

## APPROVED MINUTES



### DRAFT MINUTES Ridgefield Conservation Commission

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**Meeting**  
**July 18, 2022 at 7 P.M.**

**Present:** Roberta Barbieri      James Coyle      Jack Kace      Erik Keller  
Peter Nichols      Jim Liptack      Matt Sharp      Kitsey Snow  
Allan Welby

**Absent:** Jean Linville

Chairman Coyle called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.

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#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES

UPON motion duly made (Keller), seconded (Nichols), and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of June 20, 2022 be approved and ordered filed in the Town Hall. Vote: 8-0

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#### 1. EAGLE SCOUT PRESENTATION-HAVILAND BENCH

Ines Taleb presented her Eagle Scout Project at Haviland Pond on Dawn Lane. Ines cleared a path to Haviland pond, added wood chips to the path for accessibility as well as built a bench for everyone to enjoy the view and the water.

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#### 1. ENFORCEMENT ACTION

##### 162 West Mountain Road

Dr. Rogers and her attorney Mr. Hammer attended the meeting. Mr. Coyle explained the Notice of Violation process the Conservation Commission goes through in order to issue an NOV to property owners under the Open Space Use Ordinance. In this case, the violation included cutting, topping of trees and disposal of waste material. Dr. Rogers acknowledged receipt of the NOV and stated they would like to work with the commission regarding next steps. The commission will meet with town council and set up a smaller meeting to discuss findings in two weeks' time.

##### 258 West Mountain Road

Mr. Flashner addressed the commission and provided pictures of his property referenced in the NOPV regarding his fence and trail on open space. Mr. Flashner will have a survey completed to establish clear delineation of his property boundary. Once complete the commission will schedule a site visit to gather confirm results.

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#### 2. COMMISSION VACANCY

Mr. Coyle mentioned we have four possible candidates for an alternate member on the board. Erik Anderson and Elie Shecter were in attendance this evening.

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#### 3. OPEN SPACE

##### 3.1 Declaration of Open Space

Mr. Coyle updated the commission on the ongoing due diligence in response to BOS questions on nine parcels. The commission inadvertently was not on the BOS agenda for their last meeting. The commission is scheduled to present at the BOS meeting on 8/17.

## UNAPPROVED MINUTES

### 3.2 Tiger Hollow OS Trail

Mr. Nichols was asked by Chris Tait (Head of RHS Science Dept) and Jake Greenwood (Principal RHS) if the commission would allow them to put a trail into open space that is located on the east side of Tiger Hollow to allow class groups to investigate outdoor habitats that would include vernal pools and wetlands. The commission is behind this idea 100%. Mr. Coyle suggested Mr. Tait and Mr. Greenwood reach out to Mr. Marconi in order to move forward.

### 3.3 BS Property Trails

John Sweeney and Mr. Sharp presented a proposal to connect to the Pine Mountain trail system. The commission discussed how bikers using the yellow trail to come down the mountain has to stop due to excessive erosion. Mr. Sharp will schedule a site walk for the commission to assess around the first week in August.

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## **4. MCKEON FARM**

### 4.1 Invasive Species Mitigation

Ms. Barbieri received a proposal for removing invasives on both sides of the rock walls along Old Stagecoach Road. Ms. Barbieri will obtain cost to maintain each area on a yearly basis.

UPON motion made to accept proposal for removing invasives at McKeon (Nichols), seconded (Liptack), and carried, it was RESOLVED that the commission spends \$10,000 out of the discretionary account. 9:0

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## **5. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Upon motion duly made (Barbieri), seconded (Nichols), and carried, it was RESOLVED that the commission go into Executive Session Vote 9:0 to discuss potential litigation.

Returned to public meeting 9:30pm.

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## **6. COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

Mr. Coyle moved this item to the next meeting August 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## **7. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Coyle moved this item to the next meeting August 15<sup>th</sup>.

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## **8. MEETINGS FOR ATTENDANCE**

### **P&Z**

July 12 – Keller  
July 26 - Linville

### **IWB**

July 14 – Liptack  
July 28 – Nichols

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## **9. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Nothing new to report.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

**UPON** motion duly made (Keller), seconded (Nichols), and carried, it was RESOLVED that the meeting adjourn at 9:37 P.M. Vote: 9:0.