

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Mon., March 26, 2012 @ 5:00 PM in the Library Program Room
Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Sue Connolly, Brian Litkoff, Paul Daisy

Others: None

The meeting began at 5:02 PM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Bev moved to approve the minutes of March 14, 2012 with the changes below. The motion was seconded by Al and passed unanimously.

Paul Daisy corrected the section regarding the EPA which has already given permission to DES to act as DM fulfilling the new EPA requirement.

Also, Paul's reading of the RSA covering the referenced memo of agreement makes him believe there is no change in the current procedure we are using to get the permits.

II. New Business:

Paul A. will contact Alison Kepple to have the URL corrected in the email announcing the volunteer opportunities.

III. Continued Business:

- **Five-Year Plan**

The mailing sent out by ACT has arrived at the abutters. The committee needs to verify that it is clear in the letter that the location of the herbicide treatments is preliminary and that the herbicide may end up being applied to smaller areas within the areas indicated.

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The public notice in the Meredith News should also be reviewed.

The departments involved in the permit approval are:
Departments of Agriculture, Markets and Food, DES, Fish & Game,
and NH Dept. of Resources and Economic Development.

- **Lake Hosts:**

Paul A. put together a new flyer. He also met with Superintendent Mike Lancor and the guidance councilor to have it posted at Moultonborough Academy. It will also be posted at Heath's, the library, the gym, etc., for the purpose of recruiting lake hosts.

Paul's plan is to begin interviews in April. At least one of last year's paid lake hosts will be coming back this summer. Paul sent a letter to all of last year's volunteers and all but 3 are willing to be lake hosts again.

Paul has the list of all the fishing tournaments planned. The organizers are supposed to run an awareness program about milfoil. They will also be informed that there will be divers present doing milfoil harvesting.

The town wants the Lake Hosts to keep track of all the decals on the boats.

Paul spoke with Scott Kinman about getting a shelter at Lee's Mills. Scott suggested getting a picnic table and umbrella and that he might be able to make arrangements to store an umbrella nearby.

Cathy Cunningham will be the managing lake host again this year. Cathy and Paul are considering not staffing in June because of a lack of boat traffic.

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- **Weed Watchers**

Since ice-out a few days ago, people are already reporting green milfoil being sighted. This is quite different from last year when the milfoil didn't show up until late in the spring.

Bev asked to make sure that last year's weed control class notice be removed from the town web site. She also requested the volunteer help notice be updated with her number and the new weed watcher's email address.

Bev is putting some posters around town with the refresher training information on it.

- **Tri-Town DASH Initiative**

AB Aquatics has signed the agreement with NH Lakes to be a selected vendor for hand pulling. Moultonborough's strategy will be to use them as our primary vendor because the metrics collected last year show they provided the best productivity.

Al has been discussing with Bob Patterson (AB Aquatics) the possibility of coming up to do a survey before harvesting starts. The survey would be done underwater with a scooter. Al believes this will help with project planning and scheduling. The survey would be 2-3 days. AB Aquatics will be deciding which equipment will be used at each Milfoil sight.

Karin suggested that this kind of survey not be done too far ahead of the harvesting plan. An alternative would be for AB aquatics to do a survey as they go along for an hour or so after harvesting rather than using an entire day.

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Bob has suggested we might want to use specialized equipment for the rocky areas, and a survey could help determine in which areas that equipment will be necessary.

There was a general concern about spending money on surveying that might be better spent on harvesting. Paul Ardito made a motion to invite Bob Patterson up to a meeting to discuss how doing the surveying will help save us money on harvesting. The motion was seconded by Ginny and passed unanimously. Al will ask Bob to come up the next meeting.

The first place we know we have milfoil to be harvested may be Lee's Pond. However, we need to find out if the area will be targeted for an herbicide treatment before hand pulling is done.

Al asked the committee for permission to buy four maps for coordinating the scheduling with the divers and within the team. Expected cost is approximately \$40 - \$50.

Paul A. made a motion to approve buying four maps for use as above, seconded by Al and approved unanimously. Peter will need to ask the Selectboard to disburse the money before it is spent.

At the joint board meeting, some boat work is being discussed for the DASH boats, including raising rails and adding a bimini.

Peter will discuss the removal of the weeds with S. Kinman.

IV. Other

The next meeting is Thursday, April 12th, at 5 PM in the Moultonborough Library Program Room.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chair