

**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Ridgefield Conservation Commission**  
**Flood and Erosion Control Board**  
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713  
February 22, 2016

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, February 22, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Eric Beckenstein  
Tim Bishop  
Carroll Brewster  
Jim Coyle  
Dave Cronin  
Jack Kace  
Kitsey Snow

The following members were absent:

Susan Baker  
Alan Pilch

Chris Auslander, Eagle Scout candidate, was also in attendance.

Mr. Beckenstein chaired the meeting. Colleen Lake was present to take minutes.

**MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 25, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of January 25, 2016 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

**TREASURER'S REPORT** - Mr. Brewster reported invoices for \$125 to Ridgefield Printing for Open Space Map overruns and one for \$750 to RKW Surveying for a survey of 104 Wilton Road East were submitted for payment.

**OPEN SPACE**

- a) Eagle Scout Presentation – Chris Auslander described his 3 month project in the Ridgebury Slope/Peterson Gorge open space. Mr. Auslander and 7 additional members of his troop built 2 footbridges, 10 and 7 feet long, using materials donated by Home Depot. In addition, the Scouts removed invasives and cleaned up the trail. The RCC signed off on the project and thanked Mr. Auslander for a job well done.

- b) Easement Enforcement - No change to 795 North Salem Road, 50 Laurel Hill and 55 Canterbury Lane. Mr. Beckenstein will write Mr. Marconi asking for a status update on these violations, which have been referred to him for resolution.

4 Encampment Place. Mr. Kace and Mr. Beckenstein met with Ms. Peyser to discuss the 1/29/16 letter received from the homeowner. Ms. Peyser will contact the homeowner to set up a walk to discuss, in more detail, how the property remediation will be performed.

- c) McKeon Farm – Ms. Snow reported that the consultant, Kip Kolesinskas, walked the McKeon property and submitted a number of questions regarding farm development. The McKeon committee will schedule a meeting to deal with the consultant's questions, to look at Hans Williams agreement and to discuss the Henny Penny farm proposal. Ms. Snow will schedule a walk for Henny Penny Farm.

Mr. Brewster will order 5 apple trees for the orchard. The high school interns and Parks & Rec will assist in the planting and care of the trees

- d) Walk Book – Discussion postponed until the next meeting due to Ms. Baker's absence.  
e) 104 Wilton Road East – Mr. Cronin reminded the Commission about the 10' easement the RCC needs to access Spectacle Swamp. The homeowner has been reluctant to agree to an Easement and Mr. Cronin would like to approach the owner about possibly buying the easement strip from the homeowner. The Commission agreed that Mr. Cronin should pursue this avenue.

Trails Committee – Mr. Cronin suggested a trail committee be formed now that the RCC has full membership. Discussion will be continued.

## **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD**

### Meetings for Attendance

Mar. 1 – Ms. Baker

Mar. 8 – Mr. Brewster/Mr. Bishop

Mar. 15 – Mr. Cronin

Mar. 22 – Mr. Kace

### New & Continued Business

**157 Mountain Road** – At the Inland Wetlands Board (IWB) meeting on 2/16/16, the IWB discussed Alan Pilch's letter of 2/14/16. Alan Pilch was not in attendance. Kitsey Snow attended on behalf of the RCC. At the 2/16/16 meeting of the IWB, John Katz stated that he would like to hear the reasoning behind Alan Pilch's letter. The RCC will begin to cite State regulations and statutes in future letters to support recommendations. The draft letter of recommendations, submitted to P& Z on 2/14/16, was discussed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was  
RESOLVED to approve Mr. Pilch's comments submitted to P&Z/IWB.

**509 Main Street** – No report.

**Planning Director** – Ms. Snow mentioned that the interviewing will begin soon for Planning Director and that the RCC should be involved in the process. Mr. Beckenstein will contact Ms. Fernandez in Human Resources about the process.

## **ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

Rail Trail – The draft letter sent on 2/17/16 to the Board of Selectmen was discussed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was  
RESOLVED to approve the letter on the License Agreement between the Town and  
Eversource to allow Bicycles on the Rail Trail.

New Ordinance – Mr. Beckenstein reported that Attorney Grogins will have a draft of the  
Ordinance by Wednesday, 2/24/16.

New Commissioner – The Board of Selectmen approved the 2 Alternate Members at the  
Town meeting on February 17, 2016.

Executive Session began at 9:15pm and ended at 9:25pm

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was  
RESOLVED to appoint Ben Oko as the first Alternate Member of the Conservation  
Commission.

Flood & Erosion Control Board – Discussion postponed until the next meeting.

NRWI Grant - Ms. Snow and Mr. Pilch are working on grant to remove stormwater from the  
wastewater flow possibly on the corner of Prospect and Prospect Ridge.

Eppoliti Letter – The RCC briefly discussed his letter dated 2/3/16.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was  
adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Lake