

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Wed., May 4th, 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

Members Excused: Nancy Wright

Others: Jim Wiedman

The meeting began at 4:48 PM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Paul Daisy moved to approve the minutes of April 19th, 2011. The motion was seconded by Paul Ardito and unanimously approved.

II. New Business:

None.

III. Continued Business:

Project Reports and discussion

• **Lake Hosts:**

Five lake hosts have been hired. Two will be working the Long Island ramp. The five includes three high school kids. More interviews are to be held because two people who were to have started have changed their minds. Paul A. will be holding more interviews to fill the spaces. Paul A. has ordered all the hats, shirts and other Lake Host materials.

Paul A. has completed the Lake Host schedule for the entire summer.

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There will be Lake Host training May 21 and May 23 from 6-8 in the evening and one during the day for the volunteer Lake Hosts. Exact dates will be published by Peter via Paul A. and Cathy Cunningham will do the training.

There will be a question on the Lake Host form to ask if boaters have a Moultonborough beach sticker. This was requested by the town because they want to know how much of the ramp traffic is local to Moultonborough.

The inclement weather policy has not been changed since last year.

- **Weed Watchers**

21 people were trained on April 27th. Ginny is working to fill in the map shoreline with volunteers. Areas of the most milfoil are pretty well covered. The plan is to recruit more weed watchers from the lake association list. If there are areas that are not covered in which we need some weed watching we can send a call out to the group.

Karin and Ginny are updating the weed watchers map to indicate the areas that will be treated via DASH and hand pulling.

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

Paul D. will check with ACT to see if the Lee Mills area could be treated in June instead of September because of the steamboat festival.

There could be an issue with the June treatment re: wells and set-backs at Acadia Campground and Harilla Landing. The rule is there must be 250 ft from the wellhead to the treated area for an active public well. Harilla's well is very close to shore so it may have to be shut down for a period in order to treat the milfoil infestation at Harilla. The Acadia well is 236 feet from shore. The rule is that treatment must be 50 ft from a private well.

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DES is suggesting that the permit for the June treatment might be held until all wells are verified, public or private. Paul D. will talk to Amy Smagula to get her take on the situation.

The proposed policy for objections to treatment will be discussed at a hearing on May 5th. The committee believes it is important to have the policy approved a week or more prior to the treatment dates.

We are scheduled for June 6-7 treatment by ACT. They are still expecting to go forward.

- **Tri-Town DASH Initiative**

The president of NH Lakes Assoc. is leaving the association. He does not want to “sign-off” on the agreement for NH Lakes to administer the tri-town DASH work because he will not be present to oversee or monitor the work. There was an emergency meeting to put together a contract. There is an inter-municipal agreement between the three towns, but there is no completed agreement between the three towns and NH lakes. NH Lakes had agreed to administer the program in principle. The towns are not equipped to handle it themselves. The work would include setting up the payroll, the insurance, etc.

The DASH units are built. In the proposed contract, the towns will lease the units to NH lakes for a nominal fee, NH lake will contact the diving companies, the towns will tell them what areas need to be covered and then NH lakes will get the divers to do the work. The charge will be \$1200 a day.

The NH Lakes board is considering the contract.

Peter suggests it might work to have a diving company manage the activity instead of NH Lakes. This could be a simpler solution all around. Karin will speak to Ken Marschner about this possibility.

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The committee will not allow the NH Lakes issues to keep the work from being done. There are other options for administering the program, and we are recommending that the Tri-Town DASH committee pursue these.

IV. Other

The next meeting is scheduled on Wednesday, May 18th at 4:45 PM, in the Moultonborough Library Program Room.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

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