

Conservation Commission
Milfoil Committee

For Thurs., Nov 7, 2013 @ 9:30 AM in the Public Safety Building Training Room

Meeting Minutes

Members Present: Chairman Peter Jensen, Secretary Ginny Gassman, Al Hoch, Bev Nelson, Karin Nelson, Cathy Cunningham, Scott Bartlett

Members Absent: Paul Ardito, Paul Daisy

Others Present: None

The meeting began at 9:35 AM.

Agenda

I. Approval of Minutes:

Karen moved to approve the minutes of October 11th and October 18th as written. The motion was seconded by Bev and passed unanimously.

II. New Business:

For this meeting, Cathy Cunningham and Scott Bartlett will be seated as voting members for Paul Ardito and Paul Daisy, respectively.

Peter reported that the rule change meeting went well. Documents from the meeting were provided for Ginny to forward to the committee members. Before the meeting, Peter analyzed our expenses and found that complying with rules and administration has been 15% of our entire appropriation. This includes notifications, mailings, sign posting, water sampling, and writing permit applications.

If the rules committee took all of our suggestions, we could save roughly \$50K over four years which could be used for non-herbicide harvesting. We were short about 30 days of work this year that could have been funded by the savings. Two division leaders, David Rousseau and Bob Wolfe, are to provide feedback on the recommendations and talk about them within the board.

Next year, only one permit will be required for all the Moultonborough water bodies. A more extensive permit including multiple herbicides and multiple concentrations will not require a rule change.

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III. Continued Business:

• **Five-Year Plan**

Work to be done soon in the committee is to work with Amy to make sure the grant applications are in for next year.

Al has been speaking with Marc Bellaud and Amy about putting barriers around rock piles. This is proposed for areas where hand pulling and herbicides do not work as well. This would be a different approach; the idea would be to put the barriers around the rock piles -- not a fragment barrier but an actual barrier to keep the herbicide in after treatment. Al has heard from people who have done this that less herbicide was needed. Marc is familiar with this type of treatment.

Peter said we need to be careful that we get value out of the alternate herbicides if we are going to be rotating of the types of herbicides.

• **Lake Hosts:**

No report.

• **Weed Watchers**

No report.

• **Tri-Town DASH Initiative (MJB)**

Al sent Ginny a summary of this year's daily milfoil reports, to forward to the committee.

Scott has agreed to be our representative on the IMA board and Peter has resigned (as planned) The committee thanks Scott for taking this on.

The committee talked about having information on the treatment areas combined by year to see the kind of progress by year.

Peter said we need to keep in mind that we may have less total milfoil to harvest, but not less cost because we still have to treat the same amount of acreages treating sparser milfoil densities.

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Karin said, even though we have not been able to use volunteers to do harvesting, it could be feasible and very helpful to have divers and snorkelers do weed watching and surveying. Scott suggested this would be great for kids.

Peter suggested that we make sure we communicate with volunteers monthly during the off-months.

IV. Other

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday December 4th, 2013 at 9:30 am training room at the Public Safety Building.

V. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman