

Milfoil and Invasive Aquatic Weeds Committee

Minutes of Meeting

November 18, 2009

6:30PM

New Durham Town Hall

Present: Art Hoover, Fred Quimby, Cynthia Quimby, Fawn Choate , Lee Ann Beals, Aline Goss, Don Holm

Absent: Tom Goss, Cindy McEntire, Alan McQuiston, Susan Hoover

Guests: David Bickford (Selectman), Brendan Berube

- 1. Call to order, 6:30PM Town Hall Conference Room**
- 2. Publicity.**
 - a. Art contacted Peter Pijoan of the Community Access Channel who expressed delight in being able to work with the ND Milfoil Committee (peterp@worldpath.net).**
 - b. Barbara Reed has not responded to Art yet.**
- 3. Quotations**
 - a. Aquatic Control Technology has given three bids. 36 acres with one application of 24 D for \$17,825, two treatments with 24D for \$33,775. And one treatment with Reward for \$11,920.**
 - b. Lycott Environmental offers 36 acres with 24D single application for \$17,632 and one treatment with Reward for \$9310.**
 - c. Discussion: The active ingredient in Reward is the chemical in Diquat. Ed Neister has misgivings about this and Fred is to contact Ed and find out why.**
 - d. The Milfoil Committee voted unanimously to have the river treated with two separate applications on 24D.**
- 4. Department of Environmental Services: Amy was sent a letter from Art stating that he had both bids and they were available to her. Also Art indicated that the Town would be able to contribute \$20,000. Towards to project.**
- 5. SCUBA Diving Training. Fawn has been unsuccessful in contacting Ted Aldridge to get her in-class training. Fred will try to reach Ted in the next month.**
- 6. Other Correspondence:**
 - a. Art contacted Russ Waldron (russw@wirelesszone.com) about involving the MMLA in our effort. Russ said that he would work with Art on this.**
 - b. Fawn has talked to Nancy Bryant concerning milfoil and said that she has lots of recent information on the subject. Art will email her and fawn will send Art her email address.**
 - c. DOT still has not returned Don Holm's call.**

7. **Aline brought up Maine's success at getting \$500,000 from Stimulus Funding to treat 26 lakes for milfoil.**
8. **Fawn wondered if we could encourage the State to contribute to the Lake Host Program in order to add the public launch site on the river to their routine. It was noted that the State pulled back on its support to Lakes for this program last year, so increased funding doesn't look likely. Also there is a problem with boaters using several unofficial launch sites to access the river and these are probably the same people who most need the instruction. No further action will be taken on this topic.**
9. **Next Meeting. There will be no meeting in December so the next meeting will be Wednesday January 20, 2010.**