

**Commissioners**  
 Barry Goodman  
 Scott Gurley  
 Rich Langdon  
 Aaron Moore  
 Eric Seidel  
 Dave Shepard  
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**MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Thursday March 7, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**  
**Middlesex Town Offices**  
**Middlesex, VT**

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**Minutes**

**7:00 Guest: Dick Alderman, Linda Jackson, Ron Krauth, Dawn McConnell, Robert Edson, Don Wexler, Lise Wexler.**

1. Administrative Operations

- a. There was no quorum for the February meeting. January minutes were read. Eric moved to approve the minutes, David seconded. All voted to approve the minutes.
- b. Treasurer's Report .No change since last report.
- c. Reviewed correspondence: update from the Vermont Conservation Commissions Associations.
- d. Commissioner terms to be renewed. Eric will renew as a commissioner.

**7:15**

2. Project Reports

- a. Phelps/Hoyt parcel update:
- b. Conservation Fund: The town appropriated \$5,000 to add to the conservation fund at this year's town meeting 3\5\2013
- c. Town Plan update:
- d. Town Forest update: discuss potential to combine meetings of the Town Forest Stewardship Committee with the Conservation Commission.
- e. Three Mile Bridge Road FEMA Buyout Parcel: David met with the select board and he will find out more about the VHCB easement and report back to the select board.
- f. Village Action:

3. Middlesex Train Station and related village revitalization. Discussion of history of efforts to preserve the station and possibilities going forward.

- i. Tom Jackman has indicated interest in helping with applying for grants in appropriate.
- ii. Linda Jackson: Linda shared two studies done about the train station. One by Black River Design Group, (Middlesex Railroad Station Facilities Condition Report June 11, 2005) the second by UVM students (2004). Linda presented that the train station can be a key to revitalization for Middlesex downtown.
- iii. From lease and land issues it seems the best potential is to move the station to a new location.
- iv. **To fund with public money the station would need a public use in order to apply for public grant money. Suggestion to work on a concept of use to go after funding.**
- v. Don Wexler noted that from his previous work on the project it may be cheaper to build a replica or use parts of the station in a rebuild.
- vi. Eric suggested that leaving the station in its historic site may give it more historical value and it is worth making sure whether the station must be moved.
- vii. David asked if there might be funding from VTrans enhancement grants to use the building as a welcome center.
- viii. Lise noted that it is important to make sure the building is still sound enough to be potentially moved. The Wexlers talked to Messier, in Barre about the possible moving of the building.
- ix. Possible use as a transit center. (bus stop, commuter center)
- x. Possible public, private partnership use of the building.
- xi. Swanton used their station as a museum.
- xii. Roxbury uses their old train station as town offices.

xiii. Is there a possibility to use the train station in conjunction with the existing town office tying it to the old fire station?

xiv. Combination of visitor center, transit center, (outdoor bike, canoe rental center) private use.

xv. Linda will contact Messier (building mover) to find out if the building is still moveable.

xvi. Possible land swaps with railroad and the town.

Possible use of "open pocket park kiosk on Morse property"

4. Discuss potential new members to join the Commission.

Barry moved to adjourn. Eric seconded. All voted to adjourn at 8:50

Respectfully Submitted

Secretary, Barry Goodman