

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Tuesday, May 22nd, 2012 @ 4:00 PM in the Library Program Room
Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Sue Connolly, Brian Litkoff;

Others Present: None

The meeting began at 4:00 PM

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Paul A. moved to approve the minutes of April 27th, 2012. The motion was seconded by Al and passed unanimously.

II. New Business:

None.

III. Continued Business:

• **Five-Year Plan**

Publicity

Paul Daisy got in touch with WMUR to try to get publicity for the program but has had no results yet.

Bev had a great article published in the Meredith News and Laconia Sun.

Karin has also been in contact with her contact at public radio. The feedback is that we need to come up with a fresh angle because the milfoil story has already been done.

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DES Survey

Mark and Amy are scheduled to do the milfoil survey in one day on the 31st of May. If more days are needed they will increase the survey time. They will have a map for us on the latter part of the first week of June or during the second week of June.

Al is putting together a list of areas that we want Amy and Mark to check during the survey. This list will be consolidated from all sources (weed watchers, hand-picking vendors, etc.)

Herbicide Treatment

Our herbicide treatment is scheduled on the 20th of June.

Lee's Pond is scheduled for the same day, June 20th. There is a separate permit for Lee's Pond. The permits for Lee's Pond and Winnepesaukee have not yet been approved. No comments on the applications have been received yet from the state agencies. If there is an issue with the Lee's Pond permit it could possibly be due to bridle shiner spawning. Paul D. asked Mark and Amy to let us know when the permits are received and Paul D. will forward them.

We will need to get volunteers to do sign posting prior to the June 20th treatment.

The September treatment is scheduled for Wed, Sept 5th.

• **Lake Hosts:**

Lake hosting is starting this weekend. The staffing schedules are done. Paul A. hired 6 lake hosts. There are 15-18 volunteers. Cathy and Paul will take turns checking the ramps on the weekends.

• **Weed Watchers**

Bev reports we have 35 active weed watchers. Each are assigned a zone using ARC GIS maps, and Bev sent a personal email to

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everyone. Weed Watchers will be able to more clearly define and tell us where they are finding weeds.

Bev reported we have three new weed watchers from the article published. She believes we need a second training meeting for those who are back to the area for the summer and were not able to attend the first meeting.

There is a weed watcher assigned to almost all the 60 miles of shoreline. Only Blackey's Cove is not covered.

Bev has placed a box of markers at Aubuchon. Al and Bev will let people know when markers should be put out.

Saturday, Al and Bev will be speaking at the Balmoral annual meeting. Karen will provide weed samples.

Karin and Bev installed the barrier at Lee's Pond and recently went to clean out the net where they found a considerable amount of milfoil.

- **Tri-Town DASH Initiative (MJB)**

Bob Patterson is planning to work this weekend. He may survey or he may do hand pulling depending on the clarity of the water due to weather and pollen. Al and Bev will collaborate on where they will send Bob.

Bob is planning to start hand pulling at the more difficult places that are time consuming but do not necessarily produce a big volume of milfoil.

Peter said there will be a dump trailer per Scott Kinman. The milfoil will be delivered to Spiderweb Gardens. We need to give a schedule to Scott so he can have the trailer available and plan the dumping.

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There is some talk about putting signs on the DASH boats. The boats have all been de-winterized and there will be air testing on June 1st. Boats can be scheduled for hand pulling after that. Peter suggests we nail down the schedule so the boat is available to us when needed.

IV. Other

The next meeting is Tuesday, June 12th, at 4 PM in the Moultonborough Library Program Room.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman