

APPROVED MINUTES

**Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board**
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713
April 11, 2011

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, April 11, 2011 at approximately 6:00 p.m.

The following members were present:

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

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the March 7, 2011 meeting were reviewed.

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

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of March 7, 2011 be and hereby are approved and ordered filed in the minute book of the Commission and the Town Hall minute book.

DISCUSSION OF NRI WITH MICHAEL KLEMENS & ERIC DAVISION

Mr. Klemens led a discussion of the points and recommendations that should be included in the final NRI report. He suggested that the recommendations be based on relieving stressors to the environment. Dr. Oko stated emphatically that each recommendation should be tied to a specific subject studied in the report.

TREASURER'S REPORT

There were no bills to report.

OPEN SPACE

Maintenance/Posting/Projects – Mr. Cronin requested that an email be sent to all Rangers asking them to walk their properties and submit reports in early May so that the high school interns could work on the problem areas.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

Meetings for Attendance

April 12 – Ms. Snow

Wednesday, April 20 – Ms. Yanity

May 3 – Ms. Baker

NEW BUSINESS

26 Tackora Trail – A swimming pool located 11 ft. from wetlands is proposed. The driveway on site funnels water into the wetlands. Mitigation of the driveway runoff by plantings was suggested.

Various questions emerged in the discussion. Where will the fence be? How will groundwater be handled? Where will water go when the pool is emptied? A no-backwash system and wildlife exclusion fencing were recommended.

A letter will be sent to P & Z. Ms. Snow will attend the meeting on April 12.

OPEN SPACE ACQUISITIONS AND DONATIONS

Ledges Land Purchase – Members will attend the upcoming public meetings about the cell tower. Several neighbors vociferously oppose it. Dr. Oko will lead a walking tour of the property on April 12 for cell tower vendors.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The commission met in executive session starting at 8:10 and ending at 8:15 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McDaniel