

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

May 12, 2015
Revised Meeting Minutes

Present: Bill Marcussen (Tuftonboro), Dan Duffy (Tuftonboro), Ken Marschner (Wolfeboro), David Owen (Wolfeboro-Alternate), Kathy Bernard (Wolfeboro-Alternate) Scott Bartlett (Moultonborough), Karin Nelson (Moultonborough-Alternate), and Jeanne Beadle (Moultonborough).

Absent: Steve Wingate (Tuftonboro-Alternate) and Linda Murray (Wolfeboro).

Call to Order: Chairman Bill Marcussen convened the meeting at 9:00 AM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices meeting room, with Dave Owen seated as a voting member in the absence of Linda Murray for Wolfeboro.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of April 21, 2015 were reviewed, and one minor revision was made by Scott Bartlett. Specifically, on page 3 under New Business item No. 2. IMA Expiration or Extension, in the penultimate line of the first paragraph, change the word “they” to the word “that”. It was moved by Scott Bartlett and seconded by Jean Beadle to approve the minutes of the April 21, 2015 meeting as corrected, which motion was approved unanimously. Dan Duffy and Ken Marschner abstained from the vote, as they had not attended the meeting.

Financial Report: Dave Owen provided a Report of Revenues & Expenses dated May 7, 2015. It reflects total revenues to date of \$45,494.81, expenses of \$11.90, and Net Available for Expenditure of \$45,482.91. He noted that Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro have paid their dues contributions of \$600 each for the year. Karin Nelson reported that the Moultonborough Milfoil Committee had authorized the payment of Moultonborough’s dues also, and that it should be forthcoming in the next week or two. Bill Marcussen commented that some additional expenses will be coming, for the repair of the air hose, air testing, and de-winterizing the DASH boat. It was moved by Dan Duffy, and seconded by Ken Marschner, to approve the financial report as presented, which motion was approved unanimously.

Old Business: 1. DASH Unit Update

Bill Marcussen reported that our DASH boat is scheduled to be de-winterized by Lands End Marina next Monday.

2. DASH Unit Annual Air Testing

Bill Marcussen reported that the Scott Lawson Group will do the air testing on our DASH unit on Wednesday, May 20th at Lanes End Marina. The revised cost of doing the air testing is more than \$900 this year, up significantly from last year. He was unable to coordinate air testing of our DASH unit with those of A B

Aquatics, so we did not receive a significant price discount. He said that we may need to look at alternatives to the Scott Lawson Group next year, as they have been very slow to respond to him this year. He said that if anyone is interested in attending the air testing, it will be at 1:00 PM next Wednesday.

3. Diver Harvesting OSHA Compliance

Bill Marcussen reported that he will get an international diving flag before we start the Milfoil harvesting season this year. He also stated that we need to check the drain valve on the air storage tank. There was some discussion about whether the location of the relief valve needs to be changed to comply with OSHA. Ken Marschner said that it seems like a pretty insignificant issue.

4. Town Updates

Bill Marcussen stated that there has been no change in the last month relative to Tuftonboro's approach to milfoil control this year. Tuftonboro will be doing diver-assisted harvesting only this year. Tuftonboro is still waiting to determine the extent of the need for these services as well as the timing of this work

Kathy Barnard reported that Wolfeboro has a mystery, why there is no milfoil in Back Bay. She explained that the milfoil in Back Bay had an extensive exposure to chemical treatment last fall, when we had ideal conditions for chemical treatment. She cautioned that these observations of no milfoil in Back Bay are just surface observations so far, as we haven't had any divers in the water yet.

Scott Bartlett reported that Moultonborough has weedwatcher training scheduled on June 13th. He invited weed watchers from the other communities to attend. He suggested contacting weedwatchers.moultonborough@gmail.com for more information. He reported that Moultonborough has all of its funding in place for its milfoil eradication program, and plans to start harvesting in June. Karin Nelson reported that the Moultonborough Milfoil Committee wrote a letter to OSHA suggesting changes in their requirements for milfoil divers. She also reported that the Moultonborough Board of Selectmen have agreed to let their membership in this Intermunicipal Agreement lapse in September and to join the Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed group.

5. IMA Expiration or Extension

Bill Marcussen started the discussion by stating that the IMA will expire at the end of September and it appears that two towns want to work on a successor agreement. Ken Marschner commented that we have funds to be divided between the three towns, as reflected in the financial report, and we have an equipped DASH boat. So the question becomes how do we divide up the assets. Karin Nelson suggested that the two town that want to continue keep the DASH, and based on an appraisal or agreement of the value of the DASH boat, to reimburse Moultonborough for its share of the DASH boat's value. Dan Duffy expressed concern that Tuftonboro's approval of a new 2-town IMA may be delayed if

Town Meeting approval is required. Scott Barlett reiterated his understanding that the current IMA will expire at the end of September, and that Wolfeboro and Tuftonboro will go forward with a new IMA.

6. Lake-wide Milfoil Working Group

It was reported that Pat Tarpey, Executive Director of the Lake Winnepesaukee Association, is sending out e-mails looking for dates for a meeting.

New Business:

1. Value of DASH 1

It was stated that we need to develop an agreed upon valuation for DASH 1. We could this by looking at the costs we incurred for the boat and its motor and compare it to the value of the boat that we sold. Bill Marcussen commented that what we put into DASH I may be instructive, the best indicator of its value is what we received for DASH 2. Jean Beadle said that what we need to know is what we spent on DASH 2 and what we got as revenue for it. Ken Marschner asked if Moultonborough could live with the \$10,000 value that we sold DASH 2 for? Scott Bartlett said that he feels that Moultonborough would be short changed at \$10,000, and that he was thinking of a \$12,000-\$15,000 range of value for DASH I. Dave Owen suggested meeting Moultonborough's minimum of \$12,000 as the value of DASH I, which would result in paying Moultonborough \$4,000 for its share of the DASH unit. Karin said she wants more information of the cost of the DASH unit before taking it to their Board of Selectmen. Upon further discussion, there appeared to be consensus on \$12,000 as the value of DASH I.

Other Business: None

Next Meeting It was decided that the next meeting of the Milfoil Joint Board will be on Tuesday, June 23, 2015 at 9:00 AM at the Tuftonboro Town Offices.

Adjournment Scott Bartlett moved to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Ken Marschner and unanimously approved. The meeting adjourned at 10:10 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Owen,
Secretary

