

Conservation Commission  
**Milfoil Committee**

For Wed., Aug 28, 2013 @ 9:30 AM in the Public Safety Building Training Room

**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Members Absent:** Cathy Cunningham

**Others Present:** None

The meeting began at 9:35 AM.

**Agenda**

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Paul A. moved to approve the minutes of August 7th as written. The motion was seconded by Bev and passed unanimously with the change noted:

Bev, Karin, and Al went on the lake with a DES intern (not Amy Smagula as reported in the draft minutes) and were trained to spot Asian clams.

**II. New Business:**

Regarding the proposal that we hand deliver notices as part of our suggested change in the permitting process, Al noted that we have to somehow also get notices to the owners if they are not present.

**III. Continued Business:**

• **Five-Year Plan**

Certified notices for the herbicide treatment have been completed and post marked August 27.

Posting will be organized by Paul and Ginny, with the notices placed at Keith Nelson's office for pick up by volunteers.

There was a spot near Gilman pt. that was treated with herbicide in the fall of 2012 and now in August there is regrowth.

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Paul asked if it makes sense to test out the different herbicides and delivery methods so we can get an idea of the effectiveness.

There was a concern that if we must re-treat areas every year, we won't be able to keep up with the milfoil growth. Now we are treating with the MAX G to try something different. Bev said she thought Lee's Pond will be a good test of the effectiveness of the herbicide.

In Lee's Pond, the regrowth is less every time. Paul D. will go to Marc Bellaud (ACT) to see what he has learned about effectiveness over time and in different areas.

One of Paul's ideas is to think about the rate of application and if we are using the right concentration.

Bev said some areas are the perfect environment for milfoil with deep mud and nutrients, so getting rid of the milfoil will take a lot of repeated treatment. Some plants can be missed or in some cases the toxicity level is not high enough. Also with hand pulling, the divers are not going to get 100% of the plants. Despite this, overall we're seeing much less milfoil.

Amy is not very happy with the Sculpin G herbicide, based on the experience with Salmon Meadow Cove and Ash Cove.

There are reports of plants popping up with lots of growth in only a few days.

- **Lake Hosts:**

The Lake Host program has gone smoothly this summer. Paul A. is thinking of recruiting teachers for next year. The lake host budget is in great shape, and there will be a positive balance for the end of the year.

Paul D. commented on the brochure that asked for volunteers for "one day a month" and suggested maybe a half day would be more palatable.

Peter suggested having the Lake Host training at one of the associations.

- **Weed Watchers**

There have been about eight weed watcher reports in August. Bev sent out a tickle email to the group last night.

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Al suggested making sure that people look again in places previously surveyed since rampant growth has been reported.

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

Al has a list of places to finish up hand picking.

In the last MJB meeting, Karin broached selling the other DASH boat.

Al and Scott did an inspection on DASH 2, and everything looked clean and in place.

- **Asian Clams**

Bev found some cheap sieves that could be used for checking for clams.

Amy is creating a program, including looking at programs in NY State for their expertise.

Asian clams are microscopic in their first phase of life.

The effort to have people clean, drain and dry their boats is very important for now, since there is no way to combat the spread of the clams once they are present.

Peter said it would make sense to establish another subcommittee off the Conservation Commission to work on Asian Clams. Scott suggested that the subcommittee's efforts could be keyed off of Amy's plan.

#### **IV. Other**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wed, October 2, 2013 at 9:30 am in the Public Safety Building Training Room.

#### **V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ginny Gassman  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen  
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