

Town of Middletown

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MIDDLETOWN, RHODE ISLAND 02842

Minutes

Of the meeting of Tuesday, October 17, 2006 Middletown, RI Conservation Commission

Present: Gary Paquette (Chairman); Betty Owen; Peter Tarpgaard; Bob Johnson

Absent: Audrey Rearick (Planning Board Liaison); Paul Barrow

The meeting was called to order by Gary Paquette, Chairman at 6 PM. A quorum of members was present. Peter Tarpgaard, a new member of the Commission was introduced.

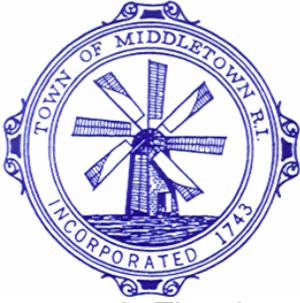
The minutes of the previous meeting on August 14, 2006 were approved as written.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. Case 2006-006: Letter from Building Official dated October 3, 2006 regarding a petition from D&B Valley Associates LLC c/o Peter Dunn, 675 Paradise Ave., Middletown to construct a single family dwelling in Zone 1 of the watershed Protection District located on Valley Road and William Dr. identified as Lot 4 on Plat 114. The Commission viewed the plans for the proposed lot and noted it would be served by town water and sewer. The 20' buffer zone was discussed. Of concern was the 8' descend of gradation from the back of the home to the stream. The Commission asks for gradation plans in regards to roof water run-off and the calculations of such water as to percolation into the ground. No swales, catch basins, etc. are shown. Plans should reflect these items. It was noted that the RIDEM had issued a permit finding insignificant alteration of wetlands on the property.

2. Case 2006-007: Letter from Building Official Dated October 3, 2006 regarding a petition from Paradise Realty LLC Middle Lane, Jamestown for a special use permit to construct a single family dwelling in Zone 1 of the Watershed Protection District located at 80 Paradise Ave. identified as lot 77 on Plat 120. Originally this property was part of a parcel with an existing structure on it. The Commission recommended prior approval of a special use permit to subdivide it into two parcels. The one existing lot has a single family structure on



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it. The plan shows a well for water and a connection to the town sewer system. A permit from the RIDEM for Insignificant Alteration of Wetlands was noted. The Commission has the following requests for the property.

- A. The acreage of the lot needs clarification.
- B. Where is the pond on the property?
- C. The addendum of facts does not appear to relate to the site plan.

Members of the Commission were asked to drive by and individually view these two properties. The Planning Board would be checked as to a site visit where Commission members could attend.

Other Business:

General Meeting

There was no report on Planning Board activities at this time.

A presentation to the Commission was made by John McCain and Roger Wells of the Newport Sewer Rats who gave an overview of the origin and purpose of the organization whose concern arose from the lack of progress in handling the repair to the antiquated sewer system which was causing pollution at beaches as well as other areas. He presented the proposed ordinance which will be voted on in the November election asking for a moratorium on all new sewer connections to the Waste Water Treatment system until the city is in compliance with RIDEM. Reference was made to the Middletown Burger Group Report of 2006 on the inflow and infiltration of rain water into the sewer systems. Mentioned was the current closing of a section of Second Beach for possible pollution by a segment of sewer pipe used in the uphill pumping past St. George's. The Middletown Conservation Commission was invited to attend the weekly Thursday noon meetings of the Sewer Rats at the Newport Library. Bob Johnson and Peter Tarpgaard offered to coordinate attendance at the meetings.

Adjournment: A motion was made and accepted for adjournment at 7:10 PM. The next meeting will be held Monday, November 13, 2006 at the Town Hall at 6 PM

Submitted: October 25, 2006
Date

Betty Owen/Gary Paquette
Signature