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**MIDDLEFIELD INLAND WETLANDS
and
WATERCOURSES AGENCY
405 Main Street
Middlefield, Connecticut 06455**

Minutes of the August 16, 2023 Regular Meeting

Rebecca Adams, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:47 pm.

Attendance:

Members

Alternates

X	Adams, Rebecca		
X	Brown, James		
X	Frier, Linda		
A	Manning, John	Other	
X	Poturnicki, Rob (arrived late)	X	Bernotas, Randy
X	Veeley, Robert	A	Curtis, Brian
A	Zieminski, Charles		

A=Absent

X=Present

Amendments to the Agenda

None.

Public Comment

None.

Enforcement Officer's Report

Randy Bernotas reported that the town does not have a building official right now, so he has been taking pictures of things in question.

Town of Middlefield Parks and Recreation, Skating rink parking area, Strickland Road

Randy Bernotas explained that the purpose of the project is to install a gravel parking area and access to the skating area when the ground is soft. This would help to eliminate muddy conditions and stuck vehicles as well as provide a surface for emergency vehicles. They have recommended placement of 8" of granular subbase material topped with 4" of process aggregate. The parking lot will hold one line of 14 cars, side by side, as well as a crushed stone driveway to the parking lot. The project will also include removal of the current subgrade. A 60' x 22' crushed stone access aisle will provide access to the parking area. The parking area will be 42' x 140'. They will then install 14 concrete parking blocks on the east side of the parking lot.

Rebecca Adams noted that Brian Curtis will review the project before a plan is submitted. She felt that gravel is a better choice in this area than pavement.

Randy Bernotas went on to review that they will also place topsoil, fertilize, lime and seed. The construction will be barricaded during construction and removed at the end of each day.

Bob Veeley asked if the parking area will be blocked off during the summer to avoid any accidents in the pond. Jim Brown asked if the area can be used for any other type of activity and when the last time was that there was enough ice to actually skate on the pond. No one felt any other activity would be done there and it may have been the winter before last for skating. Rob Poturnicki added that, even if skating isn't available, Winter Fest is still held there. He added that this is not a pond, but was specifically made as a skating rink. Bob Veeley added that the Lions Club has an event there on Valentine's Day. No one believed that the skating rink is a hazard.

There was then a discussion about the gathering of vehicles at the top of the orchards.

Randy Bernotas also suggested that the commission think about revising their regulations. Rebecca Adams agreed that they could be updated, but there was nothing that would put the commission in jeopardy. Mr. Bernotas also mentioned that the commission will be dealing with the church on Route 66 and Jackson Hill Road will be building a much bigger church. Uncle Bob's Garden Center will no longer be located there.

Rob Poturnicki asked why there is a lake watershed sign across from Blackbird and Randy Bernotas had no idea.

Mr. Bernotas also mentioned the drainage problems with the four-lot subdivision on Baileyville Road.

Permit applications since the last meeting

None.

Approval of Minutes

Jim Brown made a motion, seconded by Linda Frier, to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Matters or business raised at previous meetings or on previous agendas

Hannah Malcolm arrived at the meeting at this point and Bob Veeley asked what they will do with the area in the summertime. She explained that they will be installing a gate. She added that attendance has been pretty good at the skating rink when it is frozen. Ms. Malcolm added that Nathan Jacobson has already reviewed the project. Randy Bernotas asked if she felt more drainage was needed to the west, but she explained that the town crew dug it out recently and it seems to be working.

Members' suggestions for matters for addition to the current agenda or for discussion and inclusion on future agenda

None.

Adjournment

Bob Veeley made a motion, seconded by Rob Poturnicki, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 7:16 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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