

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee Minutes

For Wed., December 3rd, 2014 @ 8:00 AM @ the PSB Mel Borrin Room

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

Members Absent: Cathy Cunningham, Dave Joyce, Paul Daisy

Others Present: Bob Patterson (AB Aquatics)

The meeting began at 8:05 AM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Al moved to approve the minutes of October 31st, 2014 and November 5th, 2014 with changes noted below. The motion was seconded by Bev and passed unanimously.

October 31 minutes:

Page 2: Remove “by light marker 52”

Page 2: Change “We did not see a lot of milfoil” to “Amy said she did not see a lot of milfoil.”

November 5 minutes:

Page 1: Minutes of September 24th were approved, not minutes of October 31st.

Page 1: change “planned” to “desired” in “we completed less handpicking than planned.”

Page 4: Change “There was not enough milfoil there” to “They did not see enough milfoil there”

II. New Business

Remaining committee reports not discussed at last meeting

Paul Ardito read the Lake Host yearly report, attached here:

The total number of boat inspections this year was higher than 2013 primarily due to the fact that we worked closely with the Balmoral Board of Directors to initiate boat inspections at their private ramp.

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This year Lake Hosts inspected 2,853 boats:

Balmoral Ramp	358
Lees Mills	972
Long Island	791
States	732

Total 2,853

The number of "saves" this year was dramatically lower than last year, only five actual invasive Milfoil saves were discovered!! Additionally, it has become very apparent that our efforts to educate boaters about the Milfoil problem have been very effective. The vast majority of boat owners understands the Milfoil problem and fully supports our efforts.

Bid status for Herbicide, DASH 2015

Amy is handling the DASH bids. She has received them and is reviewing them. But according to Al, AB Aquatics has not received an invitation to bid. Last month, Amy told Bob Patterson that she would be getting the invitation to bid to him shortly.

A29: Karin will call Amy today to find out why AB Aquatics has not received the invitation to bid.

Karin received ACT's bids for Lee's Pond and Lake Winnepesaukee herbicide treatments. The bid for Lee's Pond was for up to 15 acres and for Lake Winnepesaukee was for up to 150 acres. The cost comes out to \$606 per acre. It is likely that we will treat approximately 100 acres, which comes out to \$60K per our budget.

Now that we have the bids, Carter has to sign them.

Al moves that we accept the two bids from ACT on Lee's Pond and Lake Winnepesaukee. The motion was seconded by Paul Ardito and approved unanimously.

A30: Karin will tell Carter that we approved the bids and that he would then get them approved as appropriate.

Updated financial sheet

The committee reviewed Karin's financial spreadsheet. Since last time, the last invoice from AB Aquatics was corrected and a separate invoice was sent and added to the financial spreadsheet. Also, the \$700 invoice expected from ACT has come in.

Monies received from Grants are not reflected in the financial sheet.

There are two grants:

- \$34.4K from the state DES reimbursement (reimbursed to the town general fund)

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- \$3K NH Lakes, Lake Host (which gets applied against invoices submitted.) On the financial sheet this is embedded in the Lake Host amount.

The Fund balance is \$70K.

Future plans and needs: we will have a better handle on this next year, based on

- our experience with the tests
- the expense of working areas that are difficult
- the ratio of hand pulling to herbicide increased, so expenses increase.
- AB Aquatics cost increases due to OSHA requirements (as below)

Bob Patterson reported that AB Aquatics is now involved with looking at OSHA diving industry rules and find they may have to make some changes. Some of the rules may not apply to shallow water and exception for Agricultural Aquatic Harvesting.

Potential costs involved with complying with OSHA are as follows

- Equipment cost: three way communication
- Personnel: more people for safety, a 3rd person on the boat
- Paperwork increase
- Training

Budget review meeting 12/5 at 12:30 (defending our figures)

The committee discussed the following budget categories and risk figures in preparation for the budget review meeting.

2015 Budget			
Harvest	\$130K	+/- 25%	+/- \$32.5K
Herbicide	\$60K	+/- 30%	+/- \$20K
Test barriers	\$10K	+/- 100%	+/- \$10K
Lake Host	\$7K	+/- 0%	
Misc	\$3K	+/- 0%	
Total	\$210K		+/- \$62.5K of risk

Scott would like to see a reduction of the requested budget amount as an acknowledgement of the hockey stick strategy first put forth. Bev thinks we need to maintain a reserve in case town needs to cut funding in future. According to the vision survey the tax payers want clean water. The majority of team wants to request the \$210K and keep the \$70K buffer.

The budget review meeting with Carter Terenzini is planned for 12/5 at approximately 12:30.

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In 2014, we weren't able to complete all known harvesting because of time, weather, and availability of AB Aquatics personnel.

Year-end summary update

The committee discussed the 2014 Milfoil Committee Report prepared by Scott. When this is done, Karin will submit it to the town.

Al shared a document on the five areas we are tracking. It shows how much milfoil was harvested each year. Karin asked if any areas were 100% treated each year. Al said Lee's Mill NE Cove has been. Al has compiled a notebook that details all that was done in each area over the last few years.

Al and the committee discussed the proposed testing areas, with a hand-out.

Bev has worked with Alison on the website to include the information on the all Water Restrictions with links.

MJB meeting notes

No update

Lake Host

Cathy C. is moving on to a new job, so she will not be able to do anything with the lake host program and the committee. So, we will need to hire a lake host scheduler which is 15 hours a week for the summer at \$15/16 per hour. Paul asked the committee to consider candidates. Karin asked Paul to bring the job description to the next meeting. We will advertise the position after the first of the year and perhaps with Carter in April. Paul would like someone on board by April.

Also, we will need to find a new Committee alternate.

Updated annual activities list

The committee reviewed the revised MMC Annual Activities list. Ginny will update and distribute.

GIS Mapping

Al got Google Earth Pro for \$500 and it is much better than ARC GIS. He would like to let ARC GIS lapse. We have already budgeted for \$500 and this could be used for GE Pro. Scott and Al sat with Bruce several times and could not make ARC GIS work.

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The \$500 is an annual amount for GE Pro. Others could use GE for free to access maps. With GE Pro you can put in GPS points and import files from Amy. With regular GE you can view. It is more shareable than ARC GIS.

III. Old Action Items:

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

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.

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.) On the new map these are Area 22 and Area 24. Ongoing.

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V. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday., Jan 22, at 9:00 AM in the Mel Borrin Room (Training Room) at the Public Safety Building.

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Karin Nelson
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman