



# Town of Middleton

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## CONSERVATION COMMISSION Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

### Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee Public Awareness Meeting June 28 2025 (Draft) Meeting Minutes

On June 28, 2025 members of the Watershed Advisory Committee presented an update on the work of the committee, as well as presentations from NH Lakes and NH Marine Patrol. A total of 22 people attended, enjoyed a continental breakfast, and participated with well thought out questions and discussions on several topics.

The event started with a review of the day's agenda by Chairman John Mullen followed by a brief presentation regarding the work being done through the 319 Grant, Milfoil Mitigation, work of the VLAP (Volunteer Lake Assessment Program) and an update to changes in the State notification system for an outbreak of Cyanobacteria in NH waterbodies.

Following a brief break, Kat Kelleher, Conservation Program Coordinator from NH Lakes presented information on the work of NH Lakes, ways that residents can diminish harmful runoff into the lake on their properties, the Lake Smart Community Model and their LakeSmart Ambassador programs. Her presentation was very interactive, with resident questions and input both during and following her presentation. Her discussion covered water quality, invasives and more. It is an important distinction that this organization is in no way regulatory, but advisory.

An additional short break allowed Officer William Hackmann and Officer James Valotto from the NH Marine Patrol to set up their presentation (complete with life jackets and a Marine Patrol Boat parked in the parking lot!)

As always Marine Patrol presentations are opportunities to learn, discuss and ask questions and this presentation was no exception. Those in attendance brought forth a number of issues such as buoys restricting access to private beaches and docks, laws regulating lighting, boater safety, capacity/overloading of watercraft, headway speeds, no wake zones and how right of way is determined. There were many great questions and a lot of discussion about issues specific to Sunrise Lake and the questions and conversation was respectful and thoughtful by all.

Several residents stayed after the presentation for additional discussion with members of the committee and speakers. The presentation was video recorded by Tim Cremen, who as always gives a great deal of his time and expertise to

capturing these kinds of events, and who will then upload them on YouTube, the Town website and various Facebook community pages. His time and efforts are appreciated.

Respectfully submitted  
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