

Middlefield Conservation Commission

Meeting Minutes

July 1, 2015

Middlefield Town Hall

In attendance:

Alan Vint, Chair

Kim Baker

Mitch Feldmesser

Carol Waag

Wayne Main joined at 7:43

Alan Vint opened the meeting at 7:05

Kim moved to appoint Alan Chairman for the following year. Carol seconded, all voted in favor.

Alan motioned to appoint Carol Secretary, Kim seconded and all voted in favor.

Mitch questioned the procedure for deliberations after a public hearing, as in the recent hearing for a septic upgrade. When is the time for reflection before voting necessary? A discussion followed about the pros and cons of site visits before and/or after the public hearing, and deliberations directly following the hearing as opposed to waiting until a later meeting. It was suggested that, ideally, we would prefer to close the public hearing and adjourn, and follow with deliberations later. But this is not always practical or expedient.

Alan brought up the All Boards Seminar with Jonathan Silverstein from Kopelman & Paige, PC which occurred on June 24th, and suggested that the Conservation Commission appropriate a sum from the remainder of our funds to support the meeting, rather than taking it out of the legal fund.

Mitch made a motion that the Commission appropriate up to \$600 to cover the fees for the Seminar. Alan seconded. Mitch, Carol and Alan voted in favor, Kim and Wayne were opposed. It passed.

Having no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:03.