

APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713
April 4, 2016

A Special Meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Wednesday, April 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker
Eric Beckenstein
Tim Bishop
Jim Coyle
Dave Cronin
Jack Kace
Dan Levine, Alternate

The following members were absent:

Carroll Brewster
Alan Pilch
Kitsey Snow
Ben Oko, Alternate

Mr. Beckenstein chaired the meeting in Ms. Snow's absence. Susan Baker was present to take minutes.

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 21, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of March 21, 2016 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

TREASURER'S REPORT - No report.

OPEN SPACE

- a) Enforcement Issues Update – An update from Conservation Inspector , Beth Peyser, was reviewed.

Encampment Place – The property was walked by Tree Warden, John Pinchbeck, Mr. Cronin ,and Ms. Peyser. Ms. Peyser will follow up with the homeowner on Mr. Pinchbeck's recommendations, with which the RCC concurs.

- b) McKeon Farm – The subcommittee will meet with local farmer Dina Brewster at the property soon. It was noted that apple trees may be arriving soon and a plan to get them planted should be discussed at the next meeting.

- c) Walk Book – Mr. Coyle's article will be published in the Ridgefield Press on April 7. It was agreed that the high school interns will walk the trails with the draft Walk Book pages, to note any information that is not correct. The RCC discussed payment for printing the Walk Book in color this time, and hopes to use remaining NRI funds to cover the costs. It was suggested selling the book for \$10.
- d) Ranger Pamphlet costs – Mr. Levine has created a ranger gmail account for communications from rangers. He will monitor it and also let Ms. Lake know how to access. Printing of 60 posters (laminated) will be \$50 and 500 pamphlets (which will not expire) \$160, for a total of \$210.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to approve the \$210 expenditure to produce the materials, pending confirmation that funds are available.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

Meetings for Attendance

Apr. 12 – Ms. Snow (509 Main)

Apr. 19 – Ms. Baker (4 Wooster)

May 3 – Mr. Beckenstein/Mr. Bishop (Stormwater Regs)

May 10 – Mr. Brewster

New & Continued Business

Bridle Trail - RCC recommendations to IWB were added as conditions for Summary ruling approval.

4 Wooster Street – Dave will talk to Planner Brosius about RCC comments.

509 Main St. Jack attended the public hearing, which was continued. The RCC will not submit further comments.

3/29 P&Z Special meeting: There was no attendance from RCC.

ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

New Ordinance – Members of the RCC met with Mr. Marconi last week. Mr. Marconi suggested a few more changes and will put the issue before the BOS at the April 13 meeting. Mr. Kace and Mr. Beckenstein will attend to answer any questions. The public hearing and town meeting will be scheduled for May 4 if approved by the Board.

Annual Meeting – Edith Meffley Award – Tabled.

BioBlitz email list - No comment.

Flood & Erosion Control Board – Planner Brosius suggested the RCC meet with Charlie Fisher, Town Engineer, to discuss the dam at Shadow Lake. Mr. Bishop volunteered to do this and report back. If the dam needs work, the RCC believes it would be the responsibility of the Flood & Erosion Control Board to apply to the state for funds.

Stormwater Regulations: The P&Z/IWB public hearing is scheduled for May 3, 2016. Mr. Kace will develop some comments and email to RCC to discuss in detail at our next meeting. Mr. Bishop will develop notes regarding the fill issue.

IWB Comprehensive Training: The RCC hopes that 2-4 people can attend at a cost of \$75/each. The RCC will have to find funds in the budget as the Town has declined to pay.

Ms. Lake will determine what budget line item will cover this and how many people can attend the April session.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Baker