

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

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

The following members were present:

Susan Baker
Eric Beckenstein
Carroll Brewster
Jim Coyle
Dave Cronin
Jack Kace
Alan Pilch

The following members were absent:

Tim Bishop
Kitsey Snow
Dan Levine, Alternate
Ben Oko, Alternate

Ms. Baker chaired the meeting. Colleen Lake was present to take minutes.

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 27, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of June 27, 2016 are approved and
ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Brewster reported a bill for \$372.75 to Ridgefield Power was submitted for payment in FY2016. This was for tool maintenance, approved by the RCC in June.

OPEN SPACE

a) **Enforcement Update**

795 North Street – No progress. Mr. Beckenstein will contact Mr. Marconi.

4 Encampment Place – No mitigation has been done and the deadline of 6/19/16 has passed. A Notice of Violation will be sent.

20 Mopus Bridge – Mr. Kace will send a letter inviting the property owner to an upcoming RCC meeting. He will also explain the new ordinance and the fines imposed for open space violations.

Conservation Enforcement Officer(CEO) –Ms. Peyser cannot be appointed CEO until the appeals board is in place. Mr. Marconi is working on finding board members.

- b) Deer Committee – The proposed 2016-17 parcel list was discussed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried with one abstention,
it was RESOLVED to approve the following parcels for the 2016-17 hunt.

1. Levy Park (archery, shotgun, and muzzleloader only) (AM only)
2. Laurel Lane (archery, shotgun and muzzleloader)
3. Linden Lane (archery)
4. Between Old Trolley and Shadow Lake (archery only)
5. Reed Park (archery, shotgun and muzzleloader)
6. Keeler Court (archery only)
7. Ledges property (Archery & firearm).
8. Stonecrest (Archery)
9. Ridgebury Farms (Archery)
10. Silvermine Ridge (Archery) 14 acres – NEW 2016-17

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried with one abstention,
it was RESOLVED not to approve hunting in Hemlock Hills because it is a popular hiking area used by the public year round and the RCC is reluctant to close it down for any length of time.

- c) Walk Book – Mr. Coyle asked for outstanding submissions by the next meeting. The photo contest has finished and the winner will be selected by the end of the month.
- d) Summer worker supervision schedule – Mr. Beckenstein and Mr. Kace are supervising this week, focusing on invasive removal.

4) PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

Meetings for Attendance

July 19 – Ms. Baker

July 26 – Mr. Coyle

Sept. 6 – ?

Sept. 13 – Mr. Cronin

Sept. 20 – Mr. Kace

New & Continued Business

Aquarion/Scodon Road – Ms. Baker will walk the site with Ms. Peyser and representatives from Aquarion on 7/12/16.

900 Ridgebury Road – Mr. Pilch received revised plans that look reasonable and address RCC concerns. Mr. Pilch will submit a letter to P&Z/IWB commenting on the revisions.

14 Twopence – The project was approved.

5) ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

- a) 2017 Meeting Calendar – Mr. Coyle suggested changing RCC meetings to every other Monday to alleviate the 3 week span that periodically occurs with the current schedule. For Monday's that fall on a federal holiday, a meeting will be scheduled for

Wednesday of that week. Mr. Coyle will send around the proposed 2017 meeting schedule for a vote at the next meeting.

Ms. Lake's request for summer hours was approved. Office hours will be Tuesday and Thursday 9-1, effective August 1 – August 26.

The August 22, 2016 meeting currently scheduled will be moved to August 29, 2016.

- b) Dorothea Whitbeck estate – Mr. Brewster, Mr. Kace and Ms. Snow met with Estate Specialist, Attorney Maini, recommended by Town Attorney Grogins. The attorney will file an appearance notice, inform the Attorney General of the suit and request a status report from the executor of the estate.

6) New Business

Main Street traffic project – Mr. Coyle and Ms. Baker will attend the 7/27/16, 7:00pm meeting regarding the project.

7) Flood & Erosion Control Board

- a) Still River Watershed – Ms. Baker will speak to Ms. Peyser about a letter that needs to be sent to property owners explaining the project.
- b) Meeting with Town Engineer – Tabled until Ms. Snow and Mr. Bishop return.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake