

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Wed., Sept. 14, 2011 @ 4:00 PM in the Library Program Room
Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Brian Litkof
Others: Bob Goffredo, Bev Nelson

The meeting began at 4:02 PM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Karin moved to approve the minutes of Aug 31st as written, the motion was seconded by Paul Ardito and passed unanimously.

II. New Business:

None.

III. Continued Business:

- **Five-Year Plan**

Posting for the herbicide treatment went well, except that Whaleback Point and Badger Point were not posted. This is because they are not officially islands but only accessible by water. Peter suggested we identify these areas over the winter. This could be important info to uncover for the town for various things such as involuntary evacuation notices.

Someone called Peter with a concern about the airboat dispersing the herbicide in an aerosol, but this is not actually how the herbicide is applied. What was seen was only propeller spray.

Marc Bellaud will give us a detailed map of the treated areas. Al asked if we could get GPS coordinates of the edges of this map.

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Karin suggested we ask Marc Bellaud if the herbicide will kill floaters.

Regarding the experiment to see if it is more effective to pick up dead plants: There has been no answer from Marc and Amy if they think we need to do this. Al Hoch proposed two areas to perform the vacuuming of dead plants from the bottom and these were agreed on by the committee. Al will be getting cinderblocks to mark the locations of the test.

Marc and Amy did not discourage us from doing an underwater survey. They provided some feedback about the strategy and methods. Amy made a suggestion of an area near Suissevale, which will be the first area surveyed.

The survey will start tomorrow (9/15/2011). It will be completed in the defined area near Suissevale, 86 acres, 2 days for \$1300. The survey will be done in a 20 ft grid by Aqualogics. Next week there will be a survey in Green's Basin done by AB Aquatics.

There was a triple check on our application for state aide for next year. It looks like we are all taken care of according to Amy. This application asks for funds for herbicide treatment, handpulling and DASH.

We should start seeing fading plants two weeks from the herbicide application.

Amy has asked Paul D. about any wells that are within 50 ft of treatment. Paul surmises the state is interested in if any of the herbicide is leaching into the wells.

The committee plans to notify people via the town web site when the post-treatment water testing is complete.

- **Lake Hosts:**

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Paul A. presented year-end summary of thoughts from the Lake Hosts, including:

- Some high school kids were not reliable as lake hosts – therefore next year the suggestion is to delay recruiting to get more mature people, college kids or others. There was a suggestion to put up fliers at Plymouth State.
- It was agreed to maintain 4.5 hour shifts.
- Some lake hosts stayed for lunch and it would make sense to pay them for that time.
- It was suggested that only one lake host is needed even for the busiest ramps.
- More discussion of the number-of-people-staffed policy: it seems the policy developed last year worked. People who did not feel comfortable lake hosting alone would not be staffed by themselves.
- The first couple of times a person is lake host, it makes sense to staff them with an experienced person.
- Next year it may be possible to reduce the number of paid hours.

Bev suggested getting a canopy for shade at Lee's Mills. Karin suggested having the school look at building a gazebo.

Bev commented that teaching the boaters about the weed lifecycle was as important as inspecting the boats.

- **Weed Watchers**

Ginny is to send mail to weed watchers asking them to survey and report on the effectiveness of the herbicide treatment within a couple of weeks.

- **Tri-Town DASH Initiative**

The committee discussed asking the Select Board to allocate more money for handpulling. Some of the handpulling areas have been shown to be too dense and other methods may be needed for harvesting.

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Paul D. made a motion to request from the Select Board an additional \$15K from the trust fund for DASH/handpulling. The motion was seconded by Paul A. and it passed unanimously.

Paul D. will ask Amy if we have received the grant money from the state and if there is a procedure we need to invoke to receive it.

Karin has emailed the latest data re: milfoil pulled to Peter.

Al anticipates the Select Board will ask if we have the data to select a vendor. We don't have all the data yet, but it may be only a matter of what vendor is available to do the work.

Spending so far is approximately \$112K.
We're authorized to spend up to \$10K for surveying.

\$55K is estimated to pay for the fall herbicide treatment. We spent approximately \$27.5K for the spring treatment.

The budget request for next year needs to be submitted to the town very soon. There was a discussion on the levels of funding that we may be targeting.

Paul D. suggested doing some communication with other towns to make sure our work is not undermined by a lack of action on their part. Paul D. is to ask Amy the state of the other town's milfoil activity and where she has NOT surveyed.

In the next tri-town meeting we want to find out the costs of DASH for next year. Not all DASH work will be done with the Tri-town DASH unit next year, so it will be important to coordinate with vendors that will use the unit and vendors that can use their own more cheaply.

Peter discussed that we approved the approach where we do ½ day of DASH and ½ of handpulling from the unit. This may result in the cost per day going down.

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One of the DASH units may need a new motor. Ken Marschner is trying to get donations from some of the associations.

IV. Other

The next meeting is Wednesday Sept. 28, at 4pm in the Moultonborough Library Back Room at 4:00 PM.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chair