

Conservation Commission  
**Milfoil Committee**

For Wed., July 13, 2011 @ 4:00 PM in the Library Program Room  
**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman Peter Jensen, Karin Nelson, Secretary Ginny Gassman, Paul Daisy, Al Hoch

**Members Excused:** Paul Ardito; Susan Connolly; Brian Litkof

**Others:** Art Lively; Bev Nelson

The meeting began at 6:35 PM.

**Agenda**

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Al Hoch moved to approve the minutes of June 29<sup>st</sup>, 2011. The motion was seconded by Karin and unanimously approved.

**II. New Business:**

**III. Continued Business:**

• **Lake Hosts:**

Art Lively gave his impressions of the Lake Host program offering his personal observations and improvement suggestions.

Peter said there have not been any reports yet this year of milfoil either arriving or departing at a ramp by Lake Hosts.

After some discussion, it was suggested that if a Lake Host will not be able to stay an entire shift, the other Lake Hosts on the same shift should be made aware of the prearranged partial shift work.

Bev said the police came around last Saturday to make sure everything was going alright at the ramp.

Art took note of one boater who power-loaded at the Lee Mill's ramp.

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Lots of floaters have been found that are partially dead with new shoots coming off the stem. Members of the committee will talk to Ken Marschner, Amy and divers to find out if we need to get the dead treated plants out of the lake because of the possibility that new milfoil may grow from them.

- **Weed Watchers**

Ginny will continue to consolidate Weed Watchers input onto the ARCGIS map. In the next two weeks she will send a report to weed watchers and also ask them to characterize milfoil by a Level 1-2-3 scheme as follows:

DRAFT Weed Watcher Milfoil Rating

Description	Characteristics
Level 1	In a 500 sq foot area there are 1 to 10 plants
Level 2	In a 500 sq foot area there are more than 10 plants but you can see spaces between them
Level 3	In a 500 or larger sq foot area there is a mat of plants with no spaces between them

Paul will ask DES for their input on the above designations of infestation levels.

We will also ask weed watchers to tell us how deep the water is where they have found milfoil.

Obviously, in terms of scheduling treatment/harvesting, we will address the most complete information first.

We discussed sending the weed watchers photos help them identify densities.

The weed watcher map will indicate what level rating the weed watcher has reported.

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Peter, Al, Ginny and possibly Art will meet to further discuss how to organize the map(s).

It was discussed that we should identify gaps in weed watcher coverage and recruit more weed watchers via the associations.

There was a discussion about making a spreadsheet with all weed watcher names and contact information. Today the information exists in an email folder, paper copy map and distribution list.

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

The committee discussed changes to the Permit notification letters to make them easier to understand. The committee will wait or one more meeting for members to offer suggestions then proceed to begin attempts to improve these communications.

- **Tri-Town DASH Initiative**

All the official DASH areas plus Salmon Meadow Cove plus some of the Lee Mills area has been treated!

We need volunteers to be clerk of the works each day for the harvesting.

The summary portion of the Diver Sheet – discussed last meeting - will be completed by the diver company not by the milfoil committee.

#### **IV. Other**

**The next meeting is Monday July 25<sup>th</sup> in the Library Back Room at 6:30 PM.**

#### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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