

APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713
June 13, 2016

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, June 13, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker
Tim Bishop
Carroll Brewster
Jim Coyle
Dave Cronin
Jack Kace
Alan Pilch
Kitsey Snow
Dan Levine, Alternate

The following members were absent:

Eric Beckenstein
Ben Oko, Alternate

Ms. Snow chaired the meeting. Colleen Lake was present to take minutes.

Conservation Inspector, Beth Peyser, and Chris McQuilken were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 23, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was
RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of May 23, 2016 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Brewster will send to the Conservation Commission a current financial report, tomorrow, listing unexpended funds from the annual budget and potential expenditures in individual accounts.

OPEN SPACE

a) Enforcement Update – From Ms. Peyser

50 Laurel Hill – Clean-up is needed where the shed was removed.

795 North Salem Road – Mr. Marconi asked the RCC to wait 3 weeks before issuing a formal violation. Ms. Peyser will update Mr. Marconi about a recent phone call from a neighbor asking for a status report.

4 Encampment Place – No mitigation has begun. Ms. Peyser will inspect the property on 6/20/16, the day after the mitigation deadline.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED that Ms. Peyser will issue a Notice of Violation if mitigation work has not been completed by the agreed upon deadline of 6/19/16.

20 Mopus Bridge – The Commission reviewed the long standing easement violations and the possible solution of a land swap. Ms. Peyser will contact the homeowner to determine if a land swap might be of interest.

55 Canterbury Lane – The issue with a fence on open space remains with the First Selectman. The RCC is willing to take this issue back from Mr. Marconi and issue a violation notice.

359 North Salem Road - The Notice of Violation was sent by regular and registered mail on 6/2/16. The RCC has no confirmation that the letter was received.

- b) Walk Book – Mr. Coyle anticipates that all written work will be complete by July 1st. Mr. Cronin will provide GPS coordinates for parking areas and photos will be selected.
- c) Ledges camp – The area was posted and will be cleaned up by the summer workers in August if it hasn't been done prior to that.
- d) Summer worker supervision schedule – Ms. Snow will send out a sign-up schedule to RCC members.
- e) Maps for police/fire depts. – Mr. Cronin will meet with emergency personnel to determine which kind of maps would be beneficial to them.

McKeon – The steer, sheep and llamas have arrived on the farm. Mr. Cronin will contact Parks & Rec about helping reclaim the overgrown garden area.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

Meetings for Attendance

June 21 – Ms. Snow/Mr. Pilch (4 Wooster)

June 28 – Mr. Cronin/Mr. Pilch (509 Main/900 Ridgebury?)

July 5 – Mr. Brewster

July 12 – Mr. Beckenstein/Mr. Bishop

July 19 – Ms. Baker

New & Continued Business

4 Wooster Street – The RCC is still waiting for an engineering report addressing RCC concerns with Equal Conveyance and Compensatory Storage in a flood zone.

199 North Street – No report.

900 Ridgebury Road – Mr. Pilch discussed the IWB application for a 173 space parking area and 2 bridges to connect the parking area to the administrative building. The RCC will walk the property on June 24.

Mimosa Plantings – Ms. Peyser noted that the buffer plantings are not installed but the job is not closed out yet.

DEEP/IWB Training – Daniel Levine completed the online training course and is now certified.

5) ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

- a) "Open Space Use" Ordinance – guide, flowcharts and forms – Mr. Coyle will write-up a brief introductory to the guide for posting on the website. Ms. Peyser will provide cost estimates for warning and citation forms.
- b) "Open Space Use" Ordinance – Citation Hearing Officer – Ms. Snow will inform Mr. Marconi that the RCC reached out to possible candidates with no success and that the RCC is comfortable with the Board of Selectmen appointing one or more candidates for the position.
- c) Flood & Erosion Control Board – Ms. Snow attended a meeting with FEMA to learn about grants being offered to municipalities in their river mapping project. FEMA is asking for information on improvements done to culverts, dams, catch basins over the past few years. Ms. Snow will ask Town Engineer, Charles Fisher, for assistance.

In addition, Mr. Bishop, after several previous attempts, will again invite Mr. Fisher to one of the upcoming RCC meetings to discuss the dams in Ridgefield.

- d) Dorothea Whitbeck – Ms. Snow spoke to Whitbeck estate executrix, Donna Lounsbury, about her plans for the estate. Ms. Lounsbury invited members of the RCC to see the renovations being completed before listing the house for sale this summer. Mr. Brewster, Mr. Kace and Coyle will meet with Ms. Lounsbury on 6/23 at 4pm at 175 Florida Road.

6) **New Business**

Route 7 Bridge Work – Mr. Coyle mentioned a new bridge project that may have an environmental impact on Ridgefield. He is attempting to get further documentation.

2017 Meeting dates – Mr. Coyle suggested bi-weekly meetings for 2017. Ms. Lake will consult with the Town Clerk.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake