

Conservation Commission  
**Milfoil Committee**

For Tues., March 29th, 2011 @ 6:30 PM in the Library Program Room  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Members Excused:** None

**Others:** Art Lively, Bob Goffredo, Steve Maguire, Al Hoch, Sharon Paton, Nelson Dion, Jack Bishop

### **Agenda**

#### **I. Approval of Minutes:**

The committee agreed that the spelling of Jim Leiterman's name needs to be corrected in the March 16<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes.

Karin moved to approve the minutes of March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Paul Ardito and unanimously approved.

#### **II. New Business:**

**Eagle Scout project:** Peter suggested building "aquascope" viewers would be a viable Eagle Scout project. The scouts could make a case to have this project funded by the Milfoil Committee.

**Website:** Everyone was invited to look at the milfoil committee site and suggest changes: [milfoil committee website](#)

Karin suggested greater visibility to "How can you help?" to make volunteer opportunities stand out more.

#### **III. Continued Business:**

Project Reports and discussion

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- **Lake Hosts:** The advertisements to solicit lake hosts and weed watchers volunteers and paid positions have been published, including an announcement in PawPrints. Karin will also send a notice via the firstclass email system at the high school.

Peter will send Paul A. the list of questions from last year to use in conducting the interviews.

A former lake host volunteer may be interested in being the Lake Host Coordinator this year. The person will need to participate in and provide lake host training.

Peter is interested in getting the managing lake host established prior to conducting the rest of the interviews if possible.

Paul A. will be talking to Mark from Aubuchon to see if he would be able to be the collection point for paperwork/samples every weekend.

There is \$1650 left over in the lake host fund from last year.

The plan is to review the inclement weather policy for 2011.

Lake Host training is May 21<sup>st</sup>. The point person training is May 11 and May 21<sup>st</sup> in Concord.

- **Weed Watchers**  
Ginny is working on arranging a first weed watcher training on Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. She is also working with Amy to set a date for weekend training in June that would attract more seasonal residents.

The committee suggested Ginny send training announcements to the Meredith News, Laconia Daily Sun, and Weirs Times. She will put up fliers at JoJo's, Scully's and the library, post a message on the Winnie Forum, and send email to the distribution lists.

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Ginny will ask Amy how old volunteers need to be, if there is an age restriction at all.

There are currently 44 weed watcher volunteers on the distribution list. However, there is a massive amount of shoreline that needs to be covered that is still not associated with a volunteer.

- **Milfoil Abatement and 5-Year Plan**

Paul D. will ask Carter to put the “objector’s policy” on the selectmen’s meeting agenda ASAP, especially since the treatment letters have already been sent.

In the letters to abutters, one of the dates included a typo. Paul will get in touch with Marc Bellaud to inform him the date on the mailing is incorrect and to make sure this is correct before the certified letters go out.

Paul D. reiterated that when we say that 100lbs of herbicide per acre go in to the lake that this includes only 27 lbs of active ingredient. The rest of the weight is the material that makes up the pellets.

It is likely to be necessary to get a group of volunteers together to post signs in June for the next treatment.

- **Tri-Town DASH Initiative**

Moultonborough plans on doing 60 days worth of DASH treatments this summer. The Tri-Town DASH committee has found three divers that they will work with this summer.

The Tri-Town DASH committee sent out a liability release form that they have been reviewing.

There is still a question of how to dispose of the milfoil that is delivered to the shoreline after DASH treatment. Each town is

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responsible for this piece. Karin is to confirm whether the guys doing the pulling will be able to get the milfoil from the Zodiac to the shore so that the town can then come to remove the milfoil only once or twice during the procedure. The town has agreed to park a truck in each hand pulling location. Karin noted, Bob Patterson, one of the three divers, has said he'll offload the milfoil "anywhere we want." Peter expects the Tri-Town DASH committee to follow up on this piece of the procedure.

**IV. Other**

The next meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:45 PM, in the Moultonborough Library Back Room.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.