

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

### **Ridgefield Conservation Commission Flood and Erosion Control Board**

Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713

April 28, 2008

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on April 28, 2008 at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker  
Carroll Brewster  
Dave Cronin  
George Orlan  
Kitsey Snow  
Carol Stoddard  
Beth Yanity

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. Orlan, Vice Chairman, chaired the meeting. Nancy McDaniel was present to take minutes.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the April 14, 2008 meeting were reviewed.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of April 28, 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: \$22.79 – reimbursement to Dr. Oko for Meffley award frame

### **OPEN SPACE**

Maintenance/Posting/Projects – Mr. Cronin reported that two high school interns would work for the commission in May. One of last year's summer workers is returning. A want ad for the other position will appear in the *Press*.

Bike Trail – Mr. Cronin described bike trails in the Lake Windwing and Hemlock Hills areas that are destructive to the open space. Discussion followed about assigning an area for bike trails. The question of liability was raised. It was decided to involve Parks and Rec in an effort to solve the problem

## **SHARING SESSIONS**

April 15 – Mr. Brewster reviewed decisions made at the meeting.

April 22 – Joint P&Z/RCC meeting

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

Meetings for Attendance

May 6 – Ms. Yanity

May 13 – Ms. Snow

May 20 – Mr. Orlan

June 3 – Ms. Baker

## **NEW BUSINESS**

439 Danbury Road – Pre-app – Mr. Orlan attended the pre-app. The developer would prefer to give money rather than ceding a .7-acre parcel for open space. Members decided that the small area would not be meaningful as open space.

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

RESOLVED that money in lieu of open space be accepted.

122 Walnut Grove Road – A portion of the wetland had been filled previously. The owner would like to fill in the remaining wetland in order to have a lawn.

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

RESOLVED that permission to fill the wetland be denied, that it remain a wetland and that wetland buffer plants be introduced.

140 Wilton Road West – A pond would be dredged, but not increased in size. The spoils would be transported off site. Members discussed the plan and offered no objection.

439 Silver Spring Road – Silver Spring Country Club – The plan to dig out and reconfigure a wetland area would provide water for the golf course, but in the process would destroy an ecosystem.

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

RESOLVED that, because the site appears to harbor a lot of wildlife, the

commission recommend that an independent expert be retained by the Town to study the site.

Canterbury Lane – Lot #1 – The plan calls for a curtain drain to carry water away from the house and drain into a swale. The house would be 20' from wetland. The driveway would be near a wetland, requiring a portion of it to be filled.

Members noted for the record that Kitsey Snow, whose property borders Lot #1, was not present and did not participate in the discussion or vote.

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

RESOLVED that, with the extensive acreage available, the house and driveway be moved to avoid compromising the wetland and that the plan be reviewed by Patricia Sesto for further comment.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Thank You Donation to Connecticut Audubon for Milan Bull's Presentation – Mr. Bull's presentation on birds was extremely well received. As no honorarium was paid, members discussed a donation.

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

RESOLVED that a donation of \$200 be made to the Connecticut Audubon Society in appreciation and thanks for Milan Bull's presentation at the commission's annual meeting.

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioners met in executive session starting at 8:25 and ending at 8:50 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McDaniel