

Middleton Conservation Commission
July 11, 2023
Old Town Hall
Call to Order 6:30pm by Carol Vita

Roll Call: All present; Carol Vita (2024), Jim Keegan (2026) Kate Buzard (2025) Alternate Dan Saliga (2024) ex -officio Tracy Donovan-laviolette
Milfoil and VLAP subcommittee members: John Mullen, Randy Barnes
Guest Speaker Representative Michael Harrington, House of Representative, Science, Technology, and Energy
Pledge of Allegiance
Prayer

State Representative District Michael Harrington gave the good news that the Cyanobacteria Warning has been lifted. He handed out NHDES document WD-WMB-10 Cyanobacteria in New Hampshire Waters. He reported that two of the most common causes of cyanobacteria blooms are fertilizer being used closer than 25' to the lake and Septic systems leaking. Dan Saliga asked would pumping septic systems more often alleviate the problem? Rep Harrington replied that would certainly help but also felt that more education is needed. HB 1066 a bill creating a commission to study cyanobacteria has passed the House.

June 13, 2023 minutes were unanimously approved. motion by Traci and second by Carol
Conservation Fund: We need more information on the frequency of withdrawals we can make from the CD . Jim offered to talk to Treasurer Sandy Bruedle. We also need to consider our options for the Conservation Fund when it matures in November.

Town Investment Policy ,Traci to find out what it is.

VLAP water testing invoice for \$170.00 June 2023.

Town Forest: The Conservation Commission to consider whether Carol discussion was Tabled until August 11, 2023 meeting.

2004 Town Meeting Warrant articles were provided. The first WA asked for money for the milfoil fund. The second WA asked for greater oversight by the Conservation Commission and Planning Board when the Town disposed of property. The third WA allows the Selectmen to accept donations from the public for projects.

Invasive Species and Volunteer Lake Members John Mullen and Randy Barnes Report
Milfoil A new dive team from Vermont has been hired but because of the recent floods the first harvesting has been delayed . The first dive tentatively rescheduled for July 12, 2023. There will be Three two day sessions, that the State through a milfoil grant will pay 50%.

Volunteer Lake Assessment Program Full reports will be available from the State at the end of year. Phosphorous was tested at Seven sites. Overall the phosphorous load was down except at the Lake Lands vegetation on the bottom of the lake due to earlier ice-outs creating more vegetation growth. John requested that the State Forester check logging on the Hertel property Map 8 Lot 11, he reported back that it looked fine. Another test will be done in August they may or may not test for E. Coli.

July 29 2023, 10 am, Old Town Hall Sunrise Lake Update and Future

Sunrise Lake Watershed Management Plan Summary 2022 was distributed. Summary of Plan 1). Community Involvement 2) Reduce phosphorous load by 20% 3.) Outreach through Sunrise Lake Chronicle , Facebook, Watershed page on documents page.

It costs \$300.00 for a mass mailing to the entire Town.

Actions to control phosphorous

1. Storm water runoff

- 2 .Code enforcement cleaning of private culverts
3. Water fowl management
- 4 .Septic Systems
5. Regulations limit use of phosphorous cleaning products
6. Expand the non fertilizer buffer to 50 feet

It was mentioned that you can create all the ordinances that you want but no one ever seems to enforce them.

Create a Sunrise Lake Watershed Planning and Advisory Council as a Conservation Commission subcommittee, it was suggested we table the discussion until August 8 2023 meeting on a motion by Tracy and second by Carol - unanimous.

8:15 pm meeting adjourned on a motion by Jim and second by Tracy - unanimous

Next Meeting August 11, 2023 6:30 pm

minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Buzard