

**Middlesex Conservation Commission  
Meeting Minutes  
June 4, 2015  
6:00 p.m.**

**Attendees:** George Longenecker, Lee Rosberg, Dave Shepard

This meeting was the customary annual meeting held outdoors, at the Shady Rill Picnic Area, and featuring a potluck dinner.

1. Administrative Operations

Dave noted that Barry, who earlier announced he would be resigning from the Middlesex Conservation Commission (MCC), would not be attending this meeting and that Rich Langdon had also announced he was resigning from the Commission prior to this meeting. With these resignations the MCC now stands at five members. With three members present at this meeting there was a quorum.

a. Meeting Minutes for May 7, 2015

Minutes for the previous meeting were not available for approval.

b. Treasurer's Report

There were no MCC financial updates and no expenditures since the last report at the May meeting.

c. Election of Officers

The following officers were elected at this meeting: Chair, Vice-chair and Secretary. George nominated Dave for Chair with a second from Lee. All were in favor of Dave for Chair. Dave nominated George for Vice-chair with a second from Lee. All were in favor of George for Vice-chair. George nominated Lee for Secretary with a second from Dave. All were in favor of Lee for Secretary.

2. Project Reports

a. Wrightsville Beach Recreation Area

The trail work outing at the Wrightsville Beach Recreation Area (WBRA), was postponed due to rain. The MCC will work with Collin O'Neal, WBRA manager, to reschedule. Lee is away in late June and the first week of July.

Dave updated the MCC on the potential transfer of the land around the Wrightsville Reservoir. There has been a meeting with the WBRA Board and representatives of the Department of Environmental Conservation. Charlie Merriman represented the MCC at the meeting.

b. Middlesex Town Forest

Chip Darmstadt will lead a bird walk on the Middlesex Town Forest (MTF) on either June 27<sup>th</sup> or July 11<sup>th</sup>.

The MCC has received an invoice from forester Rose Beatty for time spent with the MTF stewardship subcommittee to assess the potential for a timber sale involving the MTF and the possibility to work with adjacent landowner Anne Villeneuve to coordinate harvesting on Ms. Villeneuve's land. The invoice is for four hours of Ms. Beatty's time at \$70.00/hour for a total of \$280.00. George made a motion to pay this sum from the MCC annual operating budget. Lee seconded the motion and the motion was approved with all in favor.

Bill Rossmassler has been in contact with Mike Patterson regarding completing the boundary survey of the MTF. Fieldwork may be scheduled soon but no date had been determined.

Cynthia Steed, who owns property adjacent to the MTF is interested in selling some or all of the property. There is potential for an application for funding from the Middlesex Conservation Fund to support purchasing some or all of this property for addition to the MTF. Depending upon the timing there may be need for a special meeting of the MCC prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting on the first Thursday of August.

The business portion of the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:45 p.m. with dinner following.

Minutes recorded by Dave Shepard