



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
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July 27, 2020

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held via teleconference on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Eric Beckenstein Carroll Brewster Jim Coyle Dave Cronin
 Erik Keller Daniel C. Levine Jean Linville Allan Welby

Absent: Jack Kace, Matt Sharp, Kitsey Snow

Joseph Archer, Matthew Olkoski, Lisa van Gompel, Phil Kearns and Beth Peyser also attended via teleconference.

Mr. Coyle chaired the meeting. Ms. Lake took the minutes.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 13, 2020 meeting were discussed.

UPON motion duly made (Brewster), seconded (Keller), and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of July 13, 2020 be approved and ordered filed in the Town Hall.

2. OPEN SPACE

Eagle Scout Presentations

Joseph Archer (Schlumberger Bridge) Joseph, from Troop 116, proposed building a 20'x4' bridge with handrail on the soon-to-be blazed jughandle part of trail. He also plans do some trail work on both sides of bridge. The 4' wide bridge design will allow for both pedestrians and cyclists use of the new trail and is expected take four days to complete. The estimated material cost is \$775.

UPON motion duly made (Cronin), seconded (Keller) , and carried, it was RESOLVED to approve the Schlumberger bridge project as amended and the estimated costs at \$775.

Matthew Olkoski (Schlumberger Jughandle Trail) Matthew, from Troop 116, proposed to add a new trail segment off the original Schlumberger trail that will be approximately .3 miles long. Work will include general clearing and blazing of the trail, removing invasives, and creating two benches (18"x20"x52") using fallen wood found in the trail area to overlook scenic areas. The estimated cost is \$42.

UPON motion duly made (Cronin), seconded (Brewster), and carried, it was RESOLVED to approve the Jughandle Trail project and the estimated cost of \$42.

Lisa van Gompel (Barrack Hill Bog Bridges) – Lisa, from Troop 19, proposed to build five bog bridges that will be 3 'x20" to make trail more stable, cleaner, and safer in the muddy areas of the refuge. She hopes to begin mid-August and estimates material costs at \$331. She will use leftover 4x4's from a previous eagle scout project.

UPON motion duly made (Keller), seconded.(Brewster), and carried, it was RESOLVED to approve the Barrack Hill bog bridges and the \$331 materials estimate (pending new pricing for the swap of 2x12 instead of 2x10).

3. ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS

Structures - Old Trolley – Ms. Peyser inspected the site and reported that all building materials have been removed, no additional spray painting was found, and the steps/holes had been filled in. The actual trail still remains but the RCC is fine with leaving it as is for others to enjoy. Ms. Peyser will notify the property owner that the violation has been remedied.

Mowing - North Street Open Space – Ms. Peyser's letter to 4 abutting properties received one response from the homeowner at 281 North Street. The homeowner mentioned a prior "agreement" regarding mowing and is interested to know how the RCC plans to maintain the open space in the future. It was agreed that the RCC will continue to mow the area at least once a year. Ms. Peyser will notify the homeowner at 281 North Street that the RCC has no record of any agreement and plans to mow the property once a year

Wetlands – 155 Silver Spring – Ms. Peyser's investigation of the wetlands complaint is in progress.

4. ADMINISTRATOR SEARCH – Several excellent resumes have been received and interviewing will begin in 2 weeks. It is anticipated that the new administrator will be selected in time for our August 17th meeting.

5. MEETINGS FOR ATTENDANCE

P&Z Jul 14 – Sharp
Jul 28 – Snow
Sep 1 – Welby

IWB July 23 – Welby
Aug 27 – Beckenstein
Sep 10 - Brewster

6. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made (Cronin), seconded (Brewster), and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Colleen Lake

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