

**MILFOIL & INVASIVE AQUATIC WEEDS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**September 10, 2008**  
**6:30PM**  
**NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: Art Hoover, Chairman  
Susan Hoover  
Fred Quimby  
Cynthia Quimby  
Lee Ann Beals  
Aline Goss  
Alan McQuiston

Absent: Michelle Downes  
Michael Downes  
Wayne Glidden  
Dave Russell  
Don Holm  
Fran Brady

Guests: Brendan Berube – Baysider  
Cindy McEntire – Resident & abutter on Jones Dam Pond  
Keith Curtis – AAA Water  
April Whittaker – Town Administrator  
David Bickford - Selectman

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

**Minutes of August 14, 2008** meeting: Fred motioned to approve the minutes and Cynthia seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- (2). **Milfoil Treatment:**

- The milfoil treatment that was scheduled for Wednesday, September 10, 2008 was postponed due to high water level and the concern by an abutter (Cindy McEntire) about the toxicity of the chemical 2, 4-D.

- (3). **2009 Milfoil Treatment Application:**

- The application has been completed and signed by April Whittaker and Art Hoover. It will be sent to Amy Smagula at DES before the due date of September 15, 2008.

(4). **Milfoil Treatment Toxicity:**

- Cindy McEntire, a resident and abutter to the treatment area on Jones Dam Pond, distributed three reprints regarding the toxicity of 2, 4-D and expressed her concern that the use of 2, 4-D may contaminate her well and may lead to adverse health effects to her family and pets.

Mrs. McEntire emailed Marc Bellaud of Aquatic Control Technology and sent a recommendation, written by the State of Massachusetts, not to use 2, 4-D to treat milfoil in Zone 2 water bodies due to concerns for adverse health effects. Marc responded to Mrs. McEntire and stated that he was unaware of any impact on abutters of water bodies treated with 2, 4-D.

- The committee has no expertise in the toxicity of 2, 4-D and was not aware that there was any concern other than the requirement to discontinue using the drinking water from wells within 50 feet of the treatment area.

Fred Quimby will draft a letter to Marc Bellaud and Amy Smagula regarding Mrs. McEntire's concerns and the need for information regarding the toxicity of 2, 4-D.

The committee has decided to postpone treatment of Jones Dam Pond until the toxicity issue is resolved to the satisfaction of Mrs. McEntire.

If experts recommend testing well water before and after treatment and supplying drinking water for a period after treatment, the committee will cover these expenses.

- April Whittaker agreed that we cannot jeopardize the health of our residents without further investigation of 2, 4-D. She suggested pre testing and post testing of the well and said that the Town uses Eastern Analytical for that purpose. She also thought it was a good idea to contact Ron Gehl for information about better alternative treatments.

- Keith Curtis was curious about migration of the chemicals to other areas downstream from the treatment area. He stated that some camps have hidden pipes to river.

(5). **Divers:**

- Two divers have taken the class and are prepared for checking milfoil next year. Ricky Rines will take the course next spring. Additional divers are available through the State.

(6). **General discussion:**

- Lowering the river and allowing it to freeze last fall seemed to be effective in controlling the height of the milfoil. The committee will address that issue and coordinate it with the proposed milfoil treatment.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30PM

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 15, 2008 at 6:30PM in the Town Hall.**

