

APPROVED MINUTES

**Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board**
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713
October 12, 2011

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker
Carroll Brewster
Dave Cronin
Alan Pilch
Kitsey Snow
Beth Yanity

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the September 26, 2011 meeting were reviewed.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of September 26, 2011 be and hereby are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the commission and Town Hall.

OPEN SPACE

Maintenance/Posting/Projects – Mr. Cronin reported that a few trees had fallen on open space. Ms. Snow offered to help remove them.

Mr. Cronin said that an Eagle Scout candidate would work on the fencing and parking area near the spring at Silver Spring. Mr. Brewster noted that a drainage pipe leading past the spring had been repaired by a contractor working for the Town. RCC was not notified because it was considered a repair, not a new installation.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

Report of P & Z Meeting

October 11 – There was no matter on the agenda of concern to the commission.

Meetings for Attendance

October 18 – Mr. Pilch

October 25 – Mr. Pilch

November 1 – Ms. Yanity

November 9 – Ms. Snow

November 15 – Dr. Oko

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS AND DONATIONS – Executive Session

Members met in executive session from 7:50 to 8:10.

OTHER BUSINESS

Open Space Appeal Letter – Members reviewed a draft of the open space appeal letter written by Ms. Snow and Ms. Yanity. They made some minor changes and approved the letter for distribution in a town wide mailing in November.

Mountain Road Bridge – There is a problem with plans to replace the bridge. The commission has an easement and pedestrian right-of-way over the stream, but an application to the Inland Wetlands Board appears to require the signature of the fee owner, who is unwilling to sign. The commission plans to obtain a legal opinion on whose signature is required, the fee owner or the easement owner. The process may take too long to allow an Eagle Scout project in the fall. A new kiosk at Aldrich Park and trail cleanup there may serve as an alternate project. Mr. Cronin will contact the scout.

Annual Meeting – There was consensus that the annual meeting should be scheduled after the first of the year, perhaps in February, when the Natural Resource Inventory would be finalized and printed.

Powdermaker Drive – Mr. Pilch reviewed plans for the property, which involve dredging a pond. There was concern about water flowing out of the pond, and sediment from construction, into wetlands to the north owned by the Town. The plans do not show how water is to be diverted during construction. Mr. Pilch will fine tune his comments and send a copy to the Town Planner.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McDaniel