Milfoil and Invasive Aquatic Weeds Committee Minutes of Meeting September 21, 2011 6:30PM New Durham Town Hall

Present: Art Hoover, Fred Quimby, Cynthia Quimby, Tom Rogenski, and Alan McQuiston

Absent: Sue Hoover, Aline Goss, Leeann Beals, and Don Holm

- (1). Call to order: Art convened this regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30PM in the Town Hall.
- (2). Minutes of the August 24, 2011 Meeting were reviewed and Fred motioned they be accepted has written. The motion was seconded by Cynthia and approved unanimously.
- (3). Update from Amy Smagula on the state of the milfoil in the Merrymeeting River. After numerous requests by Art, Amy responded on September 21, 2011. Amy states that her divers found a lot of milfoil below the bridge and didn't get any further. She recommends we provide funds to treat 15 acres in the next year and she is placing our application into the State pool for matching funds. She did not see any benefit to having a large draw-down this year. Specific details on the treatment locations to follow.
- (4). Discussion on the above letter. Art lead the discussion and explained why the divers found lots of milfoil; they were looking in an area untreated in the last application. The area they dove in was always marked for treatment in this coming year. We also expect a small area in the S-bend in the river to be retreated. Amy must provide Art with the details of this area and the area to be treated in Downing Pond in the next year. Downing Pond could not be treated until milfoil was under control in the river above and this year will likely be the first of several treatments in Downing Pond. The specifics are needed by Art in order to get competitive bids for chemical treatment. These bids will then be submitted to the State for consideration and be presented to the New Durham Selectmen.
- (5). Art advised Fred to mail a letter to residents living on Downing Pond to attend the next meeting in October, since Downing Pond will be discussed.
- (6). Art, reflecting on the last meeting in the parking lot, commented that the Town Hall Main Room was much more comfortable. Fred secured a new key from Carol and presented it to Art.
- (7). The meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM.

Sincerely,

Fred Quimby, Secretary