Commissioners

__Larry Becker

__ Jon Udis

__George Longenecker

__ Lee Rosberg

__Dave Shepard

__Ross Lieblappen

__Adrienne Magida

__ 2 vacant seats

MIDDLESEX CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Tuesday, June 25, 2024
5:00 Meeting at Shady Rill Picnic Area
6:00 Potluck at Shady Rill Picnic Area

AGENDA

5:00 - Welcome

5:05 - Administrative Operations

a. Review previous meeting minutes 5-28-24
b. FInance report

5:10 - Update on The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service watershed restoration funds project EWP - (Larry)

5:20 - Project Reports

a. Middlesex Trails Group Update (Dave, George)
b. Shady Rill & Wrightsville (Aric)
c. Hunger Mountain trail day - Saturday, June 29 (Dave)
d. Knotweed Project

5:35 - New/Other Business

a. Set up dates for new loop trail work day (Dave)
b. Tree Planting grant (see below)
c. New Member appointments - Owen Dalton and Kimberly Hagen
d. Other Business

Next Meeting: Tuesday, August 26 - no meeting in July

6:00 - Adjourn

Potluck dinner after the meeting adjourns.

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