



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission

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July 16, 2018

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, July 16, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Susan Baker Eric Beckenstein Carroll Brewster
 Jim Coyle Dave Cronin Jack Kace
 Dan Levine Alan Pilch

Absent: Tim Bishop, Ben Oko and Kitsey Snow

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 2, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of July 2, 2018 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Brewster asked for approval on an invoice for \$257.03 from Ridgefield Power for equipment tune-up and repair.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to approve payment of the invoice.

2. GREEN EXPO – The RCC is a sponsor of the event being held outside the Ridgefield Playhouse on Sunday, July 22 from 12-2pm. Mr. Coyle, Mr. Cronin, Ms. Snow and Ms. Baker will represent the RCC. Ms. Baker will look into getting a tent. Walkbooks, open space maps, trail maps and the banner will be displayed at the RCC table.

3. OPEN SPACE

Skytop Road – Mr. Cronin reported that it is not practical to move the chain barrier. Mr. Levine will speak to the abutting property owner about a solution for future use.

The McKeon Farm – Mr. Coyle updated the commission on several farm issues.

- The three fields have been hayed. Joseph Natal is cleaning up the edges and stonewalls.
- Cornerstone has been delayed due to rough soil and unresolved ADA issues. Solutions are being worked on.

- Liming of the two Stagecoach fields will be done Tuesday, 7/17. Mr. Cronin, Beckenstein and Coyle will assist. Help will be needed for the additional two Ridgebury fields next Tuesday, 7/24 at 9am.
- The cattle chute and roofless structure will be dismantled and removed sometime in the fall.

Understory Study Update – Four plots in Hemlock Hills and three plots in Bennetts Pond have been visited. One more area in Hemlock Hills will be visited this weekend, after which data will be compiled and sent to Ed Faison at Highstead for comment and validation. A draft of results should be available in September.

4. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

July 17 – Ms. Snow & Ms. Baker

July 24 – Mr. Beckenstein & Mr. Bishop

b) Report on P&Z/IWB Meetings

July 3 – Mr. Pilch – No report

c) New and Continued Business

Pre-apps – 84 Governor/62 Prospect Ridge. Mr. Pilch will attend the pre-app meeting Wednesday, 7/18 at 10am.

5. USE OF ROAD SALT – Discussion postponed until the next meeting.

6. CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION – Members continue to work on the 15 minute presentation and ask that any comments be sent to Mr. Coyle by Tuesday afternoon.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS – None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake