



Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

June 13, 2023

Old Town Hall

Call to Order Carol Vita at 6:30pm

Roll Call: Present; Chair. Carol Vita (2024), Kate Buzard (2025): Absent: Jim Keegan (2026) alternate Dan Saliga (2026) Tracy Donovan-Laviolette ex-officio.

Milfoil and Exotic Invasive Species, VLAP Committee: Randy Barnes absent, John Mullen present

Tanglewood Committee: Meets June 21, 2023 at 5:00pm, Old Town Hall

Members of Public: None

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: led by Dan Saliga

Tanglewood Committee Meeting set for June 21, 2023, 5:00 pm at the Old Town Hall.

Minute approval: May, motion by Jim, second by Carol, were unanimously approved.

Financial Report: Conservation Fund: held in Profile Bank Acct # 01-30003189, overseen by Town Treasurer, \$54,448.45 per RSA: 36A

Milfoil and Invasive Species Fund overseen by Trustees of Trust Fund: \$20,270.75

Annual Budget Balance: \$968.00 (\$1210.00 – \$242.00 lawyers fee = \$968.00)

We received a letter from Treasurer Sandy Bruedle which provided the current balance of the Conservation Fund. The Commission needs more information for planning projects and Kate offered to send a letter to Sandy requesting information on the terms of the CD, when it matures, how much can be accessed without penalty etc.

Prayer a short discussion on the legality of prayer at the beginning of the meeting. It was determined to be legal, but that we would be sensitive to people of many faiths and their right to be represented in prayer, as the need arises.

Volunteer Lake Assessment Program John Mullen reported on the current cyanobacteria bloom reported in Sunrise Lake June 1. It has since dissipated. The first VLAP samples were taken on Thursday June 8, three E. Coli samples were taken one at Town Beach (Johns Beach) There are 11 sites where historically samples have been taken. This year 7 sites tested with the State intern Biologist. It was stressed that the Town Health Officer must have a line for water testing, that office is ultimately responsible for health issues related to the lake. John commented on the Milfoil Capital Reserve Fund, costs for managing milfoil infestation have been averaging about \$1000.00 per year, Grants received from the State were 50% also donations from the public. The process has been VLAP requests the money from the Selectmen who request the money from the Trustee of the Trust Fund. It was suggested we create a capital reserve fund for VLAP testing.

Town Forest More sample documents of Town Forest Plan, Forester Contract were distributed and list of Strafford County Foresters for members to review.

Town Aquifer: It was noted that the Town Stratified Drift Aquifer was erroneously excluded from the Town Master Plan, it is roughly located where Moose Brook and Rte 153 intersect, and is important to protect.

Adjournment

7:30 pm on a motion by Jim and second by Carol the meeting was adjourned.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Buzard

Next meeting July 11, 2023 at 6:30 pm at Old Town Hall