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Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee Meeting - Draft
March 1st, 2011

Members Present: Chairman Peter Jensen, Secretary Ginny Gassman, Paul Daisy, Nancy Leiterman, Karin Nelson, Paul Ardito

Members Excused:

Others: Al Hoch

The meeting was called to order at 6:35PM:

Approval of Minutes:

Karin Nelson made a motion seconded by Jim Leiterman to approve the minutes of the last meeting on February 15 which was unanimously approved.

New Business:

A discrepancy exists on the Moultonborough 2010 Annual report, on two pages that both report on spending from the Milfoil trust fund. Peter will investigate

DASH harvester program:

The committee needs to come up with a plan for manning the shoreline during DASH harvesting, to remove the milfoil collected from the shoreline and put it in a truck. It may be required to have two people. Unless we can enlist volunteers, this will be another expense. It will matter where the harvesting efforts will be this summer and whether or not the collected milfoil can come back to a central area. The town has committed to having a truck at the location we designate for DASH work each week. If we hire someone to transfer the bins of milfoil to the truck for 60 days this summer, the cost at the town rate would be approximately \$10 – \$16K for the season. There's a question about whether the truck would be a pick-up truck or a dump truck. There is also a question if there is a problem dropping the milfoil at the transfer station when it is closed on Wed/Thurs.

Karin will talk to her contacts and do some research into this question. Does one of the landscapers in town want these materials and would they donate a truck?

Paul A. will be talking to Mike Lancore re: volunteer recruitment at the school.

The committee discussed the rate we should offer for paid help. Paul Ardito will talk to a few landscapers to find out how much they pay. Paul A. will also talk to Carter about the liability piece works for part time laborers.

Paul Daisy made a motion that an hourly rate should be based on those researched by Paul Ardito, with the not to exceed price \$15 per hour, fully loaded. This motion was seconded by Ginny and passed unanimously.

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An advertisement to recruit people to hire for this should be done ASAP.

If we are able to work two DASH boats a day, there is a question if the town would be able to give us two trucks.

Hand pulling:

Hand pulling is not part of the Tri-town DASH program. There are currently 10 areas that have been identified to be hand pulled. The committee would like to identify a hand pulling contractor and we will need to get information together to go out for bid to do this work. A motion was made to ask the town to go out for bid for a daily rate

Jim suggested that we should work on getting a short list of vendors who would be willing to give firm prices on specific hand pulling jobs. Karin had begun work on this last fall. The idea then was to allow each vendor to do some work so that they could be evaluated.

There was a comment that if we wait until we have identified specific areas for going out for bid, we will not be able to get any hand pulling work scheduled until late in the summer.

Peter will give Karin the map that shows the hand pulling areas. We will try to have the vendors looking at the work to be done and consider scheduling issues. Karin will tell the vendors that we have areas that we'd like them to look at as soon as possible.

Town Meeting:

The committee discussed having a table at the town meeting for people to ask questions and to sign up to be volunteers. Also it was suggested that we anticipate and be able to answer questions that might come up. On the table: A sign up list for volunteers, also the entire display from the library.

Message: the cost per acre has gone down since the town has been involved on a large scale. The cost per acre may go up next year when the scale is lower. Orphan areas are addressed by the current 5 year plan.

If a presentation is needed, Paul D. recommended it be 2.5 minutes --- including what we did last year, what we need to do this year, in terms of herbicide, DASH and hand pulling treatment as well as the costs involved including explaining the acronym DASH and the reduction in price per acre of treatment.

Old Business:

The policy for objectors was submitted to Carter, but no feedback has been received from the Selectboard and it is not yet on the agenda for their next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wed, March 15th, 2011 at 6:30 in the library program room.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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