



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
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November 19, 2018

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

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

Absent: Daniel C. Levine, Ben Oko and Kitsey Snow.

Phil Kearns and Nielsen Gordon were also in attendance.
Mr. Coyle chaired the meeting, Ms. Lake took the minutes.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

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

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Annual Appeal Update – Mr. Brewster reported that the cost of printing and postage for the appeal was \$4211. As of 11/19/18, \$9207 has been collected from 92 donors. This is slightly lower than last year after two weeks.

FY2019 Capital & Expense Budgets – Mr. Coyle has asked for input as he prepares the two budgets due in December and January.

3. OPEN SPACE

Nielsen Gordon – Casey Lane Bridge – Mr. Gordon presented a slideshow on his removal and rebuild of the bridge in the Casey Lane open space. The bridge work was done by members of his troop over the course of one weekend and took approximately 120 hours of labor from start to finish. The commission commended Mr. Gordon on a job well done.

Lake Windwing – Parks and Rec will discuss the autumn olive removal at their next meeting in December.

508 North Salem Road – The homeowner has asked the RCC to sign off on the work done to accommodate pool construction. An updated as built survey showed the relocation of the deer fence from the open space to the property line. The RCC will notify Mr. Baldelli that the property owner has satisfied all RCC requirements.

The McKeon Farm - The demolition of corral, fencing and outbuildings has begun and will require a 20 yard dumpster to handle debris.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to approve up to \$560 for a 20 yard dumpster.

4. POCD

– The new assistant planner has requested supporting documentation from town departments to be used while updating the POCD. Ms. Lake will provide documents to Mr. Robinson. In addition, town residents were asked to participate

in a short survey to assess what is appreciated and needed within the town. Ms. Lake will post the survey link on the website and ask Mr. Levine to post the link on Facebook and also send the link to the rangers.

5. H2H PARTNER AGREEMENT – Dr. Oko has been working with the Hudson to Housatonic Regional Conservation Partnership (H2H) for several years and asked that the RCC formalize its partnership by signing an agreement. The RCC agreed to sign the agreement and fully supports the continued relationship with H2H. Mr. Brewster suggested that Dr. Oko attend an upcoming meeting to update the commission on recent events.

6. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

Nov 27 – Snow/Brewster (Winter Club- Public Hearing)
Nov 29 – Coyle/Pilch/Beckenstein (Winter Club – RCC Presentation)
Dec 4 – Baker/Cronin (23 Catoonah, 84 Governor & 62 Prospect Ridge – Public Hearing)
Dec 12 – Kace/Levine (Winter Club – Public Hearing, if needed)
Dec 18 – Pilch/Baker (28 Great Hill – Public Hearing)

b) New and Continued Business

23 Catoonah - On agenda for Dec. 4th. Mr. Pilch will review and provide comments.
28 Great Hill – On agenda for Dec. 18th. Comments have been submitted.

c) Report on P&Z/IWB Meetings

Nov 7 – 84 Governor/62 Prospect Ridge (Baker) Ms. Baker discussed her meeting notes sent around to RCC members. The public hearing was continued to Dec. 4 to allow P&Z/IWB time to receive and review additional information from the three experts hired by the town. Ms. Lake will ask for a copy of those documents.

7. 2019 GOALS & PROJECTS – Mr. Coyle asked the commissioners to review the draft for a more detailed discussion at the Dec. 10th meeting.

8. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

- Understory Study – The final draft has been distributed. Comments should be submitted by Nov. 30. The document will be sent to the BOS the first week of December.
 - Website – Any ideas for additions/changes are encouraged.
 - Dropbox – The RCC will begin using dropbox for group access to files and documents. Mr. Coyle has already put several documents on the site and Ms. Lake will begin putting P&Z files/letters/comments on the site.
 - Mr. Coyle will schedule a meeting with Mr. Marconi to discuss IWB transition and the town's GIS.
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ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake