

Minutes of the Lyme Eurasian Milfoil Committee

Meeting of May 6, 2013

Attendance

Next Meeting: June 25, 2013 at 7:00 PM

Jane Fant
Ross McIntyre (absent)
Charley Muntz
Allan Newton
Faith Pushee
Richard Vidal

The Meeting was called to order at 7:10 PM by Chairman Allan Newton.

The meeting began with a comparison of approaches for caring for our water bodies by educating the boaters on spread of exotic species. The Lake Host approach seems to be best suited for water bodies free of exotic species. There, a general discussion of the problem accompanied by a courtesy inspection of the vessel and trailer, is most effective.

When exotic species are present, focus is on a map of the water body showing infested regions. Together with graphic images of the species, this provides a meaningful way of bringing the species into focus, encouraging boaters to avoid the regions, and what to do if species are unintentionally encountered.

The committee decided to embark on an extensive publicity campaign, featuring a packet of critical information:

A colored map of Post Pond, showing infested regions

A colored illustration of Eurasian Milfoil

A brochure with concise instructions that might include:

- (a) Avoid the Pond regions
- (b) Checking your vessel and trailer as you arrive
- (c) What to do if you encounter species
- (e) Checking your vessel and trailer as you leave.

The packets will be distributed in a number of different ways:

A kiosk featuring signs and packets

Mailed to residents abutting Post and Reservoir Ponds

Guests at Loch Lyme Lodge

Posting at the Town Web Site

The committee has as an objective to have this program in place by the end of Black Fly season.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 25th at 7:00 PM. We plan to invite Amy Smagula of DES to meet with the Committee.

There is no regular meeting schedule at this time. Mondays and Tuesdays are most practical. Monthly meetings are anticipated.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM

Respectfully Submitted: Charley Muntz, Secretary