

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

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

Minutes

7:00

1. Welcome

7:05

2. Administrative Operations

- a. Larry moved to approve March 3, 2016 MCC meeting minutes, George seconded. Minutes approved unanimously with a minor spelling edit.
- b. Treasurer’s report : nothing to report
- c. Review correspondence: Dave passed around a flier for Vermont Clean Water Act workshops taking place throughout central Vermont during April. Workshops are being hosted by the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission and Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation. Dates include April 6, 13, and 26th. Lee expressed interest in attending.
- d. Commissioner’s Terms: Dave sent Sarah Merriman proposal for terms of current MCC members. These were likely reviewed by the selectboard during their April meeting.

7:30

3. Project Reports

- a. Middlesex Town Forest
 - i. Trail scouting scheduling: Trail scouting date set for April 17. The objectives include fine tuning the beginning and end of the flag-line and scouting a shorter hiking loop.
 - ii. Steed parcel addition: Dave drafted thank you letter to selectboard for cooperation with acquiring property. Minor grammatical and wording edits were noted. Letter was approved with amendments
 - iii. Visit exchange with Marshfield: George will reach out to Marshfield to invite them to the town forest trail scouting event.
- b. Patterson Brook Headwaters Project Update: Trust for Public Land attended a recent selectboard, meeting. Dave reported that a question regarding tax implications was raised, but that the selectboard generally supports the project. An adjoining property owner expressed support for conservation. Trust for Public Land plans to draft a letter of support for the selectboard to sign. Meeting will be held with Worcester to garner similar support.
- c. Salamander Crossing: Dave reported that there was not much activity last Friday, but that conditions were prime for this evening. He planned to check the Molly Supple Hill Road crossing following the MCC meeting.
- d. 3 Mile Bridge Parcel: A site visit and public meeting will be scheduled for June. Following public input, a final management plan will be drafted. Mowing and maintenance as a picnic area is a possible use.
- e. Green Up Day Planning: Green Up Day is May 7, 2016. The Town Highway Department has committed a truck for drop-off and waste removal. MCC members will staff the drop-off location. Lee will check to see whether Bolduc’s will supply a metal recycling dumpster. Lee will

also check with Sarah Merriman regarding when/where bags will be distributed and post information to front porch forum in advance of Green-Up Day.

4. New/Other Business

None – Larry motions to adjourn, George seconds, adjourned at 8:05