

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

Minutes of the January 16, 2019 Regular Meeting

Linda Li, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

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

A=Absent

X=Present

Attorney Matt Willis was also present at the meeting.

Amendments to the Agenda

Rob Poturnicki made a motion, seconded by John Manning, to move approval of the minutes to between numbers 2 and 3 of the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

The meeting minutes were unanimously approved, as presented.

Public Comment

None.

Receipt of application #0101-19, 237 Baileyville Road, Adrian Cieplinski, to remove tree, repair wall for driveway within 100' of a wetland

Adrian Cieplinski explained that he was looking to make some repairs to his driveway. Randy Bernotas explained that he had put a stop to this work last week. He had noticed that there was a backhoe on the property and the earth had been opened up. E&S controls were not being followed and the applicant was not aware of them. Mr. Bernotas had pictures for the Commission to review. Mr. Cieplinski did not know that he needed a permit to do this work.

Mr. Bernotas was concerned because the yard is pretty well opened up, the soil is exposed and it's not stable. He was a little bit concerned about the wall because if it goes higher than four feet, he would need a building permit. Mr. Cieplinski replied that he was not going to go over four feet; he just did not want a car coming into or over his house. Mr. Cieplinski was willing to commit to have a gravel driveway. Randy Bernotas wanted to be sure that Mr. Cieplinski stabilizes the soil.

Attorney Willis explained that the Commission could vote on this tonight, but someone could come in within 14 days to require a public hearing. The applicant could move forward with the work, but the permit could potentially be reopened.

John Manning made a motion, seconded by Linda Li, to approve application #0101-19 with the following conditions: (1) Proper E&S controls maintained along lakefront. (2) Equipment refueling and oil maintenance to be done outside review area. (3) Stabilization of soil to be completed as soon as possible. (4) No work to be performed in lake bed. Motion carried unanimously.

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Public Hearing

The proposal is a significant activity to modify the IWWC permit issued on April 20, 2016, for demolition and construction of a residence limited to the same footprint as the original structure and with the same outside dimensions, to add structures, already constructed but not included in the current permit, to mitigate the additional discharge and runoff into Lake Beseck due to the increase of impervious surface at 255 Baileyville Road. Applicant: Michael Carusone.

Linda Li officially opened the public hearing and asked if the abutting neighbors had been notified. Attorney Frank Cathcart stated that he did not do that as he thought this was just a modification. No sign had been posted, but a notice was published. Attorney Willis suggested that they go ahead with the hearing tonight and then notices can be sent out and a sign can be posted for a continuation.

Attorney Frank Cathcart, representing the applicant, reviewed that he had provided copies of maps and a study that go back to 2016 when the permit was originally approved. The applicant had a misunderstanding of what footprint meant. He made additions to some porches in the back that came out further and were a little bit wider, increasing the impermeable surface by 615 sq.ft. Jerry Russ, the building inspector, first brought that to the attention of the applicant. After substantial discussion with Attorney Willis, it was decided that the best course of action would be to move to modify the application based on the fact that the original application was either inaccurate or incomplete.

They have since had an A-2 survey taken of the property. Two alternatives were brought forth to deal with the additional run-off, with the best one being to install a Cultec stormwater system that is detailed in the study dated August 13, 2018. Attorney Cathcart believes that the Town Engineer has reviewed the plans. Brian Curtis, Nathan Jacobson Associates, confirmed that he had reviewed the plan which is to provide an underground stormwater infiltration system to account for the increase in pervious area. They reviewed the drainage calculations and the proposed design and had provided comments to the engineer to do some soil testing and depths of groundwater. Those tests were done in late October (which was a particularly wet period) and the design was revised to raise the elevation of the system to provide a one-foot separation to the seasonal high water table. He has since reviewed the revised plan and is satisfied.

Attorney Cathcart stated that the Cultec system will be installed as soon as they receive approval. Randy Bernotas asked if Brian Curtis would inspect the installation during the construction and shortly thereafter.

Linda Li asked how the system actually works and Attorney Cathcart directed her to the drawings and reviewed how the system works. Linda Li also asked what the flow of the water coming out would be and Brian Curtis commented that it was designed for a significant rainfall event and they did perform a seepage test in the test bed that indicated that the soil had acceptable seepage capability.

There were no other questions or comments at this time and it was agreed to continue the hearing until February 20, 2019 so that the applicant can show proof of signage and notification of neighbors.

John Manning made a motion, seconded by Robert Veeley, to continue the public hearing for Michael Carusone to February 20, 2019. Motion carried unanimously.

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Staff report and discussion of the final inspection and permit compliance checklist for Lovley Development "Ross Farms"

Randy Bernotas explained that this item should not have been put on the agenda.

Enforcement Officer's Report

Randy Bernotas reported that not much is going on around town.

Matters or business raised at previous meetings or on previous agendas

Attorney Willis stated that Rebecca Adams had emailed him asking him to look at whatever was filed about the campsites on Powder Hill Road to review the procedure. He has not yet done that, but he will do that this week. Brian Curtis stated that they have done a limited review at the request of Geoff Colegrove.

Linda Li asked Attorney Willis if Ms. Adams has talked to him about possible fines and he was not aware of it.

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

Irene Angiletta mentioned that she attended the CACIWC meeting and the keynote speaker spoke about climate and changes to the atmosphere. He felt that towns will have to change their stormwater systems to accommodate the increase in water. She also attended several other presentations, including a drone demonstration.

Brian Curtis explained that the DOT and engineers have revised precipitation tables to reflect current conditions.

Adjournment

Rob Poturnicki made a motion, seconded by Bob Veeley, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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