

MILFOIL AND INVASIVE AQUATIC WEEDS COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

June 23, 2010

6:30 PM

New Durham Town Hall

Present: Art Hoover, Aline Goss, Alan McQuiston, Don Holm, Leeann Beals, Fred Quimby and Tom Rogenski

Absent: Susan Hoover, Cynthia Quimby, Cindy McEntire and Fawn Choate

(1). Call to order: Art Hoover convened the regularly scheduled meeting at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall. A motion to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2010 meeting were moved by Don and seconded by Fred and approved unanimously.

(2). Amy Smagula has answered Art's questions and everyone on the committee received an electronic copy to review. It does not appear that we can stop motor boats from being launched into the treatment area of the river while the treatment for milfoil is taking place. The first treatment date is July 21, 2010.

(3). Art will be making a presentation to the Merrymeeting Lake Association, on milfoil and the need to support its eradication in the river, on Saturday June 26, at 9AM in the New Durham School. MMLA members who are also milfoil committee members are encouraged to attend. Art may be able to get a quote from Ricky Rines for use of the harvester with divers in Jones Pond before the meeting and if so, he will present the amount as an example of how the Association can make a contribution. Art will invite Ricky to the MMLA meeting.

(4). Art will be making a presentation to the Selectmen at their next meeting Monday June 28, 2010 at Town Hall. Art will emphasize that fighting milfoil is not a single treatment event and that persistence over a number of years will be necessary and will require consecutive warrant articles . All committee members are welcome to attend.

(5). The Town's sign designating the Merrymeeting River boat launch site is missing and boaters are trying to launch boats on trailers over the river bank from the road. Twice Fred has had to stop because trucks pulling boat trailers are across the road. Perhaps they do not know an official launch site exist. Fred went to Town Hall and discovered the sign was stolen. He requested the Selectmen approve a sum of money to construct and install a new sign at the launch site. This will come up at the Monday Selectmen's meeting.

(6). Art will ask Fawn to organize the local certified divers such that a trial run for hand pulling milfoil can be scheduled for Jones Pond before the treatment date. Art will also ask for divers from Alton and Barnstead to participate.

(7). Fred will begin discussions now with State officials to get the Jones Pond area (from Jones Pond dam to the Merrymeeting River bridge on MML Road) water lowered by 3 feet (as was done in 2008) between November 15 and December 15, 2010. The goal once again is to allow the exposed plants to freeze during winter.

(8). A motion to adjourn was made by Fred and seconded by Leeann and approved unanimously at 7:18PM.

Sincerely, Fred Quimby, Acting Secretary