

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Friday, June 29, 2012 @ 4:00 PM in the Library Program Room
Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Sue Connolly, Brian Litkoff, Paul Ardito

Others Present: Bob Goffredo

The meeting began at 4:05 PM

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Al moved to approve the minutes of June 12, 2012. The motion was seconded by Ginny and passed unanimously.

II. New Business:

Paul is working to get a meeting together with the heads of the state departments in order to work on improving the permit approval process.

Marc Bellaud of ACT also wants to address the approval process for new chemicals. Paul asked the committee to send him thoughts on the discussion process.

Peter talked to Stewart Lamprey about the permit approval, and he spoke with Senator D'alessandro who said he'd be happy to run a meeting. Peter suggested we include people from other communities who have had problems with the permitting process.

Paul A., Paul D, Al Hoch and Peter will be covering the Lake Kanasatka meeting at the Loon Center. Karin will provide weed samples.

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Bev will send Ginny the 5 year plans to be posted on the web.

III. Continued Business:

• **Five-Year Plan**

June 26 herbicide treatment

The herbicide treatment went as expected on Tuesday.

There was an objector. The objector said that he did not get the first registered letter. The objector process we defined last year included ambiguous terminology that lead to confusion about whether the town would elect not to treat under the circumstances and Carter Terenzini suggest we don't treat. However, the board of selectmen said we should treat.

Paul suggested that we make the terminology in our process a little firmer. Ginny will send out the link to the policy to the committee members.

Effectiveness of herbicide treatment

Paul D. will ask Marc at what depth the pelletized chemical becomes ineffective.

The boundary areas of the test area that was set up last year were never reported. That testing will need to be done again in order to determine the effectiveness of the treatment areas with and without removal of dead plants.

According to AB Aquatics, chemical treatment was not effective in the river, but in still water it was 80% effective.

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Permit Approval

Fish & Game had marked off potential bridle shiner habitat and subsequently came out to look for the actual presence of the fish. Fish & Game made a concession, agreeing to July treatment – but this is not acceptable for milfoil control because of growth and fragmentation that causes the milfoil to spread as well as citizen objections to treatment during the high recreational season.

Al suggested we contact Marc about which other communities have had problems getting their permits approved.

Future Planning

Every time we bring ACT up for treatment we are getting a flat \$2000 fee for transporting their equipment. We spend more money if we schedule multiple treatments, for example Lee's Pond in July and Moultonborough in June. If we combine treatments we may be able to get a discount.

- **Lake Hosts:**

No report.

- **Weed Watchers**

Paul A. is reporting milfoil in Hemlock Cove.

The consensus is there is lots of sparse milfoil overspreading the region. Some of it is likely thicker deeper than we are seeing. The group is concerned that there could be areas that require herbicide that we need to inform Amy about.

There's a lagoon off of Shannon Brook where Al will collect some samples to ensure with DES it is not milfoil. Amy has said it is likely bladderwort.

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

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Hand pulling is currently being done in the northern part of Moultonborough.

Hand pulling was being done in Lee's Pond today. They are also working Lee River today, because herbicide doesn't work there due to the current.

Peter believes we need to show the DASH boat in the other areas so that people feel the committee is responsive to their sightings. Al says the boat will be further south in three days to a week.

The other DASH boat is going to Salmon Meadow Cove on Monday. Brian Litkoff is donating his trailer and placing it on the west side of the neck during harvesting there. Karin is looking for more volunteers to do quality control in that area.

AB Aquatics should not be hand pulling in areas that are thick enough for herbicide. The committee wants to encourage Bob Patterson to communicate with Amy on any areas in question.

There's one area in Lee's Pond that is identified as herbicide that Karin and Bev believe could be hand pulled.

There's a new 60 hp four stroke on DASH II. There will be a new 150 hp name plate for the boat.

IV. Other

The next meeting is scheduled for Wed., Aug 1st at 4 PM in the Moultonborough Library Back Room.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 PM.

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Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman