



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board
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March 20, 2017

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, March 20, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker	Eric Beckenstein
Carroll Brewster	Jim Coyle
Dave Cronin	Dan Levine
Kitsey Snow	

The following members were absent: Ben Oko, Jack Kace, Tim Bishop and Alan Pilch

Ann Dunnington and Ian Brennan were also in attendance.

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the March 6, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of March 6, 2017 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

2. TREE COMMITTEE

a) Reappointments – Ms. Dunnington described her activities over the past three years while working with the Tree Committee. A graduate of the Master Gardening program, Ms. Dunnington looks forward to continue educating Town residents on native plant and tree selection for landscaping projects.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED** to reappoint Ms. Dunnington to another 3-year term on the Tree Committee.

3. OPEN SPACE

a) Stonecrest Trail - Ian Brennan proposed creating a trail that would connect the Stonecrest open space to the Rec Center. Easements would need to be obtained from several private landowners to make the trail feasible. Mr. Brennan will investigate further and present his findings to the RCC.

b) McKeon Farm – Ms. Snow discussed her recent meeting with Hans Williams and Whitney Freeman. Mr. Williams and Ms. Freeman have offered to hay, mow, aerate, lime and reseed fields on a rotating basis to coincide with animal grazing. The RCC will contact Parks & Rec to borrow the aerator and seeder required for the project.

Mr. Brewster mentioned that the RCC received a bill for \$322.20 from Rings End for 36 hardwood rails to repair the fence at McKeon.

UPON MOTION duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to approve the \$322.20 expenditure for fence rails at McKeon.

4. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

Apr. 4 – Mr. Beckenstein (Old Quarry)

Apr. 21 – Mr. Bishop

b) New & Continued Business

55 Old Quarry – Mr. Pilch emailed his preliminary comments regarding the project to members of the RCC. One of the major concerns is with the runoff from another large development in the center of town draining into the Ridgefield Brook and Great Swamp.

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

Bridle Trail – The RCC will add a section to Mr. Pilch's comments requiring the applicant to clearly delineate the open space.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to amend Mr. Pilch's draft comments and submit them as final to P&Z/IWB.

IWB/RCC 3/10/17 Meeting – Ms. Baker provided a recap of the bi-annual meeting that discussed amending town storm water regulations, RCC concerns with current buffer boundaries and cleanfill procedures, and good practices for Ridgefield Lake Associations. Ms. Baker and Ms. Peyser will develop and submit the list of good practices for publishing on the RCC website. The next meeting between the IWB/RCC will take place in September, 2017.

5. CONTINUING TOPICS

a) Annual Meeting – Mr. Levine discussed the draft invitation and proposed a meeting timeline to include ranger recognition, the Edith Meffley award and a presentation by the guest speaker. The invitation will be emailed next week and the food/supply list confirmed at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake