

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

Minutes of the November 18, 2020 Regular 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		
X	Brown, James		
X	Li, Linda		
A	Manning, John	Other	
X	Poturnicki, Rob	X	Bernotas, Randy
X	Veeley, Robert	A	Curtis, Brian

A=Absent

X=Present

Amendments to the Agenda

Rebecca Adams Rieder would like to take a moment of silence to share positive energy for all of the people going through hard times.

Public Comment

Mrs. Adams Rieder felt it would be best for any public to submit their comments via email.

Michael Rano, MDP Holdings, asked if he might be able to do a five-minute informal discussion, but Randy Bernotas stated that that should happen at the next meeting.

Enforcement Officer's Report

Randy Bernotas reported that nothing new is going on in town other than the items on the agenda.

Luis Fernandes, Update on Show Cause Hearing, 223 Baileyville Road

Randy Bernotas received an email from Luis Fernandes who stated that the asphalt paving contractor felt it was too late to do the paving this year. They hope to start the job in March or April of next year. Mr. Fernandes stated that he will not plow any snow this year and Mr. Bernotas asked him to install silt fencing. He also explained that hay bales should be installed if he does plan to plow at all. Rob Poturnicki felt that the hay bales should be there from the beginning and Mrs. Adams Rieder agreed. Randy Bernotas will inform Luis Fernandes tomorrow.

Agway, Parking area drainage issue, 147 Meriden Road

The commission has received a letter from Brian Curtis and he has asked for further details.

Rebecca Adams Rieder felt it was difficult to tell what level of impact this will have on the wetlands, if any. She thought that they should hold a hearing where the professionals can present the solution to the commission. Randy Bernotas explained that this will discharge into a flat area that leads to the wetlands, but not directly into the wetlands. Mrs. Adams Rieder stated that if they had a report from a soil scientist then it would not be necessary, but she believes that it is incumbent upon the commission to ask for that.

Robert Arsenault, PE, explained that the dry well has failed and there really is no other place to put the storm water. They did try to get permission from the state to discharge to Route 66 but they would not do that. They did get permission from the neighbor to discharge it to the west. Mr. Arsenault added that they did submit a report from the soil scientist stating that he did mark the wetlands. He felt that this was the best solution and they worked with Randy Bernotas and Brian Curtis on it. He also explained that he received Brian Curtis' memo at 3:00 today and doesn't really have any issues with what he is looking for. More information on the pumps will be submitted once the project has been approved.

Rebecca Adams Rieder asked if the water is discharging to the same place currently and Mr. Arsenault explained that this would be a new discharge from this site. Right now, the water ponds in the parking lot and they try to pump it out whenever possible. Mrs. Adams Rieder would like them to present all of that information to the commission.

Robert Arsenault then went through the details of the proposed catch basin which will be located in the low point of the eastern parking lot. The catch basin will trap the sediment in the first chamber and then the water will be filtered through a series of holes in the concrete wall so that the hydrocarbons sit on top and only the clean water filters through. He continued to review the details of the plans for the commission. There is a 10,000 gallon pump chamber with dual alternating pumps at 500 gallons per minute each and the flow generation at the outlet would be between 1 CFS with one pump running to 2 CFS when both pumps are running and they designed the level spreader to handle that flow. Mr. Arsenault felt that they should just let the underbrush remain on the site rather than putting in any sedimentation matting, but they would be willing to do either.

Randy Bernotas added that the water will not flow except in a rain event. Mr. Arsenault stated that the only time 2 CFS would be pumped out is during a heavy, heavy rainstorm. He added that the tank will be watertight.

Rebecca Adams Rieder stated that she did not have a motion prepared as the commission just received the information from Brian Curtis. Mr. Arsenault offered to get a letter from the soil scientist with his opinion on the discharge and will speak to Brian Curtis about his memo. He also explained that it will take 6-8 weeks to get the pumps. Mrs. Adams Rieder stated that she would not be opposed to holding a special meeting to take action on this once the information is received and Mr. Arsenault asked if that could be done after Thanksgiving. Jim Brown asked about the construction of the pumps and Mr. Arsenault reiterated that shop drawings of the pumps will be received after the pumps are ordered. Rob Poturnicki felt comfortable with whatever Brian Curtis suggests.

Michael Rogers, Erosion Control at Shoreline, 108 Mattabeseck Road

Randy Bernotas received the permit application with a drawing this afternoon. The property is located near the very end of Mattabeseck Road, just past the dog park. His lawn goes down to the lake and has been eroding away over the years. He would like to place rocks at the property line to break up whatever wave action he gets. Rebecca Adams Rieder asked Mr. Bernotas to forward the information to the commission and they will turn it around as quickly as possible.

Mike Rogers explained that he has asked Torrison Stone for a quote on this project and will ask them to forward the plans to Randy Bernotas. He would like to have the work done while the lake is down.

Approval of 2021 Meeting Dates

Rob Poturnicki made a motion, seconded by Jim Brown, to approve the 2021 meeting dates, as attached. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Rebecca Adams Rieder noted that the law states that the recording serves as minutes. They will hopefully receive minutes from the recording.

Matters or business raised at previous meetings or on previous agendas

Rebecca Adams Rieder asked about the trees that were removed on Baileyville Road and Randy Bernotas reported that he told them that the stumps need to remain and no more trees can come down. Mr. Bernotas will send them and the neighbor a note. Rob Poturnicki asked if they can require them to plant something in the area. Mrs. Adams Rieder suggested that Randy Bernotas and Brian Curtis take a look, but Mr. Bernotas felt that it wasn't necessary to involve Mr. Curtis at this point.

Rob Poturnicki did feel that Randy Bernotas should have some type of vest or something to identify him as the Wetlands Enforcement Officer. Mr. Bernotas stated that he has a business card.

Randy Bernotas also stated that he has two invoices from Brian Curtis for the inspection of the road storm drains for \$193 and another for the drainage at Agway for \$304. Rebecca Adams Rieder instructed him to forward them to Al Rusilowicz.

Randy Bernotas also mentioned that he continues to monitor the Monarca property with Middletown. He tried to visit the property once a week and hasn't seen any addition or deletion to the pile of debris.

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

Linda Li stated that the CACIWC conference will be held virtually this year.

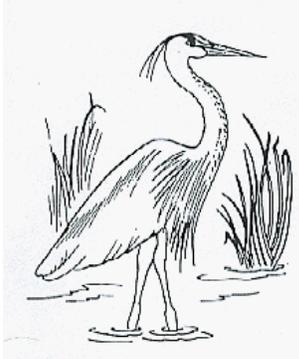
Adjournment

Bob Veeley made a motion, seconded by Rob Poturnicki, to adjourn the meeting. Motion was carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Schedule of 2021 Meeting Dates

Third Wednesday of the Month

7:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Middlefield Community Center, 405 Main Street or to be determined

January 20
February 17
March 17
April 21
May 19
June 16
July 21
August 18
September 22*
October 20
November 17
December 15

Due to the holiday, the September meeting will be held on the 4th Wednesday of the month.