

MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Thursday July 2, 2009

7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Middlesex Town Offices

Middlesex, VT

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MINUTES

**Commissioners Present**

Barry Goodman

Judy Keyes

Guest Patty Wiley, Susan Clark

Eric Seidel

Dave Shepard

Scott Gurley

Aaron Moore

**Administrative Operations**

Eric moved to approve the June minutes. Dave seconded. All moved in favor. Minutes from the June meeting were approved.

***Treasurer's Report***

*No report this month.*

***Correspondence***

- Thank you from the Middlesex Cemetery Commission for the Maple Trees planted
- Note to join the Association of Vermont Conservation Commissions.

**Committee Reports**

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

- Wrightsville Trail Planning for 2009. **VYCC Grant Received for work on Wrightsville trails.**

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

GPS purchased. Available for use.

Patty met with Select board. Concern with Feb 2010 deadline to put any ancient roads found on the map. 10-road list. Roads to keep. 9 of 10 are on the map already. Town has already claimed them.

The 10<sup>th</sup> road is the "Old Middle Road. (South off the Notch road)

- Process to date. Worked with Paul Gillies. 100 volumes of town and land records. Looked for any info that mentioned, "survey". Plot meets and bounds into a computer program. Get a print out of the boundaries. Create an overlay, scale it to an old map, and see how it lays out upon the map. Establish property owners at start and finish on old records where possible.

**c. Discussion of Potential Community Engagement Process.**

- Susan Clark – discussion of potential for applying to UVM for a Place-based Landscape Analysis and Community Education (PLACE) program to take place in Middlesex.
- Field Naturalist, Community Development, Ecological Planning (various resources from UVM depending on what Town would like
  - i. Inventories: cultural, natural
  - ii. Schools: teacher training....teaching teachers to use community as an education classroom.
  - iii. Vision to Action forum.

**d. Conservation Program.**

- Town Forest Management Plan: Meet June 30<sup>th</sup>.  
First open meeting. Next meeting July 20<sup>th</sup>. Effort to start inventory process to access the resource base.

**e. Village Action**

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**Other Business**

**Adjournment**

Barry moved to close the meeting, Eric seconded. Meeting adjourned at approximately 9:15 PM

**Respectfully Submitted**

*Barry Goodman*

Secretary