

Town of Moultonborough

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Conservation Commission Milfoil Committee Minutes

October 19th, 2009

- Members Present:** Chairman Peter Jensen, Secretary Joanne Farnham, Paul Daisy, Herbert Farnham LRPC, James Leiterman, Karin Nelson, Bob Boyan, Susan Connolly
- Others Present:** John Anderson, Barbara Sheppard, Alice Ellingwood, Bill Gassman, Bob Goffredo
- Meeting Location:** Moultonborough Public Library

The meeting on Monday, October 19, 2009 was called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Peter Jensen.

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes of the meeting on Oct. 5th, 2009 were approved

New Business

Joanne Farnham volunteered for the role of Committee Secretary.

Review of Milfoil Summit on Oct. 8th at the Legislative Offices in Concord:

The Moultonborough Milfoil Committee members who attended were Karen Nelson, Herbert Farnham, Paul Daisy and Peter Jensen. The meeting was presided over by Rep. Dick Drisco. Other Moultonborough residents also attended.

Karin Nelson summarized the presentations at the Summit which were:

- DES staff Amy Smagula and Jody Conner on “Where We’ve Been, Where We Are, Where We Are Going”: Amy Smagula and Jody spoke of the devastation and spiraling effect Milfoil is and will have on the economy of towns not just around Lake Winnepesaukee but how other areas will also be affected.
- Two Studies by John Halstead, Ph.D., Agricultural and Applied Economics (UNH Professor of Environmental and Resource Economics) and Anne Nordstrom, Ph.D. on the Economic Impact of not controlling exotic species, like Milfoil, that dramatically alter the environment of lakes and rivers they infest.
- Two presentations by Ken Marschner (Wolfeboro Milfoil Control Committee Chair), and Chris Devine (Squam Lakes Association Director) on on-going long term control efforts and innovations.
- Discussions on the need for year-over-year continuity of control measures.
- The need for continued dedicated funding – Stewart Lampry and Rep. Drisco

The Committee discussed tasks ahead:

Preliminary discussion focused on

- How important it is to do something now.
- Towns should be looking into asking for monies to purchase chemicals, manpower and a DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvester).
- Town budgets will or should make allowances for monies to be set aside every year to eradicate the milfoil.

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- 71% of the tax base is from the taxes on waterfront property and 87% from properties with water access.
- The lake front homes will feel it first as their homes will decrease in value over the years, if something is not done.
- The rippling effect will severely affect Real Estate and Developers and will kill the tourism industry.
- Karin Nelson spoke about neighboring communities that have been working to eradicate milfoil in their areas. Wolfboro has a Milfoil committee that has been trying to control their Milfoil in the Back Bay, 35 acres of Milfoil, they started in 2005. Their goals are to Control, Educate, Prevent new infest and Need long term funding: Lake host grants, town trust fund, the Town spent \$80,000 since 2005. Karin spoke of how Squam Lake discovered the weed in 2000. They used entrance nets, have done 2 chemical treatments with just a few plants; tried lime, fresh water muscles; worked with Fire Dept./divers, now have spend \$30,000/yr which equals \$1500/acre. She spoke of how Squam Lake discovered the weed in 2000. They used entrance nets, have done 2 chemical treatments with just a few plants; tried lime, fresh water muscles; worked with Fire Dept./divers, now have spend \$30,000/yr which equals \$1500/acre. From the Concord, Milfoil Summit she mentioned that Stewart Lamphrey thinks that we need a DASH fund goal of \$50,000. He also thinks the state will need a minimum of \$2 million/yr to get Milfoil under control Statewide.
- Moultonborough has the most mapped Milfoil infestation of all towns that front Lake Winnepesaukee.
- Warrant Article possibilities were discussed.

A working group was appointed to draw up an effective letter explaining the situation we have of existing Milfoil. The group members are Peter Jensen, James Leiterman, Paul Daisy and Herbert Farnham. They will be meeting October 20, 2009 at 6:30 PM, in the Moultonborough Public Library. They will focus first on the Oct. 29th presentation to the Selectboard and subsequently on the letter communicating the milfoil situation.

Karin will speak with DES's Amy Smagula to try and get the inventory of Moultonborough requests for permits and/or funds for milfoil control efforts. She will also seek Amy's commitment to assisting Moultonborough develop and manage a town-wide multi-year milfoil control plan.

Herb and Peter will meet with the Lakes Region Planning Commission to see what assistance the LRPC might add to our committee's efforts.

Adjournment

Next meeting- November 2, 2009 at 7:00PM, Moultonborough Public Library.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Joanne M. Farnham, Secretary