

Conservation Commission  
**Milfoil Committee**

For Wed., June 19, 2013 @ 9:30 AM in the Life Safety Building Training Room

**Meeting Minutes**

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

**Members Absent:** Karin Nelson, Paul Daisy

**Others Present:** None

The meeting began at 9:35 AM.

**Agenda**

**I. Approval of Minutes:**

Al moved to approve the minutes of May 29, 2013 as written. The motion was seconded by Paul A. and passed unanimously.

**II. New Business:**

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

Karin sent an email about a NH milfoil control coalition that some might want to join. The Ossipee Lake Alliance has been looking for a sustainable way to fund milfoil control in the state. There will be a meeting in early July in Concord. Peter will do his best to be there. The committee agreed that it is a good idea to participate in the meeting.

There was some concern that this alliance would produce monies with strings attached, but the comment was made that we already have strings, for example, state requirements for vendors, etc.

**III. Continued Business:**

• **Five-Year Plan**

One citizen complained to a member that the certified letter did not contain the treatment date, but when we checked we found that the date was there.

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- **Lake Hosts:**

Peter passed out the book "Aquatic Plants & Algae" to each member.

Paul Ardito showed the committee a brochure to give out about the lead sinker effort for protecting loons. A new law that has been passed is awaiting signature by the governor. According to the LPC, 47% of loon deaths in NH are due to lead sinkers.

Scott asked if anyone was aware of an outreach effort to work with bass associations. He suggested making contact with one of the associations to discuss the milfoil effort. He will look into that.

- **Weed Watchers**

Bev sent the information about which weed watcher volunteer is covering which region of the lake.

Peter suggested asking the weed watchers to go out before spring treatment next year, telling the volunteers that their reports are needed for our planning and that not seeing milfoil should also be reported.

Scott suggested running an ad that asks people "have you seen this plant?" to get people more involved in the milfoil control effort. Committee members could then go out and discuss any sightings with citizens. Some weed watchers might benefit from a buddy system to help them find milfoil and give them advice on the best methods. Each volunteer could be coached one time with a knowledgeable weed watcher.

Bev will put something together to further implement the above ideas.

Weed watchers may need to know that some areas cannot be harvested in the bridle shiner sites. Ginny will send the bridle shiner area map out to everyone, and ask for it to be put on the milfoil committee website.

Eight weed watchers attended the June 2<sup>nd</sup> training.

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

Al believes we need to find a way to encourage Amy to spend more time surveying in Moultonborough. There was a lot that was missed that could have been treated with herbicide.

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Weed watcher input has found several areas to be added to the treatment plan, for example, around Spring Island, in the cove of Ganzy Island, all of Paul Ardito's cove, four more shoal areas, and several other areas that will have to be added to the plan for herbicide in the fall.

Peter noted that we've been billed for \$18-19K of DASH. We are also on the hook for about half of the herbicide budgeted so far. Peter will send details of where we are on spending so far and Ginny will distribute to the committee.

Al said the divers may take a week off to take stock of the situation, soon. The plan will be to come in to do DASH work in some of the bridle shiner areas. Very thick milfoil areas may be saved for fall treatment.

**IV. Other**

The next meeting is scheduled for Wed, July 10, 2013 at 9:30 am in the Life Safety Building Training Room.

**V. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 11:08 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ginny Gassman  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Secretary

Peter Jensen  
Moultonborough Milfoil Committee, Chairman