

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

Minutes of the November 17, 2021 Regular Meeting

Rebecca Adams, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:12 pm.

Attendance:

Members

Alternates

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

A=Absent

X=Present

Amendments to the Agenda

None.

Public Comment

None.

Enforcement Officer's Report

Randy Bernotas noted that AMI Sports may require another site visit and plans for the Dieter property were available. They may be looking to do an engineered crawl space. He also noted that they have done

a very, very good job at the Monarca property in the Industrial Park. Mr. Bernotas would like to look at the Superior property which is very close to the pond. He would like to look at their deed to see what can be done on that property. The work at Jim Brown's road has been started and looks good.

Mr. Bernotas has been going back and forth with the property owner on Wallace Way that has the easement. The easement in his deed has to be maintained by the town and he will let the property owner know that.

AMI Sports, Application for Sports Complex, Monarca Property, South Main Street, Middletown

Randy Bernotas reported that the original application had been withdrawn after the site walk. Sal Monarca did not recall his father withdrawing the application. He will submit a new application. Everything at the property has been tested. Rebecca Adams stated that this was not about testing, but will forward a copy of the full report to him. She explained that they will have to do everything in that package in order to have a successful application now.

Mr. Monarca stated that Middletown is fine with the property now and actually told him that someone from Middlefield called and complained that they had visited the site. Rebecca Adams counseled Mr. Monarca that coming before this commission and telling them that they are the cause of his problems is not the best way to go forward. She explained that none of this is personal. She encouraged him to come at this a little differently so that he can work through the information with the professionals.

Mr. Monarca explained that things have changed and he has worked with the engineers. He would like a list of what needs to be done when and he will get it done. Ms. Adams explained that they will schedule another site visit with both sets of professionals. Randy Bernotas added that the original application came in and then they found violations of the existing parcel upon visiting the property. He reviewed several of the issues that they found on the property and stated that those things need to be corrected. He then went on to discuss the water that flows down into the reservoir and the millings that were dumped there.

Rob Poturnicki stated that he was not prepared to debate this tonight and will participate in a site walk once an application has been submitted. He noted that they are volunteers who are there to help the applicant and asked him not to be aggressive. Rebecca Adams noted that they work cooperatively with Middletown and have not complained about anything. She felt that Mr. Monarca is creating a problem for the agency right now and asked him to check his attitude. She explained that at the time of the original application, they thought that the applicant would clean everything up but instead it was withdrawn. Ms. Adams will be sure to get Mr. Monarca copies of the file.

Robert and Sandra Dieter, Activity within 100' of a wetland for the construction of a house, 114 Lake Shore Drive

Randy Bernotas stated that the old house has been torn down and the new house will go on the same footprint. The only difference is the engineered crawl space instead of the house being on piers. Mr. Bernotas felt that the major concern would be E and S controls. Rebecca Adams suggested Brian Curtis take a look at the property and report back to the commission.

Permit applications since the last meeting

None.

Approval of 2022 Meeting Dates

Rebecca Adams reviewed the meeting dates for the commission. Jim Brown noted that he may miss a couple of meetings.

Rob Poturnicki made a motion, seconded by Jim Brown, to approve the 2022 meetings dates, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Approval of Minutes

Rob Poturnicki made a motion, seconded by Jim Brown, to approve all outstanding minutes, 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

Rebecca Adams suggested that the commission write a letter thanking Irene Angiletta for all of her years of service and her contributions to the wetlands. They are currently looking for replacements for both Mrs. Angiletta and John Manning.

Rebecca Adams summarized that she will get all of the information on AMI to Mr. Monarca. Randy Bernotas also noted that while Mr. Monarca stated that he and his father work hand-in-hand, it took five years to get the Industrial Park site cleaned up. Mr. Bernotas will gather all of the information on Friday and get it to Mr. Monarca as soon as possible.

Adjournment

Jim Brown made a motion, seconded by Rob Poturnicki, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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