



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board
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May 15, 2017

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, May 15, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

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

The following member was absent: Ben Oko.

Also in attendance was Charlie Taney from NRVTA.

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 3, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of May 3, 2017 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

2. OPEN SPACE

a) McKeon Farm – Mr. Brewster will contact Hans Williams about signing the revised agreement. Ms. Snow reported that Ms. Freeman has aerated and reseeded the orchard and has brought the sheep and llama to the field. Ms. Freeman expects to hear about the well grant shortly. Ms. Snow will get a liming estimate for Ms. Freeman's three fields to be done ASAP (approximately 8 acres) and an estimate for another 22 acres to be done in the fall. The remainder of the 43 acres of the farm will not be limed.

b) Hemlock Hills - Ranger Cathy Brown emailed a map showing unmarked trails. The commission will continue to discuss which trails should be blazed or closed. Mr. Cronin will send around details about the meeting time/place for those interested in helping to blaze the new biker trails on Saturday morning.

3. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

May 16 – Mr. Cronin (RLL Ballfield)

June 6 – Mr. Kace

June 20 – Mr. Pilch/Ms. Baker

b) New & Continued Business

RLL Ballfield – The RCC discussed the project engineer's response to RCC comments submitted on May 4th, 2017. The comments will be amended to include concerns regarding impact of light and noise on the environment, stormwater management, and the planting plan. The RCC did not agree with LADA's responses and felt RCC requests for the vegetative swale and increased plantings were appropriate. The RCC was happy to learn that the RLL has no intention of using fertilizers on the field.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED to submit Mr. Pilch's amended comments to P&Z/IWB on behalf of the RCC.

40 Mountain Road – P&Z Chairperson Mucchetti's email regarding the RCC's lack of comments on the project was discussed. Ms. Baker will prepare an appropriate response.

4. CONTINUING TOPICS

- a) **Wooster Work Day** – Mr. Levine has organized the hike for June 7th. Mr. Pilch and Ms. Snow will select plants for the students to plant at the Pine Mountain parking area prior to the scheduled hike.
- b) **Summer Workers** – Two more interviews are scheduled. Tim Brown is waiting for clearance to begin.
- c) **NRVTA** – Charlie Taney updated the commission on the NRVTA progress. The association will begin fundraising for the 2-mile Ridgefield portion as soon as Timber & Stone finishes the section's layout and estimated cost.
- d) **MS4 Application** – The informational meeting was successful and was attended by members from several town departments

ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake

