

**Minutes
Alton Milfoil Committee
October 28, 2009
Alton Town Hall, 3:10pm**

Members Present: Jon and Nancy Downing, Paul Richardson, Joe Catudal arrived at 3:30pm, Fran Bonfanti arrived at 3:35pm

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

Public: Brian Fortier arrived at 3:30pm

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 3:10pm by Chairman, J. Downing.

Approval of Minutes 10/1/09

N. Downing made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 1, 2009 as written, motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed.

New Business

Grant Application- N. Downing presented to the Committee a copy of the grant application for the Exotic Aquatic Plant Control Grant program in a complete binder that she organized, composed and completed. N. Downing noted the grant application is broken into sections/areas like the milfoil bid and the Town is submitting a grant for each treatment area: Area A/B, C, D and E.

N. Downing also noted the grant application would need to be signed by the Town and the number of transient/summer recreation boats could be added to the summary information under the Total # of boat slips affected by the milfoil treatment. K. Troendle will make a copy of the grant application and will submit the grant to DES; the Town will keep the binder compiled by N. Downing as the original for the Town's copy. The Committee thanked N. Downing for her outstanding contributions and work and stated the grant looked complete and very well done.

N. Downing stated she contacted Amy at DES and asked for the long range plans for milfoil control in Alton Bay. The Committee noted the value/dependency the town has on Lake Winnepesaukee.

The Committee stated a copy of the received milfoil treatment bids should also be included in the grant application.

B. Fortier from West Alton Marina stated that he has received grant funds previously from the state with a 50/50 match and West Alton Marina has a Management Control Plan for addressing the milfoil in Alton. Mr. Fortier said the Marina spends approximately \$3,000-\$4,000 when they treat for milfoil every three years. The Committee said the next step is to look at the funding sources for the milfoil treatment. The Committee discussed funding by the state, local businesses and the Town. The Committee noted that the purpose of the Milfoil Committee is to look at the whole town and see

who has the milfoil and address those concerns and areas. The Committee said the milfoil affects the town people directly- by limiting the lake as a recreational resource and decreasing property values or indirectly by the town receiving less revenue from lake front tax payers and the inland residents paying more because of the loss of revenue. The Committee said they will know what funds are available from the state by November 30, 2009.

Summit Milfoil Meeting- J. Downing reported that he attended the Summit Milfoil Meeting and the Lakes Region towns were represented at the meeting. He stated that the milfoil is affecting the Lakes Region and the towns recognize the problem and are interested in addressing the milfoil concerns. It was noted that there is a proposal with the state to change the current requirement for towns to hire only certified milfoil divers to be able to hire non-certified divers to help reduce the cost of the hand pulling treatment and follow up.

Review Bids- The Committee reviewed the two bids that were received and opened at the Bid Opening at 3:00pm by Pat Fuller, Board of Selectmen member. The Committee discussed the bid opening results: (1) Lycott Environmental, Inc.- 2010- \$16,364.00 and 2011- \$16,364.00; (2) Aquatic Control Technology, Inc.- 2010- \$18,475.00; cost for 2011 was not included. The Committee asked K. Troendle to contact Aquatic Control Technology to qualify the bid for the 2011 price. The Committee members discussed reviewing the bids individually and comparing the two bids with each other and reporting their recommendations back to the Committee at the next meeting.

K. Troendle left the meeting at 4:15pm. The following minutes are from notes provided by F. Bonfanti.

Milfoil Presentation to Board of Selectmen- J. Downing will present a slide show of photos he took of areas in Alton with milfoil. J. Downing encouraged the members to attend the Board of Selectmen's meeting on Monday, November 02, 2009 and to arrive at 5:30pm at the Town Hall. The Committee discussed the Town setting up a trust fund for donations toward the milfoil treatment that are made by individuals, businesses, etc.

Sub-Committees- The Committee discussed a sub –committee on the Continuous Control and Eradication of Milfoil.

Other- The Committee discussed the need to dedicate funds and the effects of milfoil on communities. The Committee noted that future meetings will be called when the chairman deems so. The Committee discussed boat registration fees and who receives those funds.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:41pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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