

Commissioners
X Dick Alderman
X Larry Becker
__ Scott Gurley
__ George Longenecker
X Charlie Merriman
X Lee Rosberg
X Dave Shepard
__ Vacant
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MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Thursday, June 2, 2016
6:00 p.m.
Shady Rill Picnic Area
Middlesex, VT

Minutes

6:00

1. Welcome: Present Dick Alderman, Larry Becker, Charlie Merriman, Lee Rosberg, Dave Shepard and Heather Katz. Heather is a prospective MCC member.

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2. Administrative Operations

- a. Approve previous meeting's minutes: Dave motions to approve minutes from May 5, 2016 MCC meeting. Motion seconded by Dick. Approved unanimously
- b. Treasurer's report: Nothing to report.
- c. Review correspondence: No new correspondence.
- d. Elect Officers: Dave Shepard proposes Lee Rosberg for Chair, seconded by Charlie Merriman. Lee Rosberg is unanimously elected chair. Dave Shepard indicated that George Longenecker would like to remain Vice-chair and motions to elect George for another term. Lee seconds motion. George Longenecker unanimously elected vice-chair. Discussed whether Scott Gurley still may be interested in treasurer position. Dave plans to reach out to Scott to gauge his interest. Treasurer position will be elected at another time. Lee nominated Dave Shepard for secretary position, Dick Alderman seconded motion, Dave unanimously elected secretary.

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3. Project Reports

- a. Middlesex Town Forest
 - i. Walk with Vermont Land Trust on June 5th: Sumana Serchan of the Vermont Land Trust will be joining MCC members on a walk of the proposed trail route in the Town Forest on June 5th at 9:30 a.m.
- b. Zoning Amendments Update: The Middlesex Planning Commission will be submitting a draft of zoning amendments to the selectboard for review at the next selectboard meeting. Dick indicated a public meeting will be held for comment on the zoning amendments at a to-be-determined date.
- c. Wrightsville Trail Work Report: Dave and Lee worked with Colin O'Neil on May 21st. Work included drainage work on a couple sections of wet trail and laying stepping stones for easy trail transition over a water bar. Colin indicated that the drainage work has helped tremendously to dry out those sections of trail.

- d. Green Up Day Final Details: The general sense from those who staffed the drop-off is that it was a slower year than years past. Only a handful of people used the online drop-off, hopefully this will catch on in coming years. Lee contacted the CVSWMD regarding help with removal of the illegal dump site near the Hunger Mtn. trail head. CVSWMD does not remove trash from illegal dump sites, but they said we might be able to secure a small grant for disposal costs. Charlie offered the use of his truck and other MCC members were willing to help with loading. Lee will follow-up with CVSWMD regarding the grant.

- e. Middlesex Outstanding Conservationist Award: Bill Rossmassler is this year's recipient of the Middlesex Outstanding Conservationist Award for all his hard work acquiring the 40-acre Steed parcel as an addition to the Town Forest. Bill worked tirelessly and cleared many hurdles that were thrown in his path, right up to the eleventh hour. The addition will provide much improved access to the Town Forest. Unfortunately Bill had a prior commitment and was not present to accept the award, but his dedication to the Town of Middlesex and efforts to improve the Town Forest are greatly appreciated!

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- 4. New/Other Business: Discussed the need for a site walk and public meeting to gather public input into an update of the Three Mile Bridge Road parcel.

Discussed Recreational Director position advertised by the Town Clerk. Possible ways the Rec. Director could help the MCC is to maintain the Three Mile Bridge Road parcel and the cabin in the Town Forest.

No regularly scheduled meeting for July, however all agreed that a meeting could be scheduled in the event there is movement on one of the projects.

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- 5. Potluck Picnic