# Town of Middleton

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

## Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Meeting June 26<sup>th</sup> 2025 Meeting Minutes (DRAFT)

The meeting was called to order at 5:52 PM. Present were Chairman John Mullen, Clerk Joni van Gelder, Members Cindy DeCristofaro, Judy Larivee and Kate Buzard. Vice Chair Dave Miller was attending a conference for another committee and not able to attend. Gail Jones was absent.

### Housekeeping

Clerk van Gelder reminded C DeCristofaro that receipts for the creation of our displays were needed to send to SRP for in kind documentation. Additionally, van Gelder announced that she would be resigning as both clerk and member of the SLWAC effective 12/31/2025. Her intention in announcing this now is to give the committee ample time to find a new clerk, and give her time to properly train that person so the transition is seamless. She has enjoyed her time with the committee and will continue to support them as a resident of the town. Chairman Mullen accepted her resignation with regret.

#### **Financial Report**

A review of the financial report from the Chairman included information on current expenditures for water quality treatments, (Milfoil and Herbicide Treatments) what checks cut and not yet cut, as well as a notification that a donation from a resident is anticipated. (Amount not yet known). Kate Buzard noted that there was a math error in the CF income amount, (incorrectly calculated) so that amount should be \$2,950.00, not as reported. Chair will make the correction. The new treasurer for the town has been an asset in reconciling all accounts and providing reports. The Chairman also noted a recommendation that the requested budget amount for treatments be increased annually by \$1000.00 in order to ensure there are ample funds for another herbicide treatment. This led to a reminder by K. Buzard that budgeted funds need to be used, in order to justify increases. The financial report was not voted on, likely to update the calculation error.

**Minutes** were reviewed for the May meeting and accepted as read (Buzard/Larivee)

**Calendars:** Due to the very low volume of responses on the interest survey, the committee will not move forward with this fund raiser. Clerk van Gelder made a recommendation that the committee look at it again in 2026, perhaps in conjunction with another committee (i.e. Recreation) to spread out the work and the financial outlay, and share the profits.

#### 6/28 /25 Community Event:

It was agreed that the team would assemble at the OTH at 8:00 AM to set up for the event. The recreation committee have an event the previous evening and will stage the chairs and tables, which is appreciated. The Chairman reached out to BOS Tim Cremmen and he will donate his time and expertise to record and post the event, which is also appreciated.

The next scheduled event is having a display during Old Home Day. Member J. Larivee suggested the committee purchase a canopy for SLWAC use during these outreach events. After a brief discussion, K. Buzard made a motion to expend up to \$100.00 for a canopy, seconded by J. van Gelder. The motion passed.

An update on interest from having a display at the craft fair was also reviewed, and the general consensus is that this event is not one where a lot of interest is shown, as there are a lot of people from outside of Middleton who are attending because of the opportunity to purchase craft items.

Clerk van Gelder asked if the new grant application for 319 grant funding had been released, and there was some confusion as to whether or not the application had been released or whether it was already submitted. The Chairman will clarify\*

\*Following the meeting the Chairman contacted SRP and the 319 grant has not been published as yet. The grant application that had been submitted was for Stormwater Asset Management Plan under the NH DES Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF), not under the 319 Grant.

Member C. Decristofaro suggested that the request made by K. Buzard during the May meeting, to give future consideration regarding Tanglewood be put on the agenda. This matter will be on the agenda for the September meeting.

With no further business a motion to adjourn was made at 7:23 PM. (Buzard/DeCristofaro)

Respectfully submitted

Joni van Gelder