

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Ridgefield Conservation Commission**  
**Flood and Erosion Control Board**  
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713  
January 11, 2016

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, January 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker  
Eric Beckenstein  
Tim Bishop  
Carroll Brewster  
Jim Coyle  
Dave Cronin  
Jack Kace  
Alan Pilch  
Kitsey Snow

Ben Oko and Daniel Levine were also in attendance.

Mr. Beckenstein chaired the meeting. Colleen Lake was present to take minutes.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the December 14, 2015 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of December 14, 2015 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - The annual appeal has received \$26,260.67 from 162 donors with an average donation of \$162.

**OPEN SPACE**

a) Easement Enforcement

Mr. Beckenstein reported on the December meeting with Mr. Marconi. Mr. Marconi agreed to meet with Mr. Reddington about the tree cutting on open space and discuss the \$75,000 reimbursement to the Town for the value of the trees cut down.

b) McKeon Farm – Ms. Snow will contact a local certified organic farmer that may be able to help with the development plan for the farm. The McKeon Committee (Ms. Snow, Mr. Beckenstein & Mr. Brewster) hope to develop a long term plan by March, 2016.

High School Interns – Ms. Snow was approached by Ridgefield High School about the RCC's interest in sponsoring interns during Spring, 2016. Mr. Cronin & Ms. Snow agreed to supervise 3 students over the 4-6 week period. Other RCC members are encouraged to help.

## **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLAND BOARD**

### Meetings for Attendance

Jan. 19 – Mr. Kace  
Feb. 2 – Mr. Beckenstein/Mr. Coyle  
Feb. 9 – Mr. Pilch  
Feb. 16 – Ms. Snow

### New & Continued Business

**509 Main Street** – Mr. Pilch discussed his comments regarding the pre-app for a 5 house development on less than an acre. Mr. Pilch will revise his comments for discussion at the next RCC meeting.

**Stormwater Regulations** - Mr. Pilch will speak with Planner Brosius about the status of the new Stormwater Regulations.

## **ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

New Ordinance – Mr. Beckenstein will follow up with Attorney Grogins.

New Commissioner – Daniel Levine attended his second meeting and was interviewed by the RCC. His application is pending approval of Alternate members by the Board of Selectmen and Town vote.

Flood & Erosion Control Board – Ms. Baker will contact Planner Brosius for information regarding Board activities and responsibilities. The Board will consist of 7 members of the Conservation Commission. Discussion will continue at the next RCC meeting.

Open Space Map – The map is ready to print and will be sold for \$2 when completed.

Conservation Fund - Dr. Oko mentioned an effort to introduce legislation that would allow CT communities to create a conservation fund, attained through a surcharge on the buyers of residential property sales. Dr. Oko would like to promote this effort on behalf of the RCC.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was  
RESOLVED to support Dr. Oko recommending the legislation to the Town on the RCC's behalf.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Lake