



Town of Middleton

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION
Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee May Meeting, May 22nd 2025 Draft Minutes

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 5:32. Following the Pledge of Allegiance, it was noted that present were Chairman John Mullen, Vice-Chair Dave Miller (remote), Members Kate Buzard, Cindy DeCristofaro, Judy Larivee, Gail Jones and Joni van Gelder.

Housekeeping: The clerk advised she had received an email from SRP letting us know that they can offer a service to place infrared sensors on trails and sidewalks to count the number of people who use it. This takes place over an approximate 2-week period. It was decided that while there are limited trails, it might be a good exercise to place in Tanglewood. The clerk will reply to the SRP email and cc Kate Buzard so she can coordinate this.

Financial Reports: The Chairman presented revised financial reports for 2025 for review and to approve as amended. Kate Buzard suggested that this be tabled until June as she felt there was still an error on the total of available CF income. Vice Chair Dave Miller made a motion to accept as presented, seconded by Cindy DeCristofaro. Kate Buzard made an alternate motion to delay which was seconded by Cindy DeCristofaro. The motion to delay was passed. Clerk van Gelder asked if the BOS had signed the Milfoil contract, and this was confirmed.

Survey/Calendar Update: The survey will remain up until the end of the month. The Chairman urged everyone to share the link either on Facebook or using the link on SRP website. The Clerk noted that if there was limited participation in the survey, this project would be abandoned due to lack of interest, as the time and resources needed to put this together are not minute, and not having a vested interest to purchase from the community would make this, while a good idea, not worth pursuing.

Display Board Posters: Cindy DeCristofaro unveiled the updated resource posters she has been working on, and the entire committee commends her for her hard work. These will be used at our outreach events. The clerk will send photos of the boards to Vice Chair Miller and to SRP.

Meeting Minutes: The minutes of the April meetings were reviewed. For the April SLWAC meeting, those minutes were approved as written (Kate Buzard/Cindy DeCristofaro). For the April site visit as part of the grant update,

also done in April, those minutes were approved as written (Kate Buzard/Judy Larivee).

June 28 Outreach Event: The Chair did get a response from Marine Patrol and they have assigned 2 people to present during this event. Their presentation will be at 10:30. The Chairman will re-confirm with NH Lakes as to their participation. Vice Chair Miller suggested the meeting be kicked off with an update on the 319 Grant Work. The prep work decided on and person(s) responsible are as follows:

Advertising

- ✓ Facebook posting (Joni)
- ✓ Notify the Road Agent to have the LED sign up 2 weeks prior (Joni)
- ✓ Putting the notice on the Town website (Joni)
- ✓ Getting the notification on the Town Calendar (Joni)
- ✓ Creation of a Flyer (Cindy DeCristofaro)

It was decided that the breakfast would consist of a continental style breakfast to accommodate the length of the meeting and the thought that people may be coming and going.

What is on hand now:

- ✓ Coffee
- ✓ Creamer (dried)
- ✓ Coffee cups
- ✓ Stirrers
- ✓ Napkins

What needs to be purchased: (Judy Larivee/Cindy DeCristofaro)

- ✓ Pastries (Danish, donuts, muffins)
- ✓ Juice
- ✓ Small bottles of water
- ✓ Fresh Fruit
- ✓ Half & Half
- ✓ Plates (this was not discussed during the meeting, the clerk will check)

Judy Larivee will coordinate with the Rec Committee as to using the coffeemaker, screen and projector.

It was decided that set up would be Friday night 6/27 starting at 5:00, John, Joni, Judy, Cindy are available for setup. Committee staff will be at the OTH Saturday between 8 and 8:30. The clerk suggested that since the June meeting is scheduled for the 26th, rather than have the committee at the OTH 3 days running, that the June meeting be moved to the 27th. Set up will start at 5:00, be suspended for the meeting at 5:30 and continue after the meeting agenda. The Clerk will update the meeting date/time.

Milfoil/Herbicide Treatments

As he has done in the past, Joe Holtz has coordinated the timing of these treatments. The Chair wanted to notify the committee that since the Town started dealing with Solitude the communication and follow-through has been extremely poor. The Chairman has not received any notification of upcoming treatments which should be communicated to the committee. An example of this is that the company sent out a notice without prior knowledge but only had a vague timeline of treatment, either June or August. The Chairman has taken the action item of working to improve the communication.

Craft Fair Update: There is only one member that is confirmed to be in attendance but the decision was made to still participate. It was agreed that since this is a static display, it is not mandatory that someone be there for the entire event. Judy Larivee will be in attendance, and possibly Gail Jones. Our location is at the entrance to the gym, we have ample tables, and the clerk suggested that a flyer announcing the June event be part of the static display.

Following the June breakfast update event, the next scheduled outreach is Old Home Day in August, which will also be a static display.

New Business: The Chair mentioned that the Town of Middleton/SRP and DES are embarking on another grant. This is a non-matching grant and falls under the Clean Water State Revolving Fund. Participation has the full approval of the BOS. The grant amount can range from \$30,000 to \$180,000 and SRP will administer the grant. SRP feels that the work the Town has done to date puts us in a good position for strong consideration. There is also a new 319 grant opportunity coming in June.

Kate Buzard asked for future consideration regarding protecting Tanglewood, uplands, and Watershed Area's from development. No action was taken at this time.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45
(DeCristofaro/Larivee)

Respectfully submitted

Joni van Gelder Clerk/Member