

Conservation Commission  
**Milfoil Committee**

For Wed., Sept. 28, 2011 @ 4:00 PM in the Library Back Room

**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Members Absent:** Susan Connolly

**Others:** Bob Goffredo, Bev Nelson

The meeting began at 4:05 PM.

**Agenda**

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Al moved to accept the minutes of Sept. 14, 2011 as written. The motion was seconded by Karin and unanimously approved by the group.

**II. New Business:**

The committee discussed beginning a letter-writing campaign in Oct./Nov. to inform the public what the committee and volunteers have accomplished.

Carter T. has passed along public comments that the milfoil situation is better than in many years.

2012 funding request discussion:

- Do we factor in diver surveying? Amy is looking into the State's plans to acquire an underwater camera in order to do better surveys.
- The \$ per acre treated will go up because of an expected decrease in herbicide treatment versus and increase in DASH harvesting.

Paul A. recommended we ask for the same funding as last year, based on the current known workload for next year.

We have completed 60 days of DASH and 45 days of hand pulling. Because of the funds approval process, we can't schedule vendors to dedicate their time to our lake early enough in the spring. It could

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possibly be difficult for us to spend more the about \$200K on harvesting and surveying. Al suggested having the vendors start in May. Brian suggested we schedule vendors for May in anticipation of a minimum amount of funding.

If the committee wants to propose a different number, Peter indicated that we need to start building a case for that number for submission in November.

Paul is to ask DES if we are allowed to use herbicide in an area three times in three years.

Bev asks if we can find out which method of treatment has been more successful. The committee discussed how the milfoil returns after treatment and the need to be relentless in harvesting. Plants can return when the root is not fully removed or from seeds and the committee is investigating whether suctioning the dead plants after herbicide will keep plants from coming back.

**III. Continued Business:**

• **Five-Year Plan**

Peter has received the bill for the herbicide treatment.

Pete from ACT was out checking the treated areas this week.

There is a report of a lot of milfoil on the inside of Badger Island. It looked like approximately 500 plants. Paul Ardito reports milfoil all around his dock at Hemlock Cove.

Al will be completing a map to show where areas were treated and when. We are expecting ACT to send us a map of the area that was treated by herbicide.

Amy will need all the survey information we have compiled to add to her plan for the permit application.

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Survey results:

Aqualogic found no milfoil in the defined Suissevale survey area. The area was found to be deep and sandy. Ginny is to put the survey report on the website when it is available.

At the Green's Basin area, milfoil was found by AB Aquatics. Bob Patterson will be providing a final report. Their survey was done between 6 to 25 ft deep.

Based on these results the committee believes it is important to continue with the survey project.

Al will try to get the survey work completed before our next meeting.

- **Lake Hosts:**

No report.

- **Weed Watchers**

The committee would like to get weed watchers and lake hosts to talk about our success and our efforts for next year.

Ginny is to ask weed watchers to check the survey area in Green's basin.

- **Tri-Town DASH Initiative**

The IMA is looking to put New Hampshire Lake's Assoc. in charge of the hand pulling as well as the DASH work.

#### **IV. Other**

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The next meeting is Wednesday Oct. 12, at 4pm in the Moultonborough Library Program Room at 4:00 PM.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chair