

## **APPROVED MINUTES**

**Ridgefield Conservation Commission  
Flood and Erosion Control Board**  
Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street  
Ridgefield, CT 06877 (203) 431-2713  
March 6, 2006

A meeting of the Ridgefield Conservation Commission was held at the Town Hall Annex, 66 Prospect Street Ridgefield, Connecticut 06877 on March 6, 2006 at approximately 7:30 p.m.

The following members were present:

Susan Baker  
Doug Barile  
Carroll Brewster  
Dave Cronin  
George Orlan  
Beth Yanity

In the absence of the chairman, Mr. Orlan chaired the meeting. Nancy McDaniel was present to take minutes.

### **MINUTES**

The minutes of the February 22, 2006 meeting were reviewed. The following correction was made: the trail day is scheduled for May 13, not May 14.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the corrected minutes of the meeting of February 22, 2006 be and hereby are approved and ordered filed in the minute book of the Commission and the Town Hall minute book.

### **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Mr. Brewster reported the following bills: Ridgefield Supply - \$5.14; Niola Associates - \$150.00.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that the aforementioned invoices be and hereby are approved for payment as soon as practicable.

## **OPEN SPACE**

214 Wilton Road West – Mr. Orlan reported that the state plans to install a catch basin on Wilton Road West, so the property owner does not need to take that action to reduce the water flow; but he wants to remove the sediments that have collected on the Commission's accessway. Members will walk the property on Friday, March 10.

Cows at McKeon Farm – Mr. Orlan noted that he had been unable to reach Kevin Douma to discuss the question of bringing his cows to McKeon Farm in the spring. He left a message for Mr. Douma to call him.

Rochambeau Celebration – Members decided to invite Keith Jones to the next meeting to update the Commission on plans for the March to Victory weekend and to discuss arrangements for mowing the fields. Mr. Orlan will speak with John Pinchbeck about possibly doing the mowing.

## **SHARING SESSIONS**

February 28 – Ms. Baker reported that there was an irregularity in applying Robert's Rules of Order, so the vote was taken improperly on the Bennetts Farm application. The Planning Commission will therefore reconsider the application and possibly revise the wording at the next meeting. The public hearing has been closed, so there is no opportunity for comment. Discussion of upland review was postponed.

## **PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION, INLAND WETLANDS BOARD**

Meetings for Attendance

- March 7 – Ms. Yanity
- March 14 – Mr. Cronin
- March 21 – Ms. Baker
- April 4 – Ms. Stoddard

## **NEW BUSINESS**

57 Shadow Lane – The owner wishes to divert water from his property across the Commission's accessway into adjoining open space. Members will walk the area.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Walk Book – Ms. Baker reported that she has received the revised maps. The text will be revised next week and the maps inserted, after which a draft copy will be sent to her.

April 6 Meeting Plans – Invitations have been sent to Rangers, donors, selectmen and P & Z members, who have been asked to respond promptly. The Charter Oak 3 Room at the Rec Center holds 70 people. Ms. Yanity offered to bake cookies and will need some other

volunteers as well. Mr. Cronin suggested mounting an exhibit showing the new Old Sib property and its connection to Mountain Lakes open space. He offered to take photographs for such an exhibit.

Annual Appeal Statistics – Members reviewed a report on this year's open space appeal versus previous years' results. In Mr. Brewster's opinion, enclosing a reply envelope in the letter was a key reason for the substantial increase in donors. Members agreed.

### **WALKS**

March 10 - Starting at the Annex parking lot at 8:45 a.m.  
214 Wilton Road West  
57 Shadow Lane  
Halpin Lane

### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Commissioners met in executive session at starting at 8:15 p.m.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the meeting was adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy McDaniel