

Commissioners
 Barry Goodman
 Scott Gurley
 Rich Langdon
 Eric Seidel
 Dave Shepard
 George Longenecker
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MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Thursday February 5, 2015
7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Middlesex Town Offices
Middlesex, VT

Minutes

7:00

1. Administrative Operations Guest: Scott Skinner, Larry Clarfeld, Wendy Knapp
 - a. George moved to approve November 2014 minutes, Lee seconded. November minutes approved.
 - b. George moved to approve December 2014 minutes, Lee seconded. December minutes approved.
 - c. Membership renewal request for Vermont Conservation Commission \$50 annual fee. Barry moved to pay the dues for the upcoming year. George seconded the motion. All approved.
2. Project Reports :
 - a. Spring Salamander migration. Larry Clarfeld runs the North Branch Nature Center Salamander program.
 - b. Education and volunteer crossing sites. 40 sites in 20 towns. Trainings for 600 people. Biggest Middlesex sites for spotted salamanders and wood frogs. Molly Supple and East Hill crossing. Brook Rd, Zdon Rd. Middlesex Center Rd (at junction of Brook Rd) Molly Supple to Rumney and Shady Rill. Bolduc Rd and East Hill Rd.
 - i. On line form: northbranchnaturecenter.org/amp.htm has list of sites and a form to print or fill in electronically.
 - ii. Dave suggested MCC might help with crossing signs. (budgeted to create some extra signs for Middlesex.)
 - iii. Suggestion to add it to the MCC display at Town Meeting.
 - iv. Earliest recorded in Middlesex, April 3, prime time April 20th – 30th
 - c. Middlesex Town Forest Update:
 - i. Base Map: Dave to work on categorizing different waypoints from the GPS and getting that GPS data to Lee.
 - (1) Mike Patterson, Russ Barrett have data to share
 - (2) John Buddington has GPS waypoints to share with Lee.
 - (3) Lee is building a map of the varying features (boundaries and resources) of the parcel.
 - ii. Website: want to post quarterly meetings and contact information. Maryke Gillis will be updating the web site. Middlesextownforest gets one to the website now.
 - iii. Stewardship plan update: plan to update in the 5th year. (this year 2015)
 - (1) Goal to review updates to the Management plan for the quarterly May meeting. Work to get comments on updates the 3rd week of April.
 - iv. Field Season planning:
 - (1) April 5th Boundary search with Mike Patterson
 - (2) April 12th Boundary search with Mike Patterson.
 - (3) Bill looking for a proposal for finalizing the mapping
 - (4) Possible compensation for Rose Beatty for Forestry consultation.
 - (5) Trail Scouting: possible early April 26th or alternate May 3rd.
 - (6) May be able to get Middlesex resident Seth Coffey (US Forest Service) to help with trail layout.
 - (7) Natural History walk: Dave working to set up a bird or / and geology walk
 - v. Hoyt Property update: need title work

vi. George update on invasive species. The Select Board approved a second mowing to get an early mowing before the invasive plants go to seed.
Rich moved to adjourn. George seconded. All approved motion to adjourn

Adjourned at 9:10

Respectfully Submitted

Secretary, Barry Goodman

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