

Conservation Commission  
**Milfoil Committee**

For Thursday, January 31, 2013 @ 9:30 AM in the Life Safety Building Training Room

**Meeting Minutes**

**Members Present:** Chairman Peter Jensen, Secretary Ginny Gassman, Al Hoch, Karin Nelson, Bev Nelson, Paul Daisy, Paul Ardito

**Members Absent:** Sue Connolly, Brian Litkoff

**Others Present:** John Jude

The meeting began at 9:30 AM.

**Agenda**

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Paul A. moved to approve the minutes of December 20, 2012. The motion was seconded by Paul D. and passed unanimously.

**II. New Business:**

Karin brought samples of native milfoil. The committee discussed the difference between native milfoil and variable milfoil.

Peter stated that the NH Dept. of Revenue Administration has reviewed the warrant article requesting funds for milfoil and has made not decided whether or not to allow the note about the grant monies to be included in its current form (or at all).

The state is debating a bill that will require out-of-state boats to have a milfoil decal. This would bring in revenue that would supplement milfoil control funding. They are aiming to start the program in 2014. Peter will forward the information about what portions of revenues could go to actual milfoil control. Ginny will forward this information to the committee.

Paul D. stated that he has received feedback that the 2013 grant paperwork is going forward.

It is now easier to find milfoil information on the town web site.

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Peter asked when the committee thought was the right time to contact and recruit volunteers for the next season. Paul A. believes we should start before the town meeting because we will need new/more volunteers this year.

Paul A. said that the listing on the Moultonborough town web site asking for volunteers is going forward.

Paul A. is working toward creating a volunteer flier. This would be targeted for the town meeting and these fliers could be distributed at association meetings this spring.

There were 18 lake hosts volunteers and 37 active weed watchers last year.

Peter suggested we might distribute something at the polls. Paul A. said he would ask Jerry Hopkins if we could.

Peter suggested that we take a map to the town meeting that showed where the milfoil was found and where the milfoil was treated and where it was harvested.

**III. Continued Business:**

• **Five-Year Plan**

Bev said that the letter going out that notifies people of the chemical treatment is not clear about when the water is safe for drinking and irrigating after treatment. The notification of when the water is safe, after lab testing should go on the web page. Paul D. will try to get this on a higher priority as far as notification to us. Currently, we wait the two weeks before the testing occurs, then two more weeks for the testing to be complete. Paul D. thinks that we could take some of the delay out by using a local lab. Bev suggested the letter should be much clearer about how long before people can expect to get the

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notification and should include where to go to look for the notification, for example in a news and announcements email and/or at the town website.

- **Lake Hosts:**

No report.

- **Weed Watchers**

No report.

- **Tri-Town DASH Initiative (MJB)**

A subcommittee was formed (Al, Ken Marschner and Bill Marcussen) to look at a way to get more money into the committee so the dash boats can be properly maintained and stored. There were four possibilities discussed in the meeting of the Internal Billing Subcommittee which were documented in their meeting minutes.

One proposal eliminated the \$1500 accounting fee and increased the daily DASH use fees to \$225 dollars. It also eliminated the \$3500 vendor recruitment fee (since the vendors did not change last year.)

Al showed a spreadsheet that compared actual revenues and expenses along with some possible models for 2013. One of the models includes going to one boat only.

Peter suggested it was not fair to fund the tri-town boats from work that doesn't use the tri-town boats.

John Jude (Aqualogic) thinks the boats are well-designed. John is considering whether he would be interested in buying one of the boats. John suggested other communities on the lake need access to more boats.

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Al said that the MJB is putting together a rental agreement so that the boats could be used by other communities.

Peter asked if the committee has done any work to add other communities in to the committee as members. Al believes the question has been asked but other communities are not interested.

Pat Tarpey of the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Commission is working on creating a floating classroom for educating about water quality that would leave out of the Weirs. They will be using the Aqualogic boat for this.

Al reported that Bobby Patterson is looking to move forward with AB Aquatics and that he fully intends to fulfill their contract.

Ginny will forward the info on when the next MJB meeting is to the committee.

**IV. Other**

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 21, 2013 at 9:30 am in the Life Safety Building Training Room.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman