



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
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February 21, 2018

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Present:	Susan Baker Jack Kace	Carroll Brewster Alan Pilch	Jim Coyle
Absent:	Eric Beckenstein Dan Levine	Tim Bishop Ben Oko	Dave Cronin Kitsey Snow

Also in attendance were Cheryl Cook and Charles Robbins.

Mr. Coyle chaired the meeting. Colleen Lake took minutes.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the February 5, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting of February 5, 2018 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was **RESOLVED** to add Tree Committee Re-appointment to the agenda.

Ms. Cook discussed the 2017 and 2018 activities of the tree committee and her wish to continue on the Tree Committee for an additional four-year term. The RCC will invite interested Tree Committee members to attend future NRI Plot evaluations.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was **RESOLVED** to approve Ms. Cook's re-appointment to the Tree Committee for an additional four-year term and thank her for continued service.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

– Mr. Brewster reported on a \$290.62 invoice for Ives Trail and Major Hiking Trail maps.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was AGREED to approve the \$290.62 expenditure for trail maps.

3. OPEN SPACE

Pollinator Pathway – The topic will be revisited when Ms. Snow is in attendance.

Pine Mountain – Mr. Coyle, Mr. Cronin and Agenor DeSilva cleared several trees to create the newest lookout dubbed “Flying Squirrel Ledge”. The new trail will be finalized shortly.

McKeon Farm – Mr. Coyle, Mr. Cronin and Ms. Snow met with Ms. Freeman to continue discussing the farmer’s 2018 plans. Mr. Coyle and Mr. Kace are working on Mr. Williams 2018 contract to include six steer and possibly turkeys. The discussions with both farmers have been instrumental in the creation of The McKeons’ Arigideen Farm Maintenance Manual. Mr. Coyle mentioned that the major issue facing the farm at this time is liming as the fields have not been limed for many years. Mr. Coyle and Ms. Snow are in the process of gathering information on the issue and will get back to the RCC with findings.

4. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

Feb. 27 – Mr. Pilch

Mar. 6 – Ms. Snow & Mr. Cronin

Mar. 20 – Mr. Beckenstein & Bishop

Mar. 27 – Mr. Brewster/Mr. Pilch/Ms. Baker

b) Winter Garden – Phil Doyle – Postponed until the next meeting

Mr. Kace discussed the February 20, 2018 P&Z/IWB meeting he attended.

Silver Spring Country Club - There were issues with the noise and light pollution surrounding the paddle courts. He believes P&Z could benefit by hiring their own experts to review/question the analyses of the applicant’s agents.

Charter Revision Commission – P&Z/IWB will present their arguments the separation of P&Z and the Inland Wetlands Board on April 9, 2018.

5. CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION – Ms. Baker reported that the committee continues to work on various topics and will be ready for their presentation on March 12, 2018.

6. CHAIRMAN’S REMARKS – The RCC may provide a letter for the case file in response to the amended letter submitted by the executrix.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake