

Received 6/12/2025
9:25am
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Middlefield Conservation Commission
405 Main Street Middlefield CT 06455
May 19, 2025

Attendance: A=Absent X=Present

Members

x	Brian Dumas	x	Thomas Capega
x	Chris Hurlburt	x	Michael Svitek
x	Kyle Overturf		Others Present:
x	Brian McDermott		
x	Steven Wolk		

1.Call to Order: Meeting was called to order by Brian Dumas 19:00

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve was made by Brian McDermott, second by Brian Dumas, approved by all.

3. Approvement of last meeting minutes

Motion to approve was made by Brian McDermott, second by Brian Dumas, approved by all.

4. Public Comments

None

5. Old Business

Update on Mowing of Coe Hill and Stewardship

The mowing was completed and came out very well. The foresters walked the property and project the work on the stewardship plan to begin in late summer.

6. New Business

Hunting permits. There was discussion as to allowing shotgun hunting for turkey on Coe Hill. Kyle Overturf went into detail of the safety of it. The group ultimately decided against it. Discussion was held on standardizing the hunting permit forms and requiring tree stands to be marked with hunters permit number to assist in addressing stand that are left in place all year. Brian Dumas also advised he is in the process of proposing the allocation of hunting permits for Coginchaug Greenway to the BOS.

Public Volunteer Involvement

There was discussion as to how to increase the use of Town open space. Also was discussion on how best solicit feedback from the public regarding open space use and increasing the public's use of open spaces. Discussion was also held regarding seeking volunteer work force to assist with Coe Hill restoration work. Chris Hurlburt stated he would look into utilizing Facebook for public communication. A suggestion to reach out to Jen Huddleson of the Rockfall foundation for volunteer help.

Signage Update

Brian Dumas advised that the sign for Coginchaug Greenway has been designed and will be ordered soon.

Multi-use Trail Project

Tom Capega inquired about the grant for the multi-use trail project the EDC and Parks and Rec has been involved with. Brian Dumas and Chris Hurlburt advised that conversations between these commissions and the selected contractor have begun.

Hunting Permits

Tom Capega inquired about the 14-acre town owned property along the River on Miller Rd. The Commission will be looking into the legal access to this property as well as considering allocating hunting permits for the property.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Kyle Overturf, second by, Mike Svitek, approved by all 19:55 pm