

Conservation Commission  
**Milfoil Committee**

For Wednesday, August 22, 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, Bev Nelson

**Members Absent:** Sue Connolly, Brian Litkoff

**Others Present:** Bob Goffredo

The meeting began at 4:02 PM.

**Agenda**

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Paul D. moved to approve the minutes of August 1st, 2012. The motion was seconded by Al and passed unanimously.

**II. New Business:**

Garland Pond may have milfoil. Amy Smagula, DES will go there to do a survey and she will also have a DNA test done on the samples collected so far to make sure it is not native milfoil.

Tuftonboro has begun spending money to control milfoil. They have two areas, Melvin Village and 19-Mile Bay that have a lot of milfoil and where there is high boat traffic, which is a concern for our program.

The Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for September 22nd at noon at Camp Robindel.

**III. Continued Business:**

• **Five-Year Plan**

Certified letters for the fall herbicide treatment have been sent. Amy's latest estimate for the areas to receive herbicide is 58.5 acres.

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The accuracy of all surveys is dependent on conditions, so the committee wants to stress that weed watchers continue to be very important to help double check and find areas that are missed. There was a conference call with Amy and Marc Bellaud of ACT to nail down where the fall treatment would be. There is also an agreement for a future meeting to discuss the strategies for treating specific areas, including the possibility of treating type 2 areas and to discuss how to spread out the treatment to take into account the flow of water and depth. In addition, the committee would like to discuss other alternatives for application and treatment.

There was also a discussion to get together to reexamine the permitting process. Amy suggested waiting a year or two to let the new policy take effect. Paul hasn't given up on the idea that we should meet with the State department heads on the permitting process. The committee believes if the department comments are not available by the date required, the non-comments should be considered an implicit OK to the permit.

The committee discussed if the areas adjacent to the places limited for herbicide because of bridle shiners and loons should be treated only in the fall in the future. Amy thought there was still value doing the spring treatment in these adjacent areas.

Deep water milfoil requires multiple treatments. The committee discussed the strategy for dealing with this. Paul suggested we should considering asking the State if we need to increase the dosage or the type of pellets for these areas.

Al suggested that DES and the divers should collaborate more on the areas surveyed.

The milfoil treatment at Lee's Pond looks like it was very effective. The water is now drinkable and usable for irrigation.

We will need posters for the fall herbicide treatment on Labor Day weekend.

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- **Lake Hosts:**

There were 13 “saves” via the Lake Host program so far this year.

There will be a Lake Host working on the fishing tournament this weekend.

Most boats have stickers on them which indicate they have already talked to lake hosts during prior launches.

Boat traffic is similar to last year.

- **Weed Watchers**

Bev will request weed watchers to survey Salmon Meadow Cove, Blackey’s Cove and Whaleback Island.

The committee applauded Bev on an excellent job on the weed watchers program this summer!

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

The committee reviewed AB Aquatic’s report to DES.

We officially got the approval to use \$30K to do more DASH work.

Peter’s best estimates are that we spent \$136K on divers, \$15-16K on IMA NH lakes fees to manage divers, \$9.5K on lake hosts (likely to be less per Paul A.), and \$55K on herbicide. Peter provided the committee with a handout listing the expenditures.

We were authorized by the town to spend \$195K and to Peter’s best understanding after a discussion with the town, whatever we get back in grants relieves us from having to appropriate all of the \$195K from the town.

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Paul suggested we figure out how to make the grants allow money to go in to the trust as excess funds for future milfoil control so that we can ask the town to fund less in future years.

The grant monies won are to be enumerated in the next warrant article.

**IV. Other**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thurs., Sept. 13 at 9 am **tentatively** 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