

Conservation Commission  
**Milfoil Committee**

For Thursday, March 21, 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 Ardito

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

**Others Present:** Scott Bartlett

The meeting began at 9:35 AM.

**Agenda**

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Paul A. moved to approve the minutes of February 21 and March 6, 2013 with the corrections below. The motion was seconded by Al and passed unanimously.

In the March 6, 2013 minutes, change all occurrences of Sculpin to Sculpin G.

**II. New Business:**

**III. Continued Business:**

• **Five-Year Plan**

Ginny is to forward the draft of the 5 year plan from Amy Smagula to all committee members as well as Scott Bartlett who requested it.

The committee should read the plan and submit comments to Amy.

The committee discussed comments and changes and corrections suggested by Al on the draft update that Amy made to the 5-yr plan:

Page 6: Area 2012 E2, E3 (the cove behind 9 acre island) Amy says no plants documented, Al reports we actually pulled out 114 plants

Area A2 2012: Blackey Cove, according to Al we pulled out 18 thousand plants vs. Amy "summary growth"

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Page 7: Area B2; Senter Cove Amy says 0, AI reports we pulled 730 plants.

Page 7: on Black Cat Island, AI believes the benthic barrier has been removed.

Page 11: Amy stated the treatment would be late May or early June, but does not mention the possible July treatment.

Page 11 bottom: Change BET to BE.

Page 15: figure 1 E and F referenced but not present in the document.

Page 18: under 2011 AI corrects that diving and dash work was done from June to Oct, not June to Sept. Same change to 2012.

Page 19: same change as above to 2013.

Page 20: same change as above to 2014.

Page 39: in section on “overall control options” we suggest Amy add a section for DASH as in “Summary of Control Practices”

Page 44: Trial in 2010 information? Is there any update to these trials?

Abutters Mailings: Ginny and Bev will pursue doing the upcoming certified mailing with ACT. Question: can we include an insert about volunteer activity in the mailing.

- **Lake Hosts:**

Paul A. reported that it looks like we will get all of last year’s volunteers back again. However, it might be tight to run the season with this number. There could be 4 adult paid lake hosts this year. Paul A. budgeted for 50% of hours paid and 50% volunteers.

Peter said we need to make sure every boat/trailer entrance or exit with milfoil is reported and the milfoil found sent and reported as a save. Peter got 2<sup>nd</sup>-hand information that some lake hosts were not reporting saves when they were on the same boat/trailer both entering and again when exiting the water.

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Karin suggested that Paul A. hash out with Andrea how to make sure all the "saves" are reported and whether it is truly necessary to send everything we pull off to DES for testing. We pay for the postage for the mailing.

Al suggested that a summary report on saves could be sent.

The trash barrel that is at the launch is not only for excess milfoil on boats/trailers, but is also intended for milfoil floaters washed up on the beach or raked from the near-shore water surface.

Peter suggested Cathy could send an email to those volunteers who do not do lake hosting often to remind them of what to do while they are working.

In the training, lake hosts are going to be looking for zebra mussels as well as milfoil.

Paul A. and Bev talked about combining the training on June 2nd to include weed watchers and lake hosts.

- **Weed Watchers**

Peter asks how we are set for volunteers after distributing the flyer. We have received interest from two people.

The flyer seemed to generate good dialog and interest when it was handed out at the polls.

We discussed that asking for volunteers closer to the summer may generate more interest.

Bev has planned a volunteer training event on June 2nd. Bev would like to hit the papers around May 15th to announce the training. Hopefully this will generate interest. She said last time she got the most volunteers this way. Peter will also write an article at that time. Peter will reference the 5-year plan and where it can be seen. Bev will plan another training event mid-June for people who miss the first training.

Karin suggested asking the current volunteers to find at least one more person. Areas to target: Long Island, Blackey Cove, Greens Basin, Ash Cove.

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

The MJB committee is looking at leasing one of the boats to Gilford-based Aqualogics (John Jude – owner) for work they will be doing in Mass. Al believes the tri-town agreement states that the boat can be leased but only to the towns in the agreement. The intent of the agreement was to be able to lease the boat to any of the towns on Winnepesaukee. In order to take the boat to Mass., the agreement may need to be modified.

There are no restrictions on selling the boat via the grant, according to Andrea from NH Lakes. However, this year the MJB committee is not looking to sell the boat, just to lease it, with the possibility of selling next year.

NH Lakes wants to keep the \$3500 fee or increase the 5% surcharge to 10% on monies spent for divers under the contract. The 10% option would be an issue for Moultonborough because it would be a vast increase for us. The committee unanimously agreed that we would not support an increase from 5%. This is being considered for future years, this year the \$3500 will not change.

Competitive bidding via NH Lakes and the MJB committee helped lower prices from vendors. It is not clear that owning boats has helped in the cost of doing the DASH work since the prohibitive insurance requirements prevent startup entrepreneurs from taking advantage of what we initially thought might be a good opportunity for divers with minimal startup capital.

Tuftonboro claims they are getting lower prices via a state contract/grant where the state picks the vendor and the town rents the MJB boat.

If the town of Moultonborough wants to back out of the inter-municipal agreement we need to notify them by Oct 1<sup>st</sup>. Peter wants to find out from Amy if this is a duplicate of services available from the state. Peter stated that we want to make sure what we do does not prohibit other towns from doing milfoil control. Other towns have expressed interest in collaborating, but were not interested in owning a boat.

Peter spoke with John Jude (Aqualogics) about our experiences when we used them for milfoil control. Peter also spoke to him about the techniques they used in harvesting.

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The insurer (Primex) for the boat didn't like the idea of leasing the boat to another town. So, the MJB will not be in the business of leasing the boat to other towns. You can lease it to a vendor who can use their own insurance.

It is not clear how certified diver and invasive species training will be delivered this year.

**IV. Other**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 22, 2013 at 9:30 am in the Life Safety Building Training Room.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:06 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman