

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

# **Ridgefield Conservation Commission**

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May 21, 2018

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street, Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on Monday, May 21, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Susan Baker

Jim Coyle Dan Levine Kitsev Snow

Carroll Brewster Tim Bishop Dave Cronin

Jack Kace Alan Pilch

Absent: Eric Beckenstein

Mr. Coyle chaired the meeting. Colleen Lake took minutes. Stefano Zandri, Paul Payne, Steve Scala and Police Chief Roche were also in attendance.

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### 1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 9, 2018 meeting were reviewed.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting of May 9, 2018 are approved and ordered filed in the minute books of the Commission and the Town Hall.

## 2. TREASURER'S REPORT – No Report.

3. 2018-19 DEER HUNT - Mr. Zandri discussed the results of last year's hunt. 60 deer were taken, 51 does and 9 bucks, and Sarah Bishop was the most successful parcel, claiming 30 of the 60 taken. There were no issues with neighbors. Mr. Zandri found the hunt to be successful and requested using the same parcels for the 2018-19 hunt. The only weapon change will be to add archery and shotgun to Sarah Bishop. It was agreed that if a parcel is not performing after 2-3 weeks, the parcel would no longer be used and reopened for public use. Chief Roche will create new signs for approval by both the DMIC and RCC. Letters to residents living near the hunting sites will go out as soon as possible once the DMIC gets approval from the BoS.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, with Mr. Levine abstaining, it was RESOLVED to approve the parcel list (less Shadow Lake and the Golf Course, which are under the jurisdiction of Parks and Recreation), and the weapon change at Sarah Bishop for the 2018-19 season.

The Board of Selectmen will bring the overall issue of the town hunt to a vote in the fall (September probably) to determine if there will be a deer hunt in 2019-20.

# 4. EXECUTIVE SESSION - Open Space Acquisition

UPON motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried it was AGREED to enter executive session at 8:25 pm. The executive session concluded at 8:50 pm.

#### 5. OPEN SPACE

#### McKeon Farm

- Reclamation of Meadow and Garden Members of the RCC will meet with Cornerstone Gardens and Tremson Corp. to discuss reclaiming and use of the old meadow and garden on Tuesday, 5/22 at 2pm. Ms. Snow and Mr. Coyle are working on the Cornerstone Garden License Agreement, to be forwarded to Mr. Marconi as soon as it is ready.
- <u>Liming Program</u> Mr. Coyle estimated the cost of lime for the remaining fields (less the Lauzun Field) is estimated at \$2,500.

UPON motion duly made, seconded and carried, it was RESOLVED to spend up to \$2,500 for lime to be used at the McKeon farm.

## 6. PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD

a) Meetings for Attendance

June 5 – Ms. Baker & Mr. Beckenstein June 19 – Mr. Bishop & Mr. Brewster June 26 – Mr. Cronin & Dr. Kace

- b) Report on P&Z/IWB Meetings None.
- **7. CHARTER REVISION COMMISSION** The subcommittee will meet on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> at 11am at the Ridgefield Library to discuss next steps.

#### 8. CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Mr. Coyle asked to discuss the Wooster School Work Day scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> from 9-2pm. Mr. Levine asked the commission for volunteers and suggestions on activities.

The East Ridge Trail Work Party is scheduled for Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> from 10-12. Commissioners are asked to help blaze and clean-up the trail.

Mr. Coyle reported that an enforcement citation will be issued Tuesday, 5/22/18 to the homeowner at 25 Stonewall Lane due to non-responsiveness on part of the homeowner.

# **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Colleen Lake