Commissioners

__Larry Becker

__ Jon Udis

__George Longenecker

__ Lee Rosberg

__Dave Shepard

__Ross Lieblappen

__Adrienne Magida

__ 2 vacant seats

MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, May 28, 2024
7:00-8:00 Zoom Meeting

AGENDA

Join Zoom Meeting
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86739188988?pwd=RE9NMWY4a2N6bTlQOHFWK1laZHJpQT09

Meeting ID: 867 3918 8988
Passcode: 024004

7:00 - Welcome

7:05 - Administrative Operations

a. Review previous meeting minutes 4-23-24
b. FInance report

7:10 - Update on The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service watershed restoration funds project EWP - (Larry and Adrienne)

7:20 - Project Reports

a. Middlesex Trails Group Update (Adrienne, Dave, George)
b. Shady Rill & Wrightsville (Adrienne/Aric)
c. Middlesex Town Forest/Chases Mountain trail update (Dave)
d. Trail walk on Bushey Road trail (Adrienne)
e. Knotweed Project (Adrienne and Dave)

7:35 - New/Other Business

a. Green-Up Day (Jon)
b. Set up dates for new loop trail work day
c. Tree Planting grant
d. Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
e. New Member appointments
f. Possible public service announcement about wild chervil and knotweed
g. June picnic meeting and summer meetings(?)
h. Other Business

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 25th Picnic?
5:00 meeting 6:00 picnic - no July meeting

Tree planting grant on agenda - see Mitch's email on May 28 with brochure attached.

8:00 - Adjourn

Map of proposed trail in Town Forest

Greetings Conservation Commissioners, Planning Commission Chairs, and Selectboard Chairs,

We are excited to announce that the Vermont Community Tree Planting Program is now accepting applications for proposals to plant trees in urban areas across the state that will enhance urban tree canopy, improve water quality, boost public health, and increase equitable access to the many benefits of trees.

See the attached flyer for a summary of the program. Note that there will be two rounds of grants and that **May 17th, 2024** is the first application deadline, but there will be a second round later this year. Any eligible applicant (municipalities, schools, and nonprofits) can apply for either or both rounds, but funds will be prioritized for first-time funding recipients.

The Chittenden County Regional Planning Commission is administering this program on behalf of the Vermont Urban & Community Forestry Program, but eligibility is statewide, and the Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission may be able to help your town apply for and administer grants.

Feel free to reach out to me with questions about the application process and grant details. For help developing a project or technical questions about how to get trees planted, contact Adam McCullough, adam.mccullough@vermont.gov, the UCF Urban Forester. Please also spread the word to anybody in your networks who may be interested.

Thank you for considering this opportunity,

Lincoln Fracas
Central Vermont Regional Planning Commission