



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission

Flood and Erosion Control Board

Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street

Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713

November 28, 2016

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker
Carroll Brewster
Jim Coyle
Dave Cronin
Alan Pilch
Kitsey Snow
Dan Levine, Alternate

The following members were absent: Eric Beckenstein, Tim Bishop, Jack Kace, Ben Oko.

Ranger Spencer Carlson and several Hull Place residents were also in attendance.

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 14, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of November 14, 2016 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

Mr. Brewster provided a 2016-17 Annual Appeal update. To date, \$7,370 has been collected from 42 donors with an average donation of \$175. Last year the fund collected \$31,075 from 184 donors with an average donation of \$169.

Mr. Coyle requested a motion to add three items to the agenda.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to add Wooster School, CT Recreational Trails Grant, and the updated Town website as agenda items.

2. OPEN SPACE

a) **267 Ivy Hill** – Mr. Delaney, a resident of Hull Place, spoke on behalf of the neighborhood and shared concerns regarding the land swap at 267 Ivy Hill. Mr. Coyle read aloud the criteria listed in the RCC's *Guidelines for Easement Changes and Land Swaps*.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED not to recommend the proposed swap as it failed to meet the criteria listed in the RCC's *Guidelines for Easement Changes and Land Swaps*.

The RCC agreed to adopt the policy of informing abutting and adjacent property owners when easement or land swaps are proposed in the future.

b) **82 Canterbury Lane/Dream Rider Farm** - Ms. Snow, Mr. Coyle, and Ms. Peyser visited the farm and found the jumps and metal gates removed. A decision about mowing the field will be made after the 12/12/16 RCC meeting when meadow transition is discussed.

c) **20 Mopus Bridge** – The swap is no longer viable. Ms. Peyser will issue a PNoV for mowing and having a structure in the easement area.

d) **McKeon Farm** – Mr. Coyle will meet with Town Sanitarian, Ed Briggs, to discuss the well permit application for the farm.

- **Henny Penny Agreement** – There will be a BOS public hearing on December 7, 2016.

e) **Dogs in Open Space** – Mr. Cronin will design signs for distribution on kiosks and easement areas.

3. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

Dec. 6 – Ms. Snow/Mr. Pilch

Dec. 13 – Mr. Bishop

Dec. 20 – Mr. Levine

b) New & Continued Business

- **130 Alcott Way (Casagmo)** – The project to dredge two detention ponds was walked by the commission on 11/20/16
- **180 Wilton Road East** – A pond dredging and dam reconstruction project was walked by the commission on 11/20/16.
- **75 Ledges Road** – A new single family residence to be built on steep terrain. was walked by the commission on 11/20/16.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to submit Mr. Pilch's comments on 130 Alcott Way, 180 Wilton Road East and 75 Ledges Road to Planning & Zoning/Inland Wetlands Board for consideration (as amended at the meeting).

4. ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

a) Whitbeck Estate – Mr. Coyle will attend a probate hearing scheduled for December 6, 2016.

b) Wooster School Partnership – Mr. Levine reported on his meeting with Ms. Snow, Mr. Cronin, Headmaster Matt Byrnes and other teachers regarding plans to implement a program for high school students. Discussions will be ongoing.

c) CT Recreational Trails Grant – Mr. Coyle discussed the DEEP grant with a deadline of 12/15/16. The RCC will investigate possibilities for next year's grant cycle.

d) Updated town website – Mr. Coyle discussed the new site that is up and running. Commissioners will review the site and submit changes to Ms. Lake. Training will take place the week of December 12, 2016.

5. FLOOD & EROSION CONTROL BOARD

Mr. Bishop and Ms. Snow met with Mr. Marconi and Mr. Fisher on Friday, November 18, 2016. It was reported that problems with the Shadow Lake dam will be addressed by the Highway Department. The group agreed to continue meeting at least three times a year to discuss town dams.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake