

Conservation Commission

Milfoil Committee Minutes

For Wednesday, April 22nd, 2015 @ 8:30 AM @ the Moultonborough Public Library

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

Members Absent: Dave Joyce

Others Present: none

The meeting began at 8:35 AM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Paul Daisy moved to approve the minutes of March 25th, 2015 with changes noted below. The motion was seconded by Al Hoch and passed unanimously.

Page 1: change AB Aquatics (ABA) to Aquatic Control Technology (ACT)

Page 2: DES should be all capital letters

Page 3: Note that the Lee's Pond 5-year plan has not been received

II. New Business

- Contracts update-Karin
All three contracts are completed, correct and accepted by Amy Smagula (DES). The three contracts are for Aquatic Control Technology (ACT), AB Aquatics (ABA), and for the DES grant agreement.
- MJB meeting report from 4/21-Scott/Karin
The MJB Meeting was yesterday, and it included Scott, Karin, Al and Jean Beadle (Moultonborough Select Board Member).

Scott reported that Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro want to keep the remaining DASH boat. The termination of the current MJB agreement is at the end of September. Moultonborough has indicated that we are not interested in continuing on with the agreement for sharing the boat, but we'd like to play on a bigger scale to share knowledge all around the lake. The

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contract is not clear, but it seems that they way to handle a split is to split three ways. There is enough money to cover paying Moultonborough for our third of the boat.

This year, Wolfeboro will use the boat 8 days, Tuftonboro 5 days. Their contractor will only have to retrofit the boat slightly to fit their OSHA equipment which is why there is no cost in order to comply with OSHA. Their contractor cost is \$950 (without the boat) and ours from ABA is \$1250 which includes the ABA boat.

- Update on OSHA letter- Paul D.
The group reviewed the letter drafted by Paul. Karen plans to take this to the Board of Selectmen (BoS) at the meeting on May 7th.
- AB Aquatics retrofitting, CPR, etc.- Al
ABA took the CPR course and they all passed. The equipment is coming for the OSHA retrofit.
- Lake Winnepesaukee Assoc.-Karin
Pat Tarpey of the Lake Winnepesaukee Association wants to get all the towns together for cooperation for milfoil mitigation. It would be helpful to coordinate weed watchers and lake hosts groups across the entire watershed. Karin will talk to Pat about facility options for the meeting to be held in Moultonborough, and about a target invitee lists.
- 5 test sites update – Al
Al is collecting solid white milk jugs with tops. Approximately 40 are to be submerged up against concrete blocks marking the test areas. Amy Smagula (DES) has picked up the ball on the testing as a research project. She has written a project plan, entitled: "A Comparison of Five Control Methods for Variable Milfoil in Portions of Lake Winnepesaukee, Moultonborough." She has volunteered divers to put down the benthic barrier.

Dave Joyce will help with putting up the curtain. Al says we may have to buy cement blocks. Al has a trailer for picking up materials. The timeframe will be mid-June.

- BoS approval for funding:
The committee discussed increasing our budget request for hand picking, because of the increase of cost due to OSHA requirements. 130 days of handpicking at \$1250 per day is \$162.5K instead of \$130K for 106 days. This makes our total estimated budget \$242.5K. The change since the last submission is based on the OSHA requirements. Scott made changes to the Expenses letter to the BoS.

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Fund adjustment: Karin reported that she discovered a mistake in ABA billing; the result is a credit to us for \$2612.50. Bob will credit us on the first invoice.

- Topics for BoS meeting May7:
Scott will write a cover letter to explain the topics the MMC wants to discuss. Scott will present. Paul D. and Al will attend. The topics are as follows:
 - ✓ OSHA Letter (We will be asking BoS to sign.)
 - ✓ Lake Winnepesaukee Assoc.
 - ✓ Funding
 - ✓ Test Sites
- Spring Newsletter distributed with the June tax bill:
Bev thinks the people in the town would be interested in our joint research with DES for exploring better ways to combat the milfoil. We will also request more volunteers. Scott suggested we get in early to make sure we have a place in the newsletter. Al will draft the words. Paul A. will compose something about volunteers. This needs to be done by May 1st. Al and Paul A. and Bev will coordinate and send to Karin.

Ginny will put the volunteer notice in Winnepesaukee Forum and on Face book. Paul A. will put the volunteer notice in Moultonborough speaks. In June, we will make more requests through newspapers.
- Future mailing: Who does the certified mailing for the herbicide treatment depends on the treatment map that is defined for the June treatment. Ginny and Al will discuss this with Marc Bellaud (ACT) at that time.
- ACT
Karin and Marc discussed not applying herbicide on Lee's Pond this year and Marc confirmed that ACT had not spent any money in this regard for Lee's Pond.

Karin asked Marc if the herbicide would kill floaters. He responded that Diquat would, but Navigate probably would not unless they are starting to grow roots.
- Weed watcher training.
Bev will send the weed watcher meeting notice to Bill Marcussen. Bev will do a news paper article to let people know about each of the training sessions. Ginny to put the training dates on the town calendar.

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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: Paul A. and Ginny to complete in a few days.

A24: Markers: for next time we make them, Karin will take a look at the getting the materials cheaper. We want 300 markers for next year. Status: Karin has collected 150 nuts. Karin is waiting for the noodles to come in, and working on getting raw materials. She will bring these to the next meeting.

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

A38: Ginny/Paul A. will work on the volunteer request and perhaps advertise on Face Book. Ongoing

V. Next Meeting

Next meeting scheduled for May 27, 2015 at 8:30 AM at the Moultonborough Public Library

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Karin Nelson
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman