

## APPROVED MINUTES

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## Ridgefield Conservation Commission

Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street

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**Meeting March 13, 2023 at 7PM**

**Present:** Roberta Barbieri      James Coyle      Jack Kace      Allan Welby  
Jean Linville      Jim Liptack      Benjamin Nissim

Absent: Eric Keller, Kitsey Snow, Pete Nichols

Attendance: Samantha Thomas

Chairman Coyle called the meeting to order at 7:04 P.M.

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### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

UPON motion duly made (Liptack), seconded (Welby), and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of February 27, 2023, be approved and ordered filed in Town Hall. Vote: 4:0 Mr. Sharp abstained.

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### 2. COMMISSION WEBSITE: Trails for Teens and Tweens

Samantha Thomas presented her presentation on promoting outdoor hiking for teens and tweens as an alternative to electronics. The RCC will work on a link to her presentation and resources to our website.

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### 3. NATIVE PLANT POLICY

Mr. Coyle, Ms. Barbieri, and Mr. Keller have a tentative meeting scheduled for April 19, to include the Tree Committee, Tree Warden, and the Parks and Recreational Department.

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### 4. TREE COMMITTEE VACANCY

Once the RCC hears from Ms. Dunnington, the RCC will either approve her renewal or advertise the opening. The RCC will need to hear an answer by next meeting or begin the replacement process.

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### 5. MCKEON CHESTNUT TREE RESTORATION PROJECT

The McKeon Vision Committee has submitted several recommendations to the commissioners by email. The RCC will review those recommendations and talk through at the next meeting. The RCC would like to implement the Chestnut Restoration Project; however, the RCC also needs to understand the scope of the project to ensure success. Mr. Welby asked the commissioners to think about where else the project can be located in Town and to discuss at the next meeting.

A more detailed discussion of the committee recommendations will be conducted at the March 27 meeting.

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## **6. COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

The RCC is planning its annual meeting and discussed possible speakers as well as the logistics of the event.

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## **7. CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION**

### 8.1 Flood and Erosion Control Board

Mr. Nissim will report back with recommendations at the next meeting.

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## **8. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Nichols will present CT Trails Day at the next meeting.

Mr. Coyle mentioned a homeowner reporting downed or dangerous trees on open space property in the Turner Hill neighborhood. The RCC cited an easement for a number of those properties owners and will review further. Mr. Coyle will have the CEO out to review the trees and discuss next steps.

Mr. Coyle mentioned that John Katz is heading up a Main Street Tree Committee and the RCC has been asked to participate. Ms. Barbieri volunteered as the lead from RCC.

Mr. Liptack mentioned the new Pine Mountain Parking area is getting a lot of positive feedback and appreciation from the residents.

Mr. Welby will be hosting a Woodcock Walk this Thursday evening at 6:30pm at McKeon Farm, Lauzun Lane.

Mr. Nissim and Ms. Barbieri will be participating in the Earth Day expo April 23 from 2 to 4pm at the Ridgefield Library. They have several events scheduled including a scavenger hunt for the kids.

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## **9. MEETINGS FOR ATTENDANCE**

### **P&Z**

March 21 – Welby

April 04 – Keller

### **IWB**

March 23 – Kace

April 13 – Liptack

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## **10. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS**

Nothing to report.

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## **ADJOURNMENT**

**UPON** motion duly made (Liptack), seconded (Sharp), and carried, it was RESOLVED that the meeting adjourned at 7:51 P.M. Vote: 6:0.