

**Conservation Commission**  
**Milfoil Committee Minutes**

For Wednesday, April 20th, 2016 @ 8:30 AM @ the Moultonborough Public Library

**Members Present:** Chairman Karin Nelson, Al Hoch, Ginny Gassman, Amy Lindamood, Scott Bartlett, Bev Nelson,

**Others Present:** Walter Johnson

**Members Absent:** Tracy Waterman, Dave Joyce, Paul Ardito  
The meeting began at 8:35 AM.

**Agenda:**

1. Minutes: Amy Lindamood made a motion to approve the minutes of March 23rd, which was seconded by Scott and unanimously approved:
2. Town newsletter: Scott's submission to the town newsletter was reviewed and will be submitted to the town.
3. Contract wrap-up: The contracts have been signed by the town. Walter said he is waiting for two to come back. There was a small change in the AB Aquatics contract: The number of days was changed to maximum of 115, which results in a maximum of \$150K spent.
4. BOS authorization for funds: Karin asked and Walter confirmed that we are good to begin spending. Walter is to confirm the exact amount.
5. Solitude notifications: The first notification has gone out to abutters with the addresses verified by Amy L.

The original notification list was created when the area was surveyed around 2010. Amy L. compared the latest list to the town GIS maps and a town list of waterfront property. Solitude needs to include anyone who lives within 1200 ft of herbicide treatments. We discussed whether we should update the list again during the year. Amy would like to work on a process for next year where the list gets automatically generated from the town data.

6. Lake Association update: Teresa Eichhorn has volunteered to work on the spreadsheet of lake associations. Amy said that the town data might help Teresa find more lake association information. Ginny is to send the latest lake association spreadsheet to Teresa.
7. Weed Watchers: Bev envisions this year's training as lake excursions along each weed watcher route. This way they new weed watchers can get familiar with their particular

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areas. Amy found an Apple application that can be used to take GPS points which can then be provided to Al to integrate into his database.

8. DASH Planning: Amy L., Scott and Karin have been working to define test locations. They are looking for areas that had significant work done in prior years. We cannot disturb areas with bridle shiners, which are endangered, during the spawning season. The areas selected are in Zone 7 and 9 with some spillover into Zone 6. We will eliminate areas that Amy Smagula recommends be treated with herbicide.

***Karin and the entire committee thanked Al for the huge amount of work he did on the maps and the harvesting summaries. These documents are vital to the 2016 planning.***

9. Amy Smagula's survey: Amy S. will complete the DES survey in late April. Karin and Amy L. plan to ride with her. Karin will request that Amy S. resend the six files from her survey last fall.
10. Activities Timeline: The activities for hand pulling and evaluating the two vendors were discussed:
  - Amy S. generates a map after the survey.
  - Aqualogic begins hand pulling mid-May (Note: subsequent to this meeting this activity has been pushed out two weeks)
  - Dave Joyce will complete additional surveying as diver
  - Weed Watchers will complete surveys in defined areas just before harvesting, setting out markers and taking GPS readings
  - Karin will set up the QC schedule making sure people are available through the evaluation period.
  - Dave Joyce will complete some surveys after the areas are harvested.
11. Evaluation criteria: The criteria for evaluating the vendors are communications, cooperation, collecting markers, collecting floaters, percent milfoil collected, root balls collected. Karin asks if once a week someone could go by in a kayak or other boat to check-in with the vendors. Do they have the boats and equipment to handle all our locations? Are they completing the required reports?
12. Lake Host update: Tracy is working on staffing for the season.
13. The next meeting is Tuesday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 AM at the Town Hall in the former visiting nurses room.

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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. Latest update: Bob Paterson said he would follow up on shallow water pulling.

A42: Ginny to add to the Activities List: submit people to be invited to the volunteer luncheon in August.

A48: Amy L. will send an email to Bob Wolff to see if there has been any progress on whether the notice language can be changed. – ongoing: Amy will start with Amy S. She will also discuss with Pete B. Long term.

A50: Ginny to talk to Alison about how to link about the fertilizer use info to web the site. – ongoing

A51: Ginny to draft a letter to the editor re: fertilizer. Spring. (Also for native plants.) Ginny

A52: Amy L. to get clarification from the Dept. of Agriculture on why so much sampling was done without notice. Ongoing

A55: Karin will organize making 150 markers.

A56: Al to work on projected treatment list.

A62: Homework for everyone is to email Ginny about any boat launch we know of and any rangeways. We will try to ask the state to provide us with a list of the private launches. Ginny to look. (Scott, Al)

A63: Teresa Eichhorn is compiling a list of Lake Associations

A64: Ginny will put our milfoil tri-fold board up on an easel at the town hall with milfoil pictures and contact information.