

Conservation Commission

Milfoil Committee Minutes

For Wednesday, June 24th, 2015 @ 8:30 AM @ the Life/Safety Building Training Room

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

Members Absent: Dave Joyce

Others Present: none

The meeting began at 8:35 AM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Al H. moved to approve the minutes of 5/27/15 seconded by Scott and passed unanimously.

II. New Business

1. Lake Winnepesaukee Association: Pat Tarpey of the LWA asked Karin if she could use our web links and content which the committee approved. The LWA is sponsoring a meeting entitled "State of Milfoil on Winnepesaukee" on Thursday, August 6th at 5:30 at the Meredith Community Center.
2. Finances: The difference in the accounting that we were looking for was interest not counted. Karin summarized the numbers at the meeting. There has been one AB Aquatics invoice, which included the 2014 credit discussed last month.
3. June Herbicide: The June herbicide treatment was completed yesterday 6/23. Bev will put the water restriction notice on the web site.

Al will get the route and the waypoints for the treatment from ACT. There is a typo on the herbicide notice. Al will confirm with ACT the concentration of the herbicide that was used in the curtain area.

Karin suggested that we should have a clause in the contract that bad weather (such as possible tornados!) and high wind would cause them to postpone till a quieter day. Paul suggested that we tie this request to performance. Karin and Bev have anecdotal evidence from treatments on Lee's Pond, that the wind and water flow can make a big

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difference in the effectiveness of the treatment. Yesterday morning it was raining but not windy. Paul will speak to ACT about this. Al is asking weed watchers to check areas that were treated, ASAP.

The committee would like to thank those who completed sign posting: Bob Smith, Paul Ardito, Ginny Gassman, Bill Gassman, and Joe Keagan.

4. Lake Host Program: We've had seven saves out of Lee's Mills. States Landing is clean and Long Island Ramp is clean of milfoil. There have been a lot of floaters this year compared to last year. Three paid lake hosts are taking most of the hours. Paul A. will control spending by cutting down the afternoons at Long Island launch. According to Paul A., 90% of people launching already know the information about milfoil.
5. DASH update: Yesterday the DASH boat was out for a while but the bags were unloaded before the QC was done. AB Aquatics wrapped up harvesting at Lee's Pond, but Bev found a huge field and re-growth where milfoil was previously pulled. AB Aquatics knows they missed 15%. About 3K gallons has been harvested so far. Three teams will be out at once starting this week. Karin and Bobby are working on a method to differentiate the three teams for QC. Some of the milfoil is being dumped at the community garden to be used for mulch.
6. Weed Watcher training: 13 people came to the training, with 3 new weed watchers. The committee discussed that it is important to take new weed watchers out on the lake to complete the training because Amy's presentation can be confusing in terms of plants, etc.
7. Town data storage: Paul found out we can use space on the town server to store our historical information. Ginny is to talk to Scott Kinmond about the procedure.
8. Curtain Study/Test Sites: Al, Scott, and Dave Joyce worked at setting out the curtain at Lincoln Islands. Thank you so much Al, Scott, Dave, for your hard work! AB Aquatics donated a boat and diver. Amy had asked the marine patrol if it was ok to put the curtain there.

Al Hoch suggested we have ACT remove the curtain when it is time. Al Hoch made a motion to have ACT remove and return the LIMNO curtains spending up to \$2500. The motion was seconded by Paul Daisy and passed unanimously. Al will make a note of the project costs and time and labor.

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The points around the curtain will be transferred to a map. AB Aquatics harvested 500+ gallons of tops off of the one site (Shoots), and 175 gallons harvested at the rock shoal at the other site. We don't know the date when the benthic barrier will be put in place. Rebar will be needed for the placement of the benthic barrier.

9. MJB meeting yesterday: Wolfeboro came up with a proposal that we end the current agreement by August 1st. This means Moultonborough will leave the group. We will split the cash in the kitty three ways and a 3rd of the boat value. This total money is about \$18K which mostly came from milfoil funds plus a grant. The committee by consensus accepted the agreement as described.

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. Done

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. Ginny now taking lead and defining this.

A37: Next herbicide treatment could be July 15th. Paul will touch base with Marc about the timing on this.

V. Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29th, 2015 at 8:30 AM at the Moultonborough Public Library

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VI. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:45 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Karin Nelson
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman

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