

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

Minutes of the September 12, 2018 Regular Meeting

Linda Li, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Attendance:

Members		Alternates	
X	Adams, Rebecca	A	Zieminski, Charles
X	Angiletta, Irene		
X	Brown, James		
X	Li, Linda		
X	Manning, John	Other	
X	Poturnicki, Rob	X	Bernotas, Randy
A	Veeley, Robert		

A=Absent

X=Present

Amendments to the Agenda

None.

Public Comment

Marianne Corona had a letter from Ed Bailey concerning her appointment as Middlefield's representative to the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District. This appointment makes her a non-voting, *ex officio* member of the Inland Wetlands Commission. This allows her to enter into discussions with the board and participate, but not vote. Mrs. Corona did not know this before her appointment. She will provide a copy of the letter for the Commission's records.

John Manning asked to see the information that states that the representative to the Connecticut River Coastal Conservation District can be an *ex officio* member of the Inland Wetlands Agency. Linda Li suggested that the Commission check with the attorney about this.

Rebecca Adams arrived at the meeting at this point and was brought up to speed on this issue.

Action and Application #0805-18, 32 Reeds Gap Road, The Lyman Farm, Inc., Clean water and soil conservation project at the Apple Barrel pond to create vegetated buffers to reduce waterfowl visits and decrease storm water discharge into the pond

Marianne Corona explained that the grant for this project came through the Rockfall Foundation for the Watershed Commission. Linda Li wondered how Lyman Farm got the grant when they are not a public organization and Rebecca Adams explained that anyone can apply for grants. Marianne Corona explained that the grant was awarded because they are trying to clean up the river and watershed area. She reminded the members that the Coginchaug River flows north which is why Middlefield plays such an important role in bacteria counts.

Irene Angiletta made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Adams, to approve application 0805-18 for Lyman Farm to begin the conservation project as presented at the last meeting and as indicated on the maps presented at that time, with the usual conditions. Motion carried, with Rob Poturnicki and John Manning abstaining.

Enforcement Report and Enforcement Officer's Report

Randy Bernotas reported that the owner at 85 Laurel Brook Road requested permission to remove a tree near the shoreline. After speaking with Jim Sipperly, Mr. Bernotas gave the property owner permission to remove that tree. He then requested permission to remove another tree that is decayed and dying and he gave him permission to remove that tree also. Jim Sipperly also gave the property owner permission to enter the reservoir because of the influx of water lilies.

Mr. Bernotas met with Chris Cassidy and walked the property near the power lines adjacent to the Malcolm property. He also reported that the owner of One Lakeview Place would like to terrace his property along the hillside that leads down to the lake. He also has a sea wall that he is repairing and would like to make repairs while the water is down. Mr. Bernotas instructed him to develop plans and he would get Brian Curtis to take a look at it.

Randy Bernotas also mentioned that the site of the garage at 8 Race Track Hollow was totally moved on the plans for P&Z. Mr. Bernotas did review it and feels that it is actually less of an impact. Rebecca Adams stated that the property owner will have to come back to the Commission to present the changes, but she will talk to Matt Willis tomorrow to confirm.

Update on IWWC regulations violation process and fine ordinance

Rebecca Adams reported that she will be meeting with Ed Bailey next week about the ordinance. Irene Angiletta reviewed the proposed ordinance for Rob Poturnicki and John Manning. Mr. Manning felt that it was fair.

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Rebecca Adams will get a purchase order from Al Rusilowicz and submit it. Marianne Corona stated that she thought it had already been paid.

Approval of Minutes

There was some discussion about the use of the word "review."

Linda Li made a motion, seconded by John Manning, to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2018, as presented. Motion carried, with Rob Poturnicki abstaining.

Matters or business raised at previous meetings or on previous agendas

None.

Members' Suggestions for Matters for Addition to the Current Agenda or for Discussion and Inclusion on Future Agendas

Randy Bernotas stated that a few individuals have asked about how far a dock can be put out into the lake and he felt there should be an ordinance about that. It was suggested to find out which dock is the longest and grandfather everybody else in underneath that. Rob Poturnicki thought that Darin Overton had worked on that and Randy Bernotas will check with him.

Adjournment

Rob Poturnicki made a motion, seconded by John Manning, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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