



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
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June 3, 2019

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, June 3, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Susan Baker Eric Beckenstein Carroll Brewster Dave Cronin
 Jack Kace Alan Pilch Kitsey Snow

Absent: Daniel C. Levine

Erik Keller was also in attendance.

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 20, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of May 20, 2019 are approved and ordered filed in the Town Hall.

2. OPEN SPACE

McManus Tree Cutting – After meeting with Mr. Pinchbeck to assess the value of the five trees cut down in open space, Mr. Coyle and Ms. Peyser will begin preparing the enforcement report and Notice of Violation. The Notice of Violation will include four items:

- 1) Value of trees lost
- 2) Replacement planting (3:1 ratio = 15 trees)
- 3) Clean-up of site
- 4) Fees for noncompliance.

Meadow Cutting Procedure/Timing – Parks & Rec would like to mow the area at Lake Windwing that was cleared in the fall. The RCC prefers they wait due to milkweed growth. Mr. Coyle will contact Mr. DePinto to schedule a meeting to discuss a mowing schedule and set up a possible walk of the property. Mr. Cronin will create a list of additional RCC fields/meadows to be included in the agreed-upon mowing schedule.

Open Space Signage – Mr. Cronin will generate a list of open space areas bordering main roads that could use open space signs. Commissioners will help put up signs in open space areas near their homes.

Summer Workers – Carter and Malcolm have started working with Mr. Cronin in several locations. Mr. Cronin asked other commissioners to help out with supervision if possible.

3. PLANNING & ZONING/INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

- Jun 4 – Beckenstein/Levine (canceled)
- Jun 11 – Beckenstein/Brewster
- Jun 18 – POCD Public Input Session
- Jun 25 – Cronin/Kace/Pilch (99 Barry Ave, 100 Danbury Rd)

b) Report on P&Z/IWB Meetings

May 28 – Ms. Snow reported that the South Street WPCA upgrade was approved. In addition, Ms. Mucchetti read the letter from Attorney Jewell regarding his denial of a separate site walk, requested by the RCC, for the 99 Barry Ave. and 100 Danbury Road properties. Ms. Baker will draft a response to Mr. Jewell's letter.

c) New and Continued Business

- **99 Barry Avenue** – Mr. Pilch and Mr. Cronin attended the site walk with P&Z/IWB on Sunday. The PRD is offering 3+ acres of open space to the RCC as a condition of the PRD. The RCC discussed accepting the parcel with the stipulation that the open space be delineated by a split rail fence. Mr. Pilch will draft comments for review at the next RCC meeting.
- **100 Danbury Road** – Mr. Pilch and Mr. Cronin also walked this site on Sunday and were concerned with the parking location and its direct impact on the intermittent waterway found on the property. Mr. Pilch will draft comments for review at the next RCC meeting.

4. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Deer Report – The report has been posted on the Press online edition and on the RCC website and Facebook page. The public hearing is Wednesday, June 5th. Commissioners are asked to attend if possible.

Budget - The RCC may go over budget. Ms. Lake will provide an update at our next meeting.

Potential Open Space Acquisition – The written appraisal should arrive within the next week.

APA – The commission discussed Dr. Kace's draft response to the recent Press article submitted by Ms. Mucchetti. The RCC approved sending the letter to the Board of Selectmen.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Colleen Lake