

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

**Ridgefield Conservation Commission  
Flood and Erosion Control Board**  
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713  
October 26, 2009

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, October 26, 2009 at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker	Alan Pilch
Carroll Brewster	Patricia Sesto
Ben Oko	Kitsey Snow
George Orlan	Beth Yanity

Dr. Oko chaired the meeting. Nancy McDaniel was present to take minutes.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the October 19, 2009 meeting were reviewed.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of October 19, 2009 be and hereby are approved and ordered filed in the minute book of the Commission and the Town Hall minute book.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Brewster reported that no bills had been paid.

### **OPEN SPACE**

Maintenance/Posting/Projects – Mr. Brewster reported that Parks & Rec has offered to donate a used tractor to the commission. It could be put to use at McKeon Farm. He plans to follow up on the details of the offer.

Cows at McKeon Farm – Mr. Brewster and Mr. Orlan inspected the cows and the fields at McKeon Farm. They agreed that a herd of 12 cows could be supported there.

Deer Subcommittee – Ms. Snow distributed a draft of guidelines for future hunts. Members focused on which tasks should be overseen by the Deer Committee and which ones should be handled by the commission. They wanted assurance that tasks assigned to the Deer Committee would be performed by them. Ms. Snow will integrate her committee's

suggestions into the Deer Committee's policy and indicate which group would be responsible for each task.

## **SHARING SESSIONS**

October 20 – Ms. Baker and Mr. Pilch attended the meeting. Both Second/Third Lanes and Waters Edge Way are problematic properties that involve upland review areas. Members expressed concern that one or both applications might be approved.

## **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD**

Meetings for Attendance

November 4 (Wednesday) – Mr. Cronin

November 10 – Mr. Brewster

November 17 – Mr. Orlan

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS AND DONATIONS**

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Open Space Appeal – Members reviewed the first draft of the appeal letter. Their suggestions will be incorporated in the final text.

Mr. Brewster questioned whether the first selectman's approval was necessary to fund the inventory and whether the job must be put out to bid. It was agreed that the appeal letter would not be finalized until both points had been cleared up.

Natural Resource Inventory – Members reviewed copies of the inventory. Michael Klemens will attend the November 9 commission meeting to answer their questions. Mr. Pilch recommended that the effect of deer be added to the inventory.

Dr. Oko will update the chairman of P & Z on plans for the inventory. There was agreement that a Planning & Zoning member should be on the steering committee.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The commission met in executive session starting at 9:25 and ending at 9:50 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McDaniel