

Commissioners
X Larry Becker
X George Longenecker
X Lee Rosberg
X Dave Shepard
TF Stewardship Com.
X Brian Redmon
X Bill Rossmassler
Absent:
Charlie Merriman
Scott Gurley
Dick Alderman

**MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION JOINT MEETING WITH THE
TOWN FOREST STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE
Thursday, March 3, 2016
7:00 p.m.
Middlesex Town Offices
Middlesex, VT**

Minutes

1. Administrative Operations
 - a. No quorum at beginning of meeting, upon Larry’s arrival at 8:00 p.m., George moved to approve minutes from December 4, 2015 and February 4, 2016 meetings. Larry moved motion. Minutes were unanimously approved with no edits.
 - b. Treasurer’s report: Nothing to report.
 - c. Review correspondence: Dave shared invitation to regional meeting of conservation commissions within the Winooski Basin. The meeting will be held on March 30th from 6-8 p.m. at the Waterbury Church. Several MCC members expressed interest in attending.
 - d. Commissioner’s Terms: Discussed establishing staggered terms for current MCC members. Dave to present terms to selectboard.
2. Project Reports
 - a. Middlesex Town Forest
 - i. Trail scouting/construction update and scheduling: Potential spring trail scouting dates include April 16/17 and April 23/24, 2016. Objectives will include fine tuning the flag line to the viewpoint, flagging a new approach route through the recently acquired Steed parcel, and flagging a short loop. In addition, several people expressed interest in accessing the cabin to assess its condition.
 - ii. Boundary: Nothing to report.
 - iii. Steed parcel addition: The acquisition is final. To be determined whether a conservation easement will be placed on this part of the town forest.
 - iv. Management plan: Bill indicated the management plan needs to be edited to include the Steed parcel.
 - v. Visit exchange with Marshfield: Marshfield conservation commissioners have expressed interest in a visit exchange. George plans to invite them to our trail scouting event.
 - vi. Dave planted a seed for MCC members to put feelers out for folks who would be interested in leading an educational walk in the town forest. One possible new topic is wild edibles.
 - b. Salamander Crossing
 - i. Signage: Signs will be put up at the Molly Supple Hill Road crossing. Additional signs can be made available for other crossings.
 - ii. Crossing events: The MCC plans on “manning” the Molly Supple Hill Road crossing. Dates are weather dependent.

3. New/Other Business

- i. Three-Mile Bridge Parcel: George indicated this should be a regular agenda item. MCC still needs to co-ordinate a public meeting regarding management options.
- ii. Road-side mowing: Lee indicated we should confirm road-side mowing dates.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15