



TOWN OF MIDDLEBURY

Conservation Commission
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES June 30, 2020

Shepardson Community Center Auditorium, 1172 Whittemore Road, Middlebury, CT
and concurrently
Via Video Conference | Zoom Meeting #898 3258 8885

Members Present:

Paul Bowler, Chairman
George Tzezos
Greg Bonacorsi
Curtis Bosco

Members Absent:

Mary Barton, Vice Chairwoman
Joseph Martino
Keli-Ann Bollard

Also Present:

Deborah Seavey, W.E.O.
John Calabrese, P.E.

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Regular Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Bowler.

II. **ACTION ON MINUTES:**

May 26, 2020 Regular Meeting

Motion: to accept the Minutes of the May 26, 2020 Regular Meeting. Made by Greg Bonacorsi, seconded by George Tzezos. Unanimous Approval.

III. **OLD BUSINESS**

None

IV. NEW BUSINESS

1. Application #446 – 297 Tranquility Road

Mark Riefenhauser, P.E. of Smith & Co. spoke on behalf of the applicant. This was previously approved in 2014 however, the applicant is now proposing to construct a 12' X 20' shed as opposed to the original 14' X 20' shed and it will now be positioned back further away from the lake.

Motion: to accept Application #446 – 297 Tranquility Road. Made by George Tzezos, seconded by Greg Bonacorsi. Unanimous Approval.

2. Application #447 – 1409 South Street

Steve Amarante reviewed the plans with the Commission. He is proposing to construct a pool in his backyard. The house was built in the 1700s and at that time, all was constructed within the 100 foot setback. He welcomed members to do a site visit and will stake the four corners of the pool.

Motion: to accept Application #447 – 1409 South Street. Made by George Tzezos, seconded by Greg Bonacorsi. Unanimous Approval.

3. Application #448 – 492 Middlebury Road

Mike Mahan, a hydrogeologist and senior estimator for Sambrook Group, LLC spoke on behalf of the applicant and reviewed the plans with the Commission. The application consists of the removal and replacement of the underground storage tanks. Under DEEP regulations, underground tanks coming up on their life expectancy need to be replaced. They will be replaced in the same excavation of the old tanks. There will be 20' and 25' wells with electric submersible pumps in the wells, a frac tank for settlement and then discharge into sanitary sewer or storm sewer. He is aware that the town would prefer storm sewer and will do so if DEEP approves it. He added that he has monitored the ground water and it seems that the tanks are intact. However, they will do a treatment if necessary as pre and post treatments are available.

Motion: to accept Application #448 – 492 Middlebury Road. Made by Greg Bonacorsi, seconded by George Tzezos. Unanimous Approval.

4. Application #449 – 14 West Lake Road

Motion: to add Application #449 – 14 West Lake Road to the agenda. Made by George Tzezos, seconded by Greg Bonacorsi. Unanimous Approval.

Deborah Seavey, W.E.O. stated that the applicants did not need to be present for this meeting.

Chairman Bowler reviewed the application and stated that they are seeking to construct a 10' X 16' extension to a 6' X 10' existing dock made of wood. The completed dock will be 70' from the west property line and 50' from the east property line. Plans have been approved by neighbors and West Shore Association.

Motion: to accept Application #449 – 14 West Lake Road. Made by George Tzepos, seconded by Greg Bonacorsi. Unanimous Approval.

600 MIDDLEBURY ROAD

After discussion of the clear cutting that has already taken place along Hop Brook, the commission determined that this is a violation which the property owner needs to submit a restoration plan. Chairman Bowler requested that Ms. Seavey, W.E.O. send out a Violation Notice requesting the owner submit a plan and application.

Motion: concurring with Chairman Bowler's request to send the property owner a Violation Notice. Made by George Tzepos, seconded by Greg Bonacorsi. Unanimous Approval.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 P.M. Made by George Tzepos, seconded by Greg Bonacorsi. Unanimous Approval.

Filed Subject to Approval,

Respectfully Submitted,

Rachelle Behuniak, Clerk

Original to Brigitte Bessette, Town Clerk
cc: Conservation Commission Members
Debbie Seavey, W.E.O.
Ollie LeDuc, Building Official
John Calabrese, P.E.
Terry Smith, P&Z Chairman
Curtis Bosco, Z.E.O.
Attorney Robert Smith, WPCA