



Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2021

Call to Order: Carol Vita-Chair reconvened the meeting of February 16, 2021 at 10:25AM.

Roll Call: Present: Carol Vita, John Mullen, Cheryl Kimball-Alternate (via Phone). Absent: Thomas Gardner, C. Therriault-Ex-Officio. Quorum Present. Guest: Ken Keegan

Opening Remarks: Due to lack of a quorum, the Chair appointed C. Kimball as a voting member for this meeting.

Review of Past Minutes: J Mullen made a motion to accept the minutes of January 18, 2021 and January 21, 2021 as transcribed. C Kimball seconded the motion. The clerk explained about the two meetings being so close together, which was due to lack of a quorum on January 18th in which the meeting was opened and recessed till January 21st.

Vote: C. Vita yea, J. Mullen yea. C. Kimball abstained from the January 18th minutes then voted yea for the January 21st meeting Results: January 18th minutes 2 yeas 0 nays 1 abstained. January 21st minutes 3 yeas, 0 nays. Motion/s carried.

New Business:

- **Ken Keegan** expressed interest in becoming an Alternate. He indicated that is has always been pro conservation and is a avid wildlife watcher and hunter. Additionally, he is in favor of expanding ATV trails within Middleton and indicated he was instrumental in convincing the BOS to hold off on the sale of an abutting property to Blueberry Hill to further study use of the land by the Town.

J Mullen made a motion to nominate Mr. Keegan as an Alternate Member to the Board of Selectmen. Motion seconded by C. Kimball.

Vote: C. Vita yea, J. Mullen yea., C. Kimball yea. Results: 3 yeas 0 nays. Motioned carried. The Clerk will forward a letter of recommendation to the BOS for action on the nomination.

Old Business

- **Blueberry Hill Property:** General discussion on where the property was located, owner ship history etc. and potential use of the property. C. Kimball updated on the site visit which could happen on a Friday depending on weather.
- **Tanglewood:** J. Mullen wanted to continue to move forward on the project. He indicated we need to determine what needs to be done with the property and get a direction as to its purpose. J Mullen had contacted the Town Attorney about the procedure on how we can use the land. Laura Spector of Mitchell and Associates indicated that we would need a WA to authorize the use of land for recreation etc. Another question was about who owns the road/trails if the developer is no long viable. It was indicated that normally then the property owner would own to the center of the road/trail. Further research will be needed to clarify trail improvement, vehicle use etc. J Mullen indicated that if work needs to be done the Conservation Fund could be used.
- **Revitalization Plans:** Continued discussions were held on increasing awareness of the Commissions role and activity. J Mullen that we have been upgrade on our office space in the Municipal building and indicate that due to Budget Committee cuts to the computer line that we were not getting a PC anytime soon.
 - **CC Survey:** Continued discussions of format and type of media to use. Website still not online yet. J. Mullen will get an update.
 - **Survey:** J. Mullen advised since no webster in the near future we still need to continue to develop questions. J. Mullen indicated he would purse a survey.
 - **Proposed By-Laws:** J Mullen advised that the CC By-laws are not governed by any N<H Statute. The CCA of NH recommends, however, that they be coordinated with the BOS.
 - **Meeting Time:** J. Mullen brought up the notion to change the meeting time from its current AM time frame to evening. This would afford more public participation. J. Mullen made a motion to change the time from 10:00 AM every third Tuesday of the month to a time of 6:30 PM. No second. C. Kimball suggested that we poll all members if that would work for those who have not been able to attend due to work schedules. J. Mullen rescinded his motion. The Chair will poll members as to the best date and time.

Public Comments: None

Members Comments: C. Kimball suggested that we provide a summary of our two current projects; Tanglewood and Blueberry Hill, so all members have a history and then

we can move forward instead of rehashing the subjects. J. Mullen agreed to develop such a document. Additionally, C. Kimball suggested that a CC Booklet be developed for all members that would help them understand the rules of the road for the Conservation Commission. J Mullen indicated that when he was Chair of the Planning Board, he put together such a guide and was most helpful to the members. He agreed to work on such a binder for the CC and have it by next meeting.

Motion to adjourn by J Mullen, Seconded by C. Vita.

Vote: C. Vita yea, J. Mullen yea, C. Kimball yea. Results: 3 yeas 0 nays.

Motioned carried.

Meeting adjourned 11:35 AM

Respectively Submitted: John A. Mullen Jr., Clerk