

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Friday, Nov. 16, 2012 @ 9:30 AM in the Life Safety Building Training Room
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Peter Jensen, Paul Ardito, Al Hoch, Paul Daisy, and Karin Nelson (acting secretary)

Members Excused: Sue Connolly, Brian Litkoff, Ginny Gassman, Bev Nelson

The meeting began at 9:30 AM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Al wants to correct the October 11, 2012 minutes to indicate that boats were checked for milfoil going both in and out, they found milfoil on boats going in and out, but it was not always recorded or collected for DES.

Paul Daisy wanted to note that Tuftonboro used the Tri-Town DASH boat approx. 12 more days than was noted. (Used State Grant \$)

Al moved to approve minutes as amended, 2nd by Paul D. and passed unanimously.

II. New Business:

None

III. Continued Business:

Five-Year Plan

Peter submitted a spread sheet summarizing our 2012 DASH work (totals and costs) - to be posted on the website.

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Al submitted a project Manager's Report to be posted on the website.

Paul D. Wondered if we should let some areas "go" for a few years, if the cost/plant is excessive.

Al felt that we should probably continue to pull, and that the cost/plant will increase as the total project cost goes down.

There was discussion about money coming into the Town from State Grants: Peter said that, according to policy, these monies may only be put into the town general fund, and not to the milfoil trust fund. He said that Carter will try to put info into the actual milfoil warrant article informing voters about how much grant money we receive.

It was agreed that if we can't have the grants applied directly to the trust fund at least this way the voters would understand what's happening to the money.

Peter noted that we spent \$220,000 total this year, dipping \$25,000 into left-over trust money.

Paul will ask Amy about next year's grant; whether it includes DASH work. She thinks we'll need a max of 125 acres of herbicide treatment.

He also said that the water testing has been completed and we can now remove all posted signs.

Lake Hosts:

In regard to the "saves" by Lake Hosts: Paul Ardito stated that Lake Hosts were told during training in Concord not to submit too many samples (saves) as they did not have the ability to analyze them all. He will get clarification from Andrea for next year.

Peter brought a photo of a payment system that Carter proposed for a self-payment system for boat launch fees, so nobody would have to collect them. It would be a sticker system and routine checks would be made by town police to make sure users had stickers. (If implemented, this would leave NH Lake Hosts out of the process)

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Weed Watchers

All present signed Bev's Thank-you notes and Karin collected them to mail/deliver.

We're still waiting to hear from Amy on Garland Pond weeds.

Tri-Town DASH Initiative (now known as Milfoil Joint Board, MJB)

There was discussion about what MJB should be doing in the next few years in regards to having their own boats. (Next meeting of this group is 12/19 at 9:00AM at the Tuftonboro Town Hall, and MMC members are encouraged to attend).

Among other problems, Al mentioned the weight of the nozzle that was outfitted on the original DASH units and how the one that Bob Patterson attached was much lighter (brought in samples of both). He also discussed problems with the pole anchors vs. regular anchors and the side thrust problems resulting from the very large motor (A 3-4hp would do well, instead of the current 23hp for suction). He also said that he and Karin will be presenting some specifics to the MJB meeting on why the Tri-Town DASH boat wasn't always used, whether it could be retrofitted to better satisfy the needs or whether it would be better to sell it.

Peter said that the value of MJB isn't the tools, but the help with the bidding process, insurance, sharing of ideas, etc., so...if the value of the IMA is that it is a boat club, then we're "out", but if the value is sharing ways to save money and be efficient, then we're "in". All present agreed with this philosophy.

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Paul D. mentioned that we all agreed that the purchase of the boats seemed to make sense originally, but after two years of DASH work we've learned a lot and our understanding of what we need now is different. Peter commented that we did indeed use the DASH boats for 60 days the first year and we never expected our need for the boats to remain the same – it was always intended to be reduced over time.

Peter reminded us that it costs us \$75 more per day to use the MJB boat.

Al related that we don't have many "level 3" infestations (where the Tri-Town DASH is useful) left to work, but we can probably use the boat about 30 days again next year.

IV. **Other**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 20th at 9:30 at the Life Safety Building Training Room.

V. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karin Nelson
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, acting secretary

Peter Jensen
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman