

Milfoil and Invasive Aquatic Weeds Committee  
Minutes of Meeting  
February 16, 2011  
6:30 PM  
New Durham Town Hall

Present: Art Hoover, Sue Hoover, Fred Quimby, Cynthia Quimby, Aline Goss, and Leeann Beals.

Absent: Don Holm, Alan McQuiston, Tom Rogenski and Fawn Choate.

Guest: Amy Smagula (NH-DES)

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

(2). **Art opened the meeting with a brief synopsis of the activities** which occurred last summer as well as the bids which have been received for this year's treatment. He discussed his meeting last month with the Selectmen to discuss the amount of the CRF for next year, which will be \$7,500. Art then discussed the proposed budget with Marc Bellaud in order to optimize the treatment with the funds which hopefully will be available. This would involve assessment of the effect of last year's treatment in May by Amy and treating any areas still heavily infested as well as the area south of Hoover Bridge (5.5 acres). Marc also mentioned the use of a liquid formulation of 2,4 D.

(3). **Amy commented that she had reservations about the use of the liquid formulation in a riverine environment** where the current could wash much of the 2,4 D away. Amy did hear from Marc last fall and in his evaluation of the second treatment he felt the milfoil had been knocked back a lot. Amy believes that the area immediately above (north) Hoover bridge will likely show regrowth and will need re-treatment in 2011. She will confirm this by on-site evaluation (mapping) in May and she offered the Committee 1-2 State divers to evaluate areas further north and pull any weeds in sparsely infested waters. They will come out 1 or 2 Fridays and could be joined by other divers provided by the Committee. If we want to hire additional divers at a later date all we need to do is contact Amy before the dive and provide the dive dates and, after the dive, report to her the volume of weeds pulled. Amy recommends re-treatment in late June or early July and therefore we need to let Marc know whether or not we received the funds by March 10, 2011. Amy agreed to write and send a letter to Fred, which could be read at the Town meeting. This letter would detail the success of last year's treatment and the State's offer of divers this year.

(4). **Art asked Amy if there were other sources of funding, outside of the DES,** for treatment of milfoil. She indicated that she was unaware of any other source of funds but noted that Moultonborough was receiving a lot of funding through private donations from its citizenry. Amy also said that New Durham would be low on the list for matching funds this year but we should re-apply in September. She emphasized that we need to get the infestation in Jones Pond under control before tackling Downing Pond, but didn't rule out the use of any unused funds to treat the most heavily infested portion of Downing Pond this year.

**(5). The Committee's Plan for 2011 is as follows:**

Fred to receive a letter from Amy before the March 9 Town Meeting and he will make the motion before the town meeting on article 12. On March 10 Fred will report to Marc Bellaud the results of the town meeting.

In May Amy will map the treatment area in the river and provide 1-2 divers to assist in mapping and pulling weeds in sparsely infested areas. Amy will notify Mark of this year's treatment area.

In May Art will request that F&G close the spillway at the Merrymeeting Lake dam for the month of July. Art will also contact Foster's Daily Democrat of the date of re-treatment so they can cover the story.

Marc Bellaud will file all necessary paperwork, post the warning signs, and plan to re-treat the above mentioned areas in early July. This application needs only to contain a modification of the initial bid.

NH-DES and/or Mark Bellaud will perform a post treatment review of the 2011 treatment area in August.

The Committee will send a letter of intent to Amy in September requesting State matching funds for 2012 treatment which will include money for Downing Pond.

**(6). The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM.**

Respectfully, Fred Quimby, Secretary