



APPROVED MINUTES
Ridgefield Conservation Commission
Flood and Erosion Control Board
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June 12, 2017

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, June 12, 2017 at 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Eric Beckenstein	Tim Bishop
Carroll Brewster	Jim Coyle
Dave Cronin	Jack Kace
Dan Levine	Alan Pilch
Kitsey Snow	

The following members were absent: Susan Baker and Ben Oko.

Also in attendance were Jeff and Jennifer Hansen, Natty Heymann and his mother, and Chris McQuilken.

Mr. Coyle chaired the meeting. Colleen Lake was present to take minutes.

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 31, 2017 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of May 31, 2017 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

2. ENFORCEMENT REPORT

Mr. Coyle informed the Commission that Town Attorney Grogins will review the draft license agreement for the easement abutters on George Washington Highway as soon as he returns. He also indicated that he and Jack Kace spoke to Bill Reynolds, Head of the Building Department, re fence construction around swimming pools. Historically, building documents did not include the location of such fences. He suggested that going forward it would be a good idea that the final A-2 survey should include such location and would discuss implementing this procedure with Richard Baldelli and Beth Peyser.

3. CONTINUING TOPICS

a) Wooster Senior Project – Natty Heymann – Natty described his five-week senior project reblazing nearly all the trails in our open spaces. The commission thanked him for a job well done and presented him with a Certificate of Achievement for his efforts.

b) Deer Committee – Ms. Snow, Mr. Levine and Mr. Beckenstein discussed the recent Board of Selectmen meeting and the presentation by Howard Kilpatrick of DEEP which emphasized the merits of the deer hunt. Mr. Beckenstein will draft a list of RCC conditions regarding the hunt that will accompany any parcel approvals for the upcoming year. Mr. Cronin will review the 2010 NRI report to see if it is possible to do some comparisons from then to now to come up with some kind of assessment of the condition of open space inventory as it relates to deer activity. It was also noted that we have received no request from the Deer Committee to come before the commission. Mr. Coyle emphasized the condition that the commission needed to receive their request before the meeting before they wish to appear so that we have adequate time to discuss their proposal.

4. Treasurer's Report – Mr. Brewster mentioned there are still funds available to be used before June 30th and asked the commission to approve two purchases: one for a new weedwacker and another for the Wooster School planting project.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to approve \$300 for a new weedwacker and \$365 for Wooster School plants.

5. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

June 20 – Mr. Pilch/Ms. Baker

July 5 – Mr. Bishop

July 18 – Mr. Levine

b) New & Continued Business

Ridgefield Winter Club – Jeff Hansen, resident of Peaceable Street, explained his concerns with the proposed Winter Club to be located near his home. He believes the project to be an intense use of the 3-acre property that will create major disturbance to wetlands, wildlife and quality of living in the area. Mr. Pilch's initial comments on the project will be finalized and sent to P&Z.

509 Main Street – The revised plan calls to reduce the square footage of the buildings while maintaining the size of the pre-approved stormwater system. We decided no further action was necessary.

RLL Ballfield – Mr. Kace reported on the June 6th P&Z public hearing. Mr. Kace will submit comments requesting that the location and size of the NRVT be included in the approved resolutions and that the commission's comments on stormwater runoff be emphasized so that there is no confusion as to the applicability of those regulations to this project.

Stormwater Regulations – the P&Z/IWB to this was discussed and Mr. Pilch agreed to put his thoughts in writing as the position of the commission.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was RESOLVED to approve Mr. Kace's additional comments on the RLL Ballfield and send them to P&Z.

6. OPEN SPACE

- a) **Old Sib Tree Fund** – Ms. Snow asked the commission to think about trees and areas to plant possibly in the fall.
 - b) **Plant/tree Purchase** – Ms. Snow would like to replace the removed invasives in Aldrich with native plants. The commission agreed to revisit the project again in the fall when planting and plant survival is more favorable.
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EXECUTIVE SESSION – WHITBECK ESTATE - Executive session was entered at 9:23pm and adjourned at 9:43pm.

ADJOURNMENT

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen Lake