

TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN SPECIAL MEETING
April 20, 2009 5:00 pm – Town Hall Large Conference Room

REVISED/APPROVED MINUTES

These minutes are a general summary of the meeting and are not intended to be a verbatim transcription.

Agenda

1. Budget Resolutions

A meeting of the Board of Selectmen of the Town of Ridgefield was held in the Town Hall Large Conference Room on April 20, 2009 at 5 o'clock P.M. (E.D.T.).

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Members present and absent were as follows:

<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner (via telephone)	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	
J. Plock	

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R. Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$43,919,290 For Town Expenditures (Excluding Board Of Education And Capital And Non-Recurring Fund Expenditures) For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2009 And Ending June 30, 2010, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

B. Manners moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by D. Masters. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	

J. Plock

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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R. Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$76,772,441 For Board Of Education Expenditures For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2009 And Ending June 30, 2010, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

J. Plock moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by D. Masters. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	
J. Plock	

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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R. Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That The Recommendation Of The Board Of Finance Relative To The Appropriation Of \$100,000 For Capital And Non-Recurring Fund Expenditures For the Purchase And/Or Lease of Police Vehicles For The Fiscal Year Commencing July 1, 2009 And Ending June 30, 2010, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

J. Plock moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by D. Masters. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	
J. Plock	

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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R. Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$320,885 For Various Improvement Projects And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$320,885 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town by Town Meeting vote.

R. Marconi read the list of items to be brought to the Annual Town Meeting that are reflected in the total amount of \$320,885:

<u>Project</u>	<u>Cost</u>
<u>Town Engineer</u>	
Playhouse Ceiling	\$ 50,000
Town Hall Generator	40,000
<u>Fire Department</u>	
Firefighter Air Packs (SCBA)	57,000
EMS Cardiac Monitor	35,000
<u>Planning & Zoning</u>	
Plan of Conservation & Development	37,500
<u>Information Technology</u>	
Server/PC/Software	66,800
<u>Finance</u>	
Purchase Order Software	<u>34,585</u>
Total	\$ <u>320,885</u>

B. Manners moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by J. Plock. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	
J. Plock	

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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R. Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$375,000 For Various Town Building And Improvement Projects And Equipment And Authorizing The

Issuance Of \$375,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

B. Manners moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by A. Bodner. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	
J. Plock	

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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R. Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,110,000 For Various Town Road And Infrastructure Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,110,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

A. Bodner moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by D. Masters. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	
J. Plock	

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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R. Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$128,600 For Vehicles And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$128,600 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary

Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

J. Plock moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by B. Manners. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	
J. Plock	

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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R. Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$577,000 For School Improvement Projects And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$577,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

J. Plock moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by D. Masters. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	
J. Plock	

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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R. Marconi introduced and read the following resolution:

RESOLVED: That the resolution entitled “Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$717,000 For Sidewalk And Infrastructure Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$717,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any State Grants And Federal Stimulus Funds Received For Such Purposes”, a copy of which is attached hereto, be approved and recommended for adoption by the legal voters of the Town.

D. Masters moved that said resolution be adopted as introduced and read and the motion was seconded by J. Plock. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	
J. Plock	

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the resolution adopted.

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D. Masters moved to waive the reading of the call of the Annual Town Meeting and the motion was seconded by J. Plock. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	
J. Plock	

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the reading of the call was waived.

R. Marconi thereupon read the ballot questions.

A motion was made by B. Manners, and seconded by D. Masters, that the First Selectman be authorized and directed to call an Annual Town Meeting to be held at Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, on Monday, May 4, 2009, at 7:30 P.M. (E.D.T.), for the following purposes: (A) To consider (1) the resolution approving Town expenditures (excluding Board of Education and Capital Non-recurring Fund expenditures) of \$43,919,290 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010; (2) the resolution approving Board of Education expenditures of \$76,772,441 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010; (3) the resolution approving Capital and Non-recurring Fund expenditures For the Purchase And/Or Lease of Police Vehicles of \$100,000 for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010; (4) the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$375,000 For Various Town Building And Improvement Projects And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$375,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose"; (5) the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,110,000 For Various Town Road And Infrastructure Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,110,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose"; (6) the resolution entitled "Resolution Making

