

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Ridgefield Conservation Commission**  
**Flood and Erosion Control Board**  
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713  
March 7, 2016

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

The following members were present:

Susan Baker  
Eric Beckenstein  
Tim Bishop  
Carroll Brewster  
Jim Coyle  
Dave Cronin  
Jack Kace  
Alan Pilch  
Kitsey Snow

Ben Oko, Dan Levine and Dave Pope also attended.

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

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 22, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2016 are approved, with an amendment to the first sentence in the unapproved minute on 157 Mountain Road, and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Mr. Cronin was informed by the highway department that the RCC van needs ABS brake work at a cost of \$1300. Ms. Lake will contact Mr. Redmond to discuss payment issues.

**OPEN SPACE**

- a) Enforcement Issues - Discussion on 20 Mopus Bridge and 55 Canterbury Lane will be tabled until the new Ordinance is in place.

795 North Salem – Mr. Beckenstein reported that Mr. Marconi spoke with Mr. Reddington, who informed him that he is speaking to his insurance company about the incident.

50 Laurel Hill - Members of the RCC and Beth Peyser walked the property after learning the shed had been removed from open space. Ms. Peyser will ask the homeowner to stop mowing on open space and has contacted Mr. Zandri about removing an illegal deer stand.

4 Encampment Place. Ms. Peyser is still trying to reach the homeowner to set up a meeting.

- b) McKeon Farm – Ridgefield resident, Dave Pope, stated his interest in using 10 acres at McKeon farm for growing Christmas trees. He will email his proposal to the office.

Members of the RCC toured Henny Penny farm at 673 Ridgebury Road on Friday, 3/4/16. The owner wants to keep sheep and llamas there and will bring in goats for a short period to attack the invasive multi flora rose.

The McKeon Farm committee will schedule another meeting with the consultant to continue work on the development plan for the farm.

- c) Walk Book – A Walk Book committee consisting of Mr. Cronin, Mr. Coyle and Ms. Baker, will work on the revision of the 2006 book.
- d) Eagle Scout Award – Mr. Coyle suggested the RCC begin a program that recognizes conservation efforts by individuals and groups. The RCC would like to look into applying a plaque near each project identifying the Eagle Scout, troop and date.

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

### Meetings for Attendance

Mar. 8 – Mr. Brewster/Mr. Bishop

Mar. 15 – Mr. Cronin

Mar. 22 – Mr. Kace

Apr. 5 – Ms. Snow

Apr. 12 – Mr. Pilch

### New & Continued Business

**157 Mountain Road** – The IWB was unable to take action because they did not have a quorum. Alan Pilch attended the IWB meeting on 3/1/16 and was told by the Chair of the IWB in advance of their meeting that he would therefore not be heard in response to John Katz's request that he discuss his letter of 2/14/16.

**509 Main Street** – Mr. Pilch discussed the application to build 5 houses on less than one acre. Mr. Pilch agreed that the Stormwater management plan for the project was done correctly and conservatively.

**Bridle Trail** - Mr. Pilch discussed the revised application for a 3 lot subdivision on Bridle Trail. Mr. Pilch will walk the property with P&Z/IWB on 3/13/16.

**Proposed Zoning Amendments** – Alan Pilch has been in contact with Planner Brosius regarding the amendments. The RCC will appear and comment at the public hearing (to be determined).

**Meeting with P&Z/IWB Chair** – Dr. Oko recommended setting up a meeting with the P&Z/IWB Chair, Planner Brosius, Asst Planner Schnell, Beth Peyser and RCC members to discuss concerns with the relationship between the two commissions. Mr. Kace will schedule the meeting.

## **ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

New Ordinance – Mr. Beckenstein expects to receive a revision of the Ordinance from Attorney Grogins on Tuesday, 3/8/16. Members of the RCC are scheduled to meet with Mr. Marconi 3/14/16 to finalize the Ordinance.

New Commissioner – Daniel Levine was discussed as an Alternate Member.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was  
RESOLVED to recommend Daniel Levine the second Alternate Member of the Conservation Commission to the Board of Selectmen.

Flood & Erosion Control Board – Ms. Baker will meet with Planner Brosius to further clarify the Board's duties.

NRWI Grant - Ms. Snow and Mr. Pilch applied for the grant to be awarded in June or July.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Lake