# Milfoil Committee

For Tuesday, June 12, 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,

Members Absent: Sue Connolly, Brian Litkoff, Paul Ardito

Others Present: None

The meeting began at 4:08 PM

## **Agenda**

## I. Approval of Minutes:

Bev moved to approve the minutes of May 22nd, 2012. The motion was seconded by Al and passed unanimously.

## II. New Business:

There will be a meeting of Lake Kanasatka residents at the Loon Center. They would like to work with the committee to make sure they do not have milfoil in their lake. Peter will plan a presentation on Weed Watchers, Lake Hosts, etc. This will be on early Sunday morning July 15<sup>th</sup>.

Bev suggested that we provide volunteers with timesheets so that we can use that information for next years' grant proposals etc. Bev will provide a sheet that can be used.

Pat Tarpey had asked Peter in March or April to write up a page or so on the milfoil program. The write-up was subsequently used by Bruce Woodruff to nominate the milfoil committee for the Kim Ayers Award.

### **III. Continued Business:**

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### Five-Year Plan

We have one approved permit for herbicide application on Lake Winnipesaukee. One of the areas in the permit to treat is Harilla Landing, which is close enough to a well to require it be shut down. Paul asked the committee if we would consider buying 100-150 gallons of water to cover the period the well is closed. This is not expected to cover all water needs, but only for those who may have forgotten to bring water during this time. Wells are to be closed down for up to a month depending on how long it takes to get the results of a water test.

Paul D. made a motion for no more than \$200 to be authorized to provide water for the Harilla population. The motion was seconded by Ginny and was approved unanimously.

The herbicide treatment date is now Tuesday June 26<sup>th</sup>.

The permit process has been very difficult this year because the new procedures established did not work. The new process made it more difficult to get a permit in a timely way. Paul has asked for a meeting to try to address this with the State starting with DES. Paul will try to develop a strategy with DES before meeting with the other department heads. This is a serious problem for the town because it will cost us more money for treatment. It is less expensive per acre to treat a larger area. Allowing the milfoil to expand throughout the summer will ultimately require more treatment.

DES identified 44 acres that will require herbicide treatment in the recent survey. The Department of Fish and Game has restricted approximately half to herbicide treatment this spring because it has been identified as bridle shiner spawning habitat.

Delaying to fall treatment is not a good compromise from the milfoil perspective because of the growing season and fragmentation of the milfoil causing greater spread.

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There is confusion whether the permits can be extended to later in the summer because of the wording. It appears we won't be able to extend treatment to the fall without further work with the permit approval participants.

The committee discussed whether we can treat in July. Paul will find out more about it. We speculate that many residents would object to the water restriction and the swimming restriction at that time of year.

The Lee's Pond permit for herbicide is off the table due to brindle shiners. If it were possible to treat in July the residents there would be ok with it. Floaters and fragmentation at the milfoil barrier is seen as critical. The milfoil is fragmenting early this year.

Ginny will put the proposed treatment maps on the web site as soon as they are available.

Paul and Ginny will handle sign posting.

Bob Patterson has been into areas that were treated last fall which looked very successful but there are still 10 % of plants that came back, as expected.

### Lake Hosts:

The Lake Host program is proceeding as planned.

### Weed Watchers

Correction to what was stated in the last meeting: 40 of the 60 miles of Moultonborough shoreline are covered by assigned weed watchers. There are sections on the SW sections of the neck, Long Island and Blackey's Cove not yet covered.

Bev received nine weed watcher reports in the month of June so far. Bev is sending out emails every Monday morning to joggle attention.

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Al and Bev have put all the weed watcher information on Google docs and it is shared with Bob Patterson and Amy Smagula.

## • Tri-Town DASH Initiative (MJB)

The DASH #2 outboard engine horsepower is greater than the nameplate on the boat. This is not against state law but it is against insurance regulation. There is a meeting Thursday night to discuss this.

Hand pulling is going smoothly.

## IV. Other

The next meeting is Friday June 29th, from 4-5 PM in the Moultonborough Library Program Room.

## V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman