

Commissioners
X Larry Becker
X George Longenecker
X Lee Rosberg
X Dave Shepard
X Scott Gurley
Absent:
Dick Alderman
Charlie Merriman

MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Thursday, February 4, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Middlesex Town Offices
Middlesex, VT

Minutes

1. Administrative Operations

a. There was no quorum for the January 7, 2016 meeting, minutes were not recorded. Minutes from the December 4, 2015 meeting were not available for review/approval.

b. Treasurer's report: nothing to report.

c. Review correspondence: no new correspondence.

2. Project Reports

a. Patterson Brook Headwaters Project Letter of Support

i. Representatives from the Trust for Public Land attended the January MCC meeting and will meet with the Town of Middlesex selectboard in the near future to express support for this project.

ii. MCC reviewed letter of support for conservation project addressed to the Town of Middlesex selectboard. Minor grammatical edits were made. George moved to approve the letter, with edits, Larry seconded motion. The motion was passed unanimously with no further discussion.

b. Review and approval of comments on proposed amendments to Middlesex zoning regulations

i. Discussed changing the recommended maximum distance a permitted structure could be located from the centerline of a public road from 200 to 400 feet. Structures beyond this distance would require conditional use permitting.

ii. Discussed maximum permitted retail space to recommend within the village district. George recommended 15,000 square feet. All agreed to this edit.

iii. Minor wording edits made to section of letter regarding conservation district.

iv. Discussed recommending revised zoning district map. Dave handed out a zoning district map that was prepared for the Town in 2004. This map was based on setbacks from roads and all agreed was more logical than the current zoning map.

v. Scott motioned to approve edits to *Comments on Draft Middlesex Land Use & Development Regulations* letter to the Middlesex Planning Commission. Lee seconded motion. Motion was approved unanimously with no further discussion.

c. Town Meeting Preparation

i. Reviewed MCC display. Discussed updating the town forest map to encompass the Steed parcel.

ii. Larry expressed interest in adding information from the geology hike he led this past fall.

iii. Tasks and events needs to be updated for 2016.

d. Middlesex Town Forest Update

i. Steed parcel acquisition has been finalized.

ii. The March MCC meeting will be a joint meeting with the Town Forest Stewardship Committee.

3. New/Other Business: Nothing to report

Adjourned at 8:15