



Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

August 11, 2026

Old Town Hall

6:34 p.m. Meeting called to order

Members Present: Jim Keegan, Chair, Tracy Donovan-Laviolette, Vice-Chair, Kate Buzard, Clerk, Jonathan Sindorff Ex-officio

Financial Report The Financial Report was **tabled** on a motion by **Tracy**, seconded by **Jim**.

Correspondence

The Commission reviewed a letter from **Colby Phong**, outlining available services including:

- Trail building
- Trail clearing
- Trail maintenance
- Property line marking
- Additional conservation-related field services

Jim suggested sending Colby a letter inviting him to attend a future meeting.

Town Forest

The Commission discussed questions regarding Town Forest parcels that abut private roads.

- Kate will **contact NHMA** for clarification on legal ramifications and management considerations.

Laptop Update Jonathan contacted Tim Cremmens who responded that the laptop request is **pending** and “almost there.”

Old Home Day Celebration August 21, 2026, 5:30 pm

The Commission agreed to have **Conservation Commission stickers** made to hand out at Old Home Day.

Facebook Page: The existing Facebook page titled “**Middleton NH Conservation Committee**” needs to be updated to “**Conservation Commission**” to reflect statutory language under **RSA 36-A:1**.

Botanical Survey Inquiry

The Commission was contacted regarding potential botanical surveys. Jim expressed concern that identifying protected species could lead to land closures.

Kate requested permission to **investigate further**, noting that:

- The New England Wildflower Society previously visited annually but never found protected species.
- Historically they looked for **small whorled pogonia** and **white adder’s mouth**.

Contact information referenced: **774-519-5564, 603-892-882?**

- **Sabrina.Stanwood@DNCR.NH.gov**

Public Comment: **Kevin Houle** asked about the purpose of **combining lots** and what the purpose was.

Kate explained that the Conservation Commission is charged with protecting water and water quality, and that combining small lots containing a stream can make sense from a management perspective.

Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on **September 8, 2026**.

Adjournment On a motion by **Kate**, seconded by **Tracy**, the meeting was adjourned at **7:43 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Kate Buzard, Clerk