

Middlefield Conservation Commission

Minutes

July 29, 2016

Middlefield Town Hall

In attendance:

Kim Baker

Mitch Feldmesser

Wayne Main

Carol Waag

Public Hearing for Mary Courtney's Proposal

Mitch Feldmesser opened the Public Hearing at 6:12.

Matthew Puntin of the SK Design Group presented the project to the Commission. The Commission asked questions and discussed the possibility of adding to the vegetative area downslope of the proposed leach field. The proposal is in compliance with all regulations, but because portions of the project are within the 100' buffer zone of the Westfield River, and the leach field is 52' feet from the river, it was suggested that an additional vegetative buffer would be preferred. Mary Courtney and Matthew Puntin agreed to add 1 more red maple and 2 more shrubs for an additional 200 sq. ft of vegetative mitigation, a total (with their proposed mitigation 400 sq. ft. area) of 2 trees and 4 shrubs and 600 sq. ft. The species will be consistent with what is already growing along the bank.

The Public Hearing was closed and the Commission meeting opened. We continued our discussion of the project and vegetative mitigation and signed the Order of Conditions as approved.

The minutes of 7/8/16 were accepted as written.

We discussed the chairmanship and voted Mitch Feldmesser as Chairman for the next 6 months, to be followed by a 6 month Chairmanship by Kim Baker. We discussed adding a new Commission member, and decided to post a notice soliciting new members.

Having no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18.

The next meeting will be September 7th at 6PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Waag