



Town of Middleton

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CONSERVATION COMMISSION Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee

Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes – September 25, 2025 – 5:30 PM Middleton Old Town Hall, Middleton, NH

Present: Chair John Mullen, Vice-Chair Dave Miller (by phone), Members Cindy DeCristofaro, Kate Buzard, Gail Jones

Absent: Clerk Joni van Gelder, Judy Larivee member

Call to Order: Chair Mullen called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Due to Clerk van Gelder's absence, Kate Buzard volunteered to record minutes.

Approval of Minutes: Dave Miller moved to approve August 28, 2025 minutes. Cindy DeCristofaro seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Financial Report: No changes except Chair Mullen will submit receipts for two totes.

Watershed Management Plan Update:

- Chair Mullen to meet with Strafford Regional Planning Commission on Sept. 29 to review the contract with Colin Lenz and Rachel Dewey (replacing Kyle Pimental during paternity leave).
- Projected start: late Oct. to early Nov.
- Conservation Commission and Planning Board confirmed full support. Planning Board signed CUP (Conditional Use Permit). The Select board committed to provide materials and a truck and a driver.
- Town Road Agent to contact SUR re: 24" manhole cover and pipe contractor.
- Paul Barron (Barron Brothers Development Inc.) offered support when he can.
- Steve Cameron to be contacted regarding his role.
- Underwood Engineers (Portsmouth, NH) to be engaged for preconstruction meetings and final specs.
- Dave Miller asked about final engineering specs and materials list. Committee agreed a certified well contractor (possibly Butch Barron) is needed, along with engineering supervision and sign-off.
- Rain gardens at Hampshire Shores may be postponed until spring. May need grant extension or new grant. Current grant deadline: end of 2026.

Annual Meeting Planning:

- Scheduled for July 11, 2026.
- Chair Mullen to contact Marine Patrol, NH Lakes, and a septic ordinance expert.

- Dave Miller recommended Adirondack Lake Alliance webinar.
- Cindy requested examples of local septic ordinances with inspection laws.
- Chair Mullen noted a future town-wide meeting will be needed to present the plan.

New Business:

- Milton Septic Seminar: Adding sand to beaches harms lake health.
- Septic Ordinance discussion continued.
- Committee recruitment: Need clerk, graphic designer, and environmental expertise. Strategies: letters to associations, website, Facebook, open house, evening meeting with all boards.
- Kate suggested reinstating Select board's monthly committee report time.
- Gail emphasized financial risks of lake neglect as volunteer incentives.
- Gail announced free cyanobacteria webinar (Oct. 15, 2025, 7–8 PM).
- Discussion on delays between cyanobacteria bloom reports and State Mapper updates.
- Kate proposed ordering custom thank-you cards. Chair Mullen moved to approve \$25.00; Cindy seconded. Motion passed.

Adjournment: At 6:28 PM, Chair Mullen moved to adjourn. Cindy DeCristofaro seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: October 23, 2025, at 5:30 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by:

Kate Buzard, Acting Clerk