

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

Minutes of the April 19, 2023 Regular Meeting

Rebecca Adams, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:37 pm.

Attendance:

Members

Alternates

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

A=Absent

X=Present

Public Comment

None.

Amendments to the Agenda

None.

Public Comment

None.

Enforcement Officer's Report

Randy Bernotas explained that Powder Ridge Mountain Park and Resort put in an application for put in some paint ball areas on the property, but that turned out to be a review. Foot traffic will be minimal and will not go into the review area. No actual paint is used, but it is a completely biodegradable dye that just washes away. Mr. Bernotas approved that permit.

Sean Hayes, Powder Ridge Mountain Park and Resort, Renewal of previously approved rear entrance culvert, 99 Powder Hill Road

Randy Bernotas noted that he was not the enforcement officer at the time of the original permit in August, 2015. The IWWA approved a permit for the culvert at the back entrance, but it hasn't been worked on or completed so he is filing for a renewal of the application.

Rebecca Adams noted that they will incorporate the minutes of the original approval into the record. Lee Vito was the enforcement officer at the time. Nothing has changed at this point in time. Ms. Adams explained that if nothing has changed and the agency has all of the documents, the applicant has met his responsibility for a renewal. Since the board is just receiving the application tonight, there will still be an appeal period.

Ms. Adams distributed the minutes to the board members.

Sean Hayes reviewed that this is the second driveway that gives access to the north side of the pond. This stops all vehicle traffic on the mountain side of the pond. There is customer parking there, but it is mainly used for maintenance. Peter Tyc had been concerned about vehicle traffic in the area. The driveway crosses the emergency spillway for the pond which is dry. The pond has a pipe that goes under the dam and flows 99 percent of time, but this is for any overflow.

The culvert is a double culvert, with two rectangular openings that are 5' x 10'. On the other side of the pond is a concrete pipe that feeds the pond that is less than one of those openings.

Jim Brown noted that, with the change in climate, no one knows how much water there will be. Sean Hayes stated that the COVID relief funds can be used for municipalities to create water storage and that may be something for the commission to think about.

Sean Hayes explained that there is an existing pipe that feeds from the upper pond down to the main pond. He would ideally like to come back to the commission to double the size of the pond, but if the town or federal government could help that would help Lake Beseck as well.

Linda Frier made a motion, seconded by Bob Veeley, to approve the application for renewal of the permit application approved by Middlefield IWWA on August 19, 2015 to install a rear entrance culvert with the same conditions as incorporated from the agency's approved minutes of 8/26/15. Motion carried.

Randy Bernotas will speak with Nancy Davidson to assign a 2023 permit number and will bring the permit to Powder Ridge tomorrow.

Permit applications since the last meeting

None.

Approval of Minutes

Linda Frier made a motion, seconded by Rebecca Adams, to approve the minutes of the March 15, 2023 meeting. Motion carried, with Jim Brown abstaining.

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 reported that the budget reviewed by the Board of Finance is the same as this year. She will follow up with them to update them about the litigation that was pending last year with Mr. Carusone which was successful and there is a judgment lien.

Adjournment

Jim Brown made a motion, seconded by Bob Veeley, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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