

APPROVED MINUTES



Ridgefield Conservation Commission

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Meeting

February 28, 2022 at 7 P.M.

Present	Roberta Barbieri	Jack Kace	Allan Welby
	Kitsey Snow	Erik Keller	Matt Sharp
	Jim Liptack	Jean Linville	Peter Nichols
Absent	Daniel C. Levine (attending Simsbury CC meeting); James Coyle (attending BOS budget meeting)		
Guests	Emily Santella, Jeremy Capocci, Donald Hulnick, Ryan Bossis		

Peter Nichols has taken his oath with the Town Clerk and is now an alternate Commissioner eligible to vote tonight in place of Daniel C. Levine. Dr. Kace chaired for Mr. Coyle.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made (Keller) and seconded (Sharp), and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of January 31, 2022 be approved, and order filed in the Town hall. Vote: 9-0.

2. Enforcement Actions

Not discussed. Mr. Halley did not call in.

3. NRI

Ms. Snow and Ms. Linville updated us on the planning and the beginning of the activities. The cold weather and ice has caused some delays. Ms. Snow will work with Mr. Levine on public information and requesting volunteers to help out.

Ms. Linville made a plea for help from the rest of the RCC to help with our upcoming events.

Ms. Barbieri suggested we make sure the Backyard Birdcount numbers from Ridgefield were added to the INaturalist numbers. She also offered to cover the Owl Walk this weekend and Matt offered to help with the Waterfowl Walk on the 26th.

Mr. Welby brought up a possible parking issue for the Waterfowl Walk.

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Ms. Snow will make sure the upcoming NRI events get onto the RCC website and sent out to the Rangers.

4. Open Space

The pros and cons of accepting the donation of a 0.29 acre donation at 99 Ramapoo were discussed. Upon motion duly made (Keller) and seconded (Barbieri) the parcel was not accepted. Vote 7-2.

The Declaration of Open Space is tentatively scheduled for discussion at the March 16 BOS meeting.

5. Tree Committee

A vacancy exists for one of the four members appointed by the RCC. The procedure for review of the applicants was discussed.

6. Flood and Erosion Control Board

Mr. Coyle will meet with Rudy Marconi to discuss the possibilities. Dr. Kace mentioned that many towns have this responsibility under the auspices of their Town Engineering Dept.

7. Invasives to Natives

Ms. Barbieri updated the RCC. Tree Committee concurrence is being obtained.

8. Community Outreach

Postponed to next meeting.

9. Meetings for Attendance

No issues.

10. Chairman's Remarks – Other Business

Ms. Snow brought up a request from the Woodcock Nature Center that we cosponsor a talk at the library about wildlife and water quality in the Great Swamp in late April. The RCC concurred.

Mr. Welby brought up Turtle Crossing signs, which Dr. Kace said had been ordered but we want to wait to put them out to just before we expect the turtles to be active (so the signs don't "walk away").

A motion was made by Mr. Welby that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Ms. Barbieri and unanimously approved. Vote 9-0.