

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

Minutes of the August 21, 2019 Regular Meeting

Rebecca Adams, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Attendance:

Members

Alternates

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

A=Absent

X=Present

Public Comment

None.

Powder Ridge Veterinary Hospital, Expansion of parking area, 375 Baileyville Road

Randy Bernotas explained that he has accepted the application and has the maps available.

Jim Fasano, Powder Ridge Veterinary Hospital, explained that he and his wife purchased the business from Dr. Brooks last December and they are looking to expand their parking area. He has a site plan that was done by Milone and MacBroom. Presently, there is no apron on the driveway and the water comes down the state highway and rushes down the driveway. They have reached out to the State and were told that they were on their own. The work that he is looking to do is in the upland review area.

Mr. Fasano explained that they would like to reave and install an apron with a substantial lip. They would grade the property with a 10-foot wide grass swale so that the water goes into the swale and discharges to the rip-rap area and on to a perforated pipe which will go out to grade in the wetlands. He went on to review the plans, showing the proposed parking area. Mr. Fasano has removed some trees on the property to allow the surveyors in to do their work. Rebecca Adams would like Darrin Overton to come before the Commission and explain the increase in impervious surface and any improvements. Mr. Fasano explained that Mr. Overton is on vacation and they have had discussions about the water coming off the state road. He added that they are only adding a small area of impervious surface and an area of gravel. Ms. Adams noted that the Commission really disfavors gravel because it doesn't really add anything. Mr. Fasano explained that the original total lot coverage is at 20 percent and does include the pavement as well as the structure. This new area would put them over the 20 percent and that's why they would use some other surface. From a zoning standpoint, he would have to ask for a text change to go over the 20 percent and didn't know how Planning and Zoning would feel about another text change. Mr. Fasano also noted that, because paving is very expensive, he may have to do it in phases.

Rebecca Adams felt that further conversation is needed to get calculations about the flow and discharge. She explained that they would want to see a net decrease in discharge. She explained that the applicant will have to come back before the Commission as they cannot act on it tonight, but they would be willing to consider having a special meeting. Mr. Fasano does have a public hearing scheduled with the Planning and Zoning Commission in September and Ms. Adams agreed to meet that timing for him.

Later in the meeting, Mr. Bernotas did note that he was upset that trees were cleared before any plan came before Wetlands even though it is outside the wetland review area. Rebecca Adams suggested that some clarity about tree cutting be put in the regulations.

#### Luis Fernandes, Update of progress on driveway and rain garden, 223 Baileyville Road

Mr. Fernandes was not present at tonight's meeting. Randy Bernotas asked how the Commission wanted him to handle this issue and Rebecca Adams reviewed that it was agreed that the impervious surface would be reduced overall and the areas would be paved. Mr. Bernotas noted that the rain garden has yet to be installed and he has spoken with Mr. Fernandes about that.

#### Michael Carusone, Discussion of drainage system and bond, 255 Baileyville Road

Rebecca Adams reviewed that Mr. Carusone's permit included a condition that he post a bond before the work was done and that the Land Use office would be notified and asked Mr. Carusone for an update on the progress of the work.

Michael Carusone stated that he had never been made aware of the bond, but Ms. Adams stated that she had spoken with his attorney. Mr. Carusone stated that the work is done and Jerry Russ came out today and approved it. Ms. Adams stated that she will have Brian Curtis inspect it from a wetlands' perspective.

Randy Bernotas stated that though he is recused from this project, he had asked for E&S controls and they have never been installed. Mr. Carusone will have his contractor do that.

Mr. Carusone also asked about his Certificate of Occupancy and Ms. Adams suggested he speak to Jerry Russ about that. Again, Mr. Carusone noted that he was not aware that he was out of compliance and there is no history of him receiving any mail to that effect. Ms. Adams didn't understand how the Carusones are being allowed to live in the house if no CO has been issued and noted that Wetlands is not holding that up in any way, shape or form.

Randy Bernotas asked if the members would prefer his report in written form or if it was okay to verbally give it. It was generally agreed that oral is fine as it will be in the minutes.

Mr. Bernotas stated that he has asked Jerry Russ several times about the CO for 255 Baileyville Road and was told they do not have one because they were not through with Wetlands. Ms. Adams felt that he should have told the Carusones that they could not live there until they had a CO.

#### Enforcement Officer's Report

Randy Bernotas explained that the Old Indian Trail job is going very well and he will visit again tomorrow.

Mr. Bernotas also noted that there is a gentleman clearing the property in front of his cottage on Mattabeseck Road. He will contact the property owner to have him install hay bales.

Mr. Bernotas also stated that they have put an engineered septic system in at 20 Edgewood Court and he finally got the property owner to put up silt fencing until it's stabilized. He also mentioned that the storm drains on Baileyville Road have finally been vacuumed out by the State.

#### Approval of Minutes

Jim Brown made a motion, seconded by John Manning, to approve the minutes of the June 27, 2019 meeting, as presented. Motion carried.

#### Matters or business raised at previous meetings or on previous agendas

Rebecca Adams stated that she will be meeting with Ed Bailey next week about the fee ordinance and set a timeline for that.

Randy Bernotas stated that Ed Bailey had invited him to the COST Stormwater Management Workshop on October 22, 2019 and he will attend.

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

Rob Poturnicki is frustrated by what is happening with property owners on Baileyville Road and asked if, in the future, they can give a time limit for providing the bond. Rebecca Adams stated that that can be done and if the bond is not posted with the time limit, the permit would not be valid. Ms. Adams stated that that is why the fee ordinance is so important because there is no consequence for anyone at this point. They also discussed houses on Ross Road and Main Street which Jerry Russ has been working on. Ms. Adams felt that everyone needs to follow the rules and to be held accountable.

Adjournment

John Manning made a motion, seconded by Rob Poturnicki, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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