



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
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November 13, 2017

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, November 13, 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.

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 30, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of October 30, 2017 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Brewster discussed the costs for the 2017-18 Annual Appeal.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED to pay \$1623.11 for the postage and \$2698.90 for the printing of the Annual Appeal letter and envelopes.

2. ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

George Washington Highway – Meetings to discuss easement violations have been scheduled with two of the five homeowners after receiving recent Notice of Violation letters.

3. NEW AND CONTINUING TOPICS

a) NRI Forest Plots – Commissioners found four plots in Hemlock Hills and will revisit the plots in the spring for a seedling count. Mr. Levine will poll commissioners for possible dates to find additional plots in Bennetts Pond.

b) Great Swamp – Mr. Coyle, Mr. Cronin, and Ms. Baker toured the WPCA facility recently to learn more about the UV process. The WPCA has put the Conservation Commission on its 11/16/17 agenda to discuss concerns. Ms. Baker will attend.

Mr. Bishop found two possible influent monitoring sites for Harbor Watch. He and Mr. Cronin will locate the sites on a map, and Ms. Snow will send the recommendations to Harbor Watch for consideration.

c) FY2019 Capital Request – The Commission will request a GPS device and money to cover surveying costs of open space properties.

d) Pollinator Pathway – Ms. Snow described a collaboration between area garden clubs, Woodcock Nature Center and the NRVT to create a pollinator pathway from Wilton to Danbury using some open space parcels in Ridgefield. The RCC supports the effort.

e) NRVT – Only half of the funds have been raised for the planning phase of the first Ridgefield section. Commissioners are encouraged to reach out to possible donors.

4. OPEN SPACE

a) Lake Windwing Algae – Ms. Snow would like to create, and put up, signs informing residents of the hazards associated with blue-green algae, occasionally found in the lake from August through October. Mr. Coyle will discuss with Mr. Marconi.

b) Annual Appeal Insert – The RCC will not include an informative insert in this year's annual appeal but will look into developing a brochure for a future town-wide mailing that will satisfy the MS4 Public Education requirement. Mr. Coyle will talk to Mr. Marconi re public education efforts related to stormwater management.

c) The new Pine Mountain trail will be blazed this week by Mr. Cronin. Ms. Snow and Ms. Lake.

5. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

Nov. 21 – Dr. Kace (B&G rezone/278 Ridgebury Road)

Dec 5 – Mr. Levine (500 Main)

Dec 19 – Mr. Pilch

b) New and Continued Business

500 Main – Waiting for revised plans.

278 Ridgebury Road – Mr. Pilch has concerns with the 40' extension of the drainpipe. A walk will be scheduled for Friday, 11/17/17 at 8am. P&Z will discuss the project on November 21st.

6. EXECUTIVE SESSION – UPON motion made carried, seconded and unanimously carried it was AGREED to enter executive session at 8:50 pm and to exit at 9:45pm

7. GOALS AND PROJECTS – Postponed until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake