

**Minutes
Alton Milfoil Committee
July 7, 2016
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

Members Present: Ted Carl, Phil Wittmann, Jonathan and Nancy Downing, Sally Ferbert, Pam Martin, and Bill Mannion

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

Public: Greg Barsanti

Call to Order

Chairman, Ted Carl called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Approval of Minutes 5/19/2016

N. Downing made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 19, 2016 as presented; motion was seconded by B. Mannion and passed.

Old Business

DASH Schedule: T. Carl confirmed that the DASH work will be completed in July which is earlier than normal. The Committee noted that the MMR still has the channel and it is better than it used to be, but milfoil is plentiful in the river, and needs to be addressed.

Herbicide Treatment: T. Carl reported that the herbicide treatment is normally the second or third week in July. Maps from Amy Smagula have been received. It was noted that if there has been a lot of rain at the time of the scheduled treatment, the contractor should be contacted to reschedule for another time, so conditions are more favorable for successful treatment.

New Business

2016 Survey of Alton Water Bodies : The Committee noted that GPS maps were received with points of treatment identified on each map; with the exception of GPS treatment information for milfoil in the MMR.

Lake Host Update: B. Mannion reported that the Town received a grant for \$1,500 and \$190 has been spent so far. The Town Boat Ramp will be staffed with a Lake Host person when Downing's Landing is closed for approximately two weeks. The request to reimburse for supplies was cancelled.

Other

Long-Term Variable Milfoil Management Plan- Committee members received a copy of the updated plan with new dates and maps.

River Lake Yacht Club- The Committee discussed the River Lake Yacht Club area being infested with milfoil and it is not located on the GPS map to treat. T. Carl will relay the information to A. Smagula at DES so the area is included on the map for herbicide treatment.

Weed Watchers- Smaller ponds and rivers need to be monitored for milfoil and volunteers are needed to help monitor the waters and report back to the Committee with their findings.

Right To Know Law- The Chairman and the PR Director attended the Right To Know presentation by Attorney Sessler and provided information to the Committee on how to conduct Committee business under the Right To Know Law. It was discussed that members can contact Attorney Sessler directly with any questions pertaining to the explanation/interpretation of the Right To Know Law.

Next meeting date- The next Milfoil Committee meeting will be September 22, 2016 at 4:00pm at Town Hall.

Adjournment

N. Downing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:50pm; motion was seconded by B. Mannion and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

*Kellie Troendle, Certified Park and Recreation Professional
Parks and Recreation Director*