Appropriations Aggregating \$128,600 For Vehicles And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$128,600 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose"; (7) the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$577,000 For School Improvement Projects And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$577,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose", and (8) the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$717,000 For Sidewalk And Infrastructure Improvements And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$717,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any State Grants And Federal Stimulus Funds Received For Such Purposes"; (B) to consider and vote upon the resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$320,885 For Various Improvement Projects And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$320,885 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose; (C) to submit the aforesaid resolutions in (A) above to a referendum vote, the date and time of said referendum to be determined by the Town Meeting, and to be held not less than seven or more than fourteen days after the date of the Annual Town Meeting in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and pursuant to Section 10-3 of the Town Charter, and that the questions to be voted upon and the ballot labels at said referendum shall read as follows:

1. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$43,919,290 for Town expenditures (excluding Board of Education and Capital and Non-Recurring Fund expenditures) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$43,919,290 for Town expenditures (excluding Board of Education and Capital and Non-Recurring Fund expenditures) for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 be approved? YES/NO"

2. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$76,772,441 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$76,772,441 for Board of Education expenditures for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 be approved? YES/NO"

3. "Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$100,000 for Capital and Non-Recurring Fund expenditures for the Purchase And/Or Lease of Police Vehicles for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to the appropriation of \$100,000 for Capital and Non-Recurring Fund expenditures for the Purchase And/Or Lease of Police Vehicles for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010 be approved? YES/NO"

4. "Shall the Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$375,000 For Various Town Building And Improvement Projects And Equipment (Miscellaneous Building Repairs And New Wells To Replace Contaminated Wells At Barlow School Site) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$375,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution making appropriations aggregating \$375,000 for various town building and improvement projects and equipment (miscellaneous building repairs and new wells to replace contaminated wells at Barlow School site) and authorizing the issuance of \$375,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations, be approved? YES/NO"

5. "Shall the Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,110,000 For Various Town Road And Infrastructure Improvements (Equipment Service Truck, Drainage Work, Road Paving, Guardrail Replacement, And Tree Replacement) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,110,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution making appropriations aggregating \$1,110,000 for various town road and infrastructure improvements (equipment service truck, drainage work, road paving, guardrail replacement, and tree replacement) and authorizing the issuance of \$1,110,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations, be approved? YES/NO"

6. "Shall the Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$128,600 For Vehicles And Equipment (Truck And Plow, Athletic Field Maintenance Tractor, Athletic Field Mowing Tractor) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$128,600 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution making appropriations aggregating \$128,600 for vehicles and equipment (truck and plow, athletic field maintenance tractor, athletic field mowing tractor) and authorizing the issuance of \$128,600 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations, be approved? YES/NO"

7. "Shall the Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$577,000 For School Improvement Projects And Equipment (Asbestos Floor Abatement At Farmingville School, Boiler Replacement At Veterans Park School, Miscellaneous Building/Grounds Repairs And Equipment At Schools And Tiger Hollow Repairs) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$577,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution making appropriations aggregating \$577,000 for school improvement projects and equipment (asbestos floor abatement at Farmingville School, boiler replacement at Veterans Park School, miscellaneous building/grounds repairs and equipment at schools and Tiger Hollow repairs) and authorizing the issuance of \$577,000 bonds of the Town to meet said appropriations, be approved? YES/NO"

8. "Shall the Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$717,000 For Sidewalk And Infrastructure Improvements (Sidewalk Improvements, Various Road Paving) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$717,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any State Grants And Federal Stimulus Funds Received For Such Purposes, be approved?"

