

APPROVED MINUTES

**Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board**
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713
July 19, 2010

A special meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, July 19, 2010 at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker
Dave Cronin
Ben Oko
Alan Pilch
Kitsey Snow
Beth Yanity

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the June 28, 2010 meeting were reviewed.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of June 28, 2010 be and hereby are approved and ordered filed in the minute book of the Commission and the Town Hall minute book.

TREASURER'S REPORT

In the absence of the treasurer, Ms. McDaniel reported that the following bills had been paid: Ridgefield Power Equipment - \$155.37; Ross Golde - \$78.00.

OPEN SPACE

Maintenance/Posting/Projects

Eagle Scout - Mr. Cronin reported that he, Mr. Brewster and Mr. Orlan had met with Nick Brunnsden, an Eagle Scout candidate who wanted to build three bridges at Hemlock Hills for his project. The bridges would protect streams from the damaging effects of bikes traveling across the stream beds. There was general approval of the project.

Overnight Camping - Dr. Oko alerted the personnel at Parks and Rec that campers must not be given keys to the gate. Campers must walk in to the camp sites.

Green Trail at Bennetts Pond – Mr. Cronin said that the trail needs mowing. Ms. Baker will follow up with the Friends of Bennetts Pond, who will take care of the mowing.

Watershed Agricultural Council – The council is dedicated to preserving forests as protection for the New York watershed. They have offered to analyze forested land at no charge and recommend changes that would help accomplish conservation goals on open space, private property of six acres or more, school grounds or perhaps the golf course. The council also provides funding on occasion. A forester is available to meet with the commission and explain the program. Members were interested in hearing a presentation in the fall.

SHARING SESSIONS

July 6 – Mr. Orlan

July 13 – Ms. Snow said the application at 312 Rippowam Road was approved with many of the RCC conditions included.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

Meetings for Attendance

July 20 – Mr. Pilch

September 7 – Ms. Yanity

September 14 – Ms. Baker

September 21 – Mr. Brewster

NEW BUSINESS

599 Branchville Road/4 Stony Hill Terrace – The issues are a driveway that should be moved away from wetlands, leaves that should be allowed to collect to prevent erosion, the amount of parking proposed and an adequate septic system for a small residence. The reason for expanding a pond was not made clear. Dr. Oko will write a letter in time for the Planning & Zoning deliberations.

625 Ridgebury Road – The application includes dredging to restore a pond and renovation of a pasture. The addition of a swale would require felling numerous trees; allowing water to run to the edge of and around the field would be preferable to a swale. A 12-foot natural margin around the pond should be stipulated and contour information should be provided. Dr. Oko will include the commission's positions in a letter.

OTHER BUSINESS

Deer Hunt – Ms. Snow has researched the proposed hunt sites. She stressed that all neighbors must be informed about the hunts. She and Dr. Oko will study the deeds to make sure hunting is permissible on the sites.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commission met in executive session starting at 8:46 and ending at 8:54 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McDaniel