

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

**Ridgefield Conservation Commission  
Flood and Erosion Control Board**  
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713  
December 11, 2006

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on December 11, 2006 at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker  
Doug Barile  
Carroll Brewster  
Dave Cronin  
Ben Oko  
George Orlan  
Carol Stoddard  
Beth Yanity

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

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the November 20, 2006 meeting were reviewed.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of November 20, 2006 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 the following bills: Philip Bronson - \$50.00; Ridgefield Power - \$13.90.

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

RESOLVED that the aforementioned invoices be and hereby are approved for payment as soon as practicable.

Mr. Brewster commented that the commission does not have a vehicle to receive gifts of stock. The town may be able to do so for the commission, but failing that he asked for authorization to set up a non-corporate investment account that could convert stocks to cash. Members supported his request if the town account cannot handle the transactions.

## **OPEN SPACE**

Shadow Lake –Dr. Oko reported that the water level at Shadow Lake is 1 ½ to 2 feet over the normal level. A rivulet of water is working its way through the dam and could undermine it. He has notified the DEP, which has jurisdiction over the dam.

Mr. Orlan suggested asking Charlie Fisher to inspect the dam. Mr. Brewster proposed installing a standpipe (surrounded by a wire cage to ward off beavers) to regulate the water level.

Dr. Oko will send a written request to Mr. Fisher to inspect the dam and ask the DEP representative to do the same.

## **SHARING SESSIONS**

November 21 – Report circulated

December 5 – Report circulated

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

Meetings for Attendance

December 12 – Mr. Cronin

December 19 – Mr. Brewster

January 2 – Ms. Stoddard

January 9 – Ms. Baker

## **NEW BUSINESS**

South Street Medical Building – Mr. Orlan described the plan for the medical building. A small retaining pond is planned to collect runoff. Mr. Brewster expressed concern that hot water will be pumped directly into the nearby Great Swamp. Ms. Sesto will examine the plans and make recommendations to Mr. Orlan, who will attend the pre-app.

## **OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS AND DONATIONS**

Easement Letter – Mr. Stoddard noted that her article on the tax advantages of granting easements had been published in the *Press*. Ms. McDaniel will generate letters on easements to all owners of large parcels in January. Members will add notes to the individuals whom they know personally.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Hazardous Waste – A Ridgefield-only hazardous waste day will be discussed at the next meeting in January. Ms. Sesto will be asked to spearhead the effort.

Norwalk River Coordinator Funding – An effort should be made to add a line item to the town's budget to pay Ridgefield's fair share of the individual's salary.

Meffley Award Nominee – Members discussed two nominees. They chose an individual to be announced at the spring Ranger party and discussed topics for the evening's presentation. Members are asked to suggest additional topics.

Tax-Arrears Properties – Dr. Oko announced that title searches had been suspended for cost reasons. Because resolution of ownership questions is to the town's advantage, he will discuss the problem with Tax Collector Jane Berendson-Hill and ask her to propose that the town defray the costs.

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioners met in executive session starting at 8:35 and ending at 8:43 p.m.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McDaniel