

**AD HOC COMMITTEE  
Long Ridge Road - Change of Ordinance  
August 13, 2009**

Chairman Jack Knapp called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. In attendance were committee members Shay Nagarsheth and Fred Visconti, Deputy Corporation Counsel Les Pinter, Director of Planning Dennis Elpern, ex-officio Duane Perkins and Paul Rotello and members of the public.

Chairman Knapp said the purpose of the meeting was a change of ordinance for Long Ridge Road to be designated a scenic road, and read into the record a letter from the petitioners Fred Visconti, Duane Perkins and Paul Rotello requesting the change. Mr. Pinter said the scenic road ordinance was established 15 years ago and a portion of Long Ridge Rd. has already been designated scenic. It is the only designated scenic road in Danbury.

Chairman Knapp asked why only a portion of the road was designated scenic. Mr. Elpern said only the southern portion was designated scenic. Mr. Rotello said the northern portion of Long Ridge by Eureka Rd. is the proposed area to be designated scenic. Mr. Rotello said this is a gateway road into Danbury and it should be protected.

Mr. Nagarsheth asked if the ordinance would prevent the water tower project from going forward. Mr. Pinter answered in the negative stating the ordinance is not view protection, nor does it prevent building. It would protect trees from being cut down, stonewalls from being removed, etc. along the right of way. Mr. Elpern said the water tank project already has a driveway, so no trees or stonewalls need to be removed in the right of way. Mr. Perkins would like to see the entire road designated scenic.

**Mr. Nagarsheth moved to recommend to the Council to start the petition process in accordance with the ordinance designating the entire Long Ridge Road, minus the portion already designated, become a scenic road. Seconded by Mr. Visconti. The motion passed unanimously.**  
**Mr. Nagarsheth moved to end the meeting. Seconded by Mr. Visconti. The meeting ended at 7:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Knapp, Chairman

Fred Visconti

Shay Nagarsheth