

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

**April 21, 2015  
Meeting Minutes**

**Present:** Bill Marcussen (Tuftonboro), Steve Wingate (Tuftonboro-Alternate), Linda Murray (Wolfeboro), David Owen (Wolfeboro-Alternate), Kathy Bernard (Wolfeboro-Alternate) Scott Bartlett (Moultonborough), Karin Nelson (Moultonborough-Alternate), and Jeanne Beadle (Moultonborough). Also Al Hoch of Moultonborough was also in attendance as a visitor.

**Absent:** Dan Duffy (Tuftonboro) and Ken Marschner (Wolfeboro).

**Call to Order:** Chairman Bill Marcussen convened the meeting at 9:00 AM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices meeting room, with Dave Owen and Steve Wingate seated as voting members in the absence of Dan Duffy and Ken Marschner. Bill asked Dave Owen if he would be willing to serve as the Board's regular Secretary, as Carter Terenzini is no longer with the Town of Moultonborough. Dave agreed to serve as secretary, whereupon Linda Murray moved, and Steve Wingate seconded, to appoint Dave Owen as the Board's secretary. The motion as passed by unanimous vote.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of March 12, 2015 were reviewed, and several misspellings and clarifications were pointed out. It was moved by Dave Owen, and seconded by Steve Wingate to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2015 as corrected and amended at the meeting. The motion was approved with Jeanne Beadle abstaining and the minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting were approved as amended. Bill Marcussen agreed to send out the revised minutes of the March 12, 2015 meeting to the members.

**Financial Report:** Dave Owen stated that he realized on the way over to the meeting that the financial report he has is in error, and needs to be corrected. Nevertheless, he pointed out that the IMA Joint Board began the year with a balance of \$43,694.81, and has had expenditures of only \$11.90 to date. He will send out corrected financial reports to Board members electronically. [Note: Revised financial reports were sent out to Board members on April 22, 2015.]

**Old Business:** 1. DASH Unit Update

Bill Marcussen reported that our DASH boat is still in storage, and no work has been done on it yet, but it is not needed until mid-May. There is a hose that needs to be repaired. Dave Owen provided him with the registration tags for the DASH boat's trailer, which was re-registered by the Town of Wolfeboro this winter.

## 2. DASH Unit Annual Air Testing

Bill Marcussen reported that the Scott Lawson Group provided a cost estimate of \$1,090 to do the annual air testing, as opposed to only \$680 that they charged us last year. However, Lawson is working on a revised proposal for us that would combine the air testing on our DASH unit with those of AB Aquatics, which will likely reduce the cost to us. This air testing must be done before the DASH unit is used this year.

## 3. Individual Town Updates

Scott Bartlett reported that Moultonborough is sponsoring weedwatcher training on June 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the Moultonborough Public Library, and that they are trying to arrange the Lake Host training on the same date. He announced that Moultonborough is opening up this training to people from other communities around the Lake. Linda Murray said that she will notify the Lake Wentworth Association about this training opportunity. Scott Bartlett said that he will keep us apprised of their progress in arranging this training. Al Hoch reported that Moultonborough will begin installing barriers and vacuuming operations in early to mid-June.

Linda Murray reported that Wolfeboro's contractor has maintained his same price again this year, and that the Town's contractor already uses a 3-man crew and has all the necessary equipment so that we are OSHA-compliant. Wolfeboro will probably begin milfoil harvesting operations in late June, and with hand-pulling of milfoil in August, if necessary. Wolfeboro projects 8 days of DASH boat use this summer.

Bill Marcussen reported that Tuftonboro will be doing diver-assisted harvesting only this year. Tuftonboro is waiting to determine the extent of the need for these services as well as the timing of this work. While Tuftonboro has some rocky areas to harvest, it's no where near as much as Moultonborough has to deal with. He said that Tuftonboro is projecting to need 5 days of diver-assisted milfoil harvesting services this year. He said he had talked to both N.E. Milfoil and Aqualogics and both firms are on top of being OSHA-compliant. He reported receiving a call from N.E. Milfoil last week, which wanted to look at our DASH boat to make sure all the connections are right and fit their gear. Also, Aqualogics reports that it will not require any modification of our DASH unit to comply with OSHA requirements.

## 4. Diver Harvesting OSHA Compliance

Karin Nelson raised a question about the cost of upgrading the DASH units to be OSHA-compliant. Scott Bartlett stated that additional signage and flags are required; specifically, the international diving flag versus the diver down flag. It was agreed that if the international diving flag is required by State regulations, then we should get one. Bill Marcussen said that he will obtain one. Also, it was stated that the condensation bleed valve is on the wrong end of the tank, as identified in the OSHA report. Karin Nelson pointed out that we're also supposed

to have a safety line, to which Bill said that we need to find out if Cliff will bring one or if we need to supply it. Scott Bartlett mentioned that we need to find out if the contractors' wireless communication systems work. Karin Nelson noted that Moultonborough is working on a letter regarding OSHA compliance, which will seek certain exceptions or modifications, but it is not geared to getting any results this year.

## **New Business:**

### 1. Lake-wide Milfoil Working Group

Karin Nelson reported that we should expect to receive information via e-mail about having a whole Lake-wide group meeting about milfoil efforts of the various communities around Lake Winnepesaukee. We should expect to be contacted some time soon. She said that Amy Smagula suggested a pre-season meeting, and then a mid-summer meeting to share information about milfoil eradication efforts around the Lake. The next thing is to identify dates for these meetings. Linda Murray suggested adding the Lake Wentworth Association to the mailing list for these meetings. Steve Wingate said that the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed Association is trying to get other lakes around Lake Winnepesaukee interested also. Scott Bartlett suggested that we push ahead and try to get dates set and invitations out. He also stated that Moultonborough is willing to serve as the meeting site for these meetings. Scott Bartlett moved to endorse these activities and to work to support them. Linda Murray seconded, and the motion was approved unanimously.

### 2. IMA Expiration or Extension (9/30/2015)

Bill Marcussen said that the Intermunicipal Agreement between the three towns is coming up on its 5 year anniversary. He cited the "Term" section of the Intermunicipal Agreement which reads as follows: "This Agreement shall end on September 30, 2015 unless otherwise extended or terminated as set forth herein." Scott Bartlett said that Moultonborough advocates getting out of the boat business and it doesn't see a need to continue the boat asset. He said they think we can evolve to a broader scale organization around the lake without the boat.

Linda Murray said that Wolfeboro comes at this question from a different angle. She stated that Wolfeboro was able to reduce its cost of milfoil harvesting by contractors by \$400/day through the IMA. She said Wolfeboro would like to continue because it has worked well for Wolfeboro.

Bill Marcussen said that Tufonboro has had a very positive experience in working with the DASH boat with 3 different contractors. He said that the Tufonboro Milfoil Committee believes it's working well. He said they understand Moultonborough's perspective, but Tufonboro sees continuing

benefit from use of the DASH unit.

Karin Nelson advised that that Moultonborough Milfoil Committee has voted that it does not want to be part of the IMA any more. She suggested letting it expire, and distribute the assets among the 3 towns. Scott Bartlett said that Moultonborough doesn't want to own an asset, and spend so much time managing it.

Linda Murray stated that as the IMA fits Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro's needs but doesn't fit Moultonborough needs at present, the question becomes how to divide up the assets, which is not spelled out in the IMA Agreement. She suggests dividing up the assets three ways, but she will have to take that question up with the Wolfeboro Milfoil Committee.

**Other Business:** Al Hoch mentioned an application for I-pads which enables the user to mark up PDF maps of Lake Winnepesaukee to show where milfoil has been found.

Steven Wingate said that DES and volunteers are doing a 5-year state-wide ice-out water quality survey of lakes around the state. Because of Lake Winnepesaukee's size, multiple sample points will be used. The purpose of the study is to determine any long-term changes in water quality.

**Next Meeting** It was decided that the next meeting of the Milfoil Joint Board will be on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices.

**Adjournment** Linda Murray moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Steve Wingate and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:22 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Owen,  
Secretary