The form of the ballot label on the voting machine shall read as follows:

"Shall the resolution making appropriations aggregating \$717,000 for sidewalk and infrastructure improvements (sidewalk improvements, various road paving) and authorizing bonds in the amount of \$717,000 to meet said appropriations provided that the bonds shall be reduced by the

amount of any state grants and federal stimulus funds received for such purposes, be approved? YES/NO”

D. Masters stated some publicity would be helpful to explain the grant money won't be ours unless the voters approve it at referendum. J. Plock suggested putting up explanatory posters as in the past; however, R. Marconi stated that if we were to do this, the same information must be provided in all absentee ballots. D. Masters suggested articles in the local papers as well as posting the info on the Town website.

and (D) to publish as provided by law notice of said Annual Town Meeting in the following form:

NOTICE OF ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD, CONNECTICUT
MAY 4, 2009

Electors and persons qualified to vote at Town Meetings of the Town of Ridgefield are hereby duly notified and warned that the Annual Town Meeting will be held at the Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, Ridgefield, Connecticut, on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 7:30 P.M. (E.D.T.) for the following purposes:

1. To consider recommendations of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010:

Town Expenditures (excluding Board of Education Expenditures and Capital and Non-Recurring Fund Expenditures): \$43,919,290.

2. To consider recommendations of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010:

Board of Education Expenditures: \$76,772,441.

3. To consider recommendation of the Board of Finance relative to appropriations for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2010:

Capital and Non-Recurring Fund Expenditures For the Purchase And/Or Lease of Police Vehicles: \$100,000.

4. To consider a Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$375,000 For Various Town Building And Improvement Projects And Equipment (Miscellaneous Building Repairs And New Wells To Replace Contaminated Wells At Barlow School Site) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$375,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

5. To consider a Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$1,110,000 For Various Town Road And Infrastructure Improvements (Equipment Service Truck, Drainage Work, Road Paving, Guardrail Replacement, And Tree Replacement) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$1,110,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

6. To consider a Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$128,600 For Vehicles And Equipment (Truck And Plow, Athletic Field Maintenance Tractor, Athletic Field Mowing Tractor) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$128,600 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

7. To consider a Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$577,000 For School Improvement Projects And Equipment (Asbestos Floor Abatement At Farmingville School, Boiler Replacement At Veterans Park School, Miscellaneous Building/Grounds Repairs And Equipment At Schools And Tiger Hollow Repairs) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$577,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose.

8. To consider a Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$717,000 For Sidewalk And Infrastructure Improvements (Sidewalk Improvements, Various Road Paving) And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$717,000 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations Provided That The Bonds Shall Be Reduced By The Amount Of Any State Grants And Federal Stimulus Funds Received For Such Purposes.

Items 1 through 8 on the call of the Annual Town Meeting will be voted upon by a referendum vote, the date and time of said referendum to be determined by the Annual Town Meeting and to be held not less than seven or more than fourteen days after the date of the Annual Town Meeting in accordance with the Connecticut General Statutes, as amended, and pursuant to Section 10-3 of the Town Charter.

9. To consider a resolution entitled "Resolution Making Appropriations Aggregating \$320,885 For Various Improvement Projects And Equipment And Authorizing The Issuance Of \$320,885 Bonds Of The Town To Meet Said Appropriations And Pending The Issuance Thereof The Making Of Temporary Borrowings For Such Purpose".

10. To transact any other business proper to come before the meeting.

Copies of the town budget and the proposed bond resolutions are on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Town Clerk.

Dated at Ridgefield, Connecticut this 20th day of April 2009.

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Rudolph P. Marconi, First Selectman

Joan R. Plock, Selectman

Di Masters, Selectman

Barbara R. Manners, Selectman

Andrew M. Bodner, Selectman

Barbara C. Serfilippi, Town Clerk

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Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	
J. Plock	

The First Selectman thereupon declared the motion carried.

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J. Plock moved to approve the Annual Town Meeting May 4, 2009 at 7:30 pm to be held at the Ridgefield Playhouse, 80 East Ridge, Ridgefield, CT, seconded by D. Masters. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	
J. Plock	

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the Annual Town Meeting date, time, and location was approved.

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J. Plock moved that Questions 1-8 as read be presented at the referendum and the motion was seconded by B. Manners. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	
J. Plock	

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and Questions 1-8 as read will be presented at the referendum.

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At 5:30 pm J. Plock moved to adjourn the April 20 Board of Selectmen Special Meeting and the motion was seconded by A. Bodner. Upon roll call vote the ayes and nays were as follows:

<u>AYES</u>	<u>NAYS</u>
R. Marconi	None
A. Bodner	
B. Manners	
D. Masters	
J. Plock	

R. Marconi thereupon declared the motion carried and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Gannon Lionetti