



**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Ridgefield Conservation Commission**

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**July 30, 2018**

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

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

Absent: Carroll Brewster, Ben Oko

Mr. Coyle chaired the meeting. Colleen Lake took minutes.  
Phil Doyle, Bud Brown, Kate Throckmorton and Joe Canas were also in attendance.

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## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the July 16, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of July 16, 2018 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

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**2. WINTER CLUB** – Mr. Doyle described the proposed project at 340 Peaceable Street, which will include a 12,000-sq ft clubhouse, outdoor ice rink, and a Zamboni house. Ms. Throckmorton addressed the wetlands issues and activities that would occur in the upland review area. Mr. Canas explained the proposed stormwater management systems throughout the property. Among a number of questions and comments, the commission emphasized the need to include a discussion of alternatives in their application. The public hearing is scheduled for September 4<sup>th</sup> at East Ridge Middle School. The RCC will schedule a site walk for an upcoming Friday morning. Mr. Pilch will draft comments for review at the next RCC meeting on August 13, 2018.

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## **3. OPEN SPACE**

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

- The liming is complete for 2018. The Lauzun field will be done in the spring, 2019. Less lime (20-30%) will be purchased compared to the fields limed this summer.
- Cornerstone is working on getting the garden plowed and ready for planting.
- Mr. Cronin would like to order the solar panel system at the shed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED** to approve up to \$500 for purchase of a solar panel system at the McKeon farm shed.

**Understory Study Update** – Mr. Levine has created a Dropbox to organize data and pictures collected at the site visits. Mr. Beckenstein will review the data and draft a report for RCC review by the end of August.

**NEMBA Bike Trails** – NEMBA has been flagging and rerouting trails without RCC approval. Mr. Cronin will contact Mr. Malwitz to request increased communication and collaboration in the future.

**Sky Top Road** – The RCC will provide a combination lock for Mr. Beylouni and move forward with the recommendation to the BOS to abandon the road.

**Old Sib** – Mr. Cronin reviewed the fallen tree situation at the property (on the order of 12-15 trees).

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to approve up to \$800 for clearing the trees at Old Sib.

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

a) Meetings for Attendance

Sep 4 – Brewster/Cronin (340 Peaceable Public Hearing)

Sep 19 – Kace/Snow (233 Danbury Road?)

Sep 25 – Pilch/Baker

b) Report on P&Z/IWB Meetings

July 24 – Mr. Bishop reported that the Contractor Yard was approved.

c) New and Continued Business

**233 Danbury Road** – Mr. Pilch walked the site on Sunday, 7/29 and will draft comments for the next RCC meeting.

**POCD** – Ms. Baker will attend the 7/31 P&Z special meeting on the topic. The RCC would like to write three chapters; Open Space, Natural Resources and a new, third chapter on Sustainability.

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#### **5. USE OF ROAD SALT** – No report.

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**6. CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION** – The CRC voted 7-2 to send the recommendation to split P&Z and IWB back to the BOS. Ms. Baker will respond to the Ridgefield Press request for comment on the BOS vote against splitting the boards.

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#### **7. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS** – None.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Lake