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**MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Thursday Feb. 6, 2014**  
**7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
**Middlesex Town Offices**  
**Middlesex, VT**

Approved  
4/9/2014  
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**Minutes**

Joint meeting with Town Forest Committee Bill Rossmassler, Chair Town Forest Committee. Bryan Redmond  
**7:00**

Welcome

1. Administrative Operations

- a. George moved to approve the Jan minutes. Dave seconded all in approval
- b. Treasurer's Report: no update...similar to last month.
  - i. Operating budget balance \$950.
  - ii. Conservation Fund Balance: \$12,454.45
  - iii. Special projects fund: \$1546.57
- c. Correspondence

2. Project Reports :

- a. Three Mile Bridge Road FEMA Buyout Parcel: A public hearing will be warned as part of a regular Select Board meeting when it is time to propose the conservation easement.
- b. Wrightsville Recreation Area:
- c. Hoyt Parcel addition to Putnam State Forest. The Select Board has signed off on the transfer to the Putnam State forest. It meets their approval and now will go to the Governor for signature.
- d. The Select board will warn the \$5,000 appropriation for the Conservation Fund for the upcoming town meeting vote
- e. Middlesex Village- no new news on the Scenic Byway / Enhancement Grant

3. Town Forest Stewardship Committee:

- a. Walked the Villaneuve property with a Forester about an access agreement to the Town Forest. Currently tabled.
- b. Spring 2014 plan to walk the Town Forest with a forester to access timber management possibilities.
- c. Town Forest web site: Dave suggests updating the Town Forest web site to make it more useable.
  - i. (<https://sites.google.com/site/middlesextownforest/>)
- d. Mapping of GPS data: there are various sources now of GPS data. Recommended to pull all these sources together into a coherent location for access. Boundary data, trail data, natural resource data etc now in different places.
- e. Review action items from Town Forest Management Plan
- f. Potential Town Forest outings / events
  - i. Boundaries: a walk in spring to firm up all boundary lines. Bill to contact Aaron Flint who is an abutting land owner
  - ii. Trail Scouting: numerous trips have been made looking for trail opportunities. Look to schedule early spring additional scouting trips.
  - iii. Public Involvement: suggestion to plan one event...i.e. Birding, wildflower walk etc.
  - iv. Review and update existing Schedule of Management Activities from the Management Plan.
  - v. Possible presentation of Town Forest for Town Meeting
  - vi. Encourage folks with photos to pull together Town Forest pictures in coherent location. (website link)
  - vii. Proposed next join meeting with the Town Forest committee for May

Barry moved to adjourn. Dave seconded. All voted to adjourn at 8:20.

Respectfully Submitted

Secretary, Barry Goodman