

Conservation Commission  
**Milfoil Committee**

For Thurs., Jan 9, 2014 @ 9:30 AM moved from PSB Training Room to MB Library

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman Peter Jensen, Karin Nelson, Beverly Nelson, Paul Ardito, Al Hoch, Scott Bartlett

**Members Absent:** Ginny Gassman, Cathy Cunningham, Paul Daisy

**Others Present:** None

The meeting convened at began at 9:30 AM and was moved to the Moultonborough Library due to construction work being done in the PSB Training room. A Notice was left at the entrance to redirect any interested public.

Scott Bartlett was seated in place of Paul Daisy.

**Agenda**

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Al moved to approve the minutes of December 4th as written. The motion was seconded by Paul A. and passed unanimously.

**II. New Business:**

**Communications**

- Bev and Karin have 3 people lined up to write letters. Scott wrote a sample questionnaire that we could give people (he's gotten 2 people to do it already). Peter suggested people could either fill these out, or use as a basis for how to write their articles. Karin suggested we should ask people to write articles and submit them to various newspapers. Bev. Will coordinate dates for submission. Bev said we should start the last week in Jan, and get one in each week.
- Scott wanted to know what to tell folks when they asked about getting rid of Non-invasive weeds. Peter commented that Amy won't commit to permitting anything, but we may be able to "cut" the weeds to clear a swim area if we do not pull the roots.

**Grant**

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- Peter commented that Amy's grant reimbursement rules for Moultonborough are based on the maximum potential for herbicide treatment and that when we do not reach the maximum we can apply expense for DASH work to capture the entire amount we qualify for.
- The committee discussed the bids for DASH work and decided by consensus to recommend the town contract with the same vendor as in the prior year for 2014 (AB Aquatics). The committee also discussed pursuing other vendors for some work in the future as it would be wise to keep other companies in the loop for competition and back-up purposes, and to get more QC data.

**Curtains**

- Circling an area with curtains to keep herbicide from diluting before it can be effective will not be tested in 2014 as we cannot easily get curtains that reach adequate depth for a pilot test.

**Herbicide**

- The only vendor to bid for herbicide application was ACT. They have gotten the contract for each of the last three years. Their biologist suggested an approach for the upcoming year that might prove effective in the areas where the plants have either been more resilient than other areas or where other conditions have hindered desired results. The recommendation is to use Diquat in the spring to knock back the plants and follow up with some combination in the fall of 2-4D, DASH or both. The committee tabled the discussion to the next meeting subsequent to recommendations from a conference led by DES and the vendor's biologist.

**III. Continued Business:**

**Lake Hosts:**

Paul A. expressed urgent need for more volunteers -- many have resigned and the alternative is spending additional budget dollars for paid Lake Hosts. Need help of committee to identify new candidates for this Spring maybe we should phase out some of the program, or change it to keep it fresh (could suggest this to NH Lakes). Peter suggested that if each of us talk to several people about this, we might pick up at 2 or more volunteers to help continue the program.

**Weed Watchers**

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Bev presented a draft of what she'll be sending to her group; she'll make several suggested changes before e-mailing it out.

**DASH**

Scott provided an update on the Bid for sale of DASH unit there were no bids sent in. The IMA thought this may have been a result of the RFP package being too confusing, with both lease & purchase options, and the possibility that the minimum price of \$10,000 was too high. IMA Chair, Bill Marcussen, will contact those who had expressed an interest to discover why they did not bid.

Next meeting of MJB: 1/21/14

Scott summarized the bids for next year's DASH/harvest work, based on combined three towns, and distributed a spreadsheet that helped compare the bids.

Scott reviewed the issue with 2 man vs. 3 man crews due to Ken Marschner's concerns about OSHA regulations. Ken and Scott researched OSHA requirements and the status of their efforts is there is no OSHA requirement for DASH teams to be 3 man crews. Lingering concerns fleshed out of the research are concerns about the need for 2-way communication between tender & diver, and tenders should be certified divers for emergency purposes. Based on the OSHA contact's input it was clear it is the contractor's responsibility to apply applicable rules (Bill Todd- OSHA). Al commented that Dive companies follow PADI rules (recreational use)- not OSHA. Peter & Bev commented that OSHA was intended for the safety of divers. Al commented that Amy based the program on PADI rules. Karin questioned why are we using our boats when they cost more; it opens us up to higher liability, and most divers prefer not to use them. Peter commented we run the risk of spending much more money if we pursue this and we should expect the DASH companies to take responsibility for their dive staff. Scott asked if we need to have anything in our town contract re. these OSHA standards (general consensus was no).

**IV. Other**

Peter says the 2014 warrant article will request \$200,000.

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The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday January 29th, 2014 at 9:30 am training room at the Public Safety Building.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Karin Nelson, Paul Ardito  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee

Peter Jensen  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman

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