Conservation Commission Milfoil Committee

For Tues., April 19th, 2011 @ 4:45 PM in the Library Back Room Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Peter Jensen, Karin Nelson, Secretary Ginny Gassman, Paul Ardito, Paul Daisy, Jim Leiterman, Nancy Wright

Members Excused: None

Others: Bob Goffredo, Steve Maguire, Al Hoch,

The meeting began meeting at 4:49 PM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

The committee requested that the following change be made in the section regarding the DASH treatments: "three divers" should be "three diving companies."

Karin moved to approve the minutes of March 29th, 2011, as corrected. The motion was seconded by Paul Daisy and unanimously approved.

II. New Business:

Eagle Scout project: The Eagle Scout chose another project instead of construction of aqua scopes. Karin has the instructions for making the aqua scope if anyone is interested.

III. Continued Business:

Project Reports and discussion

• Lake Hosts:

Five interviews are set up starting at 2:30 April 20th. There will be a second day of interviews set up.

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There are 15 new volunteers, 9 confirmed, with 9 from last year. In addition, there will be the paid lake hosts.

The grant was approved for \$2500.

Paul A. and Cathy Cunningham will attend the training in May.

Several of the volunteers are interested in working the Long Island ramp. Paul is looking into having one of the volunteers be a point person specifically for that ramp.

Paul made a motion to look for a second point person to cover Long Island, seconded by Paul D. The motion was unanimously approved.

• Weed Watchers

Weed watcher training is scheduled for April 27th at 7PM at the library. As of this meeting ten volunteer weed watchers have RSVP'd. After the training, we will make sure to put the training PowerPoint on the web site.

Ginny requested the training information be put in the calendars of the *Meredith News* and the *Weirs Times*.

Ginny will tentatively set up a July 12th training.

• Milfoil Abatement and 5-Year Plan

The next treatment will be in June. So far there are no objectors. Posting: We will need to get a group of volunteers together to post notices.

Paul checked with Carter Terenzini on the proposed objector policy and it is planned to be covered at the next hearing on Thursday April 21st.

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• Tri-Town DASH Initiative

We may need to commit to 60 days of treatment for the DASH unit. Paul D. will contact Amy to create an estimate of how many hours are needed and a map to show where the pulling will be.

It appears that the DASH unit will be up and running in early May.

The contract and agreement with vendors/ insurance may not be done until late June.

The town will hire people to load the trucks unless we can get volunteers.

There may be different insurance issues for divers that are hand pulling vs. using DASH units. Carter is looking into this. Peter will talk/ email to Carter to make sure this issue gets resolved.

Karin volunteered to work with Amy on prioritizing the order of DASH and hand pulling activities – to develop a policy and bring it back to the committee.

John Anderson has volunteered to off-load milfoil during DASH treatments.

IV. Other

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

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 PM.