

**MILFOIL & INVASIVE AQUATIC WEEDS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**August 14, 2008**  
**6:30PM**  
**NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: Art Hoover, Chairman  
Susan Hoover  
Fred Quimby  
Cynthia Quimby  
Lee Ann Beals  
Aline Goss  
Tom Goss  
Francis Brady

Absent: Michelle Downes  
Michael Downes  
Wayne Glidden  
Dave Russell  
Don Holm  
Alan McQuiston

Guests: Amy Smagula – DES  
Marc Bellaud – Aquatic Control Technology

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

**Minutes of July 23, 2008** meeting: Fred motioned to approve the minutes and Fran seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

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

- Scott Decker from the NH Fish & Game Department sent a message to Marc Bellaud which stated that he did not receive in a timely manner a “drawdown schedule” from NH Division of Pesticide Control for recommendations.

Fish & Game cannot approve a water level drawdown at Jones Dam Pond for milfoil treatment until his staff evaluates the impact on wildlife. Since there has been above average rainfall this summer he suggests that the applicant consider postponing treatment until next year, as it may be difficult to drawdown Jones Dam Pond to the proposed level anyway in time for the late August treatment.

- (3). **General discussion:**

- Marc stated that less than 1 foot, possibly 6 inches is needed for drawdown several days before chemical application. He suggested that the beneficial treatment would be 2,4-D and not DMA.

He canvassed the area by boat from Jones Dam to the Merrymeeting River bridge and feels that the drawdown in the fall of 2007 had a good impact on the height of the milfoil this season. He feels that it would be beneficial to request another drawdown this fall.

- Amy stated that the timeframe for evaluation is the middle of September for treatment in late September. She will find out about drawdown.

- Marc will send letters to the NH Division of Pesticide Control and the NH Fish & Game Department stating that we won't pursue treatment with DMA, but we feel that 2,4-D would be effective. This application would only require 6 inches of drawdown.

- Marc & Amy feel that the treatment should be done in September and Marc thinks that it is a learning experiment to see if these late season treatments work.

He said that the flowage must be considered to determine how long before you lose the concentration of the 2,4-D treatment.

- A Public Notice must be posted 2 weeks prior to treatment. A letter must be published for two consecutive weeks. Marc will send letter to Fred and Fred will send to Brendan Berube for publication in the Baysider.

- People with wells need to be notified 2 weeks before treatment not to drink the water within 50 feet of shoreline and 1200 feet north & south of treatment area for 48 hours after treatment.

- Art will contact Andy Stout from the Fish Hatchery and start the process for fall drawdown.

- The application for treatment plan needs to be submitted by September 15, 2008. The locations of the wells within 50 feet of the water must be included in the application.

- Art will send a letter to April Whittaker regarding the plans for the 2008 treatment in September and notifying her that a 6 inch drawdown does not require a public hearing.

- A diver's course will be given on August 23, 2008. Fred and Art will contact Ricky Rines and see if he is interested. Amy has a list of diver's for hire.

**(4). Application for 2009 Treatment:**

- There was variable milfoil found at the Merry meeting bridge area before Marsh Pond; therefore, the committee feels that the treatment area in 2009 should begin at that point.

- Amy suggested that a fragment barrier may be effective under the bridge.

(5). The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm. The next meeting will be held at the Town Hall on Wednesday, September 10, 2008 at 6:30pm.