

**MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION**  
**Thursday, January 4, 2018**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Middlesex, VT**

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**Minutes**

Commissioners Present: Sorsha Anderson, George Longenecker, Lee Rosberg  
Guests: Mitch Osiecki, Middlesex Recreation Director/Zoning Administrator and Planning Commission; Ross Lieblappen

There was no quorum; approval of previous meeting's minutes moved to February.

Treasurer's report postponed until February.

Reviewed correspondence:

Ross Lieblappen sent a letter of interest regarding Conservation Commission membership. The members will vote as soon as possible on recommending Ross to the Select Board.

Holly Kriener wrote regarding the Winooski Natural Resources Conservation District Shady Rill restoration. There will be a future meeting for all stakeholders.

The Middlesex Town Forest Management Plan needs updating; the commission will add the newly acquired cabin and address the practicality of logging.

The members discussed the VYCC grant application and consultation for trail building in the town forest. Lee feels it would be best to may a consultant to come in and assess the trail before we apply for a grant. Mitch discussed other trail possibilities, including one near Rumney.

A winter educational walk/hike in the town forest is planned for January 27 with John Austin. Sorsha will work on publicity. Shady Rill Park

Hunger Mountain Headwaters Project: The sale of lands to Trust for Public Land is complete. Fundraising is needed to help pay for costs.

Planning Commission Survey: Mitch reported that the survey is underway and nearing completion. The Planning Commission hopes for s greater than 50% response rate. Some present were skeptical that that many people would complete the survey.

Three Mile Bridge Road Management Plan needs updating. Members discussed best uses of the parcel. Mitch is coordinating summer mowing.

Under other business, members and guests discussed the proposal to salt Shady Rill in 2019-2020 and purchase salt for that purpose. Ross Lieblappen mentioned research, which he's reviewed, on salt runoff and contamination that he will send to the commission. Lee discussed work he has done on salt contamination of wells and groundwater. Both Sorsha and George questioned why salt is needed, when it hasn't been used in the past.

**8:25 Adjourned**

George Longenecker, Vice Chair

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