

Middlefield Conservation Commission
405 Main Street Middlefield CT 06455
July 21, 2025

Attendance: A=Absent X=Present

Members

x	Brian Dumas		Thomas Capega
x	Chris Hurlburt		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 18:58

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve was made by Kyle Overturf, second by Chris Hurlburt, approved by all.

3. Approvement of last meeting minutes

The June meeting had been canceled; there are no minutes from for June

4. Public Comments

None

5. Old Business

Update on Mowing of Coe Hill

The contract is signed with Conwood. The work should start in August 2025.

Alternatives

The Board of Selectmen is slated to discuss alternatives and conduct interviews on 7/22/25

Allocation of Permits for Coginchaug Greenway

Brian Dumas is meeting with the Board of Selectman tomorrow, July 22nd. He will be proposing the allocation of archery only hunting permits for this property. Based on the results of a public outreach survey, he does not feel that allocating such permits will negatively affect other users' experience. One respondent indicated they would like signage to inform them of when hunting would potentially be taking place, so they would feel more comfortable going on the property during non-hunting times.

Review of Updated Hunting Permit Regulations and Forms

There was discussion on the tree stands at Coe Hill. Letters were sent to permittees from the last few years that announced our intent to remove stands that remained on the property as of 8/1/2025. He received positive feedback from those who reached out after receiving the letter. Updated and consolidated regulations will be emailed to members for feedback. Only major change is that all hunters will have a tag number issued that will identify their stands.

Public Outreach- Facebook Page

The Commission is interested in getting more public involvement and awareness with a Facebook page. Chris Hurlburt is working on this.

6. New Business

Coginchaug River- DEEP Fisheries Division

There is going to be a meeting with representatives of the DEEP Fisheries Division in August to discuss blockages in the river caused by many fallen trees.

Chestnut Tree Association

Representatives will be coming to the August meeting to give the Commission a presentation on their work with chestnut trees and where their work may fit into our properties.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn was made by Kyle Overturf, second by, Chris Hurlbert , approved by all 19:27 pm