

**MILFOIL & INVASIVE AQUATIC WEEDS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**October 21, 2009**  
**6:30PM**  
**NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: Art Hoover, Chairman, Susan Hoover, Aline Goss

Absent: Fred Quimby, Cynthia Quimby, Don Holm, Lee Ann Beals, Tom Goss,  
Cindy McEntire, Alan McQuiston

Guests: Tom Rogenski

(1). **Call to order:** Art Hoover convened the scheduled monthly meeting at 6:30PM at the Town Hall.

**Minutes of September 23, 2009** meeting: Aline Goss moved and Susan Hoover seconded a motion to accept the minutes. The motion was carried.

(2). **General:**

Art explained and briefly brought our guest up to date on the activities of the committee.

Art attended the Selectmen's meeting on October 5<sup>th</sup> and discussed the seriousness of the milfoil situation. He explained that the drawdown of Merrymeeting River/Jones Pond this fall to initiate freezing was approved by the Dam Bureau, DES & New Durham Fish & Game, but denied by Ed Robinson at the Fish & Game Wildlife Division. Mr. Robinson has concerns that a drawdown will be detrimental to wildlife.

April Whittaker sent a letter to Executive Councilor John Shea explaining the milfoil problem and requesting his help in seeking out the final approval for the short duration drawdown.

Art will talk to the principal of the elementary school and ask her if there is a teacher who would be willing to undertake the milfoil situation as a project for the students.

We are waiting for Milfoil Treatment bids for 2010 which are due by October 30, 2009. We will have \$20,000 in reserve and hope for matching funds.

Our guest, Tom Rogenski, had experience with milfoil in Vermont. Various methods were used to try to control the infestation, but it is an ongoing task.

(3). The meeting was adjourned at 7:15pm

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18 2009 at 6:30PM.**