

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Thursday, February 21, 2013 @ 9:30 AM in the Life Safety Building Training Room

Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: Sue Connolly, Brian Litkoff

Others Present: Scott Bartlett

The meeting began at 9:35 AM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Paul A. moved to approve the minutes of January 31, 2013 with the corrections, below. The motion was seconded by Al Hoch and passed unanimously.

The corrections to the minutes are as follows:

- Remove typo in second paragraph under "New Business". It then reads: *Peter stated that the NH Dept. of Revenue Administration has reviewed the warrant article requesting funds for milfoil and has not decided whether or not to allow the note about the grant monies to be included in its current form (or at all).*
- Change spelling of "flier" to "flyer"

II. New Business:

The committee discussed the scope of the initial mailing that we will send to notify abutters about potential 2013 herbicide treatments. Amy Smagula, DES, has a map showing 125 acres that may need to be treated. Paul D. will ask Amy to provide the map to the committee. In a prior meeting with Amy, it was discussed that some level-2 rocky areas may be better served with herbicide treatments rather than hand-pulling. Paul D. suggested we set up a meeting with Marc Bellaud of Aquatic Control Technology and Amy to further plan the spring treatment locations and methods.

There is a milfoil related agenda item at the Selectboard meeting tonight that is to formalize the treatment bids from ACT. This locks us in to the 125 acre area indicated by Amy. The areas are nailed down more precisely once abutter letters

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with map are sent out, as well as by the permitting process. After the last meeting Al had expected Amy was going to define the herbicide areas more broadly based on the discussion. There was a concern that we make sure we include all potential areas in the permit process, so we aren't limited in our ability to treat.

Boat Registration done in Moultonborough will provide some processing money to the town's general fund. The town clerk Barbara Wakefield has asked the milfoil committee to help spread the word that physically registering in Moultonborough will allow a substantial portion of the fee to stay in Moultonborough.

III. Continued Business:

- **Five-Year Plan**

Paul A. and Bev have created a flyer. Carter Terenzini, Town Administrator, said it would cost us \$40 to get 300-400 copies printed. The flyer can also be handed about by lake hosts.

Jerry Hopkins, Town Moderator, got back to Paul D. about the possibility of distributing our volunteer flyer on election day, March 12th. He said "yes" because there is nothing related on the ballot, but asked that we distribute them outside because there is no room inside. He asked that we only distribute material to people coming out so people do not leave the flyers in the voting booth.

The committee set up the following schedule for distribution of flyers on March 12th.

Paul D.:	7-8 AM
Paul A.:	7-9 AM
Al:	9-11 AM
Bev:	11-1 PM
Ginny:	1-3 PM
Peter & Paul A.:	3-5 PM
Karin:	5-7 PM

The milfoil committee will sit at the conservation committee table during the town meeting on March 16th.

The herbicide, Sculpin G will be used for the spring treatment because it is believed to be more effective than the 2,4-D we have been using. Another herbicide, Renovate MAX G, is more appropriate for use in the fall because it

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lingers longer in the water. It may be even more effective than the Sculpin G where water flow and depth are a problem.

Renovate Max G will require at least 2-3 months waiting or more until the water can be used for irrigation of plants (lawn irrigation is OK) and drinking. This doesn't include the time it will take to get the test results. Paul D. suggested we have a future discussion about the impact of the longer waiting time to the community. We could potentially use both chemicals in the fall treatment.

Paul A. will send information about the status of the grant applications to Ginny to distribute to the committee when it becomes available from DES.

- **Lake Hosts:**

Paul A. talked about the status of the Lake Host grant request. The request was the same as last year, except the amount was slightly higher for 2013 (\$3050 vs. \$2850 for 2012).

The amount of grant money allocated per ramp seems unfair, but the policy has not changed from last year.

The hourly wage for paid lake hosts will be the same this year as last year.

- **Weed Watchers**

Bev reported that she will be contacting Amy to set up a date for Weed Watcher training sometime late in May. She will secure the volunteers from last year. She'll include a blurb about boat registration to be provided by Peter in her email communication to the volunteers.

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

Al brought maps showing the areas that have been treated which he will also bring to the Town Meeting.

Al is suggesting that we add some days of survey by AB Aquatics so we know early on whether areas indicated as potential milfoil sites have milfoil. Some surveying needs to be done early if possible to affect the herbicide plan. Al will talk to AB Aquatics to see how effective he thought the surveys were last year. They felt it was helpful to find out what the bottoms were like and what equipment was appropriate. New areas were not discovered in last year's survey. Al believes it would be helpful to have up to 10 days of surveying this year. Peter

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suggested time on the water should be spent harvesting not surveying since we have more than enough known areas of infestation to absorb our entire budget. Paul D. said we had enough milfoil that we know about that could be harvested and that we should do that rather than survey. We should focus on the known areas. Paul suggested we should treat what is known, then go look/survey for other areas after that.

Peter would like to see evidence showing how surveying would lower the cost of milfoil control.

The amount of exploratory work we want to fund will continue to be discussed in future meetings.

Al gave a summary of the last meeting of the MJB: There was a motion that carried that they would continue 2013 with the same pricing as 2012.

There was a motion approved to explore the option of selling one of the boats.

Moultonborough estimated we'd use a boat for 60 days, which is significantly less than last year.

The MJB pays NH Lakes \$3500 for recruiting and evaluating vendors, but there are no new vendors required this year. The committee will try to get this \$3500 removed from the deal.

IV. Other

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 21, 2013 at 9:30 am in the Life Safety Building Training Room.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11: 15 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman