

Commissioners
_x Barry Goodman
_ Scott Gurley
x Rich Langdon
x Eric Seidel
_x Dave Shepard
George Longenecker
_x Charles Merriman

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MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Thursday May 1, 2014
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Middlesex Town Offices
Middlesex, VT

Minutes

7:00

Welcome: Town Forest Committee members: Steve Juiffre, Dick Alderman, Bryan Redmond, Bill Rossmassler

1. Administrative Operations
 - a. Rich moved to approve the April minutes. David seconded all in approval
 - b. Treasurer's Report: no update...similar to last month.
 - c. Correspondence: Staying Connected Initiative, a piece from the Worcester, Northeast Kingdom linkage group.
2. Project Reports :
 - i. An interim management plan is needed.
 - ii. Public meeting may be planned for the summer.
 - b. Wrightsville Recreation Area:
 - i. Colin setting up a schedule for possible work days with the MCC for trail improvement.
 - ii. Proposed May 10th, May 18th or May 31st. Consensus is the 31st from 9-12 so Dave will be in touch with Colin
 - c. Middlesex Village, Vtrans Grant: Good chance we will get welcome to Middlesex signage, but no work on the tight road spot by Red Hen.
 - d. Amphibian Atlas: state wide documentation: working to document where the Amphibians are in the state and get some photos for town sightings.
 - e. Ash Tree Awareness: want to put us some signage about the Emerald Ash Bore threat.
3. Green up day:
 - a. Metal dumpster
 - b. Dump truck
 - c. Make bags available
 - d. Notes on front porch forum
 - e. No pick up of bags along road...they must be brought to the town garage site
 - f. Town Road Map
4. Town Forest Stewardship Committee:
 - a. Hoyt Parcel awaiting Governor's approval for addition to Putnam State Forest.
 - b. The current Town Forest website needs editing and updating. Suggested that the web site either be linked or part of the town website. <https://sites.google.com/site/middlesextownforest/>
 - c. Town Forest outings / events
 - i. Naturalist walk with Chip Darmstadt (some time in June)
 - ii. Forest Management Plan Review and Timber Harvest Recon with Ann Villaneuve's forester Rose Beatty. (Bill checking on Friday afternoons) Recommend to invite the new Country Forester and Dan Kilbourn (forester with Vermont Land Trust)
 - iii. Boundary final (hopefully) Recon with Mike Patterson. Bill also suggests inviting the 3 adjoining Waterbury landowners to walk the shared boundary. Also suggest walk to the far boundary with Dale Kline to check the back adjoining boundary line.
 - iv. Chase Mountain Trail Recon (looking for possible dates, May or early June)

- v. Digital data compilation: Lots of GPS data available. Want to compile all the available data into one resource.

Barry moved to adjourn. Dave seconded. All voted to adjourn at 8:45

Respectfully Submitted

Secretary, Barry Goodman