



TOWN OF RIDGEFIELD Inland Wetlands Board

SPECIAL MEETING Web Based Meeting Hosted on ZOOM

APPROVED/REVISED MINUTES

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August 31, 2023

Members present: Tim Bishop, vice chair; Alan Pilch, secretary; Carson Fincham, Tracey Miller, David Smith.

Members absent: Susan Baker, chair; Chris Phelps

Also present: Thomas Beecher Atty, Caleb Johnson, IW Agent; Aarti Paranjape, Recording Secretary;

I. Call to order:

Mr. Bishop, Vice Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

II. Discussion:

1. Contd.) IW-23-6, 0 Ethan Allen Highway, G10-0057, Plenary Ruling Application for construction of thirteen multi-family residential buildings, one community meeting house, outdoor pool amenity space, stormwater management system, vehicular access using existing entrance which crosses onto this site via newly constructed stream channel crossing, associated site work within the upland review area of wetlands and watercourses. *Public Hearing closed on July 27, 2023. 35 days to render a decision is August 31, 2023. Owner/Applicant: Ridgefield Professional Office Complex LLC.*
<https://ridgefieldct.viewpointcloud.com/records/90987>

Mr. Beecher, Board Counsel informed the process of deliberation. He stated that the Board while making a decision for denial will have to state on record the reasons and the Board will have to determine that there is a feasible and prudent alternative that may have less adverse impact on wetlands and watercourses. The Board must propose on record the alternatives the applicant didn't present.

Mr. Bishop asked the Board which direction the decision is leaning to? The members agreed that the decision is leaning towards denial.

As per Mr. Beecher's statement, members discussed and stated on the record the reasons for denial. The members also stated the feasible and prudent alternative. Criteria of decision process was based on the expert testimonies of the peer reviews and the expertise of the Board members.

Ms. Miller motioned to approve the resolution of denial for the Plenary Ruling application with the reasons stated. Mr. Pilch seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

VIII: Adjourn

Mr. Bishop adjourned the meeting at 8:23 PM

Submitted by

Aarti Paranjape
Recording Secretary