

Middleton Conservation Committee Minutes

November 12, 2019

Meeting was called to order at 1:38pm

John Mullen, Thomas Gardner, Nicole Rainone, Kim Murphy, Carol Vita and Sandy (Town treasurer) was present.

October minutes were approved.

We discussed making an official Conservation Meeting Agenda. Carol said she would establish a guideline for the agenda and we will discuss together anything we feel should be added.

Sandy came to talk to us about our conservation funds.

Currently they are tied up in a CD at Profile Bank. After talking with the bank, they agreed to let us take the funds out of the CD early with no penalties. If we move funds to a money market account we will get .5% interest. Money Market would allow us to write checks.

There was a motion to transfer 40% of the money from the CD to a money market, leaving 60% in a CD. It was a unanimous vote to affirm the motion.

We found evidence that the conservation fund was started in 1988. It was started at a town meeting March of '96 (Warrant article #10). The funds come from the land use tax. A letter needs to be written to the budget committee and the board of selectmen reminding them that there was a warrant article to make sure excess CC budget from annual budget go into the conservation fund. (Copy of this note from 12/31/2014 was made and distributed to the CC board).

Milfoil fund was started in 2002 (warrant article #14).

We are still waiting on plans for bids from town foresters Charlie Moreno and Peter Kasprzyk.

Kimberly will reach out to NHLAKES.ORG for someone to come talk to the commission about their lake smart program.

Meeting was adjourned at 2:56pm