



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
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November 27, 2017

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, November 27, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker	Eric Beckenstein	Carroll Brewster
Jim Coyle	Dave Cronin	Jack Kace
Daniel C. Levine	Ben Oko	Alan Pilch
Kitsey Snow		

The following member was absent: Tim Bishop.

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the November 13, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of November 13, 2017 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Brewster reported a new chainsaw was purchased for \$229 and open space tree work would be \$260.00.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED** to spend \$260 on chainsaw/tree work in McKeon, Hemlock Hills, Pine Mountain and West Mountain.

The Capital Expense request was discussed. Ms. Snow will get information on a tractor purchase and Mr. Cronin on a GPS device. The request is due December 4.

OPEN SPACE

McKeon Farm – The well has been drilled. The well housing, fencing and electric supply are being installed. Ms. Snow mentioned that Ms. Freeman plans to bring bees to the orchard next year.

NRI Plots – The Bennetts Pond walk will be rescheduled in spring.

East Ridge Trails – Mr. Cronin has walked the trails and noted that major invasive removal will need to be done before connecting the two sections.

3. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

Dec 5 – Mr. Levine (500 Main/278 Ridgebury/28 W. Branchville)

Dec 19 – Mr. Pilch (Mixed Use Overlay)

b) New and Continued Business

500 Main – Mr. Pilch reviewed the revised plan to increase the size of 6 units, 2 of the units near the wetlands. He will draft comments to submit to P&Z/IWB.

278 Ridgebury Road – Dr. Kace reported on the P&Z meeting regarding the replacement and extension of drain pipe under the driveway. The RCC's recommendation to reduce the 40 foot extension was discussed but did not become part of the adopted resolutions.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was AGREED to submit Mr. Pilch's Interim Final Comments, with revisions discussed during the meeting, to P&Z/IWB as final.

Mixed Use Overlay – Dr. Kace explained the proposed amendment and his personal recommendation submitted to P&Z/IWB. He noted that because of the significant impact of both stormwater quantity and quality on both inland wetlands and our rivers, the following statement, "Low impact development alternatives must be evaluated" should be included in the amendment.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was AGREED to send Mr. Kace's recommendation to P&Z/IWB on behalf of the RCC.

CHARTER REVISION – A sub-committee will explore whether the RCC will recommend any changes to the CRC. The first sub-committee meeting will be held on December 9th.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Open Space Acquisition

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried it was AGREED to enter executive session at 8:50 pm. The executive session concluded at 9:35pm

5. GOALS AND PROJECTS – Postponed until the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake