 Florida Rd, stated as Conservation Commission Chairman, the matter was studied extensively and the approval of the lease was almost unanimous among the commission members. The lessee has been there for 5-6 years and has done a wonderful job; he encouraged all to vote yes and approve the lease.

Lisa DelGiudice, 99 North Salem Rd, stated she is a preschool teacher who has partnered with Henny Penny Farm for programming and fully supports the lease.

John Katz, Ridgebury Rd, stated the lease speaks for itself and so do the activities of the owner of Henny Penny Farm.

The Moderator then asked for a motion to approve. **John Katz moved and B. Hebert seconded the motion to approve the lease between the Town of Ridgefield and Henny Penny Farm. The “Aye” votes carried, and the motion was approved.**

J. Katz moved and M. Kozlark seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The “Aye” votes were unanimous and the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Gannon Lionetti, Town Clerk