

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Wed., January 4th, 2012 @ 4:00 PM in the Library ProgramRoom
Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Brian Litkof, Bev Nelson, Sue Connolly

Others: Bob Goffredo

The meeting began at 4:00PM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Al moved to accept the minutes of December 7th, 2011 with the change below. The motion was seconded by Paul A. and unanimously approved by the group.

Paul Daisy should be listed under Members Absent.

II. New Business:

The committee reviewed Peter's draft of the "Milfoil Committee Report – 2011".

Communication Plans: The committee made the following schedule for submissions of Letters-to-the-Editor:

Bob G	week of Jan 9th
Ginny	week of Jan 16 th
Paul A.	week of Jan 23 rd
Peter	week of Jan 30
Al	week of Feb 6 th
Karin	week of Feb 13th

There was some discussion of the NH House bill to prohibit the use of herbicide within 10 miles of a public water intake. This is the bill that also attempts to prohibit fluoride within the state. Paul D. suggested it's important for us to track the bill. Initially the issue went to a

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subcommittee which voted 5-0 to not recommend. However, the bill has been resurrected in another subcommittee.

III. Continued Business:

• **Five-Year Plan**

State Matching Fund Grant:

To clarify the discussion from the last meeting: we lost \$16.5K of grant money last year due to a paperwork error – the paperwork got lost. The state will not be able to restore this grant award.

This year we would be granted up to 50% of money spent on herbicide and handpulling (including DASH). We have tracked the paperwork this year to make sure we don't have the same problem as last year.

The Daily Milfoil Harvest Report, written up by Karin, was discussed by the committee. This report is important as a log/record of work done. These daily records should be used to back-up invoices. We agreed that we want a report daily at the end of the work. It needs to be fairly short and streamlined to allow it to be done quickly at the end of the work day.

All believed we need a weekly detail report to add additional information that may not have been covered in the daily report. This information is to include the roll up of daily info for the week plus gps coordinates by date, range of depth, and % clear.

Several members received an email from Aquatic Control suggesting we check and verify addresses of abutters. Karin checked the list of addresses on Lee's Pond. The list for Winnepesaukee had approximately 1000 addresses and appeared to be an old list. Karin is to ask the town if they have a list of any address changes. Paul A. and Paul D. have volunteered to check the list by the map and block.

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- **Lake Hosts:**
No report
- **Weed Watchers**
No report
- **Tri-Town DASH Initiative (now known as Milfoil Joint Board, MJB)**

There was a meeting on 12/20/2011 to introduce Tom O'Brien, the new President of the New Hampshire Lakes Assoc.

There was a proposal to combine the management of the handpulling as well as the DASH work under NH Lakes. Divers sometimes do both types of harvesting at the same time. Also, it reduces the complexity of the insurance issues. On the other hand, the MJB would not necessarily want to manage handpulling because there is no joint equipment used by the divers. Al was concerned that there may be additional administrative fees if NH Lakes was to manage the handpulling.

The committee would like to have NH Lakes administer all handpulling (including DASH) if it is not substantially more expensive.

The estimates of the amount of harvesting that will be done by town in 2012 is as follows:

Moultonborough : 45-70 days DASH; 30-70 handpulling
Tuftonboro: 10-20 days DASH; 4 days handpulling
Wolfeboro: 10-20 days DASH; 4 handpulling

IV. Other

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is Wednesday January 18th, at 4pm in the Moultonborough Library xxxx Room.

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V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chair