

APPROVED MINUTES

**Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board**
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713
September 8, 2008

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on September 8, 2008 at approximately 7:35 p.m.

The following members were present:

Carroll Brewster
George Orlan
Patricia Sesto
Kitsey Snow
Beth Yanity

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the August 25, 2008 meeting were reviewed.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of August 25, 2008 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 asked for approval for the following bills to be paid from the capital appropriation for bridges: John Pinchbeck - \$680.00, Ridgefield Supply - \$1483.47, Environmental Landscape - \$1020.00.

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 reported authorization of an open space supplies bill from Ridgefield Supply for \$25.90.

OPEN SPACE

Maintenance/Posting/Projects – Ms. Snow reported that the town highway department had applied millings to two parking lots at Pine Mountain and Hemlock Hills.

She strongly recommended establishing a task force to address the problem of invasive plants on open space. Colonial Heights has been taken over, and Lake Windwing is under assault. She will compile a report on the state of invasives on the open spaces.

Members agreed to a walk on Friday, September 12 to look at invasive plants.

Old Stagecoach Road – Mr. Orlan reported the building limitations that John Katz would agree to: a house not larger than 3200 sq. ft and not higher than 28 ft.; a three-car garage and auxiliary buildings not higher than 25 ft. The FAR is 4% of the lot. Discussion followed about the roles of the commission, the town and the McKeon family. No position was taken in view of the small number of commissioners present.

Deer Hunt – Members reviewed the logbook format submitted by Tom Belote. They will take the matter of record keeping for the hunt under advisement.

SHARING SESSIONS

September 2 – Mr. Orlan's report was circulated.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

Meetings for Attendance

- September 9 – Mr. Brewster
- September 16 – Ms. Stoddard
- September 23 – Ms. Yanity
- October 7 -

NEW BUSINESS

213 High Ridge Avenue – Don Sturges presented modifications to his plan for a six-house development. He said the detention basin cannot be moved. He intends to redesign the plan to provide somewhat more open space and offered a \$40,000 payment in lieu of additional open space. The open space would be marked and heavily planted.

The proposed open space does not meet the criteria of open space in the statute. The commission will review the modified plan on September 22. It will be presented to Planning & Zoning on September 23.

167 Silver Spring Road – There are multiple wetlands on the property. The driveway would cross wetlands. A swale would be leveled and trees saved. The proposed house would be 10 ft. from wetlands. Does a feasible alternative exist? Could the house be moved to a new position?

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

RESOLVED that Mr. Orlan check into why wetlands should be altered and why the house would be 10 ft. from wetlands.

WALKS

September 12 - Starting at the Annex parking lot at 8:45 a.m.
To check on invasive plants on open space

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McDaniel