

Middlesex Conservation Commission  
Thursday, March 3, 2011  
7:00PM to 9:00PM  
Middlesex Town Offices  
Middlesex, Vermont

Commissioners in attendance: Scott Gurley, Aaron Moore, Eric Seidel, Dave Shepard, Rich Langdon.

Commissioners absent: Barry Goodman

Guest: Colin O'Neal

7:00 Welcome

1. Dave introduced new commission member Rich Langdon.

7:05 Administrative Operations

1. Approve January minutes: were moved for approval by Eric, seconded by Dave, approved unanimously. Due to lack of quorum, there are no February minutes.
2. Approved Treasurer's Report: Updated report not available. Little, or no activity.
3. Review correspondence: none
4. Membership: Expiring term members Eric and Scott agreed to new four year terms. Dave to check with Barry.

7:30 Project reports

1. Resource Planning/Recreational Trails
  - a. Wrightsville Trail update. Scott said the VYCC application is awaiting approval. Plan is to extend trail from boat launch south to the large brook. Guest Colin O'Neal suggested to the group that the MCC and the Wrightsville beach management group split the cost of having Eric Labor work with the VYCC for ten days to increase efficiency and productivity. Share cost between both organizations. Also have Eric lead volunteer efforts for an additional 5 days. Discussed ultimate goal of having Wrightsville trail circle the reservoir and connect with Calais Trail System.
2. Conservation Programs
  - a. Town Forest Update; The Middlesex Town Forest Stewardship Committee work program for the Spring is to finish property boundary marking, review and adopt recommendations from The Vermont Audubon Bird Study, to survey and map existing skid roads and trails, and to identify and map any vernal pools. The following individuals have been appointed to the Middlesex Town Forest Stewardship Committee: Dick Alderman, Chip Darmstadt, Steve Juiffre, Ron Krauth, Lydia Menendez, Eric Seidel, Dave Shepard.
  - b. Invasive Plants. Action Plan for 2011. Talk with Select Board about town wide mapping of current invasives, and discuss town mowing schedule as it may relate to combating invasives, and control their spread.

- c. Wildlife. Scott has possession of remote camera. Available for others to use.
- d. Dave noted that a vernal pool workshop is available to MCC members who might be interested on 3/30/2011 in Brookfield.
- e. Town Meeting. All were pleased with the approval at town meeting of adding \$5000 to the Conservation Fund.
- f. Village Action
  - i. Enhancement Grant RFP status uncertain.
  - ii Scenic Byway signs to be completed in Spring.
  - iii Old Fire Station. Awaiting results of search for planning grant.
  - iiii Train Station. Historical Society seeking to raise \$27,000 to move train station to Camp Meade site for renovation by owners.

New Business

1. No new business.
2. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30PM.

Minutes submitted by Eric Seidel