

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee Minutes

For Wed., September 24, 2014 @ 8:30 AM @ the PSB Training Room

Members Present: Chairman Karin Nelson, Secretary Ginny Gassman, Al Hoch, Bev Nelson, Scott Bartlett, Paul Daisy,

Members Absent: Cathy Cunningham, Dave Joyce, Paul Ardito

Others Present: None

The meeting began at 8:36 AM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Paul D. moved to approve the minutes of August 6. The motion was seconded by Al and passed unanimously.

II. New Business

More \$ from trust fund needed

Karin received an answer that if we need to exceed our projected spend already approved by the Selectboard (BOS), we do need to go before them to authorize the additional spend even if we do have the money. The additional dollars requested were authorized.

Year-end budget review to present to BOS

Karin reported we received DES grant money back to the town of \$37,414.96.

Karin reviewed the MMC finances spreadsheet as of 9/25/14.

The bill for the most recent herbicide treatment is included as is the spending on thirteen weeks of harvesting. Week 14 and any additional harvesting are not included in the spreadsheet yet.

Start Budget for next year

Al believes we should keep some money in the trust fund for next year should there be any trouble getting money allocated.

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The committee discussed if we should ask for the same amount in 2015 as we asked for in 2014. Al anticipates that we may need to do more herbicide treatment.

A very rough estimate says we would want to treat a total of 150 acres next year (versus 107 this year) and around the same amount of hand harvesting (130 days) as this year. Also, funds will be spent to test out a barrier strategy, and hopefully the ratio of hand pulling will continue to increase as we go forward. The quick math calculation comes out to \$197.5K. The committee discussed the breakdown that we would include. Lake host spending is approximately \$7K, and barrier tests approximately \$10K.

Scott made a motion that we request a \$200K budget for next year's milfoil control in anticipation of the work to be done. Ginny seconded and it was unanimously passed. Action: Karin will write up the request and sent it to Carter Terenzini and the BOS.

How did gallons harvested for 2014 compare with 2013? This year so far 8,263 gallons have been harvested. Last year, 10,946 gallons were harvested, which is down from 2012 when 15,257 gallons were harvested. In 2013 we did more herbicide treatment and less harvesting than this year, but Al is unsure if this trend will continue in 2015.

September Treatment:

Al said, from ACT's tracks, the treatment looks good. They did not use the airboat in the lily pads. They went everywhere they were supposed to go. Paul will ask Amy why we did not follow through on the plan for June treatment which was to treat with Diquat (done) then follow up in the fall with 2,4-D. September areas G and H did get the 2,4-D part of the 1,2 punch, but other areas did not. Will a spring treatment in the other areas be as effective?

A28: In the spring, we need to make sure we closely check the areas G and H as a test of the 1-2 punch method (using first Diquat and then 2,4-D.)

Water use restrictions removed/posted on website?

Do we know for sure if the testing came back for July? We think so, but testing results are not back from September yet.

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Start year-end reports

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A31: Scott will help Karin with budget info and year end summaries.

A32: Karin should receive a report from each subgroup, weed watchers (Bev), lake hosts (Paul A.) , QC (Karin) and harvesting (Al). The timeframe is by next meeting. Reports should include the number of volunteer hours completed compared to the prior year. Last year's annual report should be used as a basis for this year.

A33: Scott will ask Carter if there is any space in the December tax newsletter for our report.

Plans for yearend harvesting

There are plans to do more harvesting at Lees Pond, Harilla Landing, Balmoral Canal, Badger Point East, Hermit Island, Black Pt. , and Windward Harbor.

The Badger Point East July herbicide treatment does not seem to have been effective. The MMC looked at the breadcrumbs from ACT and we believe the treatment was not close enough to the docks. This is a bridle shiner area.

The estimate of work left to be done is 15 to 20 days. This will be within the number of days originally budgeted. The maximum exposure for these days is \$27K.

After Al searched twice and Ginny searched once, we didn't find any milfoil out near Spectacle Island.

III. Old Business

MJB meeting:

The MJB has \$44k in their kitty, so they have approved a budget that is less costly for each town. Each town will chip in \$600 instead of \$1500 per year. The next meeting is October 16th.

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Paul asked if the MJB group should be represented at the State pesticide control board. Paul will forward the information to Scott and Karin.

Carter completed the "Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant Program Application for Grant" form and sent it to the state.

Cathy and Dave (alternates) have not been able to come to meetings, so there was a discussion whether we should make a change. The committee decided no changes were necessary at this time.

IV. Old Action Items:

A17: Scott will work with Amy to get Harilla and Balmoral ramps posted with the state milfoil warnings. Update: The signs have arrived. Done.

A21: Karin will discuss further with Amy, in order to have a program in shallow water for harvesting. Status: ongoing

A22: Paul D. will ask Amy if trimming the tops is a good idea, as well as if the plants spread by root. Done.

A23: Paul A. will send Ginny a request for more volunteers for lake hosts to be sent out to her "interest list" distribution list. Status: postponed

A24: Markers: for next time we make them, Karin will take a look at the getting the materials cheaper, likely to be done in the winter.

A26: Scott will start a list of ramps and whether there are signs at them. ongoing

A27: Karin to ask Carter if it is necessary to ask the Selectboard to approve a within -budget change in the number of handpicking days, and if it is then Carter can present to the Selectboard. Done

V. Other Business

None.

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VII. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wed., November 5th , at 8:00 AM at the Moultonborough Public Library.

VIII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:54 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman

Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Karin Nelson

Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman