

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Wednesday, August 1, 2012 @ 4:00 PM in the Library Program Room
Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Sue Connolly, Brian Litkoff, Bev Nelson

Others Present: None

The meeting began at 4:00 PM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Al moved to approve the minutes of June 29, 2012. The motion was seconded by Karin and passed unanimously.

II. New Business:

In a report, Town Administrator, Carter Terenzini suggested we should only do DASH work using the Tri-town equipment to show support for that board. The committee disagrees. We believe any tools that can be used to the best effect should be used. As a committee, we are responsible to make the best use of funds, which is our goal.

III. Continued Business:

- **Five-Year Plan**

June 26 herbicide treatment

Paul let us know that that water test has come back and it is ok to drink the lake water.

There may have been a glitch in the posting for the herbicide treatment. It seems one of the streets that should have been posted around Hanson's Cove was not. This area was not indicated for posting by ACT.

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The Lee's Pond herbicide treatment appears to have been completed as planned.

Amy has not let us know when she will be coming up to survey for the Sept 4th treatment. Al has provided her a list of places we are concerned about and has asked her to let us know which areas should be treated with herbicide so we can continue to plan the hand picking schedule.

Peter estimates there will be 60+ acres for herbicide treatment in September.

With this amount, plus the handpicking work, we'll be within the ball park in terms of spending against our \$195K budget for the year.

New Hampshire Lakes: As things stands we will be paying about \$15K to NH Lakes for the year.

Paul D. will check on when we can expect to get the grant check for the early treatment. It may be that they will handle all the funds transfers at the end of the summer.

Peter believes the town will make the deposit into the trust fund at the end of the year. After that, monies will be taken out of the trust fund against expenses that have been paid out of the town's general fund. as work has been paid for. A note can be made in the warrant article that details this. Paul suggested that this should also be noted in the trustee's report.

Paul hasn't had any progress getting Marc Bellaud's input on the proposed state meeting. Paul will check with him again.

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Suissevale: Bob Boyan said they would take the swim line down if the herbicide treatment could be done at the beach. Al, Bob Patterson and Bob Boyan are discussing putting a barrier up to catch fragments.

There has been about 11,500 total gallons of milfoil removed this year to date. There has been 2000 gallons of milfoil removed from Lee's Pond. Since the cost per plant removed is going up (due to the ratio of herbicide to hand picking getting smaller), it is important to measure acreage treated instead of the volume or quantity of plants.

The committee discussed whether we should ask DES to treat some less dense areas with herbicide, because these areas can be very expensive to treat with hand pulling.

There was herbicide treatment around Badger Island, but it looks like there was none, because it's grown back from the area not treated due to the bridle shiner. It may be that it's not worth treating partial areas – if it is contiguous with an area not treated.

The committee discussed if herbicide treatment would be more effective if we used greater dosages in deeper water.

Since edges have proven to be a problem, the committee discussed whether we should request increasing the herbicide areas by 10% or so to prevent this.

Paul D. suggested we have Amy come up for a discussion of these strategies.

- **Lake Hosts:**

The Lake Host program is running fine. There have only been 5 paid people required. The volunteers are working out great. For the most part, there has been only one person required per shift at the ramps.

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A bill was received for the \$300 annual dues for NH Lakes, but Paul A. thinks it has been already paid. Paul will look into it.

About 50% of vehicles have town dump stickers.

- **Weed Watchers**

No report.

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

Hand picking has been completed on the west side with great success, including locations at Salmon Meadow Cove, Black Cat Island and Ash Cove. These areas are virtually clean.

This year we spent 13.75 days in Salmon Meadow Cove which was much more than we estimated. some areas our original estimates were pretty close and in other areas much more milfoil was found.

Blackey's Cove has "exploded, despite being treated with herbiced last year. We will need 24 days total this year for hand picking. Some very deep infestations of milfoil have been discovered. In 10 days, 1100 gallons have been collected so far. The plan is to complete the area so it doesn't expand again. In

AI believes we need to add 25 days against our original approved amount for hand pulling. Even with this additional allocation, we will not be able to treat all the milfoil that has been found.

Right now we are on budget with our original plan assuming we treat 60 acres in the fall. If we add the 25 days of DASH recommended by AI (at \$1100 a day) we will need to allocate about \$30,000.

AI made a motion that we authorize up to \$30,000 worth of additional hand pulling/DASH to come out of the trust fund over and above the

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budgeted amount for the year. Karin seconded the motion and it was approved unanimously.

This DASH/hand pulling work would be for cleaning up the edges of areas previously treated with herbicide, making sure that certain areas are not spreading the infestation.

IV. Other

The next meeting is scheduled for Wed., Aug 22nd at 4 PM in the Moultonborough 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