

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Wed., Dec. 7, 2011 @ 4:00 PM in the Library Back Room
Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Brian Litkof

Others: Bev Nelson, Bob Goffredo, Town Planner Bruce Woodruff

The meeting began at 4:05 PM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Al moved to accept the minutes of November 16, 2011 with the change below. The motion was seconded by Paul A. and unanimously approved by the group.

On page 3 in the prior minutes, the spelling of the town Wolfboro should be change Wolfeboro.

II. New Business:

The committee reviewed the Letter to the Editor submitted by Paul Daisy. The plan is to complete more letters in December to be submitted in January. We will put a communications calendar together for the various letters.

Writers include Steve Maguire, Jim Nelson (potentially with a NH Lakes flavor) and each of the committee members.

Town Planner Bruce Woodruff indicated that he will be available to help with anything involving paperwork, grant applications, and looking for grant opportunities. Bruce could also go out and speak to some of the private associations that don't participate in milfoil control efforts already.

Ginny will put Bruce's email on the committee distribution list.

III. Continued Business:

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- **Five-Year Plan**

Peter made the case to the Select Board to put the warrant article in for the milfoil trust fund at \$200K. The Select Board indicated that they would budget \$195K for adding to the fund in 2012.

Peter said that we could arrange a calling tree to be used to build support for the warrant article before the Town Meeting vote.

The grant application for last year was lost and it appears the \$16.5K we were granted will not come from last year's monies. With Amy Smagula's help, it looks like we can get this money (2011 grant amount) from the 2012 grant and then get the remainder of the 2012 grant monies from 2012 expenditure matching.

We will need to know from Bruce when the town would get all the bid agreements and the certifications signed from the town. The paperwork needs to get back to Amy Smagula by Dec. 21st. This could potentially result in \$55K of grants. We are at 50% match this year. Peter has asked Amy to make sure DASH and hand pulling dollars are also eligible for grant match. It may be necessary to schedule the work with the vendors in time to be eligible for the grant (TBD).

Carter agreed with Peter that it would make sense to give vendors a three-year contract for DASH and hand pulling.

In Lee's Pond there is a large area with a significant springtime current where herbicide treatments are difficult. Generally fall treatment would be called for here, but the large amount of rain this year caused a lot of current in the fall, too. The fear is that spring treatment in 2012 would be stopped by Fish & Game because of bridle shiners.

Karin worked on the reporting requirements for the vendors to be included in the bid documents. The requirements would include items from the captain's log. The idea is to put the general reporting

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requirements in the RFQ. The committee agreed that this language should be added. Karin suggested additional specific reporting requirements that would go in an eventual contract.

- **Lake Hosts:**

At the budget meeting there was discussion about having the MMC collect ramp fees. Peter believes the BOS now agrees it doesn't make sense for the Lake Hosts to collect money. The Select Board requested that Lake Hosts continue to collect information on how many stickers there are.

- **Weed Watchers**

Ginny spotted a few milfoil plants at the lagoon at the end of Ferry Shores Rd.

Ginny is to send the out the weed watcher survey, ASAP. In addition to questions documented in prior minutes, she will ask weed watchers to each find one additional volunteer to participate in milfoil control activities. In addition the survey email will explain the new Milfoil Monitor function and why it is important to volunteer.

The committee discussed whether we should provide weed watcher T-shirts. The consensus was that we could make T-shirts available for purchase.

- **Tri-Town DASH Initiative**

NH Lakes may begin administering the hand pulling activities as well as DASH, which would help with the issues the vendors have adhering to the town insurance requirements.

Peter suggests contacting Ken M. to make sure we get moving on the clarification of who will administer hand pulling because it affects the grant application schedule. Al reported that there would probably be no action until the end of the year.

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IV. Other

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is Wednesday January 4th, at 4pm in the Moultonborough Library Program Room.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chair