

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Wed., January 18th, 2012 @ 4:00 PM in the Library Back Room
Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Brian Litkof, Sue Connolly, Paul Ardito, Paul Daisy

Others: Bob Goffredo

The meeting began at 4:00 PM.

Bev was seated as a voting member in place of Paul Ardito.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

After the draft minutes of January 4th were distributed by email, Peter corrected the date, changing the year from 2011 to 2012, so they could be correctly posted on the town calendar.

Karin moved to accept the minutes of January 4th, 2012. The motion was seconded by Al and unanimously approved by the group

II. New Business:

The committee discussed the communication plans and added Bev to the schedule below. Karin is writing about the history of the milfoil effort, Peter is writing about the money aspects, Ginny is writing about volunteer opportunities.

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

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| 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 |

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Karin week of Feb 13th
Bev week of Feb 20th

Al drafted thank you letters to be sent to Chris Morrill and Keld Agnar. Al suggested asking the fire chief and possibly the police chief if we can tie the DASH boat up at the pier near the fire boat in 2012.

Al suggested organizing a project to acquire a weed-finding boat with a camera. The idea would be to acquire the boat by donation. Questions for further discussion – how would it be owned, how to pay for maintenance, where to store it in summer and winter? Peter asked if we could get donations for the equipment needed that could be used on various volunteer boats.

III. **Continued Business:**

- **Five-Year Plan**

The committee reviewed Al's write-ups defining the activities to be done by different roles within the committee: Project Mgr, Weed Watcher Mgr, and QC Mgr. Ginny is to send out the drafts to the group for feedback.

Al suggested Paul Daisy inquire with Amy to find out about the herbicide TRICLOPYR and how it compares with 2,4-D. Al is to call Paul to discuss.

- **Lake Hosts:**

Karin moved to re-appoint Paul Ardito to manage the Lake Host program in 2012 because he did such a wonderful job in 2011. Seconded by Ginny and approved unanimously.

- **Weed Watchers**

Al made a motion for Bev to perform the role of weed watcher manager for 2012 seconded Karin and unanimously approved.

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- **Milfoil Joint Board (MJB)**

The RFP from NH Lakes has been sent out to the three companies we used last year, plus a newly certified vendor.

As part of the NHL contract, the milfoil committee needs to designate a project manager and a quality control manager from the milfoil committee. Last year Al performed the duties of project manager and Karin the duties of quality control manager.

Ginny made a motion to have Al Hoch perform the project manager role for 2012, seconded by Karin and approved unanimously.

Al made a motion for Karin to perform the role of quality control manager for 2012 seconded by Ginny and unanimously approved.

NH Lakes Fees:

Peter began a discussion about the NH Lakes contract with the MJB that designated 10% of project money be the administration charge for NH Lakes.

Al and Karin explained that some items were not going to be included in the “project money” bucket.

Since NH Lakes is a nonprofit operation and their expenses are not based on the project monies but on fixed costs, Peter suggested that a lower fee be considered.

Al believes the rate of 10% would be more appropriate if there is project management and clerk of the works done by NH Lakes. Peter would like to see a flat fee based on the work done.

Work that NH Lakes is responsible for:

- contribute to RFP language,
- mail out RFPs,
- collect bids

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- remove the unqualified vendors
- sign contract
- process invoices

The town will do the final vendor selection. The milfoil committee will do the scheduling of work. NH Lakes will not be paying for winterizing, winter storage or maintenance of boats, or any other boat management.

The committee agreed that the right fee should be based on NH Lakes' costs. There is no reason to increase the fee if they didn't lose money last year.

If NH Lakes charged \$45 a day as they did in 2011, it would equate to 4.5% of project money.

Al made a motion that we authorize Peter to speak to Carter and Ken so he can tell them that this committee does not support the 10% charge described above. This motion was seconded by Ginny.

If we are not successful at negotiating a reasonable amount or made to understand why the 10% is a reasonable amount then the committee will consider discussing with the Select board to exit the agreement.

Moultonborough DPW costs:

The committee discussed that the town did not need to empty the truck every day. This might save money. The cost of the DPW for 2011 was \$5K.

IV. Other

Next Meeting:

The next meeting is Wednesday Feb 1st, 2012 at 4pm in the Moultonborough Library Back Room.

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V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chair