MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, September 24, 2024 at 7:00 pm
Meeting Conducted Via Zoom

Minutes

Commissioners Present: Ross Lieblappen, Adrienne Magida, Dave Shepard and Jon Udis

1. Administrative Operations
Minutes of August 26, 2024 Meeting
Jon made a motion to approve the minutes with a second from Dave; the minutes were approved.

b. Treasurer's Report
Ross reported there were no financial updates.

c. Natural Resources Conservation Service Emergency Watershed Protection Program
Adrienne reported that two programs are currently underway, for the floods of both 2023 and 2024. One bid for construction for the 2023 projects has been received; if approved, it's likely construction will start soon. Six projects will go forward, one landowner dropped out due to concerns about their ongoing responsibility for maintenance. For the 2024 flood, twenty landowners have expressed interest in the program and sites have been visited to assess whether they meet the criteria. The Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission is the technical contact; Adrienne is the contact for questions from landowners.

2. Project Reports (point person shown in parentheses)
a. Trails Committee (Adrienne, Dave, George, and/or Jon)
Adrienne reported there was no meeting in September. Minutes of Trails Committee meetings can be found at the What's Next Middlesex website:
http://www.whatsnextmiddlesex.org/meeting-minutes.html.

b. Wrightsville Beach Recreation Area and Shady Rill Park (Aric Brown)
There hasn't been a recent meeting of the Wrightsville Beach Recreation Area Board. Adrienne noted that she observed that barriers have been installed at the entrance to the Shady Rill Park.

c. Middlesex Town Forest (Ross and Dave)
A work day for the new loop trail in the Town Forest was scheduled for October 13th.

d. White Rocks Mountain Trail Work
A work hike for this trail was scheduled for October 18th.

e. Middle Ground Trail System
A walk is scheduled for September 28th for residents of Middlesex village to view and discuss a potential trail to connect the Middle Ground complex to the Roots Store.

3. New/Other Business
a. New MCC Member

Adrienne had provided Owen Dalton's letter of interest in joining the MCC with the agenda for this meeting. Ross moved that the MCC recommend to the Select Board that Owen be appointed to one of the open positions on the MCC. Jon provided a second and the recommendation was approved; Adrienne will forward it to the Select Board.

b. Next Meeting
The next meeting of the MCC will be October 22nd.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Dave Shepard, MCC Secretary