



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission

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January 14, 2019

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, January 14th, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Tim Bishop, Ben Oko

Mr. Coyle chaired the meeting, Ms. Lake took the minutes.
Cece Berger was also in attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the January 2, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of January 2, 2019 are approved and ordered filed in the Town Hall.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT

Annual Appeal Update – Mr. Brewster reported that as of 1/14/19, \$22,639 has been collected from 196 donors with an average donation of \$115.51.

3. OPEN SPACE

McKeon Farm – Cornerstone Update – Ms. Berger described the successful garden project at McKeon this past summer/fall and requested another one-year license, beginning this spring.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to issue another one-year license to Cornerstone Gardens for 2019.

Mr. Coyle will draft the one-year agreement for Mr. Marconi.

RHS Interns/Summer Workers – A RHS senior approached the RCC about interning during May & June. The required daily supervision of the intern for the 4-6 week period would be problematic and therefore, the RCC would be unable to participate in the program.

Mr. Cronin suggested hiring two summer workers this year and has met with an interested candidate. The RCC agreed to hire two workers. Ms. Lake will contact HR to discuss requirements.

Scout Work – Mr. Cronin reported that an Eagle Scout is ready to present his project for a bridge rehab at Aldrich. Ms. Lake will invite him to attend the next RCC meeting. Mr. Cronin will reach out to scout groups about several other RCC projects that might be of interest.

The RCC will recognize the scouts and, their RCC projects, at our annual meeting.

Downed Trees – Mr. Cronin discussed several areas with downed trees and asked commissioners for help with removal over the next few weeks, weather permitting.

Lake Windwing Autumn Olive – Parks & Rec proposed a mutual work arrangement in which they would remove the smaller (under 2-1/2") invasives, and the RCC would be responsible for invasives larger than 2-1/2". Parks & Rec offered to maintain the area after removal by mowing two times each year.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED to work with Parks & Rec on the invasive removal and maintenance plan, and the RCC agreed to spend up to \$3000 to remove the remaining plants after Parks & Rec completes their removal.

Mr. Coyle will schedule a planning meeting with Parks & Rec.

4. FRACKING WASTE BAN – The Ban was approved at the Jan. 9th Town Meeting.

5. THRIFT SHOP GRANT – 2019 Grant requests are due by February 15th. Ms. Snow and Mr. Coyle will work on the application Tuesday morning.

6. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

Jan 22 – Brewster/Cronin

Jan 29 – POCD (Coyle, Baker)

b) Report on P&Z/IWB Meetings

Jan 8th – Winter Club – The IWB application was approved 4-3.

c) New & Continued Business – 167 & 173 High Ridge Ave. The subdivision and cash in lieu of open space was discussed.

UPON motion made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was agreed to accept cash in lieu of open space at the 167 & 173 High Ridge Ave subdivision.

7. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS – No comment.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake