



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board
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June 26, 2017

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, June 26, 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	

The following members were absent: Ben Oko and Kitsey Snow.

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 12, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of June 12, 2017 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Brewster provided an update on expenditures and outstanding commitments. He suggested purchasing the McKeon shed with the remaining FY2017 funds and push the lime and fern purchases to FY2018.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to spend up to \$2000 to purchase an 8x10 shed to be placed at McKeons' Arigideen Farm and used for maintenance purposes.

3. OPEN SPACE

a) The McKeons' Arigideen Farm Restrictive Covenants – Mr. Coyle worked with Attorney Grogins to develop an Amended Declaration of Restrictive Covenants for the property. Mr. Kace presented a resolution to amend the deed restrictions relating to structures on the farm. It was

confirmed by Town Attorney Grogins that the RCC is authorized to amend the deed (per Section 13), by majority vote, in general, and specifically in this case to allow structures necessary for maintenance of the property.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to adopt the Amended Declaration of Restrictive Covenants to become part of the original land record.

b) Open Space Maintenance Manual – Mr. Coyle presented a new manual that outlines all RCC areas maintained by the summer workers. The manual includes maps with specific instructions and pictures of each location. Mr. Cronin will review the draft.

c) Great Swamp – Mr. Brewster raised the question of the availability of environmental data on the Great Swamp and whether the commission should take a more proactive position regarding the environmental health of the swamp. It will be further discussed at the next meeting.

5. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

July 5 – Mr. Levine (36 Old Quarry)

July 18 – Ms. Snow

b) New & Continued Business

36 Old Quarry (Schlumberger Parking Area) – Mr. Pilch described the revised parking plan for the Philip Johnson Building and new theater. Concerns centered on the adequacy of bioretention facilities and treatment of runoff to avoid discharge into Great Swamp. Mr. Pilch provided draft comments that will be amended to include Mr. Levine's recommendation for the addition a drop-off/loading area near the theater and a strong recommendation for increased treatment of discharge from Mr. Kace.

5. CONTINUING TOPICS

a) Plum Island Visit – July 13th is the deadline to have all forms into the RCC office for the September 20th visit so that a submission can be made to the Department of Homeland Security.

b) Deer Committee – Mr. Beckenstein presented a draft position paper that will accompany parcel approval for the 2017-18 deer hunt. The Deer Committee has not contacted the RCC about the hunt.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake