

Town of Middlebury Conservation Commission
Rotary Small Meeting Room, First Floor
77 Main Street, Municipal Offices
Minutes of September 17, 2018
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Members Present: Monica Przyperhart, Andrew L’Roe, Jeff Howarth, Amy Sheldon, Kemi Fuentes-George

Members Absent: Molly Anderson, Judy Wiger-Grohs

Staff Present: Jennifer Murray

Others Present:

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7 **1. Call to Order:** Meeting began 4:00 pm.

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9 **2. Minutes:**

10 Minutes from 5/21 and 8/20 were tabled because not enough members from that meeting
11 present to approve minutes.

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13 **3. Member updates:**

14 Continued discussion from last time, about the role of the conservation commission on
15 current/emerging environmental issues. Monica discussed how the committee has a work
16 plan. Decided to wait as other things come up.

17 Conversation about meeting times. Are there any other times that would work?
18 May need to do a Doodle Poll asking about 1st 2nd 3rd 4th Mondays...

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20 **4. Discussion about Walks & Talks Series:**

21 August event: Kemi described the event, led by Chris Zeoli. About 25 people attended. Every
22 informative and enjoyable for those involved, nice to interact with tree committee.
23 Attendees were new people and one from another town asking about future events. Good
24 outreach

25 September event: Andrew and Jeff described further their event at the end of September,
26 taking place on Chipman Hill. Will be using map resources to do a treasure map/ places to
27 stop along the way. Will use maps at those stops and compare to Andrew’s thoughts on how
28 to read the local landscape. Hike will pass by the quarries, then travel higher. It will be a
29 pretty hard hike, and people will probably need a vehicle to get there. Will probably take 2 or
30 3 hours. Attendees can park at TAM on Washington St. Event scheduled for Sunday Sept.
31 30th at 10am.

32 October: Event TBD, Monica and Amy will work on this.

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34 **5. Discussion about Community Values Mapping:**

35 Looked at results of Doodle Poll which indicate the municipal offices will work for a location,
36 and 11/8 at 7pm as a meeting date. Jennifer will converse with the Prudential Committee
37 about the availability of the Community House in order to create a Doodle Poll to determine a
38 date members can generally attend.

39 In order to get the event online with one meeting remaining, the committee agrees to go
40 with the ANR standard model for doing the CVA event. Monica says that outreach will be the
41 most important thing for the committee to work on between now and then. Main things are
42 1) figuring out what the main message is for getting people there, and 2) tapping into existing
43 networks.

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45 Next meeting: Move forward with outreach plan. Monica will start to assemble a list of those
46 to reach out to directly. Andrew will work with Kemi on flyer and advertising. Jeff raised the
47 idea of having an educational blog to view and comment on general maps.

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49 **6. Adjournment:** Motion by Monica, second by Andrew. Voted to adjourn at 5:30 PM, meeting
50 concluded.

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52 Submitted by: Jennifer Murray