



Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

August 10, 2021

Call to Order: Carol Vita-Chair called to order at 6:36 PM.

Roll Call:

Carol Vita-Chair: Present

John Mullen-Vice Chair/Clerk: Present

Thomas Gardner-Member: Absent

Kate Buzard-Alternate: Present

Jim Keegan-Alternate: Absent

Joe Vargo-BOS Ex-Officio-Present

Member(s) of the Public: Cory Mattocks

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Opening Remarks: C. Vita welcomed members of the public. Due to lack of a quorum of regular members C. Vita appointed K. Buzard voting member for current meeting.

Review of Past Minutes: K. Buzard made a motion to accept the minutes of July 20, 2021 as transcribed. J. Mullen seconded the motion.

Vote: C. Vita yea, J. Mullen yea. K. Buzard yea. 3 yeas 0 nays 0 abstention. Motion carried.

Correspondences

- J. Mullen shared with members the BOS Department Head meeting memo.

Old Business

- **Blueberry Hill Property: Blueberry Hill Property:** Discussion continued how to proceed on what do with the property. J. Mullen offered a summary of the files given to the Commission at the last meeting by Adam Buehne-President of NDV ATVC. K. Buzard requested a copy of file on Town Forests. J. Mullen will send a copy. K. Buzard provide a top map of the Blueberry property and adjacent parcels in New Durham. Discussion centered around the terrain and what uses could be possible if any. It was noted that half the property was quite hilly and

rugged. It was pointed out by J. Mullen that it did show signs of a diverse wildlife as well as tress, shrubbery and other plants.

- **Tanglewood:** Discussions continued how to proceed with the development of the property. K. Buzard inquired about the status of the proposed grant the C. Kimball started. J. Mullen did not have an update but indicated would have by next meeting. K. Buzard provided maps showing the property and offered that the watershed within the property is very important to the water quality downstream including Sunrise Lake as well as the Cocheco River watershed. She suggested that maybe the CRLAC could provide some assistance in seeking improvements of the property. J. Mullen, Chair of CRLAC would offer that for discussion at the regular meeting. Discussions continued about the lots plans and traffic issued raised and funding a study as to what to do with the property.

C. Vita wanted to review the letter to the BOS recommending a 12-month moratorium on any action on the property. Members did not have any issues with the wording and C. Vita signed the letter. It will be forwarded to the BOS.

- **Proposed By-Laws:** Discussions centered around the second (Salem) version that was presented at the last meeting. C. Buzard expressed it was more specific and detailed and a better document. She pointed out some typo and J. Mullen indicated those would be corrected by next meeting. A review of final draft will be reviewed at the next regular meeting.
- **Conservation Fund:** J. Mullen reviewed the Conservation Account fund documents provided by the Town Treasure. Those included statements back to 2016. It was noted that postings were mostly interest, however some seemed to a onetime not interest post other than interest. It was noted that the Conservation is supposed to receive funds from any annual budget access. However, a letter to the BOS requesting that must be given. J. Mullen will research if that was done in 2020 and 2021. Additionally, a review of land use charges will be conducted.

New Business:

- **Communications:** J. Mullen provide the Commission with the new email address. He indicated that all Commission communication among the members, town officials and others will be conducted through that account. Additionally, he indicated that no Commission communication should be done via test messages. He advised the reason for this is to follow the Right-to-Know statute RSA 91-A.

A review with all present members was made to see if they received a test email message from the CC email address. All did receive it.

Public Comments: Cory Mattocks indicated he was very interested in watching the CC workings and would be willing to participate. He indicated that he has the time and can offer knowledge as to ATV uses.

Members Comments:

- K. Buzard asked if any further updates on a Town Forester. There were none. J. Varga inquired as to why have one and what do they do. Discussion was about who and at what cost. K. Buzard was asked to provide additionally information.
- K. Buzard was concerned about meeting in the Old Town Hall and not moving back to the old meeting room in the Municipal Building. She indicated that all information was close at hand when meeting in the old venue. J. Varga explained that the former meeting room was repurposed into an assessing office to provide easy public assess.
- Based on the input from Mr. Cory Mattocks willingness to participate on the CC J. Mullen made a motion to appoint him as an Alternate member. C. Vita seconded.

*Vote: C. Vita yea, J. Mullen yea, K. Buzard yea. Results: 3 yeas 0 nays.
Motioned carried.*

The Secretary will provide a letter of request to the BOS.

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

Vote: C. Vita yea, J. Mullen yea, K. Buzard yea. Results: 3 yeas 0 nays. Motioned carried.

Meeting adjourned 8:10 PM.

Respectively Submitted: John A. Mullen Jr., Secretary