



Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

October 11, 2022

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

Roll Call: Carol Vita (2023) -Chair: Present; Kate Buzard (2024)-Alternate Jim Keegan (2024)

Ex-Officio: Christine Maynard, present

Sub-committee members: Randy Barnes, not present

Members of Public: Dan Saliga, Dennis Daniel, Cathleen Colleran

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation: Dan Saliga started the meeting with a prayer.

The minutes for September 22, 2022, as amended, were unanimously approved.

Financial Report:

Conservation Fund: held in Profile Bank Acct # 01-30003189, overseen by Town Treasurer, \$53,755.27

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

Annual Budget: \$750.00 However; \$115.00 was expended and no one knows why.

Action item: Kate will investigate this transaction.

NHACC: Invoice for membership \$250.00. Motion from Jim, second from Carol to pay invoice. Unanimously approved. PO# 1565. **New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commissions.**

2023 Budget discussion: Memo from Selectmen for Budget requests by October 17, 2022.

- Request from former subcommittee member John Mullen to increase assessment line by \$480.00 to cover costs for increased VLAP testing. After lengthy discussion, on a motion by Jim and second from Carol the motion was unanimously approved.
- Carol made a motion to leave remainder budget requests same as last year, Jim provided a second. Motion approved unanimously.

Mount Jesse Trail: Members of the public had some questions about the Jesse Mountain trail.

Dan again reported that the trail needs to be given time to regrow. Christine mentioned that only Dan and Jim were authorized to use an ATV on trail. Jim doesn't want to see the trails ruined. We should work together.

Marshall Gibbs Map 1 Lot 1: Jim requested that, after having spoken to Mr. Gibbs, we look into cost of Conservation Easement it's an important section of the river system with important wildlife habitat. Action item: Kate, with board approval, to contact Moose Mountain Regional Greenways (MMRG), and South East Land Trust, (SELT) who took over Strafford County Rivers Conservancy. Approval given.

Piper Mountain Map 22 Lot 30: Kate asked whether the Conservation Commission would be introducing a Warrant Article to bring the Piper Mountain lot (approx. 19.7 acres) back into the Town Forest. Jim and Carol both agreed we should. Kate further asked permission to contact UNH Forestry and anybody else she felt could help with the development of a forestry plan. Permission was given.

Tanglewood: Lengthy discussion on Tanglewood. Jim suggested a Tanglewood subcommittee be formed.

Other Business: Dan Saliga reported that a resident at 36 Fox Road was feeding ducks. There is a Town Ordinance prohibiting this behavior because of elevated levels of E.Coli and swimmers itch.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:08 pm unanimous.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Buzard.

Next Meeting on November 8, 2022 at 6:30 pm Old Town Hall.