

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

Minutes of the December 16, 2020 Regular Meeting

Attendance:

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

A=Absent

X=Present

Roll Call and Seating of Alternates

Rebecca Adams Rieder, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Amendments to Agenda

None.

Public Comment

None.

Enforcement Officer's Report

Randy Bernotas noted that the items he is concerned with are already on the agenda. He has received some calls from Marianne Corona about the P&Z public hearing that will be held on Monday concerning the zoning regulations and regulations for the flood plain. Mr. Bernotas will attend the meeting. Mrs. Corona is also concerned about the firing range over near Higby Reservoir. It is located in Middletown, but Middlefield should have gotten notice. He has contacted Middletown, but has not heard back yet.

Irene Angiletta asked who is responsible for the tree in the brook as you leave the lake. Mr. Bernotas stated he would try to find out from the Tree Warden.

Luis Fernandes, Results of the followup to Show Cause Hearing, 233 Baileyville Road

Randy Bernotas reported that the patio is finished and Mr. Fernandes still needs to come in for an amendment to the permit to include it. Mr. Fernandes does have a contract to have the driveway paved in the Spring. Mr. Bernotas wasn't sure if the hay bales and silt fence have been installed yet and Rebecca Adams-Rieder asked him to follow up on that tonight or tomorrow.

Agway, Parking area drainage issue, 147 Meriden Road

Rebecca Adams-Rieder was reluctant to issue any approval with three commission members missing and no representative present from the applicant. Jim Brown felt that the area is very level and would be entirely dependent on the pumps. Randy Bernotas stated that their engineer has followed every recommendation that representatives from the town have made. They did feel that they would have to close part of the parking lot when the work is done. Rebecca Adams-Rieder also looked at the area.

Randy Bernotas felt that the biggest concern was the drainage easement which would involve the other property owner and the importance of getting that into the land records. Both property owners are in agreement, but they have yet to get it into the land records. There was then discussion about the fact that there are two streams in the area.

Mrs. Adams-Rieder felt that Rob Poturnicki was happy with the revised plan, updates from Brian Curtis and information from the soil scientist. She was, however, surprised that there was no representation from the applicant. She did mention that the applicant was looking for approval because they need to order the pump. Mrs. Adams-Rieder was perfectly comfortable with the plan and had no further questions for the applicant. Mrs. Angiletta stated that if Randy Bernotas was okay with this, that the commission should vote on it. Mr. Bernotas reminded everyone that the discharge would be towards the wetlands, not directly into a wetland.

Jim Brown made a motion, seconded by Irene Angiletta, to determine that the proposed activity is within 100 feet of a delineated wetlands and that the proposed activity is not a significant impact on wetlands or watercourses and therefore approves, with conditions, the plans described in the November 30, 2020 letter prepared by Nathan L. Jacobson and Associates Inc. Applicant: CT Gardens, LLC d/b/a My Agway Smithland Supply Agway, 147 Meriden Road, permit #1201-20 IWA. Motion carried unanimously.

Michael Rogers, Erosion Control at Shoreline, 108 Mattabeseck Road

Randy Bernotas reported that he has not received anything from Torrison Stone yet. He has explained to them that he needs drawings and what materials will be used.

Permit applications since the last meeting

Marissa Maturo, Discharge into Wetlands, 116 Ross Road

Randy Bernotas showed a picture of a pipe extending out of a bank at 116 Ross Road. One pipe is from a footing drain and the other is a French drain. Mr. Bernotas stated that the house was recently closed on. He would like to assure that real estate agents are familiar with the regulations of towns in which they sell properties. He felt that the realtor should have reported those pipes prior to the closing. Rebecca Adams-Rieder felt that the new owners are stuck with it because it is a condition of the property that they have to remediate.

Mr. Bernotas stated that the previous owner did call him and apparently the pipes have been there since the 70s. Mr. Bernotas would like to tell the new property owner, Marissa Maturo, to have someone cut those pipes back closer to the stream bed and line that portion of the stream bed with rip-rap. Rebecca Adams-Rieder stated that they don't need a permit to do that and, if the pipes have actually been there that long, the commission doesn't have actual enforcement power.

Mr. Bernotas also mentioned that there is a potential buyer for property on Long Hill Road and he has asked for a site plan and what trees they would want to remove.

Approval of Minutes

No approval is needed as the recording stands as the minutes. Jim Brown explained that he reviewed the minutes and everything seemed to be correct.

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

None.

Adjournment

Jim Brown made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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