

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Ridgefield Conservation Commission**  
**Flood and Erosion Control Board**  
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713  
August 29, 2016

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, August 29, 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  
Dan Levine, Alternate  
Ben Oko, Alternate

The following members were absent:

Tim Bishop  
Kitsey Snow

Whitney Freeman, Hans Williams and Felicity Panas were also in attendance.  
Ms. Baker chaired the meeting. Colleen Lake was present to take minutes.

**1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 25, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was  
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of July 25, 2016 are approved and  
ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT** - Mr. Brewster discussed bills paid during the month of August and recommended the purchase of an all-in-one color printer/copier/scanner for the office (\$80). The commission agreed.

**3. OPEN SPACE**

a) Walk Book – Ms. Baker presented printing options and prices for the new book.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was  
RESOLVED to order 2500 perfect bound copies of the 2016 Walk Book at a  
cost of \$7,455.

In addition, Susan Baker will review a perfect bound document from the printer.

b) McKeon Farm - Apple tree pruning – Discussion tabled until Ms. Snow returns.

- Whitney Freeman Agreement - Ms. Freeman outlined her request for a 5-year agreement. With the 5-year commitment, Ms. Freeman plans to bring more goats, apply for a USDA EQUIP grant to install a well on the property and will invest in a seeding plan for selected fields. The McKeon committee (Snow, Brewster,

Beckenstein, Cronin) will discuss her proposal and draft a new agreement to be presented at the next RCC meeting.

#### **4. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD**

##### **a) Meetings for Attendance**

Sept. 6 – Mr. Kace

Sept. 13 – Mr. Cronin

Sept. 20 – Ms. Snow

##### **B New & Continued Business**

#### **5. ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

- a) 50 North Salem Road – Property owner, Ms. Panas, is asking to use a small section (10-12') of open space for pool construction access. Mr. Cronin, Ms. Baker and Mr. Kace will walk the site Tuesday, 8/30/16.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried (Dr. Oko abstained), it was RESOLVED to allow access through the open space for pool construction with the following conditions:

- 1) One 6" maple and 2 smaller trees along Barlow Mountain Road will be removed to allow for access.
- 2) The accessway will be used for a temporary 4-6 week period.
- 3) A stabilized construction entrance will be installed
- 4) The accessway will be restored to its original condition when finished
- 5) The deer fence currently located on open space will be removed/relocated by July 1, 2017.
- 6) Approval is to be contingent on findings of commission site walk.

- b) 20 Mopus Bridge-land swap – Attempts by Susan Baker and Beth Peyser to schedule a meeting with the homeowner have been unsuccessful.

#### **6. New Business**

- a) Main Street Improvements project – Ms. Baker will attend the next meeting to be held Sept. 8, 2016 at Town Hall (5 pm).

#### **7. Flood & Erosion Control Board**

- a) Meeting with Town Engineer – Discussion tabled until Mr. Bishop returns.

#### **CONSERVATION HEARING OFFICER**

It was agreed that all candidates should be referred to Rudy Marconi. Beth Peyser would be available to answer candidate questions with input from Eric Beckenstein on procedures, if necessary.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Pending Litigation Discussion – Whitbeck Estate.  
Began at 9:20 pm, adjourned at 9:40 pm.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Lake