

MILFOIL & INVASIVE AQUATIC WEEDS COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
July 20, 2011
6:30PM
NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL

PRESENT: Art Hoover, Chairman, Susan Hoover, Aline Goss, Lee Ann Beals, Tom Rogenski, Fred Quimby

Absent: Alan McQuiston, Cynthia Quimby, Fawn Choate, Don Holm

Guest: Courtney Atkinson

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

(2). **Milfoil Treatment 2011**

Art reported that Aquatic Control Technology, Inc treated 12 acres on the Merrymeeting River and Jones Pond on July 14, 2011.

Divers will be brought in to pull milfoil if it is deemed necessary after a few months.

(3). **General**

a. Art kayaked the river last weekend and states that the river looks better this year and the milfoil appears to be less dense.

b. Courtney Atkinson requested information regarding having someone from DES look at Shaw's Pond to determine if there is a presence of milfoil. It was suggested that he contact Amy Smagula.

c. Mr Atkinson also asked why the monies from the Shoreline Protection Agency are not used for milfoil control.

d. There was a general discussion concerning the number of boats that are put in at non restricted launch sites. They are not checked for milfoil and may be inadvertently introducing new plant life to the water bodies.

e. Art spoke with Ricky Rines about his DASH program and it's efficiency in controlling milfoil.

(4). **Agenda for next meeting**

a. Lee Ann will contact Fawn Choate regarding DASH program and will also contact volunteer divers to make them aware that they might be needed for pulling milfoil.

b. Each committee member is requested to write down priorities for next meeting regarding: diving, DASH program, Downing Pond, educate public regarding boating, etc. and plan of action to take to the Selectmen.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 17 at 6:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Hoover