

APPROVED MINUTES



Ridgefield Conservation Commission

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Meeting

March 14, 2022 at 7 P.M.

Present	Roberta Barbieri	Jack Kace	Allan Welby
	Kitsey Snow (part)	Erik Keller	Matt Sharp
	Jean Linville	Peter Nichols	Daniel C. Levine
	James Coyle		

Absent Jim Liptack

Guests Ryan Bossis, Erin Gorman, Donald Hulnick, Benjamin Nissim, Paul Shotton

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

1. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion duly made (Keller), seconded and carried unanimously, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of February 28, 2022 meeting be approved, and order filed in the Town Hall.

2. Enforcement Actions

Mr. Hally was unable to attend. Mr. Coyle gave an update. The complaint at 290 Stagecoach was corrected by the owner and no further action is required.

3. Rid Litter Day

Ms. Barbieri reported that the dates will be April 23-24 this year. More details to follow.

4. Open Space

The Boy Scout property closing should be in the next week or so.

The Proposed Declaration of Open Space is now planned for discussion with the BOS at their April 13 meeting. An excellent visual aid prepared by Mr. Keller was shown.

5. Tree Committee Vacancy

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Five candidates were interviewed for the one opening on the Tree Committee: Ryan Bossis, Erin Gorman, Donald Hulnick, Benjamin Nissim, and Paul Shotton. The five candidates were individually interviewed by the Commission.

6. Executive Session

Upon a motion by Mr. Keller that was unanimously approved, the RCC went into Executive Session. The Tree Committee Vacancy was generally discussed.

The Commission then closed the Executive Session and the candidates were invited to return to the meeting room. A vote of the Commissioners was then held. Ryan Bossis received five votes (Coyle, Keller, Linville Barbieri, and Nichols) and Paul Shotton three votes (Kace, Sharp and Welby). Mr. Levine abstained from the vote. The Tree Committee will be informed that Ryan Bossis is the nominee of the RCC for the Tree Committee vacancy. All of the applicants had excellent credentials for the opening and were encouraged to continue to look for volunteer openings in the town.

7. Community Outreach

Mr. Levine was pleased at the information provided thus far for the newsletter and encouraged additional input. Mr. Welby reminded members of the March 15, 2022 bird walk.

8. Meetings for Attendance

Mr. Sharp will fill in for Mr. Levine at the March 24 IWB meeting.

9. Chairman's Remarks – Other Business

Mr. Welby reported that the Thrift Shop voted to give RCC a \$23,000 grant this year. The Commissioners were all very grateful for the continued support by the Thrift Shop.

A motion was made by Erik Keller that the meeting be adjourned. It was unanimously approved.