

**MILFOIL & INVASIVE AQUATIC WEEDS COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF MEETING**  
**February 18, 2009**  
**6:30PM**  
**NEW DURHAM TOWN HALL**

PRESENT: Art Hoover, Chairman  
Susan Hoover  
Cindy McEntire  
Aline Goss  
Tom Goss  
Cynthia Quimby  
Fred Quimby

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

Guests: Ed Neister, Larry Gaffney & Andrea Najarian

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

**Minutes of January 21, 2009** meeting: A correction was made to change Brenda Berube to Brendan Berube under item # 6. Aline motioned to approve the minutes and Tom seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- (2). **2009 Milfoil Treatment:** Amy Smagula from DES was unable to attend the meeting, but offered to be available by phone during the meeting to answer any questions.

- (3). **General:**

- Cindy reported that she contacted Russ Bailey from the Town of Alton regarding coordinating a meeting with their Milfoil Committee. There is no committee in Alton at this time, but the Selectmen are in the process of forming one.
- Don contacted the State Highway Department regarding placing jersey barriers at the Jones Pond and Merrymeeting River Bridge unofficial boat launches.

- Cindy asked Ed Neister about treatment of the milfoil with bottom barriers. He said that the process is tedious and takes at least a year for any noticeable effects on the plant.
- Art introduced Ed Neister and updated him on the State funding for the 2009 Milfoil treatment.
- Sue contacted Amy to ask her to attend a special meeting on Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. She stated that she will be in attendance.

(4). **Ed Neister information:**

- Ed reported on the effects of treatment in the Suncook River. He said that it is very important to identify high silt areas because the milfoil is more difficult to treat in these areas. The plant life will come back in spotty areas of deep silt, but the low silt areas will see less plant growth.

A test treatment was done on Suncook in 2006 through a \$50,000.00 research program with the University of New Hampshire. In 2007 the divers went in and found that the milfoil was back in “full force” in the high silt areas with roots up to 14 inches long. The silt in the area was up to 5 feet deep.

In 2007/2008 another \$50,000.00 was allocated for research with the University of New Hampshire using students to determine the most beneficial treatment.

In 2008 Suncook was treated with a double dose at 100lbs/acre. The most beneficial treatment seems to be double dose, single dose and retreatment.

Ed suggested that we look into a Research and Development Grant. The two applications can be found on the DES website. Also, the Suncook River research can be found on the DES website.

Ed suggested that we approach DES regarding the concept of doing research and the use of the USV (Underwater Survey Vessel).

(5). **Things to do in 2009:**

- Art will contact Jeff Schloss from the University of New Hampshire
  - Fred will contact Amy with questions and information for the meeting on February 25<sup>th</sup>.
    - Thorough mapping of all of the water bodies from upstream at the fish Hatchery to Downings Pond.
  - Install jersey barriers at unofficial boat launches at Jones Pond and Merrymeeting River Bridge.
  - Divers to go in and check for effectiveness of last September’s treatment of Jones Pond.
  - Lower Jones Pond in fall for freeze.
  - Request another \$10,000 from the Town for treatment in 2010.
  - Contact divers regarding interest in certification.

(6). **Town Meeting in March:**

- Fred will speak as a representative from the committee to explain the need for treatment and try to convince the citizens to vote to keep the \$10,000 on the Warrant Article as a Capital Reserve

(7). **Special meeting:**

- A special meeting will be held on February 25<sup>th</sup> to address our concerns. Amy Smagula will be in attendance.
- Art will invite David Bickford to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15

**The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at 6:30PM in the Town Hall. This will replace the regular meeting scheduled for March 18, 2009.**

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