



Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

October 12, 2021

Call to Order: Carol Vita-Chair called to order at 6:30PM.

Roll Call:

Carol Vita-Chair: Present
John Mullen-Vice Chair/Clerk: Present
Thomas Gardner-Member: Absent
Kate Buzard-Alternate: Present
Jim Keegan-Alternate: Present
Matt Cory-Pending Alternate: Present
Joe Vargo-BOS Ex-Officio-Absent

Carol Vita-Chair appointed K. Buzard as a voting member for this meeting only in the absence of T. Gardner.

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Review of Past Minutes: J. Mullen made a motion to accept the minutes of September 14, 2021 as transcribed. C. Vita seconded the motion.

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

Old Business

- **Commission By-Laws and Rules of Procedures:** K. Buzard asked for clarification as to which By-Law version we were voting on. J. Mullen explained that the one under consideration is the Salem version. We had originally looked at the Farmington version but felt the Salem was more detailed and specific. J. Mullen motioned to accept the “Salem: version of bylaws. C. Vita seconded. K. Buzard questioned the wording in Article 2, paragraph a. She indicated that wording was not clean. K. Buzard made a motion to amend Article 2, Paragraph as follows:

“The Commission shall consist of three members. The Commission shall recommend three (3)

members to the Board of Selectmen. The Board of Selectmen will appoint one (1) ex-officio member with the power to vote as authorized by RSA 36-A:3, the Board of Selectmen may appoint alternate members to serve on the Commission.”

J. Mullen seconded the motion. No further discussion was held.

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

J. Mullen made a motion to accept the By-Laws and Rules of Procedures as amended. Seconded by K. Buzard.

Vote: C. Vita yea, J. Mullen yea. K. Buzard yea. 3 yeas 0 nays 0 abstention. Motion carried. By-Laws and Rules of Procedures adopted.

Correspondences

- C. Vita repeated email from NH Conservation Corps
 - **Blueberry Hill Property:** No update. Continued discussions concerning what to do with it: Town Forest, Conservation Easement, etc
 - **Tanglewood:** J. Keegan expressed some concerns about moving forward with the project. He indicated that he has heard some residents express concern of inaction on the property for years. “Do something or sell it. You don’t need another 3-year study”. Discussion continued how to proceed on what do with the property. J. Mullen more help is needed to move forward. He suggested that if residents are concerned that they are certainly welcomed at any Commission meeting to offer suggestions and volunteer help to proceed forward. J. Mullen commented that the parcels have a merger plan that we developed a few years ago by former Town Assessor, Pam Frazier. K. Buzard asked what does that do to protect the property? J. Mullen offered a possible scenario that by consolidating the numerous lots into a handful would lessen the chance for development.
 - **New Business:** J. Keegan expressed some concerns about property owners posting the Class VI roads with speed limits etc. J. Mullen expressed that road use is the responsibility of the Town and should be advised of those concerns. The Chair agreed to seek out the BOS on the issue.

Other Commission Business:

- **Invoices:**

- Dues for NHACC for \$250 was received and approved unanimously to send to the BOS for payment.
- Invoice for NNACC Booklets for \$120 was received and approved unanimously to send to the BOX for payment and reimbursement to J. Mullen who paid out of personal funds.
- Invoice from Ocean State Big Lots for \$20 for 3 ring binders for members notebook was received and approved unanimously to send to the BOX for payment and reimbursement to J. Mullen who paid out of personal funds.
- Invoice from Staples for \$22.99 for vinyl protectors for members notebook was received and approved unanimously to send to the BOX for payment and reimbursement to J. Mullen who paid out of personal funds.
- Correspondences:
 - Letter from Green Mountain Marginal Way requesting donations.
- **Donations:** Donation from Hampshire Shores Association was received in the amount of \$500 to be used for Milfoil Mitigation. J. Mullen advised Chair to deposit the check at the Town into the appropriate account.

Adjournment:

- J Mullen motioned to adjourn. K. Buzard seconded.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 PM