



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
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July 15, 2019

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, July 15, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Carroll Brewster Jim Coyle Dave Cronin Jack Kace
 Erik Keller Daniel C. Levine Alan Pilch Kitsey Snow
 Allan Welby

Absent: Susan Baker and Eric Beckenstein

Ben Oko was also in attendance.

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the July 1, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made (Cronin), seconded (Kace) and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of July 1, 2019 be approved and ordered filed in the Town Hall.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Brewster asked the commission to approve a \$293.59 invoice from Ridgefield Power for tool repairs, maintenance and supplies.

UPON motion duly made (Cronin), seconded (Kace) and carried, it was RESOLVED to pay \$293.59 to Ridgefield Power.

2. EXECUTIVE SESSION – OPEN SPACE ACQUISITION

UPON motion duly made (Brewster), seconded (Kace) and carried, it was agreed to enter Executive Session at 7:35pm. The commission exited at 8:20pm.

3. OPEN SPACE

103 Peaceable Hill – Mr. Coyle, Dr. Kace, Beth Peyser and town attorneys are scheduled to meet with the property owner's attorney and landscape architect on Tuesday, 7/16 at noon to discuss the violations.

99 Barry Avenue – Nine commissioners walked the property on July 10th and discussed fencing, delineation of the open space boundaries, and the 15 foot pedestrian easement that will provide access to the open space. Mr. Pilch will prepare additional comments which specify placement/type of fencing, size of

monuments and suggestions for pedestrian easement maintenance and usage. Mr. Coyle will ask Mr. Beckenstein to review past deeds and prepare pedestrian easement language to use in the future.

4. PLANNING & ZONING/INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

Jul 16 – Brewster/Snow (439 Silver Spring)

Jul 23 – Levine/Cronin (99 Barry Ave & 100 Danbury Rd - cont'd)

Jul 30 – Kace/Keller (800 EA Hwy – cont'd)

b) Report on Meetings – No report.

c) New and Continued Business

- **439 Silver Spring** – The public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, July 16th.
- **800 Ethan Allen Highway** – RCC comments were submitted on July 9th to P&Z/IWB. Mr. Baldelli asked if the RCC planned to address the proposed conservation easement. After discussing the easement, the RCC agreed the space was not meaningful open space and did not fulfill the RCC requirements for acceptance. Mr. Pilch will take another look at the application before the RCC responds to Mr. Baldelli.

UPON motion duly made (Kace), seconded (Cronin) and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to approve Mr. Pilch's July 9, 2019 comments sent to P&Z/IWB.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

- Evan Kaye, Troop 76, asked to interview a member of the commission for his citizenship in the community merit badge. Mr. Coyle volunteered.
 - As requested at the previous RCC meeting, Michael Rothman's associate, Richard Naczi of NYBG, sent a letter requesting approval to photograph and collect specimens in Ridgefield Open Space for the New Manual project. The RCC is pleased to have Ridgefield open space included in the project.
 - Messrs. Coyle, Cronin and Keller will meet at 9am tomorrow to begin reinforcing the McKeon barn.
 - The newer brush hog estimate to replace the engine is \$1000. Mr. Welby will investigate alternatives.
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ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made (Cronin), seconded (Pilch) and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Colleen Lake