



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
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November 4, 2019

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, November 4, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

Present:	Jim Coyle	Dave Cronin	Jack Kace	Erik Keller	Alan Pilch	Allan Welby
Absent:	Susan Baker	Eric Beckenstein	Carroll Brewster		Dan Levine	Kitsey Snow

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

Tim Porter, Matt Sharp, Jean Linville, Fred Tregaskis were also in attendance.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the October 21, 2019 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made (Cronin), seconded (Keller) and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of October 21, 2019 be approved and ordered filed in the Town Hall.

2. OPEN SPACE

McKeon Maintenance – The barn doors were constructed and installed by Mssrs. Keller, Coyle, Pilch and Cronin. The fields will be mowed by Mr. Cronin and Ms. Freeman. Future projects include winterizing tools, picking up stones near stonewalls and removing wire fence near trail/barn area.

Schlumberger Trail – Eagle Scout candidate, Tim Porter, presented his plan for a trail on the property. His project will include clearing vegetation to open up the trail, benching on sloped areas and bridging one stream with a rock bridge. The RCC is happy to support the project.

Open Space Posting – There will be an introduction to the town's GIS system at the next meeting to assist with locating areas in need of signage.

103 Peaceable – An arborist, retained by the insurance company representing the tree company responsible for removing the trees, walked the McManus site with Mr. Coyle, Mr. Cronin and Ms. Peyser on Monday. He will provide an estimate for the value of trees removed and cost to replace.

3. 2020-21 CAPITAL EXPENSE REQUEST

– Commissioners are asked to submit requests prior to the next meeting. Requests are due to finance department Dec. 2nd.

4. FECB – No report.

5. GOALS & PROJECTS – Mr. Coyle is working on a new draft based on comments submitted by commissioners. He may also include recommendations listed in the NRI. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Mr. Welby will reach out to a contact in Newtown for information on the town's successful open space bonding. Mr. Kace will continue to seek information from other towns on how they define/what constitutes open space.

6. POCD – Comments have been received by commissioners and will be incorporated into the working draft. The discussion will continue at the next meeting.

7. 2020 Meeting Calendar

UPON motion made (Welby), seconded (Kace) and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED that the 2020 Meeting Calendar be approved and filed in the Town Hall.

8. PLANNING & ZONING/INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

Nov. 6 – Welby – WEDNESDAY MEETING
Nov. 12 – Beckenstein
Nov. 26 – Cronin
Dec. 3 – Brewster
Dec 10 – Cronin
Dec 17 – Kace

8. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

- Mr. Coyle thanked Mr. Sharp, Ms. Linville and Mr. Tresgaskus for attending the meeting. Interested candidates will be interviewed at the RCC December 9th meeting.
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ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made (Cronin), seconded (Kace) and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Colleen Lake