

**TUFTONBORO and WOLFEBORO
Joint Board Meeting for the
IMA on Aquatic Nuisance Plant Control**

**January 12, 2016
Meeting Minutes**

Present: Bill Marcussen (Tuftonboro), Steve Wingate (Tuftonboro-Alternate), Dan Duffy (Tuftonboro), Lloyd Wood (Tuftonboro) Ken Marschner (Wolfefboro), David Owen (Wolfefboro-Alternate), Linda Murray (Wolfefboro), and Kathy Barnard (Wolfefboro-Alternate).

Absent: None

Call to Order: Chairman Bill Marcussen convened the meeting at 9:00 AM at the Wolfefboro Town Hall Annex conference meeting room. Dan Duffy introduced Lloyd Wood, a Selectman in Tuftonboro, who may be replacing Dan on the Milfoil Joint Board when he leaves office in March.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the October 7, 2015 were reviewed. It was moved by Ken Marschner and seconded by Steve Wingate to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2015 meeting as written and submitted, which motion was approved unanimously and the minutes of October 7, 2015 meeting were approved, with Dan Duffy and Linda Murray abstaining from the vote.

Financial Report: Dave Owen provided copies of a Report of Revenues and Expenses as of December 31, 2015, which reflected net funds available for expenditure of \$24,778.92. He pointed out that one invoice in the amount of \$346.25 is not reflected in the report, as it was paid out after December 31, 2015. Also, the report does not yet reflect receivables for the 2016 dues payable by both towns to the Milfoil Joint Board, as they have not yet been invoiced for those amounts. It was then moved by Ken Marschner and seconded by Dan Duffy to approve the financial report as submitted, which was then approved by unanimous vote.

Old Business: 1. DASH Unit Update

Bill Marcussen stated that the DASH unit is put away for the winter. No pressure washing of it was needed, but there were some items needing to be addressed that didn't get taken care of in the fall. Ken Marschner stated that the PVC liner for the poles needs to be replaced, and a T-bolt came loose that needs to be re-welded to be usable again. Also, there is a leak somewhere between a float valve and the connecting hose that needs to be located and sealed.

2. Town Updates

Kathy Barnard, Chairman of Wolfefboro's Milfoil Control Committee, said she is waiting to hear from Amy Smagula to see what she wants us to do. She stated that Wolfefboro is hoping to do more hand pulling of milfoil this year and to avoid

chemical treatment again this year if possible. Ken Marschner commented that last year Wolfeboro Bay was clean of milfoil until July, and then regrowth of milfoil occurred rapidly, mostly around the docks. Kathy stated that another positive last year is that we didn't have to collect many fragments. Both agreed that the situation is much better than before.

Bill Marcussen reported that Tuftonboro harvested milfoil for 3 days in total last year. They found milfoil mostly in places where boats congregate, such as around marinas and docks. He stated that there is less milfoil each year. He talked to Amy Smagula last week, and she hope to have everything ready for Tuftonboro by the end of this week.

3. Lakewide Milfoil Working Group

Bill Marcussen stated that the Lakewide Milfoil Working Group met in October, with people in attendance from different communities around the lake who discussed ways of dealing with milfoil, which was useful. Steve Wingate commented that it is also useful as a way to prepare with the next invasive species. He cited Lake Champlain as an example of a lake besieged by invasive species. No date has been set for the next meeting of the Group.

New Business: 1. Annual Report

Bill Marcussen circulated a copy of the Annual Report of the Milfoil Joint Board he had written for the Town Reports of Tuftonboro and Wolfeboro. There were no suggestions for changes, as everyone felt it looked fine.

2. 2016 Town Milfoil Control Programs

Bill Marcussen reported that Tuftonboro is going out to bid for 8 days of treatment of milfoil and phragmites. Kathy Barnard stated that Wolfeboro's 2016 budget for milfoil control includes both chemical treatment and hand pulling, but she is hopeful of not having to do chemical treatment this year. It will depend on what we're facing this year. Kathy also reported that Amy Smagula said that our grant reimbursement rate may be as high as 40% this year, thanks to an increase in boat registration fees.

3. 2016 Contractor Pricing

Bill Marcussen provided a summary of the price quotes by milfoil divers, which reflected very little discounts for using our DASH boat instead of the contractor having to provide his own unit. Only 1 out of 3 vendors provided any discount at all, while one vendor would charge more for having to use our boat, while another vendor provided no discount at all. Bill said that for him the main take away of this is that there is little or no advantage to having our own DASH boat. Aqualogics is the only vendor giving us a cost advantage for using our own boat. He said that they have used Aqualogics before, and will use them again. While they are not as experienced as Cliff's group, but they are located on this lake. Lind Murray stated that having a DASH boat has been helpful in keeping down the price for milfoil harvesting and keeping it

competitive. Otherwise, prices will start to go up again. She sees Wolfeboro using the DASH boat more, as the Town tries to avoid chemical treatment again this year.

4. DASH Unit Annual Air Testing

Bill Marcussen stated that if we're not going to use our boat, there is no need to do air testing and to incur other costs for maintaining and preparing the boat. He provided a summary of air testing costs, and noted that the price of this service has gone up considerably over the past 3 years. Ken Marschner stated that the Fire Department uses United Divers for their cascade system, and Dive Winnepesaukee uses them too, and their costs are much less. Linda Murray said that she would like to know how the Squam Lakes Association deals with them. Bill said he would follow up with them.

Other Business: Ken Marschner reported that he successfully re-registered the DASH boat at the DMV.

Next Meeting The next meeting was set for 10:00 AM on March 15, 2016 at the Wolfeboro Town Hall.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 9:55 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Owen,
Secretary