



Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

Conservation Commission Meeting Minutes

September 8, 2026

Municipal Building

6:36 p.m. Meeting called to order

Members Present: Tracy Donovan-Laviolette (2027), Vice-Chair, Kate Buzard (2028) Clerk, Absent: Jim Keegan Chair (2029) Jonathan Sindorff Ex-officio

Financial Report

Annual Budget		2026			2026 PAID	Balance
		Funding Request	Appropriated	Pending		
00-4619-00-390	Con. Expense				\$	
	NHACC	250.00	250.00	250.00		250.00
	MMRG	100.00	100.00		100.00 (5/14)	0.00
	SPNHF	125.00	125.00		125.00 (5/14)	0.00
	SELT	75.00	75.00		75.00	0.00
00-4619-00-835	Workshops etc.	120.00	120.00			120.00
00-4619-00-561	Reference Material	100.00	100.00			
	Village district map				15.00	85.00
00-4619-00-320	Legal Fees	400.00	400.00			
	Stickers				250.00	150.00
	Paper, ink mailings	1.00	1.00		\$0.00	1.00
01-4619-00-880	VLAP	840.00	840.00			
	testing				\$180.00	660.00
Reimburse J Mullen	E colli /EUROFINS			168.00		
01-4619-01-880	Tanglewood	0.00	0.00		0.00	1.00
01-4619-02-880	SLWAC	840.00	840.00			
Food for annual mtg	Cindy DE Cristofaro	Food for annual mtg			83.13	
8 signs with stands	Moose Brook Signs				264.00	
Microsoft annual payment	Joni Van Gelder	Microsoft annual payment			129.99	362.88
Total		2852.00	\$2852.00		1222.12	1629.88

On a motion by Tracy and seconded by Kate it was approved to reimburse John Mullen \$168.00 for e. Coli testing at the Eurofins environmental facility in Concord 51 Antrim avenue Concord NH 03301

Old Home Day Celebration: A huge thank-you to **Jim Keegan** for loaning us his turkey. The kids absolutely loved him—some were a little unsure at first, but he quickly became a crowd favorite. The stickers were a big hit too, adding even more fun to the day. A great chance to meet, talk, and connect as a community

Old Business: Still waiting for responses from Colby Phong and NHMA. Kate will email the Selectmen regarding status of Laptop

Tanglewood Watershed Protection Area Committee: Kate made a motion to place the Tanglewood Watershed Protection Area Committee on hiatus, with all committee activity suspended, until or if such time the board of Selectmen or the Conservation Commission determines that the committee should reconvene. Tracy seconded and the motion passed unanimously approved.

NHDES permits reviewed:

- Incomplete trails statutory permit-by-notification SPNHF (RSA 482-A) Tax Map 17 Lot 12
- Standard Dredge and Fill Wetlands, Darren Wilder, 23 Fox Road Tax map 5 Lot 79

Seeking Permission to Survey Plants on Town of Middleton Property: Elizabeth Johnson Native Plants Trust (replaced New England Wildflower Conservancy) In response to her request to perform a survey on Town Forest property She stated that it is too late in the season to survey for plants. However, if you would still like to discuss our request, it may also be helpful to establish a general protocol for future survey requests, as additional surveys may come up on your properties in the future. Kate will contact to see what protocol would entail.

Kate reported that historically there have been four species reported in Middleton, September 2, 1994

1. Autumn Coral-root (G5 – Secure

Meaning: Not federally listed. Secure globally but considered a conservation-need species and “Special Concern” in some states due to habitat sensitivity.

2 Small Whorled Pogonia G2/G3

- **Federal status: Threatened** (U.S. Endangered Species Act)
- **NH status: Endangered** (NH Native Plant Protection Act)

3 White Adder’s-mouth G4 State-rare / S1–S2 in New England (inference based on regional NH/VT/MA listings) • Extremely **rare**

- Found in very specific cool, moist forest microsites
- Often known from **only a handful of occurrences per state**
- Vulnerable to habitat changes, hydrology shifts, and forest succession

4.Green Adder’s-mouth G5 – Secure

- **New Hampshire: S3 – Vulnerable**

Meaning: Common across North America, but locally uncommon enough in NH to be tracked.

RSA 217-A — New Hampshire Native Plant Protection Act of 1987 Global Rank (G-rank) scale:

- **G1** — Critically Imperiled
- **G2** — Imperiled
- **G3** — Vulnerable
- **G4** — Apparently Secure
- **G5** — Secure

Next Meeting The next meeting will be held on **October 13,2026**

Adjournment On a motion by **Kate**, seconded by **Tracy**, the meeting was adjourned at **7:03 p.m.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by: Kate Buzard, Clerk