

APPROVED MINUTES



Ridgefield Conservation Commission

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Meeting

February 14, 2022 at 7 P.M.

Present	James Coyle	Roberta Barbieri	Jack Kace
	Allan Welby	Kitsey Snow	Erik Keller
	Matt Sharp	Daniel C. Levine	Jim Liptack
	Jean Linville		

Absent None

Guests P. Nichols, J. Capocci, T. Grove

Jim Coyle chaired the meeting. Dr. Kace took the minutes.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7 P.M.

1. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made (Keller) and seconded (Sharp), and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of January 31, 2022 be approved, and ordered filed in Town Hall. Vote: 8-0-1 (Linville abstained because she did not attend that meeting).

2. Boy Scouts

Timothy Grove presented a bridge project he completed at Hemlock Hills. He was commended for a very good looking bridge and staying within budget.

3. Enforcement Actions

Andy Hally was unable to attend. Mr. Coyle gave an update. David Grogins has sent a letter to the attorney representing the homeowner at 34 Rustic Road. At 209 Old Stagecoach Road the homeowner has completed a survey and is removing outbuilding(s) that are on/near open space. A possible encroachment was investigated at 212 Florida Hill Road and no further action is necessary. Mr. Hally also obtained two wood duck boxes from CTDEEP. Allan Welby has identified Turtle Pond as the best location for these boxes.

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4. NRI Update

Ms. Snow and Ms. Linville updated the Commission on planning for the spring field work needed to update the Natural Resources Inventory. They have arranged for help from Woodcock, Pace, Ridgefield High School, and Westconn. They will work with Dan Levine to notify the public and ask for volunteers.

5. Open Space

The Boy Scout property deed is now being prepared. The proposed Declaration of Open Space is planned for discussion with the BOS at their March 16 meeting.

6. Flood and Erosion Control Board

Mr. Coyle will obtain input from Pat Sesto and Rudy Marconi on the functioning of the Board.

7. Invasives to Natives

Ms. Snow and Ma. Barbieri will present to BOS at February 16 meeting. Mr. Keller suggested that examples of common plants be provided.

8. Community Outreach

Mr. Levine requested more content for the next newsletter.

9. Meetings for Attendance

Mr. Welby will substitute for Mr. Sharp for the Feb 24 IWB meeting.

10. Chairman's Remarks

After interviews by Messrs. Coyle, Kace, and Keller, an administrative assistant replacement has been offered the position and has accepted. The Town is now completing their new hire clearance procedures. A potential donation of 0.29 acres at 99 Ramapo Road will be screened by Mr. Coyle, Ms. Snow, and Mr. Hally.

A motion was made by Jim Liptack that the meeting be adjourned. It was seconded by Erik Keller and unanimously approved. Vote 9-0.