

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

October 10, 2012
Meeting Minutes

Present: Ken Marschner (Wolfeboro), Bill Marcussen (Tuftonboro), Dan Williams (Tuftonboro), Linda Murray (Wolfeboro), Carter Terenzini (Moultonborough), Al Hoch (Moultonborough), Karin Nelson (Moultonborough-Alternate), Daniel Duffy (Tuftonboro)

Absent: David Owen (Wolfeboro-Alternate) (w/prior notification)

Call to Order: The chair called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Dan Williams was seated to act in the stead of Dan Duffy.

Minutes: The minutes of August 29th were reviewed, it was noted that the word "...warranty..." should be removed from Old Business Item B line 2. Al Hoch noted that the Bridal Shiners were also inhibiting the amount of area that could be worked (in Item A) and Karin Nelson noted discussion that the DASH unit should not be rented out of state (Item C). With those corrections and notations Dan Williams moved, seconded by Al Hoch, to approve the minutes as corrected. Unanimous Approval. (C. Terenzini arrives 6:08 p.m.)

Financial Report: The Chair reported that, as of 10/03/12, \$13,600 remained available for expenditure. Dan Williams asked how this positioned us. The Chair said that when the \$8.5K +/- from the DASH rental is turned over by NHLakes and added to \$13.6k we would have a year end fund balance of \$22k. We are projected to tap \$17k of that for 2013 operations.

Old Business:

A.) 2013 Budget: The Chair distributed the final budget for each town to submit to their budget committee/book. He also reviewed the potential equipment to be bought within that budget. The list was held for future discussion.

B.) End of Season Work: The Chair reviewed the winterization work yet to be done. Bill Marcussen recommended that the hubs on the trailers be serviced and it was so agreed. Carter Terenzini asked the Chair if he had sufficient money authorization left and he felt he did. It was noted that DASH 2 needs a heavy cleaning in some areas as does DASH 1. Bill will check on what it would take for us to do it with a rented pressure washer.

C.) DASH Rental Income: Carter gave an overview of how - based upon an estimate of usage by each town - we had come to have the two boats and settle upon the design for them. Bill Marcussen noted that we didn't use the DASH boats as much this year and while the NH Lakes agreement gave them more money there is not a share of much of this flowing to the IMA. He said that we need to think of how this structure works and how we get more money into the IMA. (Dan Duffy arrives at 6:54 p.m.) The Chair noted the disparity between the number of days AB worked with their own boats versus use of IMA Dash. He continued on to recount a conversation he had with Peter Jensen, Moultonborough Milfoil Committee Chair, who said much of the work had included shallow streams and very deep water for which the vendor felt the IMA units were not well suited to. Peter had compared this situation to that of getting a car

repaired where we don't tell the mechanic which tool in his tool box to use. Carter Terenzini pointed out that even if we had the \$6.5k in rental income it doesn't solve the problem it just pushes it off by a year until we can't cover our operations. Al Hoch asked if the point of the IMA had not been to save money. Linda Murray recounted that the per diem pricing in Wolfeboro had been about \$400 higher before the IMA formed and this has saved us money. Carter Terenzini said that the pricing had been first driven down when we got the boats and then when we got the added dive teams. He believed the pricing will pop back up if there is not a sufficient supply of divers and we no longer can support the DASH boats but can use only private boats. Linda Murray said it was also about regionalism and building partnerships. Carter Terenzini spoke to how Moultonborough's SelectBoard had specifically wanted to see other communities in the effort and that spurred the development of the IMA. The fact that there were two things going on, the milfoil removal effort itself and the overall regionalism issue, in fact was the reason why the IMA Board was structured to include a representative from each element; an Executive/BoS Member and a Citizen/Milfoil Committee Member. Al Hoch said that the Moultonborough effort was into areas where the IMA boats are too big and he was concerned there would be a lot of work to redo if the dive teams were not effective. The Chair recounted how there had been a Subcommittee - including a Moultonborough member - which looked at the number of boats needed and the design. He said the volume of work seemed to call for two boats and this demand is also what drove us to replace a motor this summer. Al Hoch said he had heard there was a discussion of different sized boats. The Chair responded that while there had been some discussion on the size issue but it was never believed to be a critical difference in our planning. Dan Williams spoke to how he believed that boat anchors could be better used to secure the boat than the poles which some say take too much time and effort in deep water and moves. Karin Nelson felt that much of this was "Water under the bridge" and that we need to move forward. She said the reason we are here is to get rid of the darn stuff and felt that the boats have their place but Moultonborough is getting into areas where they don't work well. She feels like Moultonborough is getting dumped on and said one needs to look at what we are spending. She said that maybe other Towns need to "crank up" what they spend. Bill Marcussen said Tuftonboro has "cranked up" from \$5k to \$45k but they don't have the size problem that Moultonborough has. Linda Murray said that Wolfeboro has been working on this since 2005. What upset her is that we spent \$6K on a motor we didn't end up needing and would not have spent if we had known Moultonborough was not going to be using the boat. Dan Duffy said Tuftonboro uses Moultonborough as an example and there is no disrespect to the community involved here. The Chair said that a lot of people are looking at us and we are getting a lot of publicity. Carter Terenzini said that we really do not have the data to know what we are talking about and we need it. He said that we need to develop a profile of when and why our boats are not being used and see what - if anything - we can do to modify them so they are fit for purpose. If they can't be economically modified then perhaps we simply need to acknowledge the need to write-off the investment in this "excess" and "wrong sized" equipment and possibly even dispose of one. Al Hoch asked if he should talk with AB and Carter said he felt we should know what we are talking about first. The consensus was for Al and Carter to develop the needed info and report back.

D.) DASH Rental Agreement: Carter Terenzini reviewed the second Draft noting the matter of training on the equipment still needed to be worked out. The item was held for further discussion.

New Business

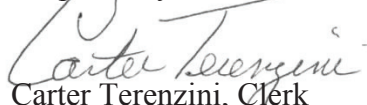
A.) NH Lakes Notification for Bidding: It is time to notify NH Lakes if we want them to put out an RFP for dive services for the coming year. Al Hoch felt we had sufficient dive teams at the moment and that we might get a discount on the contract price from NH Lakes if we did not make them go through this. Dan Williams felt there was merit to the exercise and we needed to keep people interested and on the list. The Chair noted there was a risk if people fell off the list and then we did not have anyone to move to. He noted that Cliff Cabral was already asking for his schedule as he has a commitment in Maine for 60 days. He observed that Wolfeboro won't even have any dive time in the coming season if they have to treat chemically. Bill Marcussen said that Tuftonboro won't have a lot of diving need next year. Carter Terenzini said that we had not used Aqualogic but once and maybe we needed to have an honest conversation with the owner to explain our concerns. He also said it was important to keep the list filled with active dive teams to control pricing. Al Hoch moved, seconded by Carter Terenzini, to notify NH Lakes to not put out an RFP for dive services. The motion passed 5 in favor, 1 opposed (Dan Williams opposed).

B.) Annual Report: Each Town was asked to turn their reports in to the Chair ASAP. Ken Marschner asked the members what they wanted the focus of the report to be. While many cited the removal statistics as important there were also several comments on the need to push the regionalism and partnership efforts which is why we came together.

Next Meeting: The next meeting was set for December 12, 2012, 6 p.m. in Tuftonboro.

There being no further business the Chair adjourned the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Carter Terenzini, Clerk

On this Date of October 11, 2012