

MOULTONBOROUGH CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES OF
8/1/2011

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marie Samaha, Chair, Bob Patenaude, Sec., Bill Gassman, Herb Farnham, Peter Jensen, Alt. Paul Stinson
Others present: Jim Leiterman

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and unanimously approved as is.

PERMITS AND APPLICATIONS/ CORRESPONDENCE: Marie mentioned that activity has been way down. (No site visits the last 2 weeks). Bob showed the flyer he received regarding a public informational meeting in Meredith from 5 to 7 PM on Aug. 9 at the Community Center concerning CYANOBACTERIA. Members expressed interest.

RESTORATION PLAN FOR MOULTONBOROUGH BAY INLET: Bill mentioned that he plans on attending a meeting of the Lake Winni Watershed Assoc. to discuss Phase 1 of their Management Plan. He talked about his ongoing measuring of Phosphates (3 times from 8 different places). He also showed supporting data that the "P" level is lower, and is improving since last year's readings, but not down to the acceptable level of "8".

Marie mentioned that in order for the Commission to attempt to educate residents on the dangers of Phosphates we need accurate information, which seems to be a problem in obtaining. The results from the July 16th test have not yet come back.

MILFOIL UPDATE: Peter mentioned that the DES notified him that only 63 acres of herbicide treatment should be done. He also mentioned that the DASH outfit is regularly pulling weeds, and that he observed them filling 13 ½ bags in one day ;however, the divers are finding milfoil infestation in other places than originally mapped out by DES. The bags containing the harvested Milfoil are being brought to the Transfer Station and will eventually be turned into compost. More updates next meeting.

MITIGATION PROJECT UPDATE: Paul has been in contact with the Town Administrator, and is waiting for a reply on his request to hire a Wetlands Engineer. He seems to think there is a certain amount of reluctance to proceed with this project at this time; however, he will attempt to meet with the Town Administrator as soon as possible.

MASTER PLAN IMPLEMENTATION UPDATE: Bob talked about the items on the Master Plan that has been assigned to the Con. Com.. There are still questions as to what constitutes qualified lands for Conservation awards. Marie drafted a list of suggestions for the Recognition of Owners of Open Spaces. Discussion followed regarding the criteria of "Open Spaces". More discussion is required.

MONITORING DOCUMENT: Marie presented a Monitoring list of pertinent data to be noted when one of the “Monitors” visit the parcels which the Con. Com. owns. Paul Stinson, Bill Gassman, and Peter Jensen volunteered to go out and physically visit the sites. (By law, this has to be done once per year).

Marie said she would revise the list based on the board’s suggestions.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM. (Next meeting is Tuesday, 9/6/2011, at 7:00PM in the Land Use Office of the Town Hall.) The meeting is moved to Tuesday due to the Labor Day holiday.

Respectfully submitted: Bob Patenaude, Secretary