

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Wed., March 14, 2012 @ 4:00 PM in the Library Back Room
Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Sue Connolly, Brian Litkoff

Others: None

The meeting began at 4:00 PM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Al moved to approve the minutes of February 29th as written. The motion was seconded by Paul Daisy and passed unanimously.

II. New Business:

Al made a motion to nominate Paul Ardito and Paul Daisy as co-vice chairmen of the milfoil committee. The motion was seconded by Ginny and passed unanimously. Paul A. and Paul D. will be able to back-up Peter should he become unavailable.

Al made a motion that project manager, quality control and weed watcher managers form a triangular back-up of each other in case any one of them becomes unavailable. The motion was seconded by Paul Daisy and passed unanimously.

Al and Peter will speak to the Selectboard about making sure the bass fishermen during tournaments are informed about milfoil harvesting that is going on so that they can avoid the area for the safety of the divers.

III. Continued Business:

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- **Five-Year Plan**

Paul reported that the EPA has a new requirement that for herbicide treatment of more than 80 acres there needs to be a DM (designated manager) to sign off on permits. Recent information is that the State will be allowed to be the DM for the entire lake.

There is now a memo of agreement between the Dept. of Agriculture, DES, Fish and Game, and two other departments in order to streamline the permitting process. Paul D. has reviewed the memo and believes it will not affect the permitting process for the Milfoil Committee.

Paul D. was asked by Amy Smagula (DES) to be on a panel in April to discuss how milfoil harvesting is being handled within the state.

Karin would like to see if it will be possible to apply herbicide in Lee's Pond in the spring instead of the fall. This year it seems like the runoff might be less because of less snow. If herbicide could be applied in the spring, then the subsequent hand pulling could be more targeted. Paul believes there is an understanding with Fish and Game that they would like to wait until fall because the area in Lee's Pond is bridle shiner habitat and spring is the spawning season.

Paul D. did some research on a recent article that said that 2,4-D was tied to birth defects. Paul was not able to find any information or evidence at all about any types of birth defects associated to 2,4-D water applications. To get birth defects in rats, they had to ingest or be injected with enormous amounts for 3, 6, or 9 months.

- **Lake Hosts:**

The Lake Host Grant was approved, but it was \$1000 less than expected due to a technicality in how NH Lakes counted the number of ramps serviced by the grant request.

Paul A. will meet with Mike Lancor next week to work on the ad for Lake Hosts to be put in the school publication. He also spoke with Carter to

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make sure the lake host opportunity is part of the town information. Paul has already interviewed a few people from Ossipee.

Paul A. will discuss with Scott Kinman about a project to provide a shelter for shade at Lee's Mills.

- **Weed Watchers**

Bev has made a reservation on Saturday April 28th at 10 am in the Library Program Room for the Weed Watcher refresher/ kick-off meeting. Bev would like to have a field session in kayaks or other boats to show people live weeds if possible on that same day.

One of Bev's other key goals is to call the list of associations to see if they want a presentation for education or a special session.

Bev discussed the idea of getting a couple of GPS units. Peter suggested waiting until we have our final budget defined to make plans for this. Bev will make GPS coordinates the default way of providing the milfoil info.

Bev has set up a new account – weedwatchers.moultonborough@gmail.com for weed watchers to send their findings.

Bev has asked Amy to provide 20 additional weed watcher kits.

Bev will be recruiting volunteers at the town meeting on Saturday.

- **Tri-Town DASH Initiative**

The NH Lakes contract is signed.

Bob Patterson has been given an estimate of 120 days work in Moultonborough. He has discussed having 2-3 teams up this summer.

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Carter has sent out his final recommendations for the contracts between NH Lakes and the vendors.

There is a schedule for the DASH boats between the three towns.
Al has worked on a schedule for where/when the work will be done.

IV. Other

The next meeting is Monday March 26, in the Moultonborough Library Program Room at 5:00 PM.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chair