



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board
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May 31, 2017

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, May 31, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker	Tim Bishop
Carroll Brewster	Dave Cronin
Jack Kace	Dan Levine
Alan Pilch	Kitsey Snow

The following members were absent: Eric Beckenstein, Jim Coyle, Ben Oko.

Also in attendance were Joe Fossi, Mark Zeck, John Katz and Hans Williams.

Mr. Kace chaired the meeting in Mr. Coyle's absence. Colleen Lake was present to take minutes.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of May 15, 2017 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

2. CONTINUING TOPICS

a) Stormwater Management – Joe Fossi proposed starting the collaboration between the RCC, P&Z/IWB, and Town Engineer to revise the current stormwater regulations. Mr. Pilch will represent RCC on this group with Mr. Kace as backup. Mr. Fossi mentioned that P&Z would like to rescind the current regulations due to significant push back from residents. The RCC will not support rescinding the current regulations unless there are interim regulations in place. Mr. Pilch and Mr. Kace will work with Mr. Baldelli to draft interim regulations to be in place until the revised regulations are complete.

b) Wooster Work Day – Mr. Levine will contact Wooster about proper attire recommended for the walk. Ms Snow will purchase the plants this weekend.

c) Summer Workers – Joe Natal and Tim Brown have started working. A supervision schedule has been created and volunteers are needed for the weeks of June 19,& 26 and July 10, 24, & 31.

3. TREASURER’S REPORT

Budget Update – Mr. Brewster explained that funds are available for purchases before the end of the fiscal year. Commissioners should present possible purchases at the next meeting.

4. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

- June 6 – Mr. Kace (RLL Ballfield)
- June 20 – Mr. Pilch/Ms. Baker
- July 11 – Mr. Cronin/Mr. Bishop
- July 25 – Ms. Snow

b) New & Continued Business

Ridgefield Winter Club – Mr. Pilch reviewed the plans for the proposed project on Peaceable Street. Mr. Pilch (schedule permitting) and Mr. Levine plan to attend the June 8, 2017 pre-app meeting.

5. OPEN SPACE

a) McKeon Farm – Mr. Williams asked to increase the steer count to seven and for the option to choose whether to mow or hay the fields. He agreed to lime fields, (using pulverized lime and borrowing a spreader), after the animals have grazed the parcel(s).

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the Commission agreed to approve the steer and field maintenance changes requested by Mr. Williams and to forward the contract to Mr. Marconi for signing.

b) Maintenance and Trees – A new maintenance guide is being created to assist the summer workers. Downed trees reported by Rangers will continue to be removed by an outside contractor.

c) Old Sib Tree Fund – Tabled until Ms. Snow is available.

Mr. Kace asked to add three items to the agenda; Guidance on George Washington Highway enforcement; recent correspondence between P&Z and RCC; and Plum Island visit.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was agreed to add the 3 items to the agenda.

1) Guidance on GWH Enforcement – Mr. Kace discussed the agreements being drafted for property owners with possible violations. The RCC agrees with using the Turner Hill License Agreements as an example for the GWH License Agreements.

2) P&Z/RCC Correspondence – Ms. Mucchetti has agreed that RCC draft comments submitted at P&Z meetings due to scheduling issues will be accepted. The draft comments will be submitted as “Interim Final”.

3) Plum Island Trip – Mr. Kace suggested any Commissioner interested in attending the September 20th trip, let Colleen or Jim know ASAP.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake