

Town of Middleton

82 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

CONSERVATION COMMISSION Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee Site Visit Lake Lands Association Beach Wednesday, April 23, 2025

Call to order: John Mullen, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:35 PM. Present was Chairman John Mullen, Watershed Steering Committee Members Judy Larivee and Kate Buzard, Representing SRPC Kyle Pimental, Representing Underwood Engineers: Ben Dryer and Kate Varney. Dan Phillips-Town of Middleton Road Agent was also present. Representing the Lake Lands Association: Christine Bartlett-President and Christine Maynard-Treasurer. Others present include Gale Jones-Conservation Commission and Lake Lands Association members Fred Cameron, Steve Cameron, Barbara Pacini, Richard Pacini, and Vincent Mclaughlin.

Chairman Mullen opened the meeting by welcoming those in attendance and introduced the guests from SRPC and Underwood Engineers. Kyle Pimentel of SRPC presented a brief history of the Watershed Management Plan and the reason for making the site visit. It was explained that the visit was to give the Underwood Engineers a firsthand view of the LLA Beach erosion situation and the culvert issue and address any questions the residents had concerning the project.

Dan Phillips-RA offered his observation of the last water overflow onto the beach. He provided some opinions as to possible causes. The residents asked questions concerning the culvert issue, the existing public well, and the timeline for the project. Christine Bartlett wondered whether the State could replenish the washed out said. Chairman Mullen indicated he queried DES, and the answer was no. The Association would have to permit sand if you wanted to add sand. Also, Underwood noted that the wetland marker flags placed around the incoming stream were done by their surveyor to delineate a wetland.

The group looked at the culvert and the stream and the flow out of the culvert into the side ditch. During rain events, a discussion was held about the well as a possible cause of bubbling water on the beach. The team investigated the well and observed it dry, but it had an old pressure pump and other accessory equipment. Dan Phillips noted that it should be filled. It was pointed out that the process could be a solution; otherwise, it would be the responsibility of the Association. Additional observations were made about the roads of Lakeshore and Sunrise Drive and the impact of water flow during a rain event.

The site visit concluded at 5:25, and the team returned to the Old Town Hall to convene the SLWAC meeting.

Respectfully submitted:

John Mullen

Chair