

**Town of Moultonborough**  
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**Conservation Commission**  
**Milfoil Committee Minutes - Draft**  
March 16, 2011

**Members Present:** Chairman Peter Jensen, Paul Ardito, Paul Daisy, Jim Leiterman, Karin Nelson, Nancy Wright

**Members Excused:** Secretary Ginny Gassman

**Others:** Peggy Holberg, Al Hoch, Clelia MacKay

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 PM.

**Approval of Minutes:**

Minutes of March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 were discussed and needed the following corrections:

1. In "Members Present" section; "Nancy Leiterman" replaced by "Nancy Wright, Jim Leitherman"
2. Header date on pages 2 and 3 changed to "March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011"
3. Under Old Business section the "next meeting is scheduled" date changed to "March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011"

**Motion:** Paul Daisy made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; seconded by Paul Ardito; passed unanimously.

**New Business**

Peter explained he had pursued a suggestion by Jim Leiterman to explore the possibility of the DASH program using barge units to store and move milfoil. After review of pricing and logistics the DASH program will stay with their current process design for moving milfoil off the DASH unit.

The treatment policy recommended by the committee has not yet appeared on the BOS agenda so Peter explained he would make copies and distribute to the BOS at the next night's meeting.

Al Hoch presented some suggested corrections to the web site. Peter said he planned to request some updates to the committee web pages.

**Project Reports and discussion**

• **Lake Hosts:**

- The committee made change proposals to the advertisement for paid and volunteer positions for the Lake Host and Weed Watcher programs.

Changes agreed to were:

1. Added line to all parts explaining how to apply or volunteer indicating if a person has already signed up on a committee list to volunteer, they need do nothing more,
2. Added line to Lake Host section saying alternate volunteer signup option is to call Paul Ardito and included his phone number,
3. Added line to Weed Watcher section saying alternate volunteer signup option is to contact Ginny Gassman and included her phone number,
4. Change Lake Host daily coverage to be "8:00 AM to 5:00 PM",
5. Change time of week coverage to be "weekends and three holidays",
6. Change Lake Host Coordinator to include volunteer and paid position option vs. just paid position option,
7. Propose including pay rates for paid positions,
8. Under Lake Host removing line referring to "12+/- hrs per week",
9. Moving section starting with "Submit application letter ..." to immediately follow section titled "Lake Host",
10. Remove section titled "Weed Watcher Coordinator",
11. Add "or small boat" to "Weed Watchers" section.

**Motion:** Paul Daisy made a motion to propose the town run the advertisement as amended; seconded by Paul Ardito; passed unanimously.

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The committee agreed by consensus to ask that the flyer be posted on the town's milfoil web page.

- Paul Ardito passed out copies of the Lake Host Program Payroll Grant Application he had prepared for Moultonborough's 2011 season. The committee commended Paul on his work. Paul observed that the application required the name of the Lake Host Coordinator but we have not yet hired one and that he checked with NH Lakes Association and received the OK to submit the application without that information. Al Hoch observed that if the order of the ramps were modified to put Long Island as the 1st entry, the grant qualification would increase by \$250. Paul A. said he would make that change.

**Motion:** Karin Nelson made a motion to propose Paul Ardito make the change and submit the application to NH Lakes Association; seconded by Jim Leiterman; passed unanimously.

- Peter reviewed with the committee the town administrator's request to have the Lake Hosts assist the town's assessment of practicality of assessing a launch fee at the town's public ramps for boaters who do not have a Moultonborough Facility sticker. The proposed information a Lake Host would gather, along with other information they currently gather, would be:
  1. Does the vehicle have a Moultonborough Facility sticker on it (or one of the "floating" beach passes)?
  2. If NO to question 1, would you continue to use this launch if it had a \$10 daily permit?Peter explained he had contacted NH Lakes Assoc and they (Andrea Lamoreoux) said they preferred not to have added questions but have allowed it when a town or association made a case.

Two members were opposed to putting an added burden on Lake Hosts for each inspection, one member was opposed to the second question, three members felt this would not hinder the effectiveness of the Lake Hosts.

**Motion:** Paul Daisy made a motion to approve a favorable recommendation; seconded by Karin Nelson; NO – 3 (Jim Leiterman, Nancy Wright, Paul Ardito), Yes – 3 (Peter Jensen, Paul Daisy, Karin Nelson). The Chairmen said the motion neither passed nor failed and may be brought to the next meeting.

- **Weed Watchers** - No discussion
- **Milfoil Abatement and 5-Year Plan:**
  - The state has identified one well, located at the Arcadia Camp grounds, that may or may not be located within the 250 ft. setback required for such a public well. They have asked our committee to provide a measurement. Peter, Paul A. Paul D. and Karin all agreed to measure when the weather makes measurement possible.
- **Multi-Town DASH Initiative:**
  - Peter advised the committee that DASH Board alternate had resigned and the board's secretary, Carter Terenzini, had asked the committee to recommend a replacement. Peter suggested that our recommendation options did not have to be confined to committee members (Bob was not a committee member when he resigned from the DASH Board). Al Hoch expressed interest in the opening on the DASH Board and the committee agreed by consensus to recommend Al. Peter said he would make the recommendation at the BOS meeting the next night.
  - Peter passed around a copy of the new Weed Control Class flyer, sent him by Nancy Wright, that will be held Sunday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2011. The class is free for DASH tenders and other non-diving volunteers. For certified divers seeking State Weed Control certification there is a charge of \$149. The committee agreed by consensus to ask that the flyer be posted on the town's milfoil web page.
  - Karin said the DASH Board has narrowed its search for DASH divers to three entities expressing interest, Aqualogic, AB Aquatics and Cliff Cabrel. They will be interviewed on Tuesday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at the NH Lakes Assoc center in Concord.
  - Karin said that all boat parts and furniture removed from the pontoon boats (boats being rebuilt as DASH units) have been sold.
  - Karin said an agreement has been made with Lanes End Marina to store the DASH units.

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- ❑ Karin said the DASH Board chair, Ken Marschner, has been asked to participate in the meeting of the three state departments that all sort of co-govern milfoil control programs, permits, etc. Their meeting is an effort that grew, in part, from the confusion in 2010 over which department has the final say when permitting treatment (ref. bridal shiner issue).
- ❑ Karin said she had emailed many of the divers from the Weed Control Divers certified list to get their commitment to pricing hand pull work for 2011 (where DASH units not appropriate). DES mapping has already identified at least 10 areas that should only require a diver – no DASH.

**Other**

**Communications**

**Scheduled Meetings:**

No next meeting was scheduled

Respectfully Submitted,

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