

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Wed., June 1st, 2011 @ 4:45 PM in the Library Program Room
Meeting Minutes

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

Members Excused: None

Others: Al Hoch, Susan Connolly, Cathy Cunningham

The meeting began at 4:47PM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Paul Daisy moved to approve the minutes of May 18th, 2011. The motion was seconded by Paul Ardito and unanimously approved.

II. New Business:

Peter sent a letter to Conservation Commission Chairperson, Marie Samaha, to ask that all the Milfoil Committee members be re-appointed for another term with end dates. He also asked them to allow us to have up to three alternates.

III. Continued Business:

• **Lake Hosts:**

Cathy Cunningham, Managing Lake Host, reported on the first weekend of Lake Hosting. The Aubuchon drop off process worked well. Brianna will help Cathy by completing boat survey summary sheets.

There are 27 Lake Hosts, 7 paid and 20 volunteers. There will be a mini-training session next Tuesday at 11 AM.

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Paul A. reported that some people have requested that Harilla Landing also be covered. Additional volunteers would be needed to enable this launch to be covered. Additional volunteers will be needed to completely cover the other ramps.

Paul A. would like to do a survey of the amount of traffic at Harilla and whether the amount warrants scheduling lake hosts.

Paul A. is working on getting the trash barrels back at Lee's Mills. These barrels are used for Lake Hosts to collect milfoil during their shifts.

Lake Hosts have seen minimal growing milfoil at the launches.

- **Weed Watchers**

Weed watching has been hampered by the tannic water and submerged pollen. There have been lots of floaters reported everywhere on the lake. Floaters should be collected and moved away from the shoreline.

There have been several reports of no milfoil found in treated areas. Al Hoch reported sightings of milfoil in his area by the entrance to Lee Mills.

The committee suggested people will be OK with receiving up to one mail a week to the weed watcher distribution list. Ginny will begin regular mailings.

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

On June 8th ACT will be treating 48 acres with herbicide. 2 acres are re-treatment areas. 46 acres are new areas primarily in Blackey Cove, Salmon Meadow Cove, Wentworth Shores and areas near Hanson Cove/Green's Basin.

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Paul D. is to follow up with Amy on the number of acres treated because the amount of treatment planned does not seem to add up given the areas we knew had milfoil as surveyed last fall. It will be important to see the treatment map as soon as possible.

The treatment permit has been approved and registered letters have been sent out. Additional treatments can be done based on this permit. Spring herbicide treatment will cost in the \$27K range, plus testing costs.

There will be between 100-150 signs to post. Paul D. asked Marc (ACT) for a detailed map of where we have to post. Treatment is on June 8th. Sign posting should be done Sunday/Monday/Tuesday, June 5-7th.

Ginny will send out an email alerting people that sign posting is coming up and which areas we need to have posted. The plan is to meet in the town offices parking lot at 9 am to distribute signs.

There is not yet a signed contract between the town and ACT. Some of the final state departmental signoffs came very late in the process so there is a very small window in which to accomplish remaining pre-treatment tasks.

So far, no objectors to treatment have come forward and no bridle shiners have been discovered.

- **Tri-Town DASH Initiative**

There is now a signed contract with the NH Lakes Assoc.

Next, it's important to reaffirm the number of DASH days that Moultonborough will commit to (60 days of DASH remains the estimate of 2011 need). Karin will be the contact person to arrange the schedule of the handpulling and DASH treatment. Amy has given a list of treatment areas that are left over from what was surveyed last

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year. The total days estimated so far are 9 days of DASH work and 8 days excluding Lee's Pond which hasn't yet been surveyed. Handpulling will likely exceed \$10K in total but the committee feels very strongly that in the first year the town should separately contract with as many qualified hand-pull divers as possible so we can better gauge diver effectiveness for work needs in future years. We will need to develop a letter recommending such approach for the BOS. Divers will have to have the appropriate insurance to enable them to work for Moultonborough. The town will not provide a waiver for this. Karin will work with Carter.

To establish the handpulling roster of companies, Peter recommended getting a list that has been certified by the state. They would all have to comply with the town sample contract wrt insurance. Karin is to include the town contract when contacting them to discuss requirements.

There will be a DASH demo day tomorrow June 2nd for divers and others at 2 PM at 19-Mile Bay. Sunday June 5th at 3 PM is the second date.

Ken Marschner will have the OSHA test done for \$1200, and is trying to get it done quickly.

The Joint Board is discussing each town having a checklist for each DASH unit to ensure that all equipment that went out comes back. The committee feels this would make sense at vendor checkouts and checkins but would not be a daily need unless a vendor only used the equipment for one day before the next vendor took over use.

IV. Other

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, June 15th at 4:00 PM, in the Moultonborough Library Program Room.

V. Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.