



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
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October 7, 2019

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

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

Absent: Susan Baker, Eric Beckenstein, Daniel C. Levine

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

Tracey Miller was also in attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the September 23, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made (Cronin), seconded (Kace) and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of September 23, 2019 be approved and ordered filed in the Town Hall.

2. OPEN SPACE

103 Peaceable Street – The matter has been turned over to the town attorney for action.

McKeon Maintenance - The barn doors will be built and installed on October 25 and 26. The estimated cost of materials is \$1300.

UPON motion duly made (Keller), seconded (Cronin) and carried, it was RESOLVED to approve spending up to \$1300 for the barn doors.

Annual Appeal – The draft letter was distributed and discussed. Some sections will be eliminated and others expanded. Mr. Brewster will assist with the rewrite.

Commissioners will begin a fundraising effort for large, local companies and develop a personalized approach to solicit donations.

Schlumberger Trail – Mr. Coyle, Mr. Cronin and Atty. Grogins met with two representatives from Prospect Woods to discuss the trail. Prospect Woods is agreeable to providing access as long as liability issues are resolved. Atty. Grogins is working on the resolution.

Mr. Cronin will walk the trail with members from FCNEMBA on Thursday, Oct. 10.

West Mountain McManus – Mr. Marconi forwarded an email from Neeta Connally, a professor at WSCU, about her concern with the overgrown trail conditions and ticks. The RCC was asked to clean up the trail entrance and widen the trail leading to the dome in an effort to control tick contact. Ms. Lake and Mr. Cronin will find someone to clear the area.

3. FECB – No report.

4. PLANNING & ZONING/INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

The RCC agreed to reduce coverage at future P&Z meetings to one representative now that IWB applications will be heard by the new IWB.

Oct. 15 – Keller (St. Stephens – PH, cont'd)
Oct. 29 – Pilch
Nov. 6 – Welby – WEDNESDAY MEETING
Nov. 12 – Beckenstein
Nov. 26 – Cronin
Dec. 3 – Brewster

b) New & Continued Business

Governor Street Parking Lot – The project was postponed and will be reviewed by the new IWB.

800 EA Highway – Mr. Pilch will draft a response to peer review comments.

c) Report on Meetings

Sep. 24 – (APA/St. Stephens) Ms. Baker was not in attendance to discuss her recap of the meeting. St. Stephen's public hearing will continue Oct. 15.

Oct. 2 – Dr. Kace explained the 887 EA Highway project (approved), the vote on 800 EA Highway (approved) and mentioned that effective Oct. 1, the P&Z will no longer receive IWB applications.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

- Commissioners are asked to continue the search for possible candidates for the one full and one alternate openings.
 - The commission agreed to change the RCC meeting start time to 7:00pm.
 - The updated Goals & Projects will be distributed and discussed at the next meeting.
 - Mr. Coyle will contact Mr. Marconi about RCC inclusion in the Road Salt Committee.
 - Mr. Rothman has begun collecting specimens for the NYBG. We will invite him to an upcoming meeting to discuss his findings thus far.
 - Mr. Coyle will contact the POCD consultant for an update on the project.
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ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made (Coyle), seconded (Kace) and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Colleen Lake