

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Wed., Nov. 16, 2011 @ 4:00 PM in the Library BackRoom
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Peter Jensen, Karin Nelson, Paul Ardito, Al Hoch, Paul Daisy, Bev Nelson (Alternate)

Members Absent: Ginny Gassman, Susan Connolly (Alternate), Brian Litkof

Others: Bob Goffredo, John Jude (Aqualogics)

The meeting began at 4:00PM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Al moved to accept the minutes of Nov.2, 2011 as written. The motion was seconded by Paul A. and unanimously approved by the group.

II. New Business:

Peter said Scott Kinmond would probably not be present and that John Jude of Aqualogic probably would arrive.

John Jude spoke to the group summarizing the work his company did. He provided finished versions of the final map for the survey area his company explored as well as the final work report for the DASH work his company did. He talked about what he believed were good results and what he believed were lessons his company learned that they would employ to improve their work in the next season. He hoped the town would consider his company for more work the next year. John answered questions about his work at the end of his presentation. John also returned 3 DASH bins missing from the DASH unit.

III. Continued Business:

- **Five-Year Plan**

The committee discussed the town's draft budget number of \$195K for the 2012 year. Some members believe that as the actual scope of work is larger than initially estimated in 2009-2010 and because our expenditure in 2011 exceeded our \$200K estimate by over \$20K, that

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we should not yet be reducing our funding need estimate. We need to ensure that the grant fund reimbursements from the state are used to restore monies to the milfoil trust fund.

The committee discussed the portion of the herbicide agreement that says the town will provide information about the location of wells for abutting properties. The town does not currently have such information about every waterfront property and what it may have is not easily accessible in any town-managed database. The state does have a record of newly drilled wells (within five years or so). Some on the committee believed the way this has been addressed in the past by DES and the herbicide applicator is the process of asking owners for such information if they do have wells within 50 feet of the shorefront. Paul D. will verify the process with the recent applicator (ACT).

- **Lake Hosts:**

No report.

- **Weed Watchers**

No report.

- **Tri-Town DASH Initiative**

The committee discussed criteria that should be proposed to the town for the bid process used in the RFP seeking divers for 2012 hand pulling work. Al distributed a draft RFP based on lessons learned, and RFP sent by Alton and discussions between Al, Peter and one of the hand-pull vendors. The committee reviewed the draft, made some suggestions that will be incorporated and the final draft will be provided to the town to help them with the process of seeking bids for the 2012 hand-pull work that will be needed.

IV. Other

- **Communications – Letters to the Editor (LTEs)**

Paul A. reviewed subjects for the committee to consider as they decided what topics they would write about.

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- Thanking the community for the increased number of Lake Host volunteers that performed over 2600 boat inspections plus discussing the need for continued support and more volunteers.
- Discussing results; significant reduction in number of Milfoil occurrences explaining last year we were number 1 in New Hampshire Lakes Assoc. in terms of the number of Milfoil saves and this year there were very few instances of milfoil found at the ramps. Our part of Lake Winnepesaukee was the cleanest it has been in many years.
- Discuss the successful teaming (Partnering) effort with Wolfboro and Tuftonboro co-sponsoring the harvesting of Milfoil with the jointly purchased DASH boats.
- Discuss the reduction in the need for herbicide; that in 2011 we were able to make significant use of diver assisted harvesting and hand pulling of Milfoil.
- Discuss the 2011 use of the Dash and hand-pull methods using metrics gathered - amount of Milfoil Harvested, number of dives etc.
- Discuss success of weed watchers and their critical role identifying new and resurgent milfoil growth plus discuss the need for continued support and more volunteers.
- Call to action - given the success over the past two years, a new group of volunteers could add more success by monitoring the shore line for "floating" or "beached" pieces of Milfoil. Need to stress the importance of gathering and carefully disposing stressing how quickly each small piece can spawn significant new growth.

Every letter should thank people for their support so far and ask them to continue with support at the next Town Meeting in March. The committee discussed who would write letters, when letters should go out and where they should be sent.

Paul D. distributed and discussed the introductory letter he authored that would introduce the new volunteer program of picking milfoil fragments from the water and off the beach.

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The next meeting is Wednesday Dec. 7th, at 4pm in the Moultonborough Library at 4:00 PM. Room to be determined.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Jensen
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chair