

MINUTES OF TOWN OF ALTON MILFOIL MEETING AUGUST 29, 2013

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRMAN TED CARL AT 4:10 PM. PRESENT WERE MEMBERS CARL, RICHARDSON, N. DOWNING, J. DOWNING, CATUBAL, MANNION AND MERRILL. ALSO PRESENT WAS GUEST JILLIAN ROBERTS SCHENCK, REPRESENTING ROBERTS COVE BASIN, AND ANOTHER GUEST BOB BURKE WHO LIVES ON THE MERRYMEETING RIVER.

THE MINUTES OF THE JULY 25, 2013 MEETING WERE APPROVED ON A MOTION BY JON DOWNING AND SECONDED BY PAUL RICHARDSON.

OLD BUSINESS:

THE BAYSIDER ARTICLE IS BEING FINALIZED BY BILL MANNION AND WILL BE SUBMITTED WITH PICTURES.

PAUL RICHARDSON MADE A PRESENTATION ON MILFOIL TO THE ALTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO A GROUP OF 35 ATTENDEES. IT WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED AND PRESENTED ACCORDING TO NANCY MERRILL.

A MEETING WILL BE HELD WITH BOB PATTERSON ON SEPT. 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:00 PM TO PLAN THE DASH WORK FOR SEPT./OCTOBER. PAUL RICHARDSON WILL BE THE POINT PERSON. IT WAS AGREED NOT TO EXCEED \$24,000 IN DASH WORK. THAT WOULD ALLOW US TO FINISH THE YEAR WITH A BALANCE IN OUR ACCOUNT OF \$8000.00 PLUS.

IT WAS NOTED THE MILFOIL ON THE WOLFEBORO SIDE OF BARNDOR ISLAND IS MUCH LARGER THAN THOUGHT, PROBABLY MORE THAN HALF AN ACRE. PROBABLY IDEAL FOR HERBICIDE TREATMENT NEXT YEAR.

THE LAKE HOST PROGRAM ENDS FOR THE YEAR THIS LABOR DAY WEEKEND. THE PROGRAM WAS VERY WELL RECEIVED AT BOTH THE TOWN LAUNCH RAMP AND THE STATE LAUNCH AT DOWNING'S LANDING.

NEW BUSINESS

BOB BURKE EXPRESSED HIS WILLINGNESS TO HELP OUT IN A WEEDWATCHERS PROGRAM, WHICH LED INTO A DISCUSSION OF THE FORMAL WEED WATCHER PROGRAM WHICH AMY SMAGULA LEADS IN THE STATE. PRESENTLY THERE ARE NO PARTICIPANTS FROM ALTON WHO LIVE ON LAKE WINNIPESAUKEE. AMY MADE A 70 MINUTE PRESENTATION AT THE HALF MOON LAKE ANNUAL MEETING AND BILL MANNION SHOWED US THE BOOKLET/KIT THAT IS USED IN AMY'S WORKSHOPS. THE COMMITTEE THOUGHT IT WAS A NATURAL FOR THE MILFOIL COMM. TO PROMOTE THIS PROGRAM STARTING IN THE SPRING OF 2014. WE WILL APPROACH PARKS & REC TO SEE IF THEIR OFFICE CAN ACT AS THE CONTACT POINT FOR INTERESTED CITIZENS WHO MAY RESPOND AS A RESULT OF OUR PROMOTING THE PROGRAM.

JILLIAN ROBERTS DISCUSSED WITH US THE OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE OF THE ROBERTS COVE MARINA. JILLIAN ATTENDED THE MILFOIL PRESENTATION AT THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND HAS MADE HERSELF KNOWLEDGEABLE ON THE SUBJECT, AND HAS PASSED ALONG THE PRESENTATION TO OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS OF THE ROBERTS COVE BOARD. THERE IS NO OPPOSITION TO DASH WORK BEING DONE AT THE COVE, BUT THERE IS PRESENTLY SOME OPPOSITION TO USING THE HERBICIDE TREATMENT. WE DISCUSSED VARIOUS WAYS TO OVERCOME THAT OPPOSITION AND GET THE FACTS BEFORE THE GROUP. THIS IS VITAL SINCE THE ROBERTS COVE MILFOIL INFESTATION IS SO LARGE AND ESTABLISHED THAT THE HERBICIDE TREATMENT IS THE ONLY PRACTICAL APPROACH. MILFOIL OUTSIDE THE COVE IS SMALLER AND LESSER IN SCOPE AND MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE DASH WORK THIS FALL. OVER 60 BOATS ARE DOCKED AT ROBERTS COVE AND THERE IS AN ACTIVE PUBLIC GAS DOCK, SO TREATING THE MILFOIL IS A HIGH PRIORITY FOR THE COMMITTEE.

NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR OCTOBER 10<sup>TH</sup> AT 4:00 PM AT THE TOWN HALL.

A MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY PAUL RICHARDSON AND SECONDED BY JOE CATUDAL. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT APPROX. 5:20 PM.