

APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713
September 26, 2016

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, September 26, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker
Eric Beckenstein
Tim Bishop
Carroll Brewster
Dave Cronin
Jack Kace
Kitsey Snow

The following members were absent:

Jim Coyle
Alan Pilch
Dan Levine, Alternate
Ben Oko, Alternate

Whitney Freeman was also in attendance.

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 12, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2016 are
approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town
Hall.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT - No report.

3. OPEN SPACE

- a) McKeon Farm – Apple tree pruning – Ms. Snow will contact John Pinchbeck for
advice on pruning.

- Whitney Freeman agreement – Ms. Freeman discussed the
costs associated with well drilling on the McKeon property. In exchange for a five
year contract, Ms. Freeman will apply for a NRCS grant, by the end of October,
2016, that will fund a large part of the well installation. The town and/or RCC will
cover (using the McKeon fund) the cost not covered by the grant.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED to enter into a 5-year contract with Ms. Freeman under
the following conditions:

1. Ms. Freeman will apply for the NRCS grant by the end of October, 2016. The grant will cover the majority of the well costs and the Town/RCC will assume costs not covered by the grant via the McKeon fund. The well will be owned by the Town/RCC
2. The well must produce, at the minimum, 7 gallons per minute (gpm)
3. The drilling depth is not to exceed 600 feet. If the optimal 7 gpm is not reached after drilling 600 feet, Ms. Freeman will provide the commission with estimates of the extra costs involved to make the well viable
4. Ms. Freeman will pay the electric costs for running the well during her 5 year term. The Town/RCC will be responsible for all maintenance and repair of the well.

b) 4 Encampment Place – Ms. Peyser and Ms. Snow met with the homeowner to inspect the property. The 5 trees have been planted and the homeowner will be responsible for watering. The trees will be inspected again in 6 months.

c) Deer Committee – Discussion tabled until Mr. Levine returns.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED** to add 20 Mopus Bridge to the agenda.

20 Mopus Bridge – Ms. Peyser, Mr. Beckenstein and Ms. Baker met with the property owner to walk the property. The land swap was discussed and both parties agreed that a 2 for 1 land swap would provide a reasonable resolution to the outstanding easement violations. Ms. Baker will consult with Ms. Peyser about developing a proposal and maps to submit to the Board of Selectmen.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED** to present the land swap to the Board of Selectmen for approval/vote.

4. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

Oct. 4 – Ms. Baker
Oct. 12* - Mr. Beckenstein (Wed. meeting)
Oct. 18 – Mr. Bishop

b) New & Continued Business

Ms. Baker and Mr. Brewster attended the 9/16/16 meeting with members of P&Z/IWB. Several topics were discussed during the meeting. It was a positive and productive meeting with both commissions working together. All participants agreed that it would be beneficial to continue the bi-annual meetings.

5. ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake