

Conservation Commission  
**Milfoil Committee**

For Wed., July 25, 2011 @ 6:30 PM in the Library Program Room  
**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Members Absent:** Paul Daisy; Susan Connolly

**Others:** Art Lively; Steve Maguire, Bob Goffredo

The meeting began at 6:35 PM.

**Agenda**

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Paul Ardito moved to approve the minutes of June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011. The motion was seconded by Al and unanimously approved.

**II. New Business:**

Eric Senegal of the Lakes Region Planning Commission is applying for state funding for the next round of phosphorus testing at "Moultonborough Bay inlet". The committee discussed a proposed letter from the Milfoil Committee to be submitted to the state in support of the initiative.

Paul Ardito made a motion for the committee to support the initiative, seconded by Ginny and passed unanimously.

Ginny is to ask that the proposal document be put on the committee website.

The committee discussed how we should answer the question of when reported areas will be treated:

Peter suggested we answer that the milfoil harvesting will be scheduled in the following priority order for each diver harvesting style (DASH, hand pull):

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1. Densest areas will have highest priority
2. Areas that have been well validated with density well described
3. Areas that need to be investigated

In some cases, an area that is not dense will be harvested along with a denser area because of its proximity to where a diver has been scheduled to work. The Milfoil Committee's goal is to treat every reported area of milfoil in the 2011 season.

Ginny will put this statement on the web page when the wording is finalized by the committee.

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

- Five-Year Plan

Amy has completed a survey of a portion of the northern part of the Lake and she has found approximately 20 acres of milfoil recommended for herbicide.

Ginny to put the map put on the website.

In Amy's map, if the divers think a DASH area is too thick she will entertain supporting that herbicide be used for the area.

The Town is ok with mixing DASH and hand pulling work with one diver company in half day increments. This will allow them to more completely address a mixed area.

We need additional people to volunteer to be Clerk-of-the-Works each day when the divers come in. This includes counting root balls in the five gallon pail. Karin has found 17 to 60 plants per pale. If the divers don't get the root ball they are not getting the entire plant. The Clerk-of-the-Works is needed around 3:30 and 4pm each day. Each member is asked to see who can be found to do this work.

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Ginny will send an email to the different distribution lists about this need.

Brian will help Al with the moving of the DASH boats. Al may know of a secure place to keep the boat when moving them would not be necessary but the boat needs to be taken to the divers each day. There is a concern that the boat would be vandalized if left at Lee's Mills. The boat also needs to be moved at the end of the day to the secure location. The divers leave their vehicles at the public launch during the day. Art Lively will also help with this.

Al passed around a draft of a special notice for Monday 8/1 regarding stopping the traffic at the entrance to Lees Mills. Lake hosts will pass out the information this weekend. Ginny will send out a soft copy to the various distribution lists. Karin has organized a schedule of boats for the effort.

- **Lake Hosts:**

Lake hosts are doing a good job. There is a concern that there hasn't been a single plant. Boats have been clean.

One paid lake host has been let go. More hours are going to the other lake hosts. Volunteers are used whenever possible.

- **Weed Watchers**

Level 1, 2, 3 definitions were discussed with Amy and she said that she would get input from the divers. The draft definition was used in the subsequent weed watchers mailing.

The goal is to get weed watchers to describe the density of milfoil using the "level" definitions.

Levels are only loosely coupled with treatment style. A level 3 area may be too small for herbicide treatment. A level 2 area may be too large for effective DASH treatment.

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Checking on treated areas: Ginny checked on the DASH treated areas B&C and found a total of 3 plants that were not harvested.

The committee discussed a proposal that members of the committee recording weed watcher input could update the map in their own ARCGIS accounts and then save to the group. Peter wrote an instruction about registering and getting into the group for editing.

Al suggested setting up a separate weed watcher map. So weed watchers could update on their own.

Al moved that we use the mapping system to enlist the help of weed watchers to mark and update spots, seconded by Ginny and unanimously approved.

- Tri-Town DASH Initiative

No update.

#### **IV. Other**

Steve Maguire made a suggestion that we get an article done to educate people that the following things are NOT advisable when it comes to milfoil:

- Power loading
- Raking
- Unauthorized hand pulling
- Cutting

The article could also advise that people should please pick-up floaters

We could possibly get NH Lakes Association to put this information in their pamphlets. We could ask the Lake Hosts to give it to every boater coming in.

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The next meeting is Monday August 8<sup>th</sup> in the Library Back room at 6:30 PM.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chair