

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

Minutes of the November 12, 2020 Special Meeting

Rebecca Adams Rieder, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendance:

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

A=Absent

X=Present

Show Cause Hearing that Luis Fernandes is in violation of the Middlefield Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Regulations on property known as 223 Baileyville Road

Rebecca Adams Rieder reviewed that Rob Poturnicki and Randy Bernotas visited the property and took some pictures.

Rob Poturnicki reported that he and Randy Bernotas met with Luis Fernandes to look at the stone paver patio they are installing around the lake side of the house. Mr. Fernandes showed them a picture of what had been there prior which was a deck with pavement under it. Some down spouts run off the house and are piped under the patio area and into the rain garden. Mr. Poturnicki felt that they have done a very nice job with it.

Rebecca Adams Rieder will forward pictures to all of the board members. She also noted that paving will begin once this work is completed.

Luis Fernandes added that he has a contract signed with General Paving out of Rocky Hill for them to do the driveway. They will have to regrade the driveway to pitch away from the garage and to the rain garden. Frank Marucca is the contractor doing the patio and he stated that the pavers are permeable pavers. Mr. Fernandes reiterated that the run-off from the down spouts is piped underground and into the rain garden.

Mr. Fernandes asked if he needs to get a permit or continue as is. Rebecca Adams Rieder stated that they would like to have Mr. Fernandes modify the original permit to add the patio and other work. Randy Bernotas explained that there is a \$60 fee to do that.

Randy Bernotas stated that he issued the Cease and Desist order simply because he felt it was major work being done close to the lake. There was excavation and deposition of materials and no E&S controls. He reminded Mr. Fernandes that he is living on the lake and that it is a whole different lifestyle. Mr. Fernandes agreed and explained that he had told the contractor that they needed a silt fence.

Rebecca Adams Rieder explained that the lake is one of the town's wetlands and watercourses and a lot of time and effort has been put into maintaining it.

Rob Poturnicki asked if there was a date for paving and Luis Fernandes stated that there was not date as of now. He added that there is a stipulation of no snowstorms in the next two weeks. Rebecca Adams Rieder asked him to get a date from the contractor and Mr. Fernandes thought it should be around Thanksgiving. He will contact him tomorrow and get back to Randy Bernotas. He will also email a copy of the contract to Mr. Bernotas. Mr. Fernandes will ask his wife to stop by for a new permit form.

Irene Angiletta would like to set November 30th as the date for completion of the project. Mr. Fernandes felt that that was aggressive, but he would shoot for that. Mrs. Adams Rieder explained that Mr. Fernandes should email Randy Bernotas, with a copy to her and Brian Curtis, if there are any problems with that happening.

Rob Poturnicki added that he felt that the work Mr. Fernandes is doing on his house is awesome and is a great addition to the neighborhood.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:24 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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