



MIDDLEFIELD TOWN HALL
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
2022/03/25

Members present: Chair Carol Waag, Kim Baker, Mitch Feldmesser, David Fuller and Wayne Main(Reclused himself from voting) Present: Property owners Barry & Meghan Bernard

Meeting began at 6:01

Minutes: After review of 03-17 minutes, Kim motioned to table the review til next meeting, David 2nd, vote 4-0

Prime AE: Jeffrey Smith, Field Scientist, was called by the Bernard's on Friday the 18th Smith made the site visit and wrote up his assessment. Smith submitted it to the ConCom at this meeting for their review and discussion.

Jeff reiterated that after suggesting that the Bernard's use straw wattles to control the erosion, the silt fence and straw bales were promptly installed and straw mulch was spread along the driveway and stream. Sapling size trees similar to what was cut within the buffer zone will be replaced as well as additional plantings as necessary. Smith's professional judgment is that these culverts are adequate for the location as compared to a public crossing.

A request for a determination of applicability (RDA) and a wetland notice of intent (NOI) were both discussed. Kim motioned to request an RDA, David 2nd Vote 4-0. Con Com requested the Bernard's to submit an RDA at the public meeting scheduled for April 13. Notice will be published in the newspaper and posted.

7:18: The Con-Com discussed new business as Wayne Main and Barry Bernard joined the meeting. New property owners on 80 Town Hill Rd. sent a letter requesting ConCom's input about their project to renovate a porch which faces the river. The map shows that it may be 130 ft from the river. This business will be added to the agenda at 6:30 on April 13th.

The process of creating a brochure concerning wetlands and distributing it to new property owners was discussed. Properties owners should have access to rules and regulations regarding wetlands on their property in order to prevent complaints and miscommunications.

Kim motioned to adjourn at 7:05, Mitch 2nd, vote 5-0.

Next Meeting: April 13 at 6:00.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne C. Lemieux