



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
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July 2, 2018

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, July 2, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Present:	Susan Baker	Tim Bishop	Carroll Brewster
	Jim Coyle	Dave Cronin	Jack Kace
	Dan Levine	Alan Pilch	

Absent: Eric Beckenstein, Ben Oko and Kitsey Snow

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

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the June 18, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of June 18, 2018 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT – No report.

3. ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

George Washington Highway – Mr. Coyle, Dr. Kace and Ms. Peyser met onsite with the homeowner of 25 Stonewall Lane to discuss the fence situated in the easement area. The homeowner has proposed a 1:1 land swap to remedy the encroachment.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED to accept a 2:1 land swap with the understanding that the fence would be moved within 90 days and a revised survey with the new easement will be produced within 60 days after the fence is relocated.

Mr. Coyle will draft a letter to the homeowner with RCC conditions.

4. OPEN SPACE

Skytop Road – Mr. Cronin will investigate alternative locations for the chain barrier.

The McKeon Farm – Mr. Coyle updated the commission on several farm issues.

- Cornerstone Gardens has submitted documentation regarding ADA compliance and Mr. Coyle will follow up with Mr. Marconi on the status of the Agreement.
- The lime has been delivered and is tentatively scheduled to be spread the week of July 16th at Ridgebury Pasture 1&2 and the week of July 30th in Stagecoach 1&2. Volunteers will be needed.
- The haying is almost complete and the commission agreed to evaluate haying on a yearly basis.
- Hans Williams has been asked to remove remaining machinery and equipment.

- The cattle chute and roofless structure will be dismantled and removed. Ms. Lake will get estimates.
- Mr. Bishop reported on used tractor availability and costs. He will look into additional options including two-week rental costs and report back.

Shadow Lake – Mr. Marconi is working with Mr. Fisher on turning the parcel over to the RCC.

Understory Study Update – It has been difficult to reach any conclusions at this point. The next meeting will be held at Bennetts Pond on Saturday, 7/7/18 at 10am.

5. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

July 3 – Mr. Pilch

July 17 – Ms. Snow & Ms. Baker

July 24 – Mr. Beckenstein & Mr. Bishop

b) Report on P&Z/IWB Meetings

June 19 – Mr. Brewster reported that P&Z plans to have every member take the DEEP IWB course as soon as it becomes available.

c) New and Continued Business

173 High Ridge Road/128 Silver Spring Road Accessways – Mr. Pilch provided comments on the stormwater issues with the applications.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED to support Mr. Pilch's comments as amended by Mr. Coyle.

6. USE OF ROAD SALT – Mr. Coyle asked the commission if they are interested in presenting a position on the issue. Ms. Baker and Mr. Pilch will gather additional information continue the discussion at the next meeting.

7. LOCAL STORMWATER COMMITTEE UPDATE – Mr. Pilch explained the complexities involved in revising the stormwater regulations. The committee continues to work on new regulations.

8. CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION – Members are working on the 15 minute presentation and gathering support for the July 18, 2018 Board of Selectmen meeting.

9. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS –

The writing of the new POCD will begin in September.

Mr. Coyle will write a letter of support regarding Plum Island on behalf of the RCC.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake