

Middlesex Conservation Commission

December 1, 2016 Meeting Minutes

Present: Dick Alderman, George Longenecker, Heather Katz, Lee Rosberg

Lee called meeting to order at 7:06.

There are no minutes from November meeting

No treasurer's report

Lee submitted Vermont Association of Conservation Commission dues meeting expenses.

Reimbursement was approved unanimously. Lee will submit invoices to Sarah

MCC budget approved by Select Board.

Project reports: 7:20

No update on trail standards; Lee will touch base with Dave

George, Dave, and Lee checked out cabin in early November. It seems to be in good repair except for deck that needs to be removed. Some garbage needs to be removed. Lee is not sure if we should have a work day to clean up in the winter. Flag line extended to summit. A couple of potential viewpoints have been identified, which would require some selective tree removal/pruning. The lower of the two seems less fragile, with a view to the Mad River Valley. The summit potential viewpoint appears more fragile and has a view to Hunger Mountain and White Rock Mountain.. Next step will be to get together with Seth; begin light trail work in spring, including asking VYCC for support, and getting a grant to support the work. No update on survey maps, no communication from surveyor. Bill hopes to get the management plan by the end of December.

Dick brought up Current Use: Allows private property owners to get a break on a property tax, to discourage development. Not sure if it applies since the town owns it. George suggested we look into Current Use law to see if municipality needs to be enrolled. Dick will find out if it was extinguished and if it needs to be continued.

Management plan needs to be revised.

**Shady Rill Picnic Area:** Lee told the select board that the MCC believes the town should accept responsibility for a one year trial period. A letter is drafted to send to the current owner. No update on Hunger Mountain Headwaters Project.

**Proposed Zoning Regulations Update:** tabled until town plan is updated next year. January 10 is next Select Board meeting.

**Train Station:** An artist has put supplies in the building. Central Vermont Railway owns the building. There is interest in the building as a source for materials.

**Three Mile Bridge parcel:** No update, management plan needs to be drafted. George suggested combining a grant proposal for this project and the Shady Rill Picnic Area

**New Business:** we have to submit an annual report for the Town Report. It is due Dec 29. Just a summary of the projects of calendar year 2016  
Meeting adjourned 8:17.

Submitted by George Longenecker and Heather Katz 12/8/2016