

Conservation Commission

Milfoil Committee Minutes

For Wednesday, May 27th, 2015 @ 8:30 AM @ the Moultonborough Public Library

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

Members Absent: Dave Joyce, Paul Ardito

Others Present: none

The meeting began at 8:35 AM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Al H. moved to approve the minutes of 4/22 seconded by Scott and passed unanimously.

II. New Business

Karin brought in the materials for making markers. The strings should be 10 ft. Each committee member will make approximately 30 markers. It is best to transport in boxes as they get tangled in bags. There was a question whether anyone has removed the markers from last year. At the end of next year, we should make an effort to get them back.

Milfoil plants are growing fast right now.

[LWA update](#)

The meeting with the Lake Winnepesaukee Association was well attended except for Center Harbor (they don't have any milfoil). Fifteen people came. August 6th is the LWA annual meeting and they would like to have the meeting in Moultonborough. Paul D. will see about getting the Lion's Club for the meeting which will have about 100 attendees.

[Recent BOS meeting](#)

The recent Select board meeting was well attended by this group. There was a bit of discussion on the OSHA letter, but eventually the BOS agreed to sign it. Scott will circulate the signed copy of the letter to the Tri-town group. Paul D. will give a copy to Pat Tarpey (LWA).

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The budget of \$242.5K was approved by the BOS. AI has indicated to AB Aquatics that they should target working 130 days in Moultonborough.

BOS agreed with the plan to end our association with the Tri-town group in November.

Tri-town/MJB update

The Tri-town group discussed that the second DASH boat value was approx \$12K. Question: will the money we get back from MJB go back to the general fund or into our trust fund? The group thinks the money should go back to the fund from which it came.

The other two towns are continuing in the group and will use the boat.

Aquatic Control Technology Invoice

Karin found a mistake of \$200 in the Aquatic Control Technology invoice which was related to newspaper ads. The mistake was corrected.

Lake Host grant

\$3050 has been granted to us for this year's program. Karin to ask Paul A. if we already joined NH Lakes for the year (\$300).

Bob Goffredo and Scott Bartlett have already been lake hosting.

Test site update

Karin has located a place to get rebar. AI reported we will need between 30 - 40 cement blocks. Karin will ask Bickford. Cement blocks should be delivered to Lee's Mills.

The crew schedule has not been planned yet for test sites. This work will be done after the bridle shiner spawning time. The approximate date for the herbicide treatment is mid-July. We will add these two sites to the areas that generally get done in July due to bridle shiner restrictions. The weekend of June 27/28 could be the target for the test site work.

Historical data editing

- Funds: Karin has worked on rationalizing the life-to-date spending for the MMC. She has a bit of a discrepancy in the list at the moment. Paul D. will look at the trust fund to help Karin confirm the numbers.
- Acres treated (herbicide) is a number we are looking for, which we can look for on ACT maps. For gallons harvested, AI has all of the information. We have agreed that we will track just these pieces. Ginny will ask Bill G. to make graphs for the web

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site. Treatment started in 2010. This historical information should be kept on our web site. Ginny to look for the file created by Peter. Paul D. to ask Hope where we could store our historical documents.

5 year plan for Lee's Pond

Amy sent the revised 5-year plan to us and Bev will have it posted on the web site. We will check this plan for historical data.

DASH update

DASH work is starting June 1st at Lee's Pond with one crew. June 2nd one additional crew starts on Winnepesaukee near flashing light 51.

Weed Watcher Update

Several members of the committee will attend the training at the SLA. Bev is helping weed watchers set up their routes. The area we need help is at Green's Basin.

Herbicide treatment

The first herbicide treatment is planned for June 23rd. Ginny is to coordinate sign posting. If the quantity of certified letters to be sent is less than 100 we will let ACT prepare them. Our assumption is that the herbicide is likely to be applied in a small area so ACT will be doing the letters. Bev will put a copy of the sign on our web page.

The OSHA Letter

Ginny will distribute to the entire committee when the signed letter is available. Paul D. is to coordinate with Amy Smagula (DES) and Pat Tarpey. Paul D. will send it to our senators talking about the OSHA effort. Hopefully there would be different drafts of the letter from other organizations that will also be sent.

ACTION ITEMS

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

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. She will bring the remainder of the supplies to the next meeting. Ongoing

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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

A35: Ginny will ask Bill G. to make graphs of historical data for the web site.

A36: Paul D. to ask Hope where we could store our historical documents.

V. Next Meeting

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday, June 24th, 2015 at 8:30 AM at the Moultonborough Public Library

VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Karin Nelson
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman