

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

Minutes of the June 27, 2019 Special Meeting

Rebecca Adams, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Attendance:

Members

Alternates

X	Adams, Rebecca	A	Zieminski, Charles
A	Angiletta, Irene		
X	Brown, James		
X	Li, Linda (arrived at 7:06 pm)		
X	Manning, John	Other	
X	Poturnicki, Rob	X	Bernotas, Randy
A	Veeley, Robert	X	Curtis, Brian

A=Absent

X=Present

Town of Middlefield Projects - Emergency Drainage Situations

A. Old Indian Trail

Brian Curtis explained that Old Indian Trail goes into the Industrial Park off of Cherry Hill Road. Right after Powerhold is a culvert that goes under the road with 58" wide by 36" high corrugated metal pipe. It had been installed incorrectly back in the 80s and there is now a sink hole in the road. The original plan had been to install a sediment basin but it had never been installed. The storm drains connect right from the catch basin into the metal pipe and has now corroded. The plan now is to replace the entire 88 feet of the pipe. They will close the road for approximately a week, but there is another way out of the area. Ed Bailey will consult with all of the property owners.

Mr. Curtis reviewed that another culvert is on the upstream side that also discharges to the downstream side and they would like to put a temporary small berm across the waterway to divert the flow to the other culvert to bypass the work area. Randy Bernotas noted that they have received permission from the property owner to do that. They would then replace the entire pipe line and then backfill it. There are utilities on both sides of the road as well. The flow line of the pipe is about 9 feet below the road. They would, of course, use erosion control measures during construction. They are hoping to do the construction in late July, early August.

Brian Curtis noted that soil is currently being lost into the pipe and into the water and this work would eliminate that. They would also redirect the pipe to a new outflow that will be right next to the other pipe instead of going into the culvert. The water eventually drains into the Coginchaug River.

Rob Poturnicki made a motion, seconded by Jim Brown, to approve, with the usual conditions including but not limited to erosion and sedimentation controls, work commenced only with notification to the Wetlands Enforcement Officer and final approval of the Wetlands Enforcement Officer, the work proposed by the Town of Middlefield on Old Indian Trail Road with a finding that the project will improve the conditions in the wetlands located there, as presented by the Town Engineer, Brian Curtis. Motion carried unanimously.

#### B. 5 Cherokee Road

Brian Curtis then reviewed the work being proposed in the rear yard of 5 Cherokee Road. There are stone rubble walls on each side of the channel and the homeowner installed some type of corrugated metal roofing over it and topsoil. The walls of the channel collapsed and it has started to back up water. An emergency repair was done, but Ed Bailey is concerned that if it collapses and blocks, it will flood residences and all end up in the lake. The channel is only 3 to 4 feet wide and the plan would be to remove the stone rubble, install a pipe and then backfill it. The work will take about two days and would be done during dry weather. The Town would obtain an easement in order to get into the property. Any water coming down would be pumped around the work area.

John Manning made a motion, seconded by Rob Poturnicki, to approve, with usual conditions including but not limited to industry-accepted erosion and sedimentation controls, work commencing only upon notification to the Wetlands Enforcement Officer and final approval by the Wetlands Enforcement Officer, the work proposed by the Town of Middlefield on, as presented by the Town Engineer, Brian Curtis, with a finding that the work will improve the water quality of the wetlands located there, including Lake Beseck. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Curtis also reported that he and Randy Bernotas also visited 275 Baileyville Road where they redirected the water and it turned out very nice.

Adjournment

John Manning made a motion, seconded by Rob Poturnicki, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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