



Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

Tanglewood Watershed Protection Committee

Meeting Minutes

Old Town Hall

April 15, 2026

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at **5:45 pm** at the Old Town Hall.

2. Attendance

Present: Karina Vernacatola, Bonnie Gagnon, Kate Buzard.

3. Approval of Minutes

Bonnie Gagnon moved to approve the minutes of **February 18, 2026**.

Second by **Kate Buzard**.

Motion passed unanimously.

4. Sunrise Lake Watershed Management Plan – Tanglewood Focus

The Commission reviewed a **synopsis of the Sunrise Lake Watershed Management Plan**, with particular attention to sections referencing:

- **Protection of the Tanglewood area**
- **Protection of open land within the watershed generally**

Discussion emphasized the importance of Tanglewood as part of a **larger wildlife corridor**, including connections to: **SPNHF Jennings Forest, SPNHF Moose Mountains Reservation Ellis Hatch Fishery**

Members noted the significant acreage of **forested wetlands** within Tanglewood and reviewed the section titled **“Why Protecting Open Land — Including the Tanglewood Area — Matters for Sunrise Lake.”**

5. Tanglewood Map and Wildlife Connectivity

The Commission discussed the **Tanglewood Map**, highlighting:

- The value of the property as a wildlife travel route
- Its role in maintaining connectivity between conserved lands
- The ecological importance of uninterrupted forested wetland systems

6. Current Conditions Reports & Potential Assessment

Copies of the **Current Conditions Report for Mount Jesse** were distributed for review.

Members considered whether a similar **Current Conditions assessment** should be completed for the Tanglewood property.

7. Trail Marking Needs

Bonnie Gagnon raised the need for **marked trails** within Tanglewood.

The Commission discussed potential partners, including the **Boy Scouts**, for assistance with trail marking and signage.

8. Natural Resources Survey Materials

Copies of the **Ilex Wetlands Consultants Tanglewood Natural Resources Survey with more mapping** were distributed for member review.

9. Adjournment Motion: Bonnie Gagnon moved to adjourn the meeting at **6:30 PM**.

Second: Karina Vernacatola. **Motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted, Kate Buzard