



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
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October 30, 2017

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

The following members were present:

Susan Baker	Eric Beckenstein	Carroll Brewster
Dave Cronin	Jack Kace	Dan Levine
Alan Pilch	Kitsey Snow	

The following members were absent: Tim Bishop, Jim Coyle and Ben Oko.
Charles Robbins from Planning & Zoning also attended

Dr. Kace chaired the meeting in Mr. Coyle's absence. Colleen Lake was present to take minutes.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 16, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of October 16, 2017 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

2. NEW AND CONTINUING TOPICS

a) NRI Forest Plots – Dr. Kace discussed observations from the NRI plots recently visited. The next step will be to locate and restake three Hemlock Hill plots and three plots in Bennett's Pond for easier access in the spring. Daniel Levine will poll members to find the best date and time for the next walk.

b) Great Swamp – Harbor Watch released data that supports the effectiveness of year-round ultra-violet lights at the water treatment facility, and is looking into a grant that would cover the additional cost to the Town. Ms. Lake will investigate electric costs at the facility and possible dates for a commission tour of the facility.

c) Horse Ordinance – Ms. Snow reported that the commission's recommendations to establish a 100 foot buffer between manure storage and a wetland or watercourse, and also, to require a vegetative strip between grazing area and wetland or watercourse were not included in the ordinance. The ordinance will go to public hearing on November 8th followed by a town vote (tbd).

d) Deer Hunt Information Request – The letter requesting detailed 2017-18 hunt information from the DMIC, drafted by Ms. Sesto and Mr. Coyle, was discussed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to send the letter with minor amendments to the First Selectman.

3. OPEN SPACE

a) Pine Mountain Donation – The owners of parcel F05-001 on Pine Mountain Road have contacted the commission about donating the 2.05 acre parcel. The parcel is surrounded by town open space on three sides and borders Danbury on one side.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to recommend accepting the parcel to the Board of Selectmen.

b) McKeon Farm – Ms. Snow reported that well drilling will begin next week. Mr. Williams will have to relocate his steer due to NRCS requirements.

Mr. Cronin mentioned that a fallen apple tree needs to be removed. Ms. Lake will contact Agenor.

4. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

- Nov. 8 – Mr. Cronin (WEDNESDAY meeting)(B&B)
 - Nov. 21 – Dr. Kace (B&G rezone)
 - Dec 5 – Mr. Levine
 - Dec 19 – Mr. Pilch
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5. GOALS AND PROJECTS – Discussion tabled until Mr. Coyle returns.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake