



**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Ridgefield Conservation Commission**  
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**March 19, 2018**

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, March 19, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Mr. Coyle chaired the meeting. Colleen Lake took minutes.

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## 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of March 5, 2018 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

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## 2. TREASURER'S REPORT – No report

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## 3. OPEN SPACE

**Pollinator Pathway** – Ms. Snow would like to purchase \$500 worth of pollinator plants for Casagmo and Spectacle Swamp. Mr. Pilch will assist with plant selection.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to approve \$500 for the purchase of pollinator plants.

**McKeon Farm** – Mr. Williams has decided not return to the farm. Commissioners will reach out to farmers who might be interested. Mr. Coyle will contact Jeff Cordulack at CT NOFA.

Mr. Brewster will order four red apple trees to be planted in the orchard this spring. Mr. Coyle will meet with Whitney Freeman and Agenor DeSilva regarding the feasibility of transplanting three apple and two pear trees to the farm from her property.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to approve the purchase of four apple trees for planting at McKeon farm.

**Fallen Trees** – There have been several requests from residents for removal of open space trees that have fallen on private property. Mr. Coyle will meet with Mr. Marconi to develop a policy for resolving complaints.

**Summer Workers** – There is no plan now to recruit summer workers. Alternatives will be reviewed.

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

##### **a) Meetings for Attendance**

Mar. 20 – Dr. Kace (153 West Mtn/IWB Amendments)  
Mar. 27 – Mr. Brewster/Ms. Baker  
Apr. 3 – Mr. Beckenstein & Mr. Levine (Ledges Referral)  
Apr. 17 – Mr. Pilch & Ms. Snow  
Apr. 24 – Ms. Baker & Mr. Beckenstein

##### **b) New and Continued Business**

Winter Garden – Phil Doyle – Postponed.

153 West Mountain Road – Dr. Kace will ask for details regarding the fill being brought in for the project. Mr. Pilch's revised suggestions regarding the stormwater management plan and possible easement were discussed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, with one abstention, it was RESOLVED to approve Mr. Pilch's letter for submission to P&Z/IWB.

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#### **5. ANNUAL MEETING – Edith Meffley Award**

Mr. Brewster and Ms. Snow recommended a candidate for the award.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to present Mr. Brewster's candidate with the Edith Meffley Award at the April 26<sup>th</sup>, 2018 annual meeting.

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**6. CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION** – The subcommittee will submit additional clarification on DEEP's position regarding separation of P&Z and IWB. The subcommittee will work on additional materials to present to the CRC prior to the P&Z presentation on April 9, 2018.

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#### **7. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Whitbeck Estate – A portion of the proceeds are in the process of being distributed to the beneficiaries.

Mack Reid - Request For Information – Mr. Reid has asked for RCC assistance on an article he is writing for Opening Trail Day, April 7, 2018. Mr. Cronin, Mr. Levine, and Ms. Baker offered to help. Mr. Coyle will get further clarification from Mr. Reid on what materials he would like from the commission.

RCC April 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting – Due to a conflict with the Charter Revision Commission meeting on the same date, the RCC agreed to move their regularly scheduled meeting to Monday, April 2, 2018. Ms. Lake will provide the appropriate notifications to Town Hall and update our website.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Lake