

Town of Moultonborough

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**Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee Minutes**

Nov. 17th, 2009

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

Members Excused: Susan Connolly

Other Contributors: Bob Geoffredo, Betsey Patten and Bill Gassman

Approval of Minutes: PETER asked for any questions or corrections of the Minutes, KARIN requested clarification regarding the reference to a Colored Watershed Percentage that NANCY discussed at prior meeting. NANCY summarized the document and agreed to forward the Link to the Secretary who will in turn send out to all members. NANCY requested clarification regarding the reference to minutes note on page 2 about suggesting that the school may help by using the schools web site and giving information to be printed in PAW PRINTS. Minutes were unanimously approved as amended.

New Business:

STEVE asked who would be the spokesman to ask the school if it would be possible to put on the school's web site, information on the Milfoil problem and the possibility of having an informational meeting in the School's Auditorium, with some speakers and the town people. PAUL volunteered to speak with MIKE LANCOR and MARK BORIN about the Paw Prints, the school web site.

The Moultonborough Conservation Commission Draft Minutes of Nov. 6th, 2009 note the appointment of the following to the Milfoil Sub-Committee: Peter Jensen Chairman, Joanne Farnham, Secretary, Nancy Wright, Herb Farnham, Steven Maguire, Barbara Rando, Paul Daisy, Jim Leiterman, Karin Nelson, Bob Boyan, Bob Clark and Susan Connolly.

Old Business:

PAUL spoke about what it will take to launch and operate a Weed Watchers program: work to-date has been to make contact with other such groups in the Lakes Region; he referenced the letter was written to the newspaper editors, for both Weed Watchers as well as Lake Hosts groups, to please contact our committee via KARIN or PAUL. STEVE asked who funds Weed Watcher groups, KARIN responded that the Department of Environmental Services (DES).

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KARIN spoke about photos she took of the Water Hopper, Harvesters and the Divers, that were on her computer, which she passed around so all could see them.

KARIN followed up with speaking to AMY SMAGULA about our concerns of costs, mapping, permits etc. (see attached – “2009-11-17 Attchmnt1.txt”)

On Costs: AMY responded that her estimated cost was just for a single chemical treatment. She added that if we had the funds, she would recommend same-season follow-up with the harvester (DASH unit) and maybe even a second chemical treatment in the fall, since some of these are very old plants with very mature root systems. She will send us an estimate for cost for a 5-year cleanup costs. She said there would be economies of scale if Moultonborough consolidated its efforts to as our committee is proposing.

On Mapping: AMY feels that she's only comfortable with 50% of the mapping in Moultonborough on Lake Winni, (since some info is dated) and she expects to finish next summer. She does not want someone else to do the mapping. She is fairly certain that the only other Moultonborough water body that might have a Milfoil infestation is Berry Pond and we might help by doing a survey and preliminary mapping of that water body. PETER asked about a map of Moultonborough shoreline. NANCY showed the map she copied off line, with milfoil designated in green. She will send the Link to the Secretary to send out to the committee to copy. This may not be sufficient to map cove and association border responsibilities reaching out from the shore into the water.

On Permits: We do not need a permit to use divers and harvesters, however, we do need to advise DES of such work we are planning (indicating the date and area being treated) and the results of such work (a detailed report on what was done - the persons who did the work will know what is expected for this report). We do, of course need permits for herbicide treatment. Herbicide permits are reviewed and approved by the Department of Agriculture. We are not required to apply for state aid for Herbicide treatments and can apply for these permits when outside the grant application time-window. If we were to get a bid and application in by January 2010 we could expect to treat in 2010. There are currently only two vendors certified to do aquatic herbicide treatments in NH.

Alton Contact: KARIN spoke with MR. DOWNING of Alton's Milfoil Committee and he said in the next couple of weeks he should be able to share his committee's work with us.

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NANCY spoke to ANDREA LAMOUREUX and MARY ANN MURRAY about the Lake Hosts Program in their towns.

On the Program: NANCY gave a report on An Overview of the Lake Hosts Program (see attached - "2009-11-17 Attchmnt2.txt", "2009-11-17 Attchmnt3.txt"), plus a link to obtain more information on the program. NANCY spoke of the lake host program being a courtesy boat inspection program designed to educate boaters and help prevent the introduction and spread of exotic aquatic plants from lake to lake. Both paid and volunteer Lake Hosts persons need training to for boat and trailer inspections and best practices for greeting boaters. NANCY spoke of Grants, amounts and how to solicit financial support from local groups. Participating organizations must have a Point Person who will train and supervise the Lake Hosts and must be available 3-5 hours a week for the duration of the summer. There is a minimum age and a typical rate of pay.

On Education: NANCY asked if MARY ANN MURRAY would speak to our committee, MARY ANN is only available on Tuesdays but would be happy to speak to us. NANCY will ask if December 8th, 2009 is convenient for her as well as coming to speak at a potential Feb. or March meeting for residents.

BARBARA has sent a letter to Meredith News with information about the Milfoil committee along with phone numbers for people to call for more information. She will send copies to the Secretary. BARBARA has been in touch with KARIN for Lake Association names and addresses. BARBARA and PAUL will meet to review what is needed to launch and manage a Weed Watcher Program.

BOB BOYAN was in contact with MARK BELLAUD, a representative of a chemical company, to come to speak at one of our meetings. MR. BELLAUD said he would be glad to come and speak. BOB asked MR. BELLAUD about the potential cost of the chemical treatment. He said there is a base treatment price of between \$2500 to \$3000, plus cost of permitting of at least \$2,500, plus the Herbicide cost of about \$350 to \$375 per acre. He said that the cost of just a one acre treatment would be around \$4,500. Larger treatments could have somewhat higher "first acre" costs and the added cost of the per acre cost times the number of acres. The average per acre for a 200 acre job would be about \$575 per acre or about \$115,000. It is significantly cheaper to do a large area vs. many small areas of the same total acreage. BOB feels that MR. BELLAUD would be able to come anytime, will wait till the committee decides when and where.

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PETER suggested trying to get a large venue and bring MR. BELLAUD and perhaps others to an educational program sometime near town meeting. PETER will contact Mike Lancor o find out what options they could offer.

PETER asked PAUL to review the MISSION STATEMENT that PAUL drafted. The Committee approved the MISSION STATEMENT. BOB CLARK and PETER will work on putting it on the Town web site. (see attached – “2009-11-17 Attchmnt4.rtf”).

KARIN reviewed diver options including current scuba diver options as well as new skin diver options that have a much lower labor cost. NANCY raised the issue of liability insurance and KARIN said she would get more information about insurance possibilities for liability insurance on skin divers.

PAUL DAISY has been working on the Warrant Article verbiage. A Sub-Committee was appointed by PETER to review and finalize the language. The Sub-Committee is: PAUL DAISY, BOB BOYAN, and STEVE MAGUIRE. They will report on their progress at the Dec 8th meeting.

2009 Meeting Dates:

- ④ Monday, Nov. 23rd @ 6:30 PM in the Library Program Room
- ④ Tuesday, Dec. 8th @ 6:30 PM in the Life Safety Building
- ④ Monday, Dec. 21st @ 6:30 PM in the Library Program Room

Proposed 2010 Meeting Dates:

- ④ Monday, Jan 4th @ 6:30 PM in the Library Program Room
- ④ Monday, Jan 11th @ 6:30 PM in the Library Program Room
- ④ Tuesday, Jan 19th @ 6:30 PM in the Library Program Room
- ④ Monday, Feb. 1st @ 6:30 PM in the Library Program Room
- ④ Tuesday, Feb. 16th @ 6:30 PM in the Library Program Room
- ④ Monday Feb. 22nd @ 6:30 PM in the Library Program Room
 - Election Day is Tuesday, Mar. 9th
 - Town Meeting is Saturday, Mar. 13th
- ④ Tuesday, Mar. 16th @ 6:30 PM in the Library Program Room

Respectfully Submitted,

Joanne M. Farnham

Joanne M. Farnham, Secretary