



Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

June 15, 2021

Call to Order: Carol Vita-Chair called to order at 6:45 PM.

Roll Call:

Carol Vita-Chair: Present
John Mullen-Vice Chair/Clerk: Present
Thomas Gardner-Member: Absent
Kate Buzard-Alternate: Present
Jim Keegan-Alternate: Present

Member of the Public:

Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

Opening Remarks: C. Vita advised the Commission members of Cheryl Kimball's resignation as an alternate. It was indicated that C. Kimball will be missed and brought a lot of knowledge and passion about the Town's natural resources. She will be missed.

Review of Past Minutes: J. Mullen made a motion to accept the minutes of May 18 2021 as transcribed. C Vita seconded the motion.

*Vote: C. Vita yea, J. Mullen yea. T. Gardner abstained. 2 yeas 0 nays 1 abstention.
Motion carried.*

Correspondences

- NHDES "Supply Lines with the Source" newsletter with the Commission.

Old Business

- **Sunrise Lake Water Shed Management Plan/ "Soak Up the Rain Program".**
J. Mullen offered an update. The joint informational meeting was held on June 5th. Fifteen members of the surrounding area were in attendance. J. Mullen commented it was a little disappointing that more residents did not attend. Fortunately, members from all three lake associations were there. NHDES's Sally Soules made her presentations of the Sunrise Lake Watershed Management Plan. The plan was fully described as to why, who, and when. She emphasized

that the study and plan is totally a non-legal venture. Lisa Loosigian presented the “Soak up The Rain Program” which can help residents diagnose water runoff issues on their properties and over low-cost solutions. Seven residents signed up for the program.

- **J. Mullen** submitted the cost of the rental of Speaker Lectern for the meeting at a cost of \$60 for reimbursement. T. Gardner made a motion to process PIT Rental Bill for Informational Meeting in the amount of \$66 be processed for reimbursement to J. Mullen. C. Vita seconded.

Vote: C. Vita yea, T. Gardner yea. J. Mullen abstained. 2 yeas 0 nays 1 abstention. Motion carried.

- **Blueberry Hill Property:** Discussion continued on how to proceed on what do with the property. At the request of CC requested that J. Keegan arrange to have the local ATV Club meet with the Commission next meeting to explain what clubs do in terms of trails etc. At the suggestion of J. Keegan, he expressed that we need to move forward and it was decided that the Commission will formulate a recommendation to the BOS that at this time the property should be held by the Town for the time being until further study by the Commission can be conducted and a more definitive recommendation be made. The clerk will write a recommendation at report it to the CC at its next regular meeting. Some of the future recommendations would make it a Town Forest, a Conservation area. Further discussion and investigation will continue. K. Buzard will investigate such options.
- **Tanglewood:** Discussions continued how to proceed with the development of the property. K. Buzard expressed that the main concern and protection should be that the property is the main water source for Sunrise Lake and should be the focus on its use. J. Mullen will develop a recommendation to the BOS on how to merge existing lots and how to proceed.
- **Proposed By-Laws:** Discussions continued. K. Buzard wanted to ensure that the By-Laws provide an annual inspections of CC easements. J. Mullen offered some recommended language to be added. Further edits were discussed and will be presented to the Commission at the next regular meeting for review and approval.

New Business:

- **Membership Terms:** Continued discussion on the changes.
- **Change Meeting date:** Discussion continued

Public Comments: None.

Members Comments: None.

Motion to adjourn by C. Vita, seconded by T. Gardner.

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

Meeting adjourned 8:40 PM.

Respectively Submitted: John A. Mullen Jr., Clerk