



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission

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April 22, 2019

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, April 22, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Present:	Susan Baker	Eric Beckenstein	Tim Bishop	Carroll Brewster
	Jim Coyle	Dave Cronin	Jack Kace	Daniel C. Levine
	Alan Pilch	Kitsey Snow		

Erik Keller and Jean Linville were also in attendance.

Mr. Coyle chaired the meeting, Ms. Lake took the minutes.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the April 8, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of April 8, 2019 are approved and ordered filed in the Town Hall.

2. OPEN SPACE

The McKeon Farm

- There will be a work party at the farm on Saturday, May 4th 10:00am (weather permitting) to finish barn cleanup and install a new pedestrian gate.
- Ms. Snow is waiting on the soil test results for the Lauzun and Ridgebury Pasture 1 fields.
- Ms. Snow will order shrubs for the pollinator garden and trees for a new "tree nursery" in the garden area.
- Cornerstone has tilled their garden area.

Lake Windwing – Mr. Cronin, Mr. Pilch and Ms. Baker walked the site and agree that additional raking and chipping is needed after the autumn olive cutting. Ms. Lake and Mr. Coyle will contact landscaping companies for estimates.

McManus Tree Cutting – Ms. Peyser sent the NOPV certified and regular mail to the property owner. As of today, there has been no response by the property owner.

Open Space Determinations – After finding discrepancies in state and local definitions for open space, Dr. Kace recommends that the RCC develop a more definitive description of what constitutes open space. Dr. Kace hopes to complete the project before the new POCD is published.

3. ANNUAL MEETING

– Commissioners will continue sending out invitations and are asked to arrive at 5:30pm on May 1st.

4. AQUIFER PROTECTION AGENCY

– At the April 17th BOS meeting, P&Z asked to maintain control of the APA once P&Z and IWB split in November. Dr. Kace will draft a second letter to BOS arguing that the APA belongs with the IWB.

5. DEER HUNT HEARING – An early working draft of the report was sent to commissioners last week so that they could get a sense of progress on the document. The current goal is to have input from all authors by May 1 so that a final edit can be done by Susan Baker and a complete document sent to the BOS by May 15. We will also send out the May 1 version to all commissioners and Pat Sesto for comments.

6. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

Apr 23 – Pilch/Brewster (865 EA Highway-PH)
May 8 – Beckenstein/Cronin
May 14 – Kace/Levine (22 South Street PH – WPCA Upgrade)
May 28 – Bishop/Snow

b) Report on P&Z/IWB Meeting

Apr 9 – 193 South Salem. Dr. Kace reported that the plan was approved.

c) New and Continued Business

22 South Street – The P&Z/IWB will walk the site May 5th and will use Mr. Fisher as a consultant on the project.

7. MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS

- Earth Day – Ms. Snow has ordered 50 pin oaks at a cost of \$1000. They will be delivered to ACT of CT prior to the annual meeting.
 - Harbor Watch Report – Mr. Bishop will draft an article for the Ridgefield Press on the results of the 2018 report.
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8. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS - Three Alternate Commissioner candidates will be interviewed at the May 8th meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake