

**TOWN OF MIDDLEFIELD
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
MAY 7, 2014
MIDDLEFIELD TOWN HALL
MINUTES**

Board Members Present: Alan Vint, Kim Baker, Mitch Feldmesser, Wayne Mein,

Regrets: Tom Ryan

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Request for Determination of Applicability Hearing: Mercedes Gallagher, a Becket representative of the Westfield River Wild & Scenic Advisory Committee, submitted the WPA Form 1 and an attached landowner permission form. The hearing was duly publicized in the Country Journal. Mercedes went over the RDA form with the Conservation Committee. The area to be covered in Middlefield is anywhere that invasive species can be reduced using manual management methods. Discussion ensued on invasive species and the most effective way to remove them.

Volunteer Training:

Workshops and workdays are scheduled to learn new conservation skills. The volunteers are given guides and hands-on training.

Becket RDA: Becket took a vote to approve the RDA with two conditions:

1. Landowner permission needs to be signed in order for work to proceed
2. Yearly report required.

Middlefield RDA:

The Conservation Commission acted favorably on the Request for Determination of Applicability. Alan Vint made a motion to make a negative determination with the conditions of a landowner signed permission slip to be put on file and a yearly report sent in. The necessary response form will be filed at a later date. Mitch seconded the motion. All were in favor. 0 opposed. Alan will research the correct procedure required for a response.

Highway Department:

Skip Savery gave a project description of work scheduled on Chester Rd along the river. The road crew will pull the shoulders, prep them for paving, and then seed it. Skip needs two signed copies of permission slips to send to Lenox. The Commission signed the forms.

Minutes:

Minutes of February 12 were reviewed. Alan made a motion to approve the minutes with edits. Mitch seconded the motion. All were in favor. 0 opposed.

Information:

Wild & Scenic 2013 Annual Report

Wild & Scenic Saturdays April-October 2014

Brochures on Invasive Species

2014 to 2016 Landowner Permission for Invasive Plant Management

WPA Form 1- Request for Determination of Applicability

Next Meeting:

Next meeting will be held on June 4, 2014 at 7:00 P.M.

Adjournment:

Alan Vint made a motion to adjourn at 8:05 P.M. Alan seconded the motion. All were in favor.

