



Town of Middleton

Kings Highway, Middleton, New Hampshire 03887

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

MEETING MINUTES

September 12, 2023

Old Town Hall 6:30 pm

Members present: Carol Vita chair (2024), Dan Saliga alternate (2024), Kate Buzard (2025) Tracy Donovan-Laviollette ex-officio. Absent Jim Keegan (2026).

Volunteer Lake Assessment Program member John Mullen

Sunrise Lake Watershed Advisory Committee co-chair John Mullen

Exotic Milfoil and other exotic aquatic invasive species member: John Mullen

Carol appointed Dan Saliga to substitute for Jim Keegan.

Pledge of Allegiance

Dan Saliga led a prayer

Approval of August 8, 2023 minutes as read, Carol made the motion, Dan provided a second, motion passes.

Financial Report:

VLAP budget line has \$270.00 left, next VLAP water sampling on Sunrise Lake is September 28.

Conservation Capitol Reserve Fund. Kate spoke to Laura Colbath of Profile Bank recommended we put the money into a checking account and perhaps put some of the money in a CD. Dan said there may be better options for the money, including high yield checking for example Citi-Bank offers a 4.25% variable checking that he would look into. The Board asked Kate to contact Profile Bank and find what other accounts they offer and at what interest rate. Tracy added that Commission dictates where Treasurer puts money.

Dan made a motion to accept the financial report and Carol provided a second and the motion carried.

VLAP: John Mullen asked for a vote to pay for two extra e.Coli tests on culvert at Sunrise Lake Lands Beach. . Abutters complain of smell. John provided a chart with phosphorous as an indicator as to why cyanobacteria going up. Dan made the motion for money for additional e.Coli tests, Carol provided a second - motion carried.

SLWAC: John Mullen provided a report of the first meeting, They created Officers, set goals, and intend to reach out to the Associations and rest of the Community.

Exotic Milfoil and other exotic aquatic invasive species report by John Mullen, 79 gallons of Milfoil harvested by divers this year. 2024 Milfoil Grant has been approved by the State of NH. Kate reported that the Milfoil Fund set up in 2001 Town Warrant Article 14 (March 12, 2002) *as amended at Town meeting*; To see if the Town will voted to establish according to RSA 31:19-A, an Expendable Trust Fund for the purpose of treating Exotic Milfoil and other exotic aquatic weeds in the Sunrise Lake Waters, further to name the Conservation Commission as agent to expend from this fund and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2000.00 for this fund.

Requiring no further vote to expend from the Town or governing body. John reported that he had received two donations from Bruce Hart \$1500.00 for milfoil, and \$500.00 for Watershed committee, and one donation from David Miller for the Watershed Committee in the amount of \$100.00, they will be deposited into the Towns "In and Out" Fund as created by Town vote 2003



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Warrant Article 18 (March 9, 2004) To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept indefinitely, on behalf of the Town; gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town in trust for any public purpose, as permitted by RSA 31:19.

7:30 pm on a motion by Dan and second by Carol motion to adjourn.

Next meeting Tuesday October 10, 2023 at 6:30 in the Old Town Hall
minutes respectfully submitted by Kate Buzard



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