

Town of Moultonborough

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**Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee Minutes**

Dec. 21st, 2009

Members Present: Chairman Peter Jensen, Secretary Joanne Farnham, Herb Farnham, Bob Clark, Barbara Rando, Steven Maguire, Jim Leiterman, Nancy Wright, Paul Daisy, Karin Nelson

Members Excused: Susan Connolly, Bob Boyan

Other Contributors: Bob Goffredo

The meeting was called to order at 6:30PM.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from the meeting on Dec. 8th, 2009 were approved.

New Business: Peter Jensen discussed his perceptions of portions of the Right To Know law that he believes the committee should be aware of and the kinds of activity that should be avoided. Much discussion ensued around the restrictions on email communications that should be observed by members in order to remain in compliance with the law.

Bob Goffredo, Acting President of Moultonborough's new Toastmasters Chapter, discussed a presentation he was going to give at the Tuesday Dec. 22nd meeting of Toastmasters on Milfoil. He explained to the committee that he was asking the committee to attend and offer feedback on the presentation and he said he was going to write about the Milfoil presentation and the committee feedback (if some of us attend) in his regular article to the newspapers recapping the Toastmasters meeting. Some of the committee members asked about the time and said they intended to attend.

Nancy Wright talked about her discussion with the Boy Scouts. They have expressed great interest in becoming involved with both a Lake Hosts program and a Weed Watcher's program in any way they are able. They expressed appreciation at being asked to contribute.

Continued Business: Paul Daisy reviewed language for the Warrant Article (attached). He said the rules for disbursement should be separate from the article. We will review the disbursement rules at a later meeting. Paul said that he did not think a warrant article could ask for the town to budget out-year costs in the out-year base budgets like the town does for things like heat, electricity, recreation, etc.

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Instead he thinks costs for milfoil control will have to be requested each year for the next year's estimated costs. Paul will double check with a selectman and / or town administrator. The committee discussed at length the amount of work that should be requested for the next year. After much discussion, the committee estimated that using the known estimate of \$100K for the roughly one-third of Moultonborough's Winnepesaukee shoreline, assuming the cost for the entire shoreline would be at least twice the cost of what has been mapped to-date, and adding to the estimate the commitment from DES to complete the mapping as early in the 2010 season as weather permits, and that the committee does not know what funding levels will be available for the next year, that a reasonable cost of milfoil control effort for the warrant article request would be about \$200K.

The committee discussed two pieces (attached) as being good drafts for educating voters. A third piece (attached) was submitted and can be discussed at the next meeting.

The committee discussed the need to complete the association contact list so communication can begin with the water access communities.

The committee also discussed using the website to ask for voter support for the warrant article at town meeting.

Next Meeting will be held January 4th at the Moultonborough Public Library at 6:30 PM in the Program Room.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Jensen

Peter Jensen, Chair

The following meeting dates have been scheduled for 6:30 PM start times at the Library starting at 6:30 PM:

2010 Committee Meeting Dates

January: Mon.4th, Mon. 11th, Tue. 19th

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February: Mon. 1st, Wed. 17th, Mon. 22nd

March: Tue. 16th

Voting is on March 9th, Tue.

Town Meeting is March 13th, Sat.