

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Wed., July 10, 2013 @ 9:30 AM in the Life Safety Building Training Room

Meeting Minutes

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: None

The meeting began at 9:35 AM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Al moved to approve the minutes of June 19th as written. The motion was seconded by Bev and passed unanimously.

II. New Business:

Bev went to the milfoil control funding coalition organizational meeting. The Ossipee Lake alliance has hired a lawyer to get all interested parties on board. The cost would be \$50K to complete a campaign to get funding in place. This is important because by 2015 all the state grants will be gone.

Bob Reynolds, head of the Ossipee Lake alliance, has provided the minutes to all the previous meetings.

By 7/22, they want to know of our interest and what we would be willing to do. Paul Daisy suggested getting a good estimate of what the complete spending would be for the effort. This would include getting the state more involved in funding the milfoil control efforts as well as solving the various problems.

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Peter and the committee agreed that we should respond to the survey with how we can contribute.

Bev shared minutes of state's meetings she got from Stewart Lamprey. Peter will verify with Stewart that it is OK to forward the meeting minutes to committee members.

III. Continued Business:

• **Five-Year Plan**

The committee discussed sign posting for the July 16th treatment at Lee Mills and Lee's Pond. There is a nesting loon in the Lee Mills bay that is being monitored. Al will post Lee Mills from the water and the launch ramp; Karin will do Hemlock Harbor and Lee's Pond and the end of Moosewalk. Paul D. will email ACT to make sure they will look out for the loon and take appropriate precautions.

A notice was received saying that all areas treated in June are okay to resume irrigation except Ash Cove. Peter will put this information up on the website.

Paul suggested asking Amy Smagula (DES) and Marc Bellaud (ACT) about the area near marker 51 to see why the previous herbicide treatment was not as effective as other areas. This time, during the treatment they will use MAX G. Marc is very optimistic about this new chemical.

Next week there will be hand pulling in some of the bridle shiner areas.

Al has six spots lined up already for the fall herbicide treatment.

The Tri-town committee is producing a video near Cathy's house.

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Paul D. reported, in communication with Bob Wolff (NH Dept. of Agriculture), that there is a committee that oversees the procedures for herbicide treatments. They are open to getting us on an agenda to hear our concerns and suggested changes. Bob W. suggested an August meeting. Paul would like the committee members to think of the areas that we would like to see changes in preparation for a potential meeting. Ginny will put this on the agenda for the next meeting.

The newest concern at DES is Asian clams and zebra mussels. Bev's student will be trained with the equipment to look for the above.

Al asked Cathy to go to Suissevale periodically to check the milfoil barriers.

- **Lake Hosts:**

There have been more saves reported at Lee Mills and States Landing this year, but this may be because we asked lake hosts to report and send every sample.

Paul A. is seeing lots of floaters.

Likewise, there is an uptick in the amount of herbicide treatment required compared to last year.

There are 11 active lake host volunteers this year, which is way down from last year.

There was one volunteer from the 700 brochures distributed, and two girls that were interested in a paid position next year.

Bob Goffredo is having a hard time getting volunteers from Balmoral for lake hosting.

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Peter believes the networking style of volunteer recruitment was the most successful in the past. The committee discussed the timing of a networking campaign to recruit more volunteers. Cathy said she can train people at any time. Scheduling can be done with new people any time. Cathy would do a one hour classroom training at their convenience followed by a shift with an experienced lake host at the ramp.

Peter suggested the slogan: "Join the Volunteer Team." The time required is less than five hours a month. The difficulty level is low and the value to the town is high. Volunteers earn \$20.25 per hour in volunteer credit to the local program. He suggested inviting candidates to come to a committee meeting.

Police Officer Whiting goes from ramp to ramp monitoring. He is in contact with Cathy and checks in with lake hosts.

There have been no reports of uncooperative boaters. You see the same people over and over and people are friendly.

The lake host email address is lakehost03254@gmail.com. Any potential volunteers call Cathy at 284-1609 or send email.

Scott said there is very low traffic at Harilla Landing ramp. He hasn't been back of late to work the ramp. Scott will do a couple more stints there to clearly understand the nature of the traffic and if it is really for Tuftonboro islands. That ramp is not posted with the state regulations and Scott has discussed this with Amy.

The number of people involved with lake hosting is going down, age and seniority is going up. Paul said this is the first year they've been concerned about budgets. He was concerned they may need to go over budget to staff all the targeted ramp-days. Peter explained that we need to know about this before it happens as we must get any over-budget expenditure approved prior to incurring the expense. If the weather is bad and no boats are out, Cathy could send the paid person home. Cathy can also pull a paid person from the schedule if

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volunteers become available. We can also simply drop days if we are not able to afford staffing them.

- **Weed Watchers**

Bev sent a personal email to each of the weed watchers to get their commitment to weed watch this season. About half of the weed watchers reported in June.

Mentoring:

Bev is connecting new weed watchers with existing weed watchers to help them get oriented. There could also be a mid-year get together at Lee's Pond.

Bev submitted an article to the Meredith News.

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

AB Aquatics was out Monday surveying. They didn't find anything at Gun Island or at marker 72 or at the 3 markers near Elkins Point.

They did find level 1 milfoil at the island outside of Ambrose Cove.

At the Black Cat Island inlet cove, Moultonborough-side, there was milfoil pulled out of an old barrier mat. Last year, AB Aquatics had gotten permission to cut the mat and take the milfoil out. There is a couple days hand pulling work to be done in that cove.

Al did some surveying in Salmon Meadow Cove. Al believes after the survey that we are gaining ground, but in some areas like Krainewood Shores there was some bad re-growth.

AB Aquatics is working now at Lees Pond.

Al has submitted his resignation to the Tri-town committee and recommended that Peter replace him temporarily. Peter has requested that members of this committee attend the meetings to see

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if they might want to be the primary representative from Moultonborough. Scott and Paul A. will check it out. The next meeting is at the Tuftonboro town hall 7/25 at 7 pm and will include Amy. There is concern within the MMC that the Tri-town committee will allow NH Lakes Assoc. to charge a straight 10% of all moneys used for hand pulling and DASH through our vendors. This could mean that an estimated 10K of our trust fund money would be paid to NH Lakes Assoc. for administration work in the future. This is of major concern to the MMC.

IV. Other

The next meeting is scheduled for Wed, August 7, 2013 at 9:30 am in the Life Safety Building Training Room.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman