



# Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

## CONSERVATION COMMISSION

March 21, 2023

*Call to Order Carol Vita at 6:40 pm*

Roll Call: Present; Chair. Carol Vita (2023), Alt Kate Buzard (2024): Alternate Jim Keegan (2024) present, also Tracy Donovan-Laviolette ex officio

Sub-committee members: none

Members of Public: Dan Saliga, Cathy Gaffney

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Invocation:** Dan Saliga led in prayer.

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

**Appointments:** RSA 36-A:3 appointed by the Select board for 3 year terms staggered. Carols' term expired 2023 also we have two vacant. We will recommend to the Select board Carol Vita for one year, Jim Keegan for 3 years and Kate Buzard for two years, of course the Select board can appoint any one they want.

### **Financial Report:**

**Conservation Fund:** held in Profile Bank Acct # 01-30003189, overseen by Town Treasurer, \$54,158.59 per RSA:36A

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

**Annual Budget Bal:** \$1210.00

Jim asked if we could spend money from the Conservation Fund for the Town Forest. It was believed that you could per RSA:36A

**Milfoil:** Amy Smagula Limnologist, exotic species program coordinator requested proof of insurance from the Town for this years' Milfoil Grant.

### **Tanglewood:**

**Tanglewood Subcommittee** Wording was discussed to have the Carol, Town Secretary, put on the Town Website. Draft as follows: The Middleton Conservation Commission is looking for volunteers to discuss the future of Tanglewood. Should it be developed or set-aside for wildlife habitat? What uses should be allowed? ATV's, Horseback riding, walking trails? We need the Town's citizen's help in creating a plan for the future of the Town and Sunrise lake. There will be a short meeting April 11, 2023 The Old Town Hall from 6:30 to 7:00 pm.

**Town Forest:** Jim to spoke to logger Rodney who said he would be happy to talk to the Conservation Commission about logging the Town Forest. Kate passed out sample letters requesting bids from the Towns of Randolph, Barrington, Keene and one Middleton had used in the past. Many of the uses the Commission is considering include logging, trails, wildlife management, assess scenic and other special values, also parking.

**Jordan Drive:** BOS declined to entertain the request to release Town own land. There is a Right of Way to the larger plot of land.

Meeting adjourned by unanimous vote on a motion by Jim and second by Carol at 7:30 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Buzard

Next meeting April 11, 2023