



**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Ridgefield Conservation Commission**

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**September 9, 2019**

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Susan Baker Eric Beckenstein Carroll Brewster Dave Cronin  
Jack Kace Erik Keller Daniel C. Levine Alan Pilch  
Kitsey Snow Allan Welby

Absent: Jim Coyle

Dr. Kace chaired the meeting. Ms. Lake took the minutes.

Stefano Zandri, Paul Payne, Steve Scala and Susan Constantino were also in attendance.

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## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the August 19, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made (Brewster), seconded (Cronin) and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of August 19, 2019 be approved and ordered filed in the Town Hall.

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## **2. DEER COMMITTEE – 2019-20 PARCEL LIST**

Mr. Zandri discussed the two proposed hunt lists. The first list is comprised of 15 open space properties from which 5 parcels will be chosen for the hunt each year. The 15 properties can be amended from time to time when mutually agreed by the Deer Committee and RCC.

UPON motion duly made (Pilch) and seconded (Cronin) it was RESOLVED by a vote of 7 yea, and 2 abstentions, to approve the 13 properties below (from the list of 15) that fall under RCC jurisdiction.

1. Shadow Lake (archery, shotgun and muzzleloader)40 ac **PARKS & REC**
2. Ridgefield Municipal Golf Course (archery with limited muzzleloader)166ac **PARKS & REC**
3. Laurel Lane (archery, shotgun & muzzleloader) 50 ac
4. Linden Lane (archery)26 ac.
5. Between Old Trolley and Shadow Lake (archery only)20ac
6. Keeler Court (archery only)26ac
7. Ledges property (Archery & firearm).26ac

8. Stonecrest/Ridgefield Brook (Archery, Shotgun) 34AC.
9. Ridgebury Farms (Archery, **possibly Shotgun/ Muzzleloader with RPD prior approval**) 94AC
10. Silvermine Ridge (Archery only) 14ac.
11. Sarah Bishop (Archery, Firearm) 39ac.
12. Bobby's Court (Archery) 34ac.
13. Colonial Heights (Archery) 19ac
14. Peaceable Refuge (Archery) 16ac
15. Turtle Ridge Court (Archery) 10ac.

The second list contained the 5 parcels chosen for the 2019-20 hunt. Each parcel will have no more than two hunters.

UPON motion duly made (Baker) and seconded (Welby) it was RESOLVED by a vote of 6 yea and 3 abstentions, to approve the five parcels for 2019-20 hunt (below) with one provision. The addition of shotgun/muzzleloader to Ridgebury Farms must be approved by the RPD prior to firearm use.

1. Keeler Court (archery only) 26ac
2. Ledges property (Archery & firearm). 26ac
3. Stonecrest/Ridgefield Brook (Archery, Shotgun) 34AC.
4. Ridgebury Farms (Archery, **possibly shotgun/muzzleloader with RPD prior approval**) 94AC
5. Colonial Heights (Archery) 19ac 2019-20 Hunting Seasons

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### 3. EXECUTIVE SESSION – LAND ACQUISITION – Postponed

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### 4. TREASURER'S REPORT

Mr. Brewster discussed two invoices needing RCC approval. One was \$420 for plotter toner and the other was a \$320/day fee for a general worker at McKeon.

UPON motion duly made (Pilch) and seconded (Cronin), it was RESOLVED to approve \$420 for toner and \$320/day for up to 2 days, taken out of the McKeon fund, for work to be done at McKeon.

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### 5. OPEN SPACE

103 Peaceable Hill – The homeowner responded that they have no intention of paying the penalties set forth by the RCC and will defend the matter in court. The RCC will turn over the matter to town attorneys.

Schlumberger Trail – The RCC, town attorney, and President of the Prospect Woods Condo Association plan to meet on October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10am to discuss possible trailhead locations. There has been interest from local scouts for bridge building and trail layout.

### McKeon Farm

- The water line to the garden area was installed.
  - Perimeter fence repair might be a good scout project to fulfill a new conservation requirement.
  - Three dead apple trees will be replaced in the spring.
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### **APA**

Dr. Kace will contact Attorney Grogins about reviewing the new ordinance language as a result of the town vote to give APA jurisdiction to the new IWB. He will recommend that Mr. Pilch and Ms. Baker, slated to be part of the new IWB, be included on future ordinance discussions.

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### **6. FECB – Postponed until the next meeting.**

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### **7. PLANNING & ZONING/INLAND WETLANDS BOARD**

#### **a) Meetings for Attendance**

Sep 3 – Levine/Pilch (877 EA Hwy – Decommission WWTF)

Sep 10 – Snow/Welby (800 EA Hwy – PH cont'd)

Sep 24 – Baker/Beckenstein (APA Meeting/St. Stephens Parking lot)

#### **b) New & Continued Business**

351 Main Street – St. Stephens – Mr. Pilch will review the plans prior to the 9/23 RCC meeting.

887 EA Hwy – Decommission WWTF – Ms. Lake will get more details on timing, etc.

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### **ADJOURNMENT**

UPON motion duly made (Cronin), seconded (Welby) and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 10 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,  
Colleen Lake