

APPROVED MINUTES

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

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

The following members were present:

Susan Baker
Carroll Brewster
Dave Cronin
Ben Oko
George Orlan
Patricia Sesto
Beth Yanity

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 12, 2007 meeting were reviewed.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of March 12, 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 bills for expenditures for the annual meeting refreshments: \$60.00 - Dave Cronin; \$9.50 - Beth Yanity; \$6.24 – Nancy McDaniel.

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.

OPEN SPACE

Maintenance/Posting/Open Space – Mr. Cronin reported that several Rangers at the annual meeting expressed interest in a trails day. He will email the Rangers and ask for volunteers to organize the event. Possible dates are National Trails Day (June 2) and Give a Day to Trails Day in May.

Aldrich and Levy Parks need attention. Autumn olive in Colonial Heights should be removed.

Mr. Cronin received a request for a Boy Scout project. He gave the young man several suggestions.

Mr. Cronin has photographed and consolidated many of the town topo maps to show open space parcels and is in the process of drawing the trails on them.

Turner Hill – Dr. Oko spoke with Chris Tiberio, who represents some of the Turner Hill property owners, about the commission's proposal to mow the open space twice a year and grant a 12-foot buffer to owners whose house placements present a hardship. Mr. Tiberio rejected the proposal. The residents want a 25-foot buffer, and some are unwilling to make any change at all. Dr. Oko will send the subcommittee's proposal to the selectmen.

SHARING SESSIONS

March 13 – report circulated

March 20 – Mr. Brewster reported that the excessive blacktop on the Sleepy Hollow lot was discussed. The town planner is working with the owner to reduce the dimensions. A new plan will be submitted.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

Meetings for Attendance

April 4 – Mr. Cronin

April 10 – Ms. Stoddard

April 17 – Ms. Yanity

May 1 – Ms. Baker

OTHER BUSINESS

RACE – Dr. Oko inquired if the commission wished to participate in the RACE program and/or the greening program sponsored by the Ridgefield Garden Club at St. Stephen's Church on May 5. Members were supportive of both programs and plan to attend, but did not think that they had enough material to take a booth. Dr. Oko will communicate that message to Meredith Ward, the organizer of the garden club event.

Annual Meeting – Members agreed that the event was successful. 46 people attended. The Meffley Award honor to Ellen Burns was well received.

Ridgefield Magazine Benefit – Dr. Oko described a running club benefit sponsored by the magazine and asked if the commission would like to receive the proceeds. Before a decision is made, Ms. Baker will look into the details of the event and report back to the members

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Commissioners met in executive session starting at 7:55 and ending at 8:10 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McDaniel