



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
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January 8, 2018

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker	Eric Beckenstein	Tim Bishop
Carroll Brewster	Jim Coyle	Dave Cronin
Ben Oko	Alan Pilch	Kitsey Snow

The following members were absent: Jack Kace and Dan Levine.

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the December 11, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of December 11, 2017 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – Mr. Brewster informed the commission that \$21,025 has been received from 191 donors for the annual appeal, with an average donation of \$110.

Mr. Brewster discussed four invoices regarding the well installation at the McKeons' Farm. The bills, not covered by the grant, include; \$1,500 for the electrical contractor, \$3,167 for balance due on well fencing, and \$1,247 for balance due on well installation. Grant money received for the well installation was \$7,792 plus \$617 for fencing.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED to approve payment of the expenses associated with the well at McKeon Farm.

Mr. Coyle, Dr. Kace, and Ms. Snow will meet with Ms. Freeman on 1/11/18 to discuss the upcoming season. A January meeting with Mr. Williams is to be scheduled.

3. ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

25 Stonewall Lane – The homeowner's attorney, Patrick Walsh, met with Mr. Coyle, Dr. Kace, and CEO Beth Peyser on 1/5/18 to discuss remediation for easement encroachment. Mr. Walsh will

recommend to his client that a survey be done to clearly define easement boundaries.

4. OPEN SPACE

Mr. Cronin received two bids on the 8.5x11 and the 11x17 tri-fold kiosk maps.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED to approve purchasing 1000 8.5x11 kiosk maps for \$300 from UPS.

5. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

Jan. 16 – Mr. Beckenstein

Jan. 23 – Ms. Baker

Two commissioners will attend P&Z meetings beginning in February.

b) New and Continued Business

Mixed Use Overlay – Approved

Boys & Girls Club Re-zone – Denied

23 Stonewall Lane – P&Z approved the easement swap. Remediation work is to be completed by June 30th and will include an updated survey that shows the relocated fence on the easement line.

6. Goals and Projects – The commission prioritized goals and projects. For example, Mr. Bishop will create a RCC banner to be displayed at public events. Mr. Brewster will think about a possible Meffley award recipient. Mr. Levine will head up the annual meeting and recommend possible speakers.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS – Mr. Coyle received a letter regarding conveyance of 28 acres of open space at Taylors Pond, Limestone Road. The commission will walk the property on Friday, 1/19/18 at 8 am.

8. EXECUTIVE SESSION – Open Space Acquisition

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried it was AGREED to enter executive session at 7:50 pm. The executive session concluded at 8:25 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake