

Middlefield Conservation Commission

Minutes

November 4, 2015

Middlefield Town Hall

In attendance:

Alan Vint, Chair

Kim Baker

Wayne Main

Carol Waag

Alan opened the meeting at 6:05.

The minutes from 10/6/15 were approved as written, by a vote of 4-0.

Mark Stinson, DEP circuit rider, was welcomed.

Alan introduced a pond project at 97 Arthur Pease Road proposed by landscape architect Anthony Archer-Wills for homeowner Lisa Satlin.

Given the scope of the work (the pond is 22-25,000 sq. ft. or ½ acre) this will require a Notice of Intent (NOI). It will also require a 401 Water Quality Certificate (Federal Clean Water Act) because Archer-Wills intends to dredge over 100 cubic yards. The 401 certificate must be obtained from DEP. In addition, resource areas need to be marked on the plan, and details need to be provided as to how the work will effect the resources, including construction sequence, and dredged material handling. Archer-Wills will be required to obtain a certified list of all abutters and to provide proof that all the abutters have been notified prior to our public hearing.

ArcMap shows that the pond and its tributaries are designated as Outstanding Resource Waters (ORW) because this water eventually flows into Cobble Reservoir. This also triggers a 401 Certificate to be filed with the DEP in Springfield.

We discussed the procedure following the submission of the NOI with Mark. Alan will advise Archer-Wills on how to proceed.

The next meeting will be December 2nd at 6.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Waag

