

MOULTONBOROUGH, TUFTONBORO, WOLFEBORO
Joint Board Meeting for the
IMA on Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control

July 25, 2013
Meeting Minutes

Present: Bill Marcussen (Tuftonboro), Daniel Duffy (Tuftonboro), Ken Marschner (Wolfeboro), Linda Murray (Wolfeboro), Dave Owen (Wolfeboro, Alternate), Carter Terenzini (Moultonborough), Peter Jensen (Moultonborough), Karin Nelson (Moultonborough)-Alternate)

Absent: Steve Wingate (Tuftonboro, Alternate)

Call to Order: The chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Peter Jensen was introduced as a new member of the board from Moultonborough. He replaces Al Hoch who had resigned.

Minutes: The minutes of June 26, 2013 were taken up. It was moved by Daniel Duffy, seconded by Al Hoch to approve the minutes as presented. Unanimous Approval

Financial: As of 07/26/2013 there was \$22,081.38 available for expenditure. Moved by Linda Murray, seconded by Ken Marschner to accept the report as submitted. Unanimous Approval

New Business:

A. Administration Contract: Following on a suggestion at the June 26th meeting, Amy Smagula of DES was present. Amy explained that all of the services to be funded with state grant dollars needed to go out to bid. She has, however, developed a workaround in that communities may use a vendor they prefer as long as they understand she will only reimburse at the lower “bid” rate. She said that she would be willing to put the IMA work out to bid and noted that DES would not add any service fees. Peter Jensen suggested this would allow Amy to look at a single management plan for the East side of the lake. Amy felt that there was value to each town having their own plan especially when you go to Town Meeting for “your money” to do “your work” Ken was concerned this created a winner takes all situation while Amy advised we could still compare the overall package to smaller jobs within it. Carter Terenzini asked if this meant the contracts would be directly between the towns and the vendors and learned that it would. Ken Marschner asked if there any other efforts like this IMA and learned from Amy that there were not. Karin Nelson asked if the bidders must use the DASH boats and learned from Amy that some vendors are ok with it while others are not. Linda Murray expressed some concern about the future of the boats as they had been

what had brought us into being while Carter thought we should keep an eye on the overall objective of driving pricing down. Bill Marcussen thought that our ownership of boats is a model yet to be decided. He said that we saw the cost of Capital Equipment as a barrier to entry for many who might be interested in providing this service. Carter Terenzini asked if the real question isn't if towns are willing to set aside their "level of comfort" with their preferred vendors and go with the low bidders brought to us by the state? Peter Jensen spoke of how they decided who was most productive by measuring quantities removed. Ken said Wolfeboro was comfortable with their firm. Carter Terenzini said that with a possible opportunity to get lower bids (state bid has been lower than IMA bid and not incur an administration fee, but having an option to choose who you want (recognizing that the grant reimbursement is tied to the low bid) he thought it made sense to move forward. He asked about the timeline and was advised by Amy that it would track the grant process. Amy also mentioned she currently had five vendors in her contract pool. Linda Murray moved, seconded by Peter Jensen, to ask DES to put the 2014 DASH and Hand Pulling contracts out to bid on behalf of the IMA Joint Board. Unanimous Approval

Updates:

- A. **DASH #1:** Bill said the vendor was very happy with the performance of the unit and anticipates extending his usage in accordance with lease.
- B. **DASH #2:** Tuftonboro has used it for four (4) days and it is working in Moultonborough now.
- C. **Informational Brochure** on easy self-help to do tips to help the waterways with regard to milfoil and invasive plants and in general. Carter Terenzini offered to put this into the needed form if provided with the materials. Ken showed many of the DES brochures available now. There was a discussion of how we might condense them into one general handout while carrying out the distribution of the individual more specific brochures.
- D. **Info/promo Video:** Dave Owen spoke to the video now in process with Wolfeboro Community Television.
- E. **2014 Budget:** It was noted that we are doing very favorably in comparison to our budget. Bill will ask John Jude his thoughts on a 2014 rental in order to project our revenues. Bill will also do a draft budget for the next meeting.

Old Business:

- A. **NH Lakes Fest:** NH Lakes asked for two boats toward this effort but we can only do one. Bill will tell Andrea we are interested in doing this and Board members will reach out to potential participants.

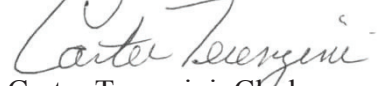
B. Milfoil Funding Coalition: Ken Marschner gave a report on the effort to secure more milfoil funding and the possibility of hiring a lobbyist. Carter Terenzini suggested we consider seeking a local option modeled on the two auto registration add-ons.

C. Unused Mooring Covers: These have not been used to date and Bill suggested selling them. Carter Terenzini moved, seconded by Linda Murray, to authorize Bill to sell them for a minimum of \$50 a piece. Unanimous Approval.

Next Meeting: The next meeting will be August 22, 2013 at 9:00 a.m. at the Tuftonboro Town Offices.

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carter Terenzini, Clerk

On this Date of July 25, 2013