

(Draft) Meeting Minutes

Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee (SLWAC)

Meeting Date: August 30, 2023

Introduction/Overview

16 Residents of the Town of Middleton met for an Organizational Meeting at the Old Town Hall, 200 Kings Highway, Middleton, NH, on August 30th @ 5:30 PM. After a brief introduction, John Mullen reviewed the purpose and Mission of the Advisory Committee. This body will operate as a subcommittee of the Conservation Commission.

Member David Miller presented a draft Mission Statement of the SLWAC. After discussion and minor revisions, a motion was made to adopt by Randy Barnes, seconded by Glenn Thoren, and passed unanimously. (See Supporting Document attached)

Election of Committee Officials

Committee Chair: John Mullen: motion made by Dave Miller; Randy Barne seconded. Passed unanimously.

Committee Vice Chair: David Miller: motion made by Randy Barnes, Cindy DeCrisofaro. Passed unanimously.

Committee Clerk: Joni van Gelder: motion made by John Mullen, seconded by Randy Barnes. Passed unanimously.

Establish a Working Agenda

The goals of the committee will be broken into these categories: Immediate (primary) goals, Secondary (longer term) goals, and Recruitment (both new members and areas in the community yet to be represented.) Members agree that it's essential to have representation from each association, with the current membership encompassing Hampshire Shores, Sunrise Estates,

Sunrise Lakelands Association. One of the immediate goals is to educate all watershed residents on how to reduce bacterial impact on the watershed. The group reviewed the Hampshire Shores Association Resolution, and Vice Chair Miller suggests that all Associations may want to adopt this model.

Resources

Chairman Mullen noted that some resources (donations) have been made to help support education and mitigation. The Chair will further investigate the mechanism for accepting these donations and how they can be utilized.

Outreach/Strategies for Education

The group will likely create sub-committees, such as a committee, to explore ways to educate the residents at large. No action on sub-committees was taken at this meeting. Debra Barnes suggested members email the Chair how they feel each could best serve the committee goals (education, water quality, etc.) as a starting point. The group also discussed creating a master list with “2 levels,” Lake and watershed residents, understanding there would be overlap. Clerk van Gelder noted that outreach to all residents should be considered, as the quality of the lake affects all property owners, whether they are within the watershed or not.

The Chair will attend 2 Association meetings during the Labor Day weekend to review the purpose and intent of the committee to the residents of those communities. The Chair is also organizing informational sessions such as an upcoming talk from “NH Lakes” to educate residents about property management issues (September 2023), and a presentation in Spring 2024 by Marine Patrol concerning boat safety. Member Christie Maynard suggested the group consider sending out an introductory flyer regarding the goals and objectives of the group.

Update/Review NH DES 319 Grant Proposal

The Chair provided an overview of past grant applications and pending proposals, such as creating a rain garden at Hampshire Shores improving drainage and stormwater runoff at the Sunrise Lake Lands Association beach.

Future Meetings

The Chair will create a survey utilizing Survey Monkey so that members can identify a monthly meeting day/time that will meet the needs of the majority. No date for the next meeting was set pending the survey results. The Committee does have seasonal members, so various ways remote members can attend meetings (Zoom, Conference Call) were also discussed.

With no further business before the Committee, a motion to adjourn was made by Christine Maynard, seconded by Joni van Gelder. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Supporting Documents:

SLWAC Mission Statement: Attached

Hampshire Shores Association Resolution:

<https://acrobat.adobe.com/link/review?uri=urn:aaid:scds:US:aa10534b-3fbb-37ad-af5f-e9e38241c9d9>

Respectfully submitted:

Joni van Gelder
Clerk

