

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DECEMBER 9, 1971.

Special Town Meeting was called to order at 8:15 P.M. East Ridge Junior High School O'Shea Auditorium.

Mr. McLinden called the meeting to order;

First Business Nomination of a Moderator:

Mr. John Longden nominated Mr. Sal Monti to act as Moderator. Seconded. Mr. McLinden called for further nominations. There being no further nominations Mr. McLinden declared Mr. Monti Moderator.

Motion was made to dispense with the reading of the call. So Ordered.

Moderator read statement from Town Clerk pertaining to the referendum vote to be set by Town Meeting: as to Items #1, #2, #3, #4, #4A- Machine vote:

December 9, 1971

To the Moderator of the Special Town Meeting to be held December 9, 1971 at O'Shea Auditorium East Ridge Junior High School.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, That sufficient signatures on petitions filed in the Town Clerk's Office were received previous to 8 P.M. December 8, 1971.

Said Petitions requested that the following items be submitted to a vote under Section 7-7 of the General Statutes as amended on voting machines.

Item One of said Call
Item Two of said Call
Item Three of said Call
Item Four of said Call
Item Four A of said Call

Date of vote to be not less than seven days nor more than fourteen days from the date of the Special Town Meeting.

Ruth M. Hurzeler Town Clerk
Ridgefield, Connecticut

Received 12/9/71 8:00 P.M. by Salvator Monti, Moderator of the Special Town Meeting.

Mr. McLinden made the motion that the Referendum be held on December 19, 1971 between the hours of 12 P.M. and 8 P.M. at the East Ridge High School Gym. So Ordered.

*All items passed at referendum by
votes of approx 1,300 yes to 600 no*
Moderator introduced Mr. McLinden - our new First Selectman;

Mr. McLinden moved the following Resolutions:

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Item #1

BE IT RESOLVED that if Item 3 of this call is approved, to consider and act upon an appropriation of the Board of Finance of \$76,830.00 for the purchase of 51.219 acres being the easterly most part of Parcel "B" as shown on a certain map entitled "Map Prepared for Susanna Dlhy, Ridgefield, Connecticut, Total Area Equals 92.559 Acres." which map is dated August 19, 1969.

Seconded

Item #2

BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE Selectmen be authorized or a majority of them, to execute a purchase money mortgage to pay for the appropriation of Item 1 of this call, which mortgage will be for a period of ten (10) years, with interest at the rate of eight (8) per cent per annum, and amortization in ten (10) equal payments, the first payment to be one (1) year from the date of the closing, in the event that Resolution #3 of this call is approved.

Seconded

Item #3

BE IT RESOLVED: that we approve an appropriation by the Board of Finance for \$650,000.00 for preparation and construction of a golf course and associated recreational facilities on property owned by the Town of Ridgefield and known as Kraus (51.09 acres), Leighton (37.754 acres), and Dlhy (26 acres) located in the Ridgebury District of Ridgefield, and Dlhy property of 51.29 acres to be acquired.

Seconded

Item # 4 A

BE IT RESOLVED that the Selectmen be authorized or a majority of them to finance said appropriation by borrowing on the credit of the town at such rates of interest and upon such terms as they deem to be in the best interests of the Town of Ridgefield and to pay said borrowings out of the proceeds of any bond issue yet to be perfected by the Town of Ridgefield.

Seconded

Item # 5 (4A in the call)

BE IT RESOLVED that in the event that item 3 of this call is approved, to authorize the Board of Selectmen or a majority of them to execute an option to Hans Peter Kraus and Hannie Kraus on behalf of the Town of Ridgefield for the following tracts of land:

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Tract (a) 51.109 acres described in a deed from Hans Peter Kraus and Hanni Kraus to the Town of Ridgefield dated July 20, 1969, recorded in volume 141 at Page 343 of the Ridgefield Land Records.

Tract (b) 37.754 acres described in a deed from Bernard L. Leighton, Curtis Leighton, Leontine Leighton and Barbara Leighton to the Town of Ridgefield dated August 1, 1969, recorded in Volume 141 at page 349 of the Ridgefield Land Records.

Tract (c) 26 acres described in a deed from Suzanna Dlhy to the Town of Ridgefield dated October 30, 1969, recorded in Volume 142 at page 778 of the Ridgefield Land Records.

The option price for the Tract (a) shall be \$60,000. The option price for Tract (b) and Tract (c) shall be the consideration paid by the Town of Ridgefield for such tracts plus interest on such consideration computed at the rate of six percent per annum from the dates of purchase to the date of exercise of the option and plus the amount of taxes which would have been received by the Town of Ridgefield from the dates of purchase to the date of exercise of the option had such tracts remained on the Grand List of taxable real property for such period.

Seconded

Mr. Don Brooks and Reed F. Shields presented the pro side of the Golf Course showing sketches of the land before denoting the various parcels and from whom they were purchased. They also presented cost figures and anticipated income and the number of people who would use the facilities according to National Golfing Associates statistics. (see attached brochure) (contains all facts set forth by the two men who explained it to the meeting.)

Equal time was given to people who spoke either in favor or against the proposed Golf Course.

No motions or amendments were made pertaining to the five resolutions as presented.

Continued with items not listed in Petition for referendum.

Item #5

Mr. McLinden moved the adoption of the following:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the appropriation by the Board of Finance of \$5,000.00 for the District Nursing Association of Ridgefield is Approved, said sum to be taken from the unappropriated surplus of the Town of Ridgefield.

Seconded.