

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

February 25, 2014
Meeting Minutes

Present: Ken Marschner (Wolfeboro), Linda Murray (Wolfeboro), David Owen (Wolfeboro-Alternate), Karin Nelson (Moultonborough-Alternate), Scott Bartlett (Moultonborough), Bill Marcussen (Tuftonboro), and Steve Wingate (Tuftonboro-Alternate).

Absent: Carter Terenzini (Moultonborough), Dan Duffy (Tuftonboro),

Karin Nelson sat in as a voting member for Moultonborough in place of Carter Terenzini and Steve Wingate sat in as a voting member for Tuftonboro in place of Dan Duffy.

Call to Order: Chairman Bill Marcussen convened the meeting at 9:00 AM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices meeting room.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the January 28, 2014 meeting were reviewed. A few revisions were offered, as follows:

- On the first page under Absent, delete the name of Peter Jensen-Moultonboro. Also, under Call to Order, change Tuftonboro Town House to Tuftonboro Town Offices.
- On the last page under Next Meeting, again change Tuftonboro Town House to Tuftonboro Town Offices.

It was moved to accept the minutes with these minor revisions by Ken Marschner and was seconded by Scott Bartlett. The minutes were unanimously approved with these changes.

Financial Report: Dave Owen provided copies of a new financial report dated February 19, 2014. It again reflects the receipt of \$600 from Aqualogics for late return fees as the only revenue received in 2014, and the expenditure of \$503.24 to date in 2014, primarily for supplies reimbursement (replacement air hoses). The net amount available for expenditure is \$30,174.78. It was reported that there are more expenses to come for service work on hoses and regulators after parts are received by Dive Winnepesaukee on March 3rd, the cost of such work which is to be billed to Aqualogics.

Old Business: 1. DASH #1 Status Update

Bill Marcussen reported that he informed John Jude that we accepted his offer to buy DASH 1 for \$10,400. Lane's End Marina still has to do some repair work on DASH 1, and after that service work is completed, it will be billed and collected before finalizing the transaction for the sale of DASH 1, which will

probably be done by mid-to-late March. Bill stated that we would have to generate a Bill of Sale for DASH 1 and the trailer, and we will have to pull our plates off the trailer. He also suggested that we should require a bank check in the full amount before releasing DASH 1 to the buyer. Karin Nelson asked if the buyer might have any interest in the boat cover that we have for DASH 1. Bill suggested that we could offer it to the buyer for free.

Bill Marcussen also expressed some misgivings about the way that this Board's vote to sell DASH 1 had been structured, which made it contingent upon getting the concurrence of the Select Boards of the three towns. This seemed to convey that the Milfoil Joint Board did not have the authority to decide the DASH unit on its own, when, in fact, the Milfoil Joint Board has the ability to make such a decision without waiting for votes of concurrence from the towns. Scott Bartlett said that it was just an informational courtesy. Dave Owen said that he didn't think the Milfoil Joint Board needed to make its vote contingent upon Select Boards' approval, but he didn't see that it did any harm doing it that way. Bill Marcussen expressed his concern that the Milfoil Joint Board could lose its autonomy due to having to wait on Select Boards to make their decisions. Ken Marschner expressed concern about timing problems in making decision if we have to wait on Board of Selectmen votes.

2. Informational/Promotional Video

Scott Bartlett had the video presentation about milfoil harvesting in Moultonborough on his computer, and he played it for the group. The video presentation is about 7-8 minutes long, and it was dedicated to the memory of Peter Jensen. After viewing it, there was consensus that it was very good work. Karin Nelson commented that it could still possibly use a portion on identifying exotic invasive species, like variable milfoil, and it could also use an introduction or overview, possibly with a link to weed identification. Ken Marschner stated that Amy Smagula of D.E.S. already had a video on weed identification, and we could possibly use that. Linda Murray said that she would like to share the video with Wolfeboro's Milfoil Control Committee, and then with the Board of Selectmen at one of their meetings. Ken Marschner suggested that we could send copies of our video to other groups, like the Lake Ossipee Alliance, around the state. It was decided that Karin and Scott will ask Peter Pijoan of Wolfeboro Community TV to add a title page and will discuss whether to add a section or link to weed identification. When it is completed, it will be distributed to the three member towns for inclusion on their websites.

3. DASH Unit Requirements and Draft Schedule

Bill Marcussen handed out 3 pages of information as follows:

- Milfoil Joint Board DASH Harvesting Days
- Milfoil Joint Board Billing & Revenue
- Milfoil Joint Board Fixed Costs

Each of these documents covered the period of 2011 through 2013 with projections for 2014. As these 3 documents pertain not only to this agenda item, but also to Old Business agenda items 4. DASH Unit daily fee, and 5. Annual member contributions, they were discussed and voted on together.

To begin, Bill Marcussen pointed out that the 3 towns' utilization of the DASH units will be going from 39% in 2013 to a projected 47% in 2014 with just the one DASH unit. Bill also did a recap of DASH billings and revenue and fixed costs projections for 2014, after which he proposed to reduce the daily use fee to \$50/day for member towns. There was some discussion relative to the pros and cons of reducing the daily use fee versus reducing the member towns' annual contribution (\$1,500 each). Dave Owen said he would prefer to eliminate the daily use fee for member towns and to maintain the annual contribution amount of \$1,500. He said in this way the disincentive for using our DASH unit (versus other contractors with their own equipment) is eliminated, and all three towns already have \$1,500 in their budgets for 2014. After some discussion about this idea, Linda Murray moved, and Scott Bartlett seconded, to reduce the daily use fee to \$0/day for member towns and to maintain the annual contribution amount at \$1,500. This motion was approved unanimously.

6. HB 292

Ken Marschner reported that the entire Wolfeboro legislative delegation, including Senator Bradley and Representatives Ahlgren and Schmidt, have been contacted and that they are on board with House Bill 292. Linda Murray stated that the House Ways and Means Committee will hear the bill on March 6th at 10:00 AM. The bill would increase boat registration fees in New Hampshire by \$2/year, which will generate about \$200,000/year for use in fighting exotic species, like variable milfoil. Bob Reynolds of the Ossipee Lake Alliance is seeking to line up witnesses to testify at the hearing on the bill.

New Business:

Ken Marschner suggested that we contact the Scott Lawson group to see what the cost of doing air quality testing for just one DASH unit rather than two will be. He said that there will probably be some cost savings, but not a lot, as they still have to travel from Concord to Tuftonboro to conduct the test. He provided the name of Melissa Bowler as the contact person at the Scott Lawson Group to arrange the air quality testing.

Other Business: Bill Marcussen said that he had been contacted by another milfoil contractor Interested in doing work for the towns. The name of the firm is Milfoil Extractors, LLC. The owner's name is David Burrows, a graduate of Plymouth State College with 5 years experience in removing invasive species. Bill said that he will distribute the new contractor's information to members for their information.

Steve Wingate mentioned the upcoming New Hampshire Water & Watershed Conference on March 21st at Plymouth State University and urged members to consider attending. The cost is \$50 for this all-day event. He also mentioned that the Winnepesaukee Watershed Association is holding a “Love Your Lakes” dinner on the Mt. Washington on June 29th and urged members to consider attending this event.

Karin Nelson announced that the annual weed watchers training event with Amy Smagula for NH DES will take place at the Moultonborough Public Library on May 18th at 1:00 PM.

Next Meeting It was decided that the next meeting of the Milfoil Joint Board will be on Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at 9:00 AM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices.

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 10:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Owen,
Acting Secretary

