

Conservation Commission  
**Milfoil Committee**

For Wed., May 29, 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, Paul Daisy, Scott Bartlett

**Members Absent:** Paul Ardito, Bev Nelson

**Others Present:** Bob Goffredo

The meeting began at 9:35 AM.

**Agenda**

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Al moved to approve the minutes of May 8, 2013 as written. The motion was seconded by Karin and passed unanimously.

**II. New Business:**

For today's meeting, we have seated Scott Bartlett as a voting member in place of Paul Ardito who is traveling.

Paul Daisy made a motion to nominate Cathy Cunningham as an alternate on the milfoil committee. The motion was seconded by Karin and approved unanimously.

Scott asked who posts the permanent signs at the ramps. He thinks there might be some missing. Scott will check with Paul Daisy. Amy Smagula (DES) may know.

Scott reported that a lot of the boat traffic from Harilla Landing is going out to Tuftonboro Islands.

There will be a selectboard meeting tomorrow night in which they will be talking about the approval to spend the milfoil trust fund money as an overall plan. We won't know the extent of the needs yet, we won't know until later in the summer. Based on what we have spent in the past, we have been close in our estimates of required spending. Besides this we expect to be making requests throughout the summer.

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We estimated 60 days for the diver work (at approximately \$1100 per day), which could possibly go up. We are awaiting completion of survey work to understand the scope of the herbicide treatment.

**III. Continued Business:**

• **Five-Year Plan**

The DES survey has been started but not completed due to bad weather. Paul Daisy expects we will get maps with the recommended herbicide treatment by the beginning of next week.

The existing map puts us at about 12 acres of herbicide treatment from Lee Mills, to Green's Basin to State's Landing. The herbicide treatment is restricted in some areas due to bridle shiner spawning.

Possible July treatment: The window for water usage - whether it could be pinned down to a 21-day wait period -- has not been determined yet by Bob Wolff. The committee had previously agreed that if we could not pinpoint 21 days, we would not attempt to do a Lee Mills treatment at that time. If we can treat, the next step would be to talk to abutters about the restriction.

The September treatment is still planned for after the steamboat rally.

The permit is expected to be approved at the end of this week. The committee discussed the permit approval process and whether it is working any better since the meeting of the various state departments two years ago.

Abutters notices will tentatively need to be sent out between June 5-9, sign posting tentatively the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>, for the testing tentatively June 19<sup>th</sup>.

Is Lee's Pond scheduled for July treatment? Paul will ask if there would be an increase in cost if this treatment is not done simultaneously with another treatment.

Suissevalle: Bob Boyan has given AI permission to put up fragment barriers on each side of the bridge, and outside of the lagoon. .

• **Lake Hosts:**

No report.

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- **Weed Watchers**

Paul D. asked if we have a map of open areas not covered by weed watchers. According to Al, he thinks all the key areas are covered at the moment; Al is in the process of adjusting the routes to accommodate new volunteers. Paul D. suggested that we list the open areas on our website so people could be informed if there are places where we need help. If there is a problem area we could do this. Al will make adjustments and give soft copies of the areas and who is watching to Peter.

Weed Watcher's training will be covered by Karin and Al on June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Scott will also attend.

Scott asked if zebra mussels and Asian clams watching will be added to the activities. Asian clams have been spotted in three NH Lakes. Apparently, zebra mussels, while not confirmed yet to be in NH waters, are adapting to the acidic water here and are expected here within the next five years.

Eurasian milfoil is here and Peter has heard that it has been pulled out of Winnepesaukee.

So far, weed watcher's reports are coming in with no milfoil spotted.

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

Quality Control: Karin is recruiting for more people to do QC on Fridays. Bob G. will do Thursdays.

Karin has been suggesting we create a grid of the lake so we can discuss how many gallons of milfoil have been removed from each area. Al said there are 24 major sections which vary in size. You can look up how many gallons have been harvested for each area in 2012 and mostly the information is there in 2011. If there are three different areas in one day, Al is recording how much came from each area.

From a diver's perspective, they totally clean an area when they harvest there. Historically, Al is seeing that the areas that we are re-doing are still very clear.

Peter will step in for now as the MJB representative from Moultonboro.

#### **IV. Other**

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The next meeting is scheduled for Wed, Jun 19, 2013 at 9:30 am in the Life Safety Building Training Room.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman