

Conservation Commission

Milfoil Committee Minutes

For Wednesday, March 25th, 2015 @ 8:30 AM @ the Moultonborough Public Library

Members Present: Chairman Karin Nelson, Al Hoch, Bev Nelson (Acting Secretary), Paul Ardito, Scott Bartlett, Paul Daisy

Members Absent: Dave Joyce, Ginny Gassman

Others Present: none

The meeting began at 8:35 AM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Paul Ardito moved to approve the minutes of February 18, 2015. The motion was seconded by Al Hoch and passed unanimously.

II. New Business

- **TOWN MEETING**
Karin Nelson reported on Town Meeting. Town and residents again funded our efforts to control/eradicate invasive milfoil on our lakes and ponds approving warrant.
- **VENDOR CONTRACTS**
Karin Nelson reported vendor contracts have been corrected and sent to the town administrator for signatures. Approval by Select Board was noted by Paul Ardito. Follow up email has been sent to town administrator making sure contracts are signed and sent.

Al Hoch noted we need to have an escape clause next year in our contracts if Town does not approve funding.

The town administrator has place cap of \$130K for hand pulling. The committee can go to BoS to spend remainder of funds if needed.

Karin emailed AB Aquatics confirming no herbicide on Lees Pond.

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- DES
The contracts have been re-submitted to Des correctly.
- HERBICIDE TREATMENT NOTIFICATION
Paul Daisy reported Aquatic Control Technology (ACT) has sent Notification of Special Permit Application Submission to Moultonborough residents informing them of possible milfoil herbicide treatment on portions of Lake Winnepesaukee mid to late June, mid-July and/or early September.

- OSHA update
Paul Daisy met with NH OSHA. He is seeking interpretation of regulations as they relate to shallow water diving for milfoil. He ask committee to approve the sending of a letter from the town in reference to 19.10 sub part T diving regulations interpretation and the impact these new regulations. (including extra costs and economic hardships) Letter will be circulated to committee for review before sending.

Al Hoch called NH OSHA and they stated we will need three people on a boat with extra and expensive communication systems. Our vendor, AB Aquatics, will be in compliance this season.

Discussion continued and committee recommends BoS reach out to other towns for support as we continue to seek relief for the 3rd person on DASH boats.

- MJB Report
Karin Nelson made committee aware of OSHA regulations to be enforced this season.

She reported it will cost \$4000 per boat to meet regulations.

Scott Bartlett, MJB representative, stated costs are increasing and use decreasing on boat MJB owns. Moultonborough Milfoil Committee advocates we sell the boat this spring.

Karin Nelson had asked committee members to review IMA (MJB) agreement. this can be found on the town website at:

http://moultonboroughnh.gov/Pages/MoultonboroughNH_BComm/Milfoilima/InterAgreement%206-28-10.pdf.

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Committee noted this contract ends September 2015. Karin had contacted all towns on Lake Winnepesaukee. All towns excluding Center Harbor have Milfoil. All are interested in whole lake approach to information sharing.

Committee proposes the following:

- Sell boat
- Dissolve MJB
- Create subcommittee of “whole lake towns” milfoil committee with Lake Winnepesaukee Association (LWA)
- Larger group with similar issues seems like a good idea

Scott Bartlett will take our positions to the next MJB meeting.

- FIVE YEAR PLAN(Amy Smagula NHDES)

Amy Smagula of NH DES sent 5 year plan to Paul Daisy and Karin Nelson for review. The Committee will receive a copy of this plan to review and make additions/suggestions.

Lees Pond has not been received

- Weed Watchers

Beverly Nelson, Weed Watchers Manager, reported training dates. Moultonborough will again invite surrounding towns/ lakes to attend. On the June 13th date, Moultonborough Lake Hosts Training will also take place.

- May 30th at 9 AM at Squam Lakes Association Offices
- June 13th at 9 AM at Moultonborough Public Library

Last years weed watchers will receive a newsletter thanking them for last year and inviting them to continue their weed watching efforts.

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Al Hoch reported he has been in communication with Dave Joyce to organize the weed watcher diver team.

- ID Map update

Al Hoch has been working with Amy Smagula, NHDES, to standardize zones. There will be 24 zones with sub zone areas (using Amy's areas and sub dividing these areas for our use)

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. (Karin dropped off requests for nuts and washers to a few local businesses) We want 300 markers for next year. Karin found twine at Lowes. \$15 dollars' worth of noodles. Karin will keep on this. Production should be done in April.

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.

A33: Paul and Scott will work on finding out how to modify the OSHA rules for our category. Ongoing

A36: Estimate the cost of experimenting/testing. Ongoing.

A38: Ginny/Paul will work on the volunteer request and perhaps advertise on facebook.

A39: Bev is to coordinate the weed watching training with Rebecca Hanson (SLA) for more coverage.

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IV. New Action Item

A40: Update Moultonborough Milfoil Committee Annual Activities to include:

- JANUARY Review Vendor Contracts and Town Administrator signatures secured
- FEBRUARY Town Administrator sign vendor contracts

V. Next Meeting

Next meeting scheduled for April 22, 2015 at 8:30 AM at the Moultonborough Public Library

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Beverly Nelson

Moultonborough Milfoil Committee Member (acting secretary for this meeting)

Karin Nelson

Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman