

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Wed., February 1st, 2012 @ 4:00 PM in the Library Program Room
Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Peter Jensen, Karin Nelson, Bev Nelson, Al Hoch, Paul Ardito,

Members Absent: Ginny Gassman, Brian Litkof, Sue Connolly, Paul Daisy

Others: Bob Goffredo

The meeting began at 4:00PM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Al noted that the prior minutes should have reflected that the Milfoil Joint Board's BID for Divers was sent to all prior dive teams that worked for the MJB as well as all certified divers from the State's 2010 list of certified Weed Control divers. With that noted, Al moved to accept the minutes of January 18th, 2012. The motion was seconded by Paul A. and unanimously approved.

II. New Business:

Peter explained he had spoken with member Brian Litkof about his difficulty attending Committee meetings. Brian wishes to continue as a member and continue to contribute to the Committee's programs and would have no objection to being an alternate member rather than a regular member so the committee could appoint someone with a schedule that would be more conducive to attending Committee meetings.

Karin moved that Brian be removed as a full member and reappointed as an alternate member. Paul A. seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

Karin moved that alternate member Bev Nelson be made a full member. Paul A. seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

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Karin reported that Cindy Stanton and Ken Hill have agreed to lend use of their dock in the Lees Mills area to the milfoil DASH boat needs for 2012. Al reported that he has also received permission to store the DASH boat at the town docks. This will give the Committee a primary and backup location to launch, return and unload, and temporarily store the DASH boat(s) when they are being used for extended work in the Moultonborough Bay area. The committee expressed its appreciation for these contributions to the milfoil control effort.

III. Continued Business:

- **Five-Year Plan**

List of potential treatment abutters: Karin will take the list used last year by ACT, break it into sections, assign those sections to different Committee members and other volunteers and accompany the list with instructions on how to determine if any of the information has changed.

The information should be provided to ACT before the end of February so they have time to initiate the permit process at least 90 days prior to when they may need to treat in June.

- **Lake Hosts:**

Paul discussed what a thorough job Cathy Cunningham had done with the Lake Host program in the prior year and what a valuable asset her contribution was to that part of our milfoil program. Committee members agreed.

- **Weed Watchers**

The Committee discussed getting the various lake associations more actively involved in the Weed Watcher program for 2012 and beyond. Bev will get the association contact list from Ginny to enable her to begin the contact process with the associations.

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- **Tri-Town DASH Initiative (now known as Milfoil Joint Board, MJB)**

Peter asked Karin and Al, as MJB members, to oppose a fee schedule that would compensate NH Lakes with an amount per billing cycle of 10% of the diver's cost. Peter thought this would be excessive for what will be essentially a bookkeeping/payment function. Peter said neither bookkeepers nor payroll businesses are compensated with a percentage of the value on the books they work with.

Peter shared suggestions he had to the list of responsibilities proposed at the last meeting by Al. Al proposed the list so that if someone left the committee or was replaced for some other reason, there would be a list of responsibilities for the different roles needed to operate our programs that could be handed to a replacement. Al's proposal with Peter's edits is in the addendum to these minutes.

The Committee discussed disposal of harvested milfoil. Karin said she would explore some alternative options.

IV. Other

Karin suggested we ask to have the town's web site include a link to the Milfoil Committee page in the "Where Do I Go For?" section of the site.

Bev asked that her email address be added to the membership distribution list. She gave Peter her correct email address.

Al and Bev relayed their research into the findings-to-date about the new herbicide possibility, Triclopyr. DES reports that so far, according to their testing, the current herbicide recommended in Moultonborough is the best solution for our herbicide needs (2,4-D). 2,4-D is reportedly more reliable, lingers in the water for a shorter time period and is cost less to use than Triclopyr.

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Next Meeting:

The next meeting is Wednesday, February 15th, at 4pm in the Moultonborough Library Back Room.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Peter Jensen
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chair

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Addendum:

Hand-Pull Lead Responsibility

Communicates with NH Lakes

- Communicates Towns/Committees decision on Vendors to NH Lakes

- Sends reports on times worked for each Vendor, weekly to NH Lakes & MMC Chair

Coordinates with Weed Watcher Lead on all sighting and new finds

- Takes GPS locations and inputs to ArcGIS maps

- Plans schedules for Vendors

Coordinate all vendor harvesting activities

- Provides details to Vendor

 - Location of Work

 - Type of harvesting

 - What equipment will be used

 - Location to bring harvested milfoil for disposal

Coordinates with QC Lead(s) on schedules

- Provides list of Vendors and planned weeks activity (minimum one week ahead)

- Advises where crews should be off-loading milfoil

- Advises when crews are scheduled to off-load

Coordinates with Assistant Hand-Pull Lead

Engages Other Activities as Needed

Reports Activity and Progress to Milfoil Committee

Assistant Lead Hand-Pull Responsibility

Stays informed in case Hand-Pull Lead is unavailable

Assists with the planning of vendor harvesting activities

Quality Control Lead Responsibility

Builds team of QC Reporters

- Trains of what is to be reported

 - How to identify what is milfoil

 - How to measure quantity

 - How to evaluate percentage

 - Trains on what is to be counted as a plant

- Prepares daily report to be used

Produces summary report from the daily reports on weekly basis

Coordinates with Hand-Pull Lead(s)

- Hand-Pull Lead provides planned weeks activity

- Quality Control Lead provides list of phone numbers of QC reporters scheduled to Hand-

- Pull Lead & MMC Chair

Engages Other Activities as Needed

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Assistant Lead Quality Control Responsibility

Stays informed in case Quality Control Lead is unavailable
Assists with reports
Assists with training

Weed Watcher Lead Responsibility

Builds team of Weed Watchers using DES Guidelines as Core
Trains WW on what is expected
 What plants look like (vs similar looking native plants)
 Density and size of finds
 Determine how often surveys should be done
 Need for precise locations (not local names of coves or the like)
 Train on GPS use, if available
Contacts associations to form local teams with a “captain” for various areas
Develops special WW’s
 Verify sightings
 Provide or confirm GPS coordinates
Coordinates with Hand-Pull Lead(s) & MMC Chair
 Provides GPS locations of finds
 Advises on surveys areas
 Done
 Planned
Coordinates with Assistant Weed Watcher Lead
Engages Other Activities as Needed
Reports Activity and Progress to Milfoil Committee

Assistant Lead Weed Watch Responsibility

Stays informed in case Weed Watcher Lead is unavailable
Assists with training