

**Middlefield Conservation Commission  
405 Main Street Middlefield CT 06455  
December 15 th , 2025**

Attendance: A=Absent X=Present

Members

x	Brian Dumas		Thomas Capega
x	Chris Hurlburt	x	Michael Svitek
	Kyle Overturf		Others Present:
	Brian McDermott	x	Jereme Ozycz
x	Steven Wolk		

1. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Brian Dumas 19:00

2. Brian Dumas made a motion to seat alternate Jereme Ozycz to make a quorum.

Chris Hurlburt 2<sup>nd</sup>

All approved

3. Approval of Agenda

Brian Dumas made a motion to approve the agenda. Chris Hurlburt 2<sup>nd</sup>

All approved

4. Approval of last meeting minutes

The November meeting had been canceled; there are no minutes from November.

5. Public Comments

Tashua Troiano and Paul Benedetto were interested in becoming alternates for the Commission. Both attended the meeting. They gave a brief comment on their ties to Middlefield and on their back rounds.

6. Old Business

Vote to Approve Forest Stewardship Plan

Brian Dumas made a motion to approve the plan. Chris Hurlburt 2<sup>nd</sup>

All approved

This was to approve the plan tasked to Conwood Foresters per the Contract. From here, the plan will be utilized to make further improvements to Coe Hill Property as determined by the Commission.

Sign on town properties-

Brian Dumas made a motion to approve \$150 to purchase signage such as No Trespassing etc. to be placed on town open space properties. Jereme Ozycz 2<sup>nd</sup>

All approved

Properties need to have proper signage so that town ordinances can be enforced.

## 7. New Business

Unauthorized use of vehicles on town properties:

Discussion on unauthorized atv use, lawn mowers and tractors on Coe Hill. Vehicles are permitted on Strickland Farm property if they stick to the dirt roads. There needs signage in place to notify the public on such policies.

Private land hunting permission:

There was discussion about firearm hunting on private property. The commission discussed following state laws already in effect. There was also discussion on looking into a 500-foot buffer zone on Strickland farm.

Open alternate seat & member terms:

The Commission has one alternate seat available. We have two people interested in serving on the Commission. There was discussion about all seated members attending meetings. There was discussion to ask for a third alternate spot allowed by the Board of Selectman. Brian Dumas was going to speak to the BOS about this. Brian Dumas discussed there is a 50% minimum attendance for meetings among seated Commission members.

Unauthorized advertising signs displayed thru out Town:

Steven Wolk raised the fact that many lawn signs advertising businesses are illegally placed in Town. He stated signs ruin the look of the historical farming community. In Town of Middlefield Plan of Conservation and Development Section 2 Transportation Line item 3 – part of Commission's objectives is to preserve the historic, aesthetic look along Middlefield's streets. There was discussion this may fall under Planning and Zoning. Steven is looking into this to make recommendations to the Commission

## 8. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn was made by Michael Svitek , second by, Chris Hurlbert , approved by all 20:04 pm**