DRAFT MINUTES Milfoil and Invasive Aquatic Weeds Committee

Minutes of the Meeting August 19, 2015 New Durham Town Hall

Present: Art Hoover, Aline Goss, Cynthia and Fred Quimby, Tom Rogenski Absent: Sue Hoover, Bill Meyer

1. Call to order: Fred Quimby convened the scheduled meeting at 6:27PM at the Town Hall. The minutes of the June 15, 2015 meeting were read and discussed. Aline moved and Cynthia seconded a motion to accept the minutes. The vote for approval was unanimous.
2. Aquatic Control Technology completed the June treatment of the designated 18.8 acre area of Jones Pond. Amy Smagula (NHDES) had surveyed Jones Pond since this treatment and recommended, a second treatment with Navigate (2, 4-BEE granular) be applied in September. Tentative date for application is 9/11/2015. Fred passed on the survey maps supplied by Amy. The herbicide treatment area is the 18.8 acre area forming the S bend after the Merrymeeting Road Bridge, which remains the most heavily infested area in Jones Pond.
3. NHDES water tests at Downing Pond show a cyanobacteria concentration of 4.1 million cells of cyanobacteria /ml of water. The state standard is 70,000 cells/ml of water. They have posted signs discouraging any direct contact with the water. DES will continue to test the water on a weekly basis until the bloom has subsided.
4. New England Milfoil Co has been notified about the cyanobacteria in Downing Pond, and will postpone their hand pulling of Milfoil plants until September. First, they will remove the small amount of Milfoil plants in Downing Pond, than move to Jones Pond and continue until they have completed their 2-4 day contract.
5. The committee discussed next year’s NHDES application to the Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant Program. Fred will complete this application as agreed upon by the committee.
6. Cynthia moved for adjournment and it was seconded by Aline, vote for adjournment was unanimous. Adjourned at 7:00PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Rogenski, Secretary