

MOULTONBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF
7/5/2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Samaha, Chair, Bob Patenaude, Sec., Bill Gassman, Herb Farnham, Peter Jensen. Members absent: Alt. Paul Stinson
Others present: Rick Muelke

Minutes of the previous meeting were read, and unanimously approved with the following changes: "Term limits" should read "term" only.

NEW MEMBERS: Marie mentioned that Chip Bollinger has agreed to be an alternate. Official paperwork is forthcoming.

PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS: Marie cited specific site reviews made since the last meeting. She also explained to the board the situation involving Mr. Chiango. Peter mentioned that the Planning Board would like a more comprehensive explanation from the Con Com when commenting on proposed projects.

MILFOIL UPDATE: Peter mentioned that Nancy Wright and Jim Leiterman have resigned from the Milfoil Committee. The board expressed their regrets at the resignations, but conveyed their thanks for all of Nancy's and Jim's efforts in helping out with the program.

New members appointed to the Committee are Allen Hoch, Brian Litcof, and Alternate Susan Connolly. The board extends a hearty welcome to our new members.

Peter also mentioned that the herbicide treatment schedule for 48 acres only resulted in 43 acres being treated. If anyone is interested in seeing the Dash unit in operation it will be in the Lee's Mills area this week.

Bill mentioned that snorkeling is best way to see Milfoil, especially when the water is clear.

Peter stated that of the 358 boats that were inspected so far, 69% were from "out of town".

MITIGATION PROJECT: Paul Stinson was unavailable; therefore, no update.

MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COMMITTEE UPDATE: Bob talked about the 5 items on the Master Plan assigned to the Con Com.. # 39, "Establish Municipal Conservation Funding for Open Spaces" was discussed as to how to accomplish. More discussion is required.

Marie had drafted guidelines for # 40, "Recognizing Property Owners for Protecting and Conserving Open Spaces". Discussion followed as to what constitutes open spaces and what properties meet the criteria.

#33 "Monitor Chemicals and Fertilizers along the Shorelands" The board unanimously agreed that an Education program is probably the best way to approach this subject rather than trying to physically monitor all of our shorelands. One major target would be to notify Landscapers to stop using Phosphorus when fertilizing.

Bill mentioned that maybe offering water testing for shoreland homeowners for a fee could be considered. More discussions is required.

MONITORING CONSERVATION LANDS: Marie outlined the 4 parcels that are owned by the Con. Com. and the Town. Discussion followed as to how to go about the actual monitoring. More discussion is required.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM. Next meeting is 8/1/2011.

Respectfully submitted: Bob Patenaude, Secretary