

APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713
May 23, 2016

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, May 23, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker
Eric Beckenstein
Tim Bishop
Carroll Brewster
Dave Cronin
Jack Kace
Kitsey Snow
Dan Levine, Alternate

The following members were absent:

Jim Coyle
Alan Pilch
Ben Oko, Alternate

Ms. Snow chaired the meeting. Colleen Lake was present to take minutes.

Julia Cencebaugh Kloth, Tree Committee nominee and Mr. & Mrs. Iozza were also in attendance.

MINUTES

The minutes of the May 9, 2016 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2016 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Mr. Brewster reported a payment voucher for \$791.09 to cover RCC van repairs was submitted to finance for payment.

OPEN SPACE

- a) 359 North Salem Road - The Commission walked the property on Sunday, 5/15/16. A shed is partially on open space and stumps, leaves and other debris have been dumped in the wetlands. Property owners, Mr. & Mrs. Iozza, agreed to work with the Commission to remedy the situation.

UPON motion duly, made seconded and unanimously carried, it was
RESOLVED that the Iozza's will provide the RCC with a copy of
their survey, move the shed off the open space (by approximately 4 feet) and
will clean up the stumps and leaves in the wetlands by Labor Day, 9/5/16.

- a) Walk Book – Cheryl Cook, administrator for Board of Education, offered to distribute old Walk books to schools in town, placing stickers on the books announcing the release of the new version by Fall 2016. Books with stickers will also be given to Town Hall, the library and Books on Common.
- b) McKeon – Henny Penny Farm – Ms. Freeman's proposal for bringing sheep, llamas and goats to a portion of the farm was discussed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried with one abstention, it was
RESOLVED to accept the proposal on the condition that Ms. Freeman
and does not use chemical treatments on the property.

McKeon – Joe Badarraco - The farmer who hays fields at McKeon asked the RCC for a 10 year contract, charging \$200/year, to reduce his insurance costs. Because the Commission is currently developing a plan for the farm, it was agreed to offer a one year contract in 2016 and revisit the 10 year contract next year when a plan is in place.

- c) Ledges camp – Mr. Cronin found a makeshift camp located on open space. A notice will be posted at the site asking the intruder(s) to remove their belongings and to leave the premises.
- d) Interns/Summer workers – Help is needed Tues. 5/31 and Wed. 6/1 to supervise the interns. Call the office if available.
- e) Tool Maintenance - Mr. Cronin will use Ridgefield Power this year for tool maintenance. About \$500 is currently available in this year's maintenance budget.
- f) Bennetts Farm Road donation – The small, landlocked, and undevelopable parcel offered to the RCC for purchase was discussed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was
RESOLVED by the RCC not to purchase the property.

PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

Meetings for Attendance

May 24 – Mr. Cronin/Mr. Bishop (4 Wooster)
June 7 – Mr. Kace/Mr. Levine (509 Main)
June 21 – Ms. Snow
July 5 – Mr. Brewster
July 12 – Mr. Beckenstein
July 19 – Ms. Baker

New & Continued Business

4 Wooster Street – The mitigation planting plan by the landscape architect was discussed. An engineering report answering RCC concerns with Equal Conveyance and Compensatory Storage in a flood zone was not provided. The property is on the P&Z/IWB agenda 5/24/16. Mr. Cronin and Mr. Bishop will attend.

199 North Street – P&Z will walk the site on June 5th. Discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

Mimosa Plantings – A condition of approval for the pond dredging project, the required buffer plantings along the edge of the pond have not been installed. Ms. Snow will meet with Ms. Peyser to discuss the issue.

ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

New Ordinance – Mr. Coyle's flowchart and guidelines were introduced. The RCC will continue the discussion at the next meeting.

Tree Committee Nominee; Julia Cencebaugh Kloth – Ms. Cencebaugh Kloth presented her credentials and ideas on how she would like to assist the Tree Committee in their endeavors.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was
RESOLVED to appoint Ms. Cencebaugh Kloth to the Tree Committee.

Flood & Erosion Control Board – Ms. Snow will attend an informational meeting sponsored by FEMA regarding area watersheds on June 7, 2016 in New Canaan.

Mr. Bishop is still trying to set up an appointment with Town Engineer, Charles Fisher, to discuss town dams.

Nominees for the Flood & Erosion Control Board were requested.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was
RESOLVED that Ms. Baker, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Brewster, Mr. Kace and Ms. Snow are appointed to the Flood & Erosion Control Board.

Whitbeck Estate – Ms. Snow will send a letter to the estate executrix and follow up with Town Attorney Grogins on how to proceed.

RCC Facebook Page – Mr. Levine offered to set up and maintain the Commission's facebook page and the RCC unanimously agreed to his offer. It was agreed that he would not have to check with the Commission for every posting – only those he has a question on. He will post our ranger request posters on the site and the Walk Book photo contest.

Citation Hearing Officer – Mr. Marconi asked the RCC to recommend a candidate for the new position. The discussion will be continued at the next meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake