

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

**Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board**
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713
February 26, 2007

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on February 26, 2007 at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker
Carroll Brewster
Dave Cronin
George Orlan
Patricia Sesto

Mr. Orlan chaired the meeting. Nancy McDaniel was present to take minutes.

MINUTES

The minutes of the January 22, 2007 meeting were reviewed.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of January 22, 2007 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 bill: Ridgefield Supply - \$21.54.

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

RESOLVED that the aforementioned invoice be and hereby is approved for payment as soon as practicable.

OPEN SPACE

Maintenance/Posting/Projects – Mr. Cronin is presently assigning new Rangers to open spaces. He said that now is the time to start looking for summer employees, as last year's workers will not be returning. He will contact the Rangers and last year's interns to ask for suggestions. An ad will be placed in the *Press*.

Stone Wall Fine – Members discussed various options for restitution.

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

RESOLVED that Mr. Cronin and Mr. Brewster meet with the offender and communicate the following actions to be required on his part: the trails be repaired, loose stones replaced, holes filled in, several trees planted along the property line and two loads of gravel be delivered.

McManus Refuge – Tree Cutting – Mr. Cronin reported that the homeowners had obtained a survey, which revealed that one tree on open space had been topped, but none were felled. Part of the trail is actually on their property.

After further discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED that Mr. Orlan write a letter expressing the Commission's appreciation of the owners' offer to clean up the debris from trees on their side of the property line and commit the Commission to moving the misplaced trail in the spring.

Turner Hill – Mr. Brewster reported that the committee had met with Turner Hill representatives, who presented a solution that was unacceptable to the committee. As the Commission's solution would be unacceptable to Turner Hill, the committee will send their recommendation to the selectmen.

SHARING SESSIONS

February 20 – No attendance due to lack of pertinent items on the agenda

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

Meetings for Attendance

February 27 – Ms. Baker

March 6 – Mr. Orlan

March 13 – Mr. Barile

March 20 – Mr. Brewster

April 4 – Mr. Cronin

NEW BUSINESS

Zoning Regulations – Ms. Baker noted that most of the conservation issues of concern to the commission had been tabled by the Planning & Zoning Commission. Discussion followed on the aspects of age-restricted housing ordinances that would be problematic. Ms. Baker will compose a letter to be read at the next P & Z meeting expressing the Commission's concerns.

Sleepy Hollow – Ms. Sesto reviewed the site walk findings that she had written up and distributed at the meeting. The proposed driveway entry point is better than the alternative, but

the large paved parking area is excessive. Her recommendations were based on the least impact to wetlands and water courses.

After further discussion, upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED that Ms. Sesto submit a letter containing the points in her report to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

OTHER BUSINESS

Invitations to Annual Meeting – Additional Invitees – Members reviewed the list of invitees to the Ranger meeting. If they wish to add to the list, they will email additional names to the office.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McDaniel