



# Town of Middleton

182 Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

CONSERVATION COMMISSION  
Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

## Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee November Meeting- 11/14/2024

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM. Present were Chairman John Mullen, Vice Chair Dave Miller (remote), Judy Larivee, Kate Buzard, Cindy DeCristofaro (remote), Gail Jones and Joni van Gelder.

**Housekeeping:** Clerk/Member Joni van Gelder followed up on some previous action items, confirming that NH Lakes has no issue with our group utilizing photos and information from their website, with the understanding that we will cite them as the source when doing so. Correcting an earlier comment concerning the renewal of Microsoft 365, it will be due for renewal in February 2025, not December 2024. She also confirmed that the in-kind report and documentation for October has been submitted to SRP, and the in-kind amount stands at \$11,078.41

**Financial Report:** The Chairman reviewed the financial report and indicated that the VLAP spend was less than allotted because low water conditions on the lake prevented planned testing for e Coli. The conservation committee will be drawing up a letter to the trustee of the trust funds to request the release of funds for payment of milfoil expenses and noted that the 2024 donation from Mr. Hart will be held and used in 2025.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the September 26<sup>th</sup> meeting and the October 24<sup>th</sup> were approved, (Miller/Larivee) with no dissention. However, later in the meeting Kate Buzard noted an error in the September minutes and a motion was made (Miller/Larivee) to approve as amended.

**Grant Selection Committee:** The Chairman has a candidate in mind outside of the committee to be a part of the Advisory team that will review the proposals from interested persons/organizations with experience in environmental engineering to facilitate the work under the grant. The Advisory Committee will consist of Chairman Mullen, SRP, DES and 2 additional persons. Vice Chair Miller and member Cindy DeCristofaro will provide additional support to this committee, using their expertise, and the Chair will reach out to his proposed candidate (who's name was not given), and the members will bring any additional names to the December meeting.

**Future Events (2025):** Joni van Gelder had been researching ways to engage youth and brought information from programs such as NH Lakes Watershed Warriors, Nature Conservancy, (Youth Climate Action Committee) and suggested also engaging teachers in MES, Kingswood Middle and High School (which Middleton students attend). Gail Jones suggested that the group check with the high school as in the past students have been encouraged to participate in these types of activities as an academic requirement. The committee also reviewed last year's activities and discussed repeat programs from NH Lakes and Marine Patrol. Also, under discussion is expanding the media presence of this group and Tim Cremmen will be contacted to gauge his interest and availability to record/live stream future presentations. Vice Chair Miller mentioned that the challenge is that the people who would benefit from the educational presentations are seasonal residents who are there in July and August, when participation is at a low point because it's the summer season, so utilizing live streaming/recording may aid in that area. Chairman Mullen also suggested that a presentation on proper septic management would be beneficial to the community.

**Member Comments:** Kate Buzard provided a first look at the Village District Map she is creating. Cindy DeCristofaro requested that the current display boards (used in events) are brought to the December meeting so that she can work on updating them throughout the winter months.

With no further business a motion for adjournment was made (Miller/Larivee) and the meeting concluded at 6:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted

Joni van Gelder

Member/Clerk