

APPROVED MINUTES

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Ridgefield Conservation Commission

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Meeting September 7 2023 at 7PM

Present: Jim Coyle Jana Hogan Jack Kace Erik Keller
Jean Linville Jim Liptack Pete Nichols Benjamin Nissim
Matt Sharp

Absent: Roberta Barbieri, Allan Welby

Attendance: Alex Glenn,

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

UPON motion duly made (Keller), seconded (Nichols), and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of August 14, 2023 be approved and ordered filed in Town Hall. Vote: 6:0

2. EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT PROPOSAL – Alex Glenn

Alex Glenn, an Eagle Scout with Troop 431, presented his initial proposal on his project to construct and install the Pine Mountain Kiosk. Mr. Glenn presented how the work will be completed and images of the final proposed kiosk. The RCC discussed some additional structural implementations needed.

UPON motion duly made (Sharp), seconded (Nichols), and carried, it was RESOLVED to appropriate up to \$1,000 for the new Pine Mountain Kiosk. Approved 9-0.

3. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Litigation

RCC did not go into executive session. Mr. Coyle, Mr. Keller and Dr. Kace attended the Special BOS meeting and reported that the settlement agreement for 162 Old West Mountain Road has been approved. Payment should be made within 30 days from the BOS meeting.

4. OLD WEST MOUNTAIN RD OS

The RCC will meet to walk the property on September 18, 2023 at 8:45am to determine a maintenance and access plan.

5. OPEN SPACE TREE POLICY

Mr. Keller will provide edits to the policy and the RCC will circulate to the Tree Warden and Inland/Wetlands for review prior to posting on the website.

6. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Keller gave a couple updates; he will be updating the newsletter over the next couple of weeks, planting the native fruit trees in the orchard at McKeon, and formatting the NRI update. Mr. Coyle said that the planting should be done by our summer workers.

Ms. Hogan would like to add all open space properties to the pollinator pathway. The RCC will need to understand more of the requirements and guidelines; this will be added to the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Sharp will work with Mr. Kerns on the bog bridges located on the Boy Scout property and reach out to the Deer Committee for to remove the deer stands.

7. MEETINGS FOR ATTENDANCE

P&Z

September 19 – Welby
October 3 – Hogan

IWB

September 14 – Keller
September 28 – Kace

8. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Coyle updated the RCC on a number of items:

- Mr. Nissim, Mr. Kace and Mr. Coyle will meet with P&Z in regards to creating a steep slope policy.
- RCC will obtain several survey estimates for a possible property donation in Pine Mountain.
- Mr. Coyle is meeting with IT in regards to a number of outstanding issues.
- RCC and the Town are interested in pursuing the Pond Street parcel and will wait for further instructions from the Town.
- The Rockwell property donation is moving along.
- The RCC would like to clear the stones walls at McKeon – Mr. Nichols and Mr. Sharp will identify the walls and create a plan for a contractor estimate.

ADJOURNMENT UPON motion duly made (Nissim), seconded (Nichols), and carried, it was **RESOLVED** that the meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M. Vote: 9:0.