



**APPROVED MINUTES**  
**Ridgefield Conservation Commission**

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**February 11, 2019**

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, February 11, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Susan Baker Eric Beckenstein Tim Bishop Carroll Brewster  
Jim Coyle Dave Cronin Jack Kace

Absent: Daniel C. Levine, Ben Oko, Alan Pilch, Kitsey Snow

Mr. Coyle chaired the meeting, Ms. Lake took the minutes.  
Ian Ferguson and Jim Liptak were also in attendance.

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## **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the January 28, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of January 28, 2019 are approved and ordered filed in the Town Hall.

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## **2. OPEN SPACE**

Eagle Scout Project Proposal. Ian Ferguson – Ian presented his proposal for a “Trail to Nowhere” in Hemlock Hills. The 1-2 mile trail work will include rerouting existing bike trails, building rock steps down a steep incline and adding a winter viewpoint loop with rock scramble. He hopes to complete the project in March, weather permitting, over the course of two weekends with the help of 8-10 scouts and 4-5 adults.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to approve the trail addition in Hemlock Hills.

Lake Windwing Autumn Olive – Parks & Rec has completed the first pass on autumn olive removal. Tremson will be scheduled to come in for two days, at \$1500/day, to clean up the larger bushes. Once Tremson completes its work, regular mowing of the area by Parks & Rec should keep the invasives from re-establishing.

### The McKeon Farm

- The outbuilding roof will be replaced in early March and the tractor has been ordered. Ms. Lake will contact Jake Muller about ordering the trailer.
- Ms. Lake will contact the Fire Dept. about getting a permit to burn the debris pile at the farm, to be scheduled, tentatively, the weekend of Feb. 23.

Hussars Camp Violation – Ms. Lake will send pictures of shed possibly located on open space to Ms. Peyser for investigation.

Beavers in Open Space – Ms. Snow was contacted by a ranger about beavers damaging mountain laurel near the Lakeview Drive open space parcel. The RCC agreed the best course of action would be to leave the beavers alone.

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**3. POCD** – The first meeting was rescheduled to March 5<sup>th</sup>. Commissioners should submit additions/goals for the new POCD to Ms. Baker prior to the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to support the inclusion of a Sustainability chapter in the 2020 POCD.

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#### **4. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD**

a) Meetings for Attendance

Feb 26 – Pilch/Beckenstein (167-173 High Ridge Ave)

Mar 5 – Brewster/Bishop

Mar 12 – Cronin/Snow

Mar 26 – Levine/Kace

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**5. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS** – None.

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#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Colleen Lake