

**Minutes  
Alton Milfoil Committee  
May 19, 2016  
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

Members Present: Ted Carl, Phil Wittmann, Jonathan and Nancy Downing and Bill Mannion

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

Public: Linda Bramante, Greg Barsanti, Sally Ferbet, Pamela Martin and Donna