

MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Thursday February 5, 2009
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Middlesex Town Offices
Middlesex, VT

MINUTES

Commissioners Present

Barry Goodman

Judy Keyes

Guests... Bill Rossmassler

Susan Clark

Eric Seidel

Dave Shepard

Scott Gurley

Aaron Moore

Administrative Operations

Eric moved to approve the January minutes. All moved in favor. Minutes from the January 8th meeting were approved. The MCC officially welcomes Aaron Moore as Commission Member.

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.

Correspondence

Doug Lombard sent a note inquiring about any interest to save the old firehouse (schoolhouse). Discussion seems to indicate that it is structurally unsound and that the Selectboard is inclined to let it go.

Committee Reports

a. *Resource Planning Committee | Recreation Trials Committee*

- Wrightsville Trail Planning for 2009
- Potential purchase of GPS unit with funds from Ancient Roads Grant. \$2990.85 balance

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.*

- ***** **Town Forest Purchase Secured** *****
- Potential Town Forest Walks
 - i. Scheduled wild flower walk May 17th for the Middlesex Notch.
- Town Forest Management Plan process discussion – Guest – Susan Clark
- Town Forest next steps. Synthesize Bill's and Susan's recommendations on development of a plan

d. *Water Quality*

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

e. *Village Action*

- Scenic Byway. Meeting of all the towns 3rd week in January. The meeting was very well attended with participation from Middlesex, Moretown, Waitsfield, Warren, and Granville. The Byway committee worked on a "Theme" for the byway that can be in all the brochures, information kiosks etc. The MCC may be interested in presenting a Byway grant project for the Morse Property. The next scheduled Byway meeting is the 3rd Friday in Feb. the 20th, at 9am General Wait House, Waitsfield.

f. *Town Meeting*

- Info on the Town Forest
- Sell Town Forest posters

Other Business

Adjournment

Barry moved to close the meeting, Eric Seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted

Barry Goodman

Secretary