

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

January 28, 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 Dan Duffy (Tuftonboro).

Absent: Carter Terenzini (Moultonborough), Steve Wingate (Tuftonboro-Alternate)

Karin Nelson sat in as a voting member for Moultonborough in place of Carter Terenzini.

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

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of the December 19, 2013 meeting were reviewed. A few revisions were offered, as follows:

- On the second page under 5. Other Old Business, in the fifth line from the bottom, change "Ken reported..." to "Scott reported..."
- In the first line of the last paragraph on page 2, change the word "agree" to "agreed."
- On page 3 under New Business item #2. 2014 Diver Proposal, beginning in the third line, change "only Cliff specified 8 hour work days" to "only Cliff offered 8 hour work days as an option."
- In the second bullet under New Business, add the letter "d" to the word "increase" in the third line.

It was moved to accept the minutes with these revisions by the Scott Bartlett which was seconded by Ken Marschner. The minutes were then unanimously approved with these changes, with Linda Murray and Karin Nelson abstaining.

Financial Report: Dave Owen provided copies of a new financial report dated January 27, 2014. It reflects the receipt of \$600 from Aqualogics for late return fees, and the expenditure of \$349.25 for supplies reimbursement (replacement air hoses). The net amount available for expenditure is \$30,328.77.

Old Business: 1. DASH #1 Status Update

Bill Marcussen reported that DASH 1 is in good serviceable condition. We are currently waiting for the delivery of the regulators. Service on the regulators will be done by Dive Winnepesaukee and then the air hoses and the work on the regulators will be billed to Aqualogics. The old air hoses will go to Aqualogics.

2. Informational/Promotional Video

Karin Nelson reported that Peter Jensen has taken over this project for Moultonborough and that she is still planning to do the voice-overs. She and Peter are planning on getting together with Peter Pijoan of Wolfeboro Community TV later this week to work on the project. They will try to wrap up this video presentation project by the time of this group's next meeting. Dave Owen stated that he would check in with Peter Pijoan to monitor the status of the project.

3. DASH Crew OSHA Requirements

Ken Marschner reported that he had called some OSHA people, and that Scott Bartlett had followed up with Bill Todd of OSHA, who is also a diver. Ken synopsised his findings in an e-mail he sent out to Joint Milfoil Board members. Basically, he found that 2-person dive crews are allowed by OSHA in certain circumstances, such as working in water that is less than 100 feet deep. However, the diver-in-charge should have a written dive plan and the diver must be continuously tended to. Free divers must also be tethered. The rules require constant communications with the diver. In summary, Ken said that 2-person dive teams are allowed, so long as certain provisions are followed, such as the boat must be anchored during diver operations.

Scott Bartlett reported that the OSHA representative said that our type of diving operation is considered a low-risk operation. However, he recommended that both divers have commercial diver certifications, something that we have not required. He said that we are also somewhat deficient in terms of 2-way communications with the divers and having a mechanical way of extracting the diver from the water if necessary. Scott believes that responsibility for OSHA compliance should be placed firmly on the contractors. He developed a contract stipulation for that purpose that he shared with the Committee. It reads as follows: "The diving contractor shall be responsible for compliance with all Local, State, and Federal regulations applicable to this work for the Town of _____."

Ken said that Wolfeboro already has language requiring compliance with all rules and regulations in its contracts with divers. Scott asked if we should make equipment changes to the DASH units to comply with safety requirements. He offered that the OSHA rep said that our operation is considered a low-risk diving operation, and that OSHA would go after the contractors for safety violations, not the towns. However, he said that tethering the divers certainly makes sense. After more lengthy discussion, it was decided that each town should incorporate appropriate language into their diving contracts requiring compliance with all safety rules and regulations.

4. DASH I Purchase Proposal

Despite having received no bids for the lease or purchase of DASH I prior to the December 19th meeting, Bill Marcussen reported that John Jude has now put forward an offer to purchase DASH I for the amount of \$10,400. It was noted that this exceeds the minimum bid amount (\$10,000). Karin stated that she supports selling it for the amount offered. It was stated that we paid about \$5,000 for the boat and trailer and we spent about another \$13,000 outfitting it as a DASH unit, so we have about \$18,000 into it. However, it costs about \$1,000 annually to service and store it, and DASH I needs a new motor, and it would be quite expensive to replace it.

The projected use of the DASH units by the towns does not warrant having 2 DASH units, per the following projected use by each town this year:
Tuftonboro—5-10 days (one week early in the season, 1 week later in season)
Wolfeboro—10-13 days (in June)
Moultonborough—18-20 days (in July & August)

Linda Murray suggested making the sale of DASH I contingent upon consultation with the Boards of Selectmen. It was moved by Karin Nelson to approve the sale of DASH I to Aqualogics as per their proposal, subject to the concurrence of the Towns' respective Boards of Selectmen. Linda Murray seconded the motion. The motion was then approved unanimously.

5. 2014 Diver Harvesting Proposals

Ken provided a clarification on Cliff Cabral's proposal, to the effect that there will be no discount provided for using our DASH unit on his 2-person dive option, for which the price is \$840, but he will provide a discount for using our DASH unit for the 3-person dive operation option, which will cost \$1,040. This discount will also extend to Tuftonboro and Moultonborough.

Bill Marcussen reported that he had spoken with Amy Smagula at DES, who is waiting for the grant awards to be authorized. She is fine with whomever the Towns chose as their contractors. Bill also reported that Tuftonboro is considering using Cliff Cabral as its contractor this year.

New Business:

1. DASH Unit Requirements and Draft Schedule

The Towns' requirements for DASH boat services and their schedule for such use was already discussed (see #4 under Old Business).

2. DASH Unit Daily Fee

Bill Marcussen proposed reducing the daily use fee for the DASH units, due to the substantial balance of funds we have available for expenditure, which will be augmented even more by the sale of DASH I. Specifically, he proposed reducing the daily use fee from \$175/day to \$100/day. However, he

stated he is not seeking a vote on this proposal today, but rather that the members think about it until the next meeting. In addition, Linda Murrery suggested that the amount that each town contributes each year (\$1,500) to support the Milfoil Joint Board could also possibly be reduced.

Other Business: Dan Duffy reported on the status of HB 292, which would raise boat Registration fees to raise funds to deal with invasive species, like milfoil. Ken reported that he had registered both DASH boats. He provided the original copies of the boat registrations to Dave Owen for safekeeping.

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

Adjournment The meeting adjourned at 10:21 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Owen,
Acting Secretary