

**Middlesex Conservation Commission
Meeting Minutes
November 6, 2014**

Attendees: Eric Seidel, Dave Shepard, George Longenecker, Scott Gurley, Brian Redmond, Steve Juiffre and Lee Rosberg

Dave called the meeting to order. George motioned to approve the October Meeting Minutes. Eric seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: \$15,046 in the Special Project's Fund; \$12,458 in the Conservation Fund.

Dave indicated that there was no new correspondence to review.

Dave passed out a draft 2015 budget for \$500. This budget covers operating expenses for the MCC. In previous years the budget was \$1,000 but it's rarely been used. No concerns were expressed concerning the new amount. The Commission approved the draft budget.

Dave asked about the Conservation Fund and if we should request an allocation to the fund at Town Meeting. A request for \$5,000 was approved the last two years. The MCC agreed to ask for the same amount at the next Town Meeting. Eric made a motion to approve and it was unanimously approved.

Dave introduced Lee Rosberg, who is interested in becoming a member of the MCC. Lee provided a brief bio and expressed an interest in the effort to create trails in the Town Forest. He would also like to explore the possibility of building a canoe launch on the 3 Mile Bridge Road Property.

Dave indicated that a public meeting is required for the 3 Mile Bridge Property. He suggested that holding the meeting in the spring would be more productive. The MCC agreed.

Scott provided an update on the trail work at Wrightsville Reservoir. A VYCC grant was awarded this year to build a trail south of the boat launch but the work

was never done. Scott tried to contact the VYCC this summer but has yet to receive an update. The work most likely was put off until next year.

Dave indicated that there's nothing new to report on the Hoyt Parcel. The transfer has yet to officially take place.

Dave said that Bill Rossmassler plans to look for the final boundary points in the Town Forest on November 16th. Steve indicated that this is the opening weekend of deer season so it's probably not the best time to organize a field trip. Dave said he would contact Bill and suggest another date. Steve said the Rock Property was surveyed recently so the boundaries may already be identified.

Dave mentioned that trail scouting in the Town Forest may need to wait until spring at this point.

Dave referenced the Task Schedule for Town Forest Management Activities. He suggested that everyone review this schedule in preparation for the Feb. meeting.

Dave provided an update on the condition of North Bear Swamp Road. He said the road is in very poor condition so he contacted Paul Cerminara and found out that the Town does have plans to improve the road. Not sure if it will be this fall or next spring but it's on the Road Crew's schedule.

Eric moved to adjourn the meeting. George seconded. Meeting was adjourned.