

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

Minutes of the January 15, 2020 Regular Meeting

Linda Li, Vice Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm.

Attendance:

Members

Alternates

A	Adams Rieder, 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

Amendments to the Agenda

None.

Rob Poturnicki made a motion, seconded by Irene Angiletta, to open the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

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CONTINUATION OF PUBLIC HEARING

7:00 pm

Permit application of AMI Sports, LLC, proposed activity to conduct a significant activity in a wetland by constructing an indoor soccer facility on property located at Snell Road, Middlefield, CT, Map #18, Lot #17 and 2175 South Main Street, Middletown, CT, Map 32, Lot #0006

Linda Li explained that the applicant has withdrawn their application. Randy Bernotas noted that corrections and mitigations will be completed and a new site plan will be submitted. He felt that another site visit will need to take place and added that the town does not intend to charge another fee for resubmission of the application.

Bob Veeley made a motion, seconded by John Manning, to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

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Public Comment

None.

Possible Executive Session to discuss pending litigation for permit violations and significant activity without a permit at 255 Baileyville Road, property of Ava Carusone, Michael Carusone, Trustee

Rebecca Adams Rieder was not present and Linda Li did not have any updates on this matter. It was agreed to table this issue.

Enforcement Officer's Report

Randy Bernotas reported that Sheldon Haag had submitted an application to rebuild a small section of the sea wall at 41 Lake Road. Mr. Bernotas stated that it was a minor repair and he had no issue with it.

John Manning made a motion, seconded by Linda Li, to issue the permit to Sheldon Haag for work to be done at 41 Lake Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bernotas added that Jamie Lundell would like to install a drainage ditch at 124 Cherry Hill Road. There are wetlands behind the property and Mr. Bernotas had pictures for the Commission to review. Jamie Lundell added that the wetlands are in the back corner of his property, but would like his lawn to be dry. He would like to dig a drainage ditch to basically drain the lawn. Mr. Bernotas explained that the trench will help to drain the backyard a lot faster.

John Manning made a motion, seconded by Linda Li, to issue the permit to Jamie Lundell for work to be done at 124 Cherry Hill Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Randy Bernotas also noted that the property owner at 37 Valley View Drive would like to build a garage. There are drainage pipes across his front yard and under his driveway. He explained that the drainage pipe is big enough to stand in. Mr. Bernotas thought that the Commission members should take a look at it. The issue is that the garage would be right over the drainage pipe. There was some discussion about how the garage could be constructed and whether or not the Town has a maintenance easement. It was also mentioned that it might be better to have a portable garage delivered rather than built over the pipe.

Mr. Bernotas also reported that he spent most of the day yesterday out at the dam which has been closed. Rob Poturnicki explained that the law states that the dam must be opened at this time of year.

Linda Li asked if Mr. Fernandes installed the silt fence on his property and Randy Bernotas noted that that has been done. Once the silt fence was installed, Jerry Russ gave him the okay to go ahead with the project.

#### Approval of Minutes

Rob Poturnicki made a motion, seconded by Bob Veeley, to approve the minutes of the December 18, 2019 regular meeting, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

#### 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 agenda

Randy Bernotas showed a checklist from Windsor, CT that they require with an inland wetlands application. He wondered if the Commission would want something like this included with applications here. Everyone thought it would be a good idea and Mr. Bernotas will work on it.

#### Adjournment

Rob Poturnicki made a motion, seconded by Bob Veeley, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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