



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission

Flood and Erosion Control Board

Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street

Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713

October 31, 2016

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, October 31, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker
Eric Beckenstein
Carroll Brewster
Jim Coyle
Jack Kace
Alan Pilch
Kitsey Snow
Ben Oko, Voting Alternate

The following members were absent: Tim Bishop, Dave Cronin, Dan Levine.

Chris McQuilken was also in attendance.

Mr. Coyle chaired the meeting. Colleen Lake was present to take minutes.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 17, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of October 17, 2016 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Brewster approved an invoice for \$186.34 for 12 Ranger hats.

3. OPEN SPACE

a) McKeon Farm

- **Henny Penny Agreement** – Mr. Coyle reported that Ms. Freeman has filed the NRCS application without obtaining Town approval for a five-year lease. The five-year lease will be discussed at the November 2, 2016 Board of Selectmen meeting.

- **Mowing** – Hans Williams mowed both sections of the large hay field and expects Parks & Rec to mow the two front fields shortly.
 - Decision making for the farm was discussed. Mr. Kace suggested finding an individual who could provide us with advice/help managing the farm. Ms. Snow and Mr. Cronin will meet with Hans Williams and Whitney Freeman to come up with possible solutions and present them at the next RCC meeting.
- b) **Deer Committee** – The RCC sent a letter on October 20, 2016 to the First Selectman explaining the commission's dissatisfaction with the hunt notification process. There has been no response.
- c) **Ranger Recognition** – Ms. Lake has ordered a trial sample of 12 caps, scheduled to arrive by November 8, 2016. If satisfactory, another 70 caps will be ordered to be given out to RCC rangers.
- d) **20 Mopus Bridge** – The homeowner has agreed to the terms of the easement swap. It will go before the Board of Selectmen on November 2, 2016.
- e) **267 Ivy Hill** – The homeowner has proposed a 2:1 land swap. Ms. Lake will investigate zoning regulations and Highway Department requirements with respect to lot size, property accessways, and deed restrictions, if any, of the abutting open space. Ms. Lake will send commission members the results of her investigations before the next meeting. The owner will appear at our November 14, 2016 meeting to discuss her proposal.

4. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

- a) **Meetings for Attendance**
 Nov. 9 - Mr. Coyle
 Nov. 15 – Mr. Cronin
 Nov. 22 – Mr. Kace
- b) **New & Continued Business**
 (None)

5. ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

- a) **2016-17 Annual Appeal Letter** – The letter will be sent to Ridgefield Printing for mailing.
- b) **Town website** – Mr. Coyle has sent an outline of current RCC web site material to be put into the new town format. The town expects the new website to be in place by Thanksgiving, at which point RCC content will be reviewed.

6. WHITBECK ESTATE

Mr. Coyle and Attorney Maini will visit the Whitbeck house on 11/8/16, possibly with the attorney for the other two beneficiaries.

7. NEW BUSINESS

(None)

8. FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD

Mr. Bishop will contact the First Selectman to set up a meeting in late November with Charlie Fisher.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake

EXECUTIVE SESSION began at 8:30pm and concluded at 8:45pm.