

MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Thursday January 8, 2008  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
Middlesex Town Offices  
Middlesex, VT

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MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Barry Goodman  
 Judy Keyes

Eric Seidel  
 Dave Shepard

Scott Gurley

X guest member in waiting  
Aaron Moore

**Administrative Operations**

Scott moved to approve the December minutes. All moved in favor. Minutes from the December 4, 2008 meeting were approved.

***Treasurer's Report according to MCC Bank Statement of September***

- Scott reported that he meet with Janet to clear up a few transaction questions.
- Cindy Carlson will be the new town treasurer
- Conservation Fund \$18832.59 (includes 3 new checks for \$310. for the Town Forest)
- Special Projects Fund \$1348.11 (Scott will need to transfer \$50. that was put into the incorrect account)
- Operating Fund.

***Administrative Operation***

***Correspondence***

Vtrans note that the FY09 Transportation Enhancement Grant program funding has been temporarily suspended and no grants have been made for this year.

**Committee Reports**

**a. Resource Planning Committee | Recreation Trials Committee**

- Scott reported that the timing for the grant application is pushed to end of January. The Grant application is to get assistance from the VYCC (Vermont Youth Conservation Corps)

**b. Ancient Roads Research and Planning Effort Update:**

- Work continues with mapping. Should be ready for on the ground work in late spring.

**c. Conservation Program.**

- The Middlesex Town Forest project. With a major recent donation the project is very near completion. Some management access details need to be ironed out. We discussed trying to retain some of the funds in the Middlesex Conservation fund, if possible, while still getting to the final goal.
- Forest Management Plan Documents. We reviewed and found the documents to form a good basis for use (with minor revisions) in closing on the property. There is a need to create a comprehensive Management Plan for the Town Forest. Possible representation from Loggers, Recreational Interests, Educational Component, Wildlife component ("Keeping Track").
- Conservation Fund request for 2009. The group decided not to make a request for the coming fiscal year.

**d. Water Quality**

- Follow-up on availability of North Branch assessment information for Middlesex.

**e. Village Action**

- Enhancement grant put on hold
- Scenic Byway. Meeting of all the towns 3<sup>rd</sup> week in January.
- Old Train Station: Scott will call the Preservation Trust of Vermont to see if they can be of help with suggestions to save the station

**Other Business**

**Adjournment**

Scott moved to close the meeting, Eric Seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30PM

**Respectfully Submitted**

Barry Goodman

Secretary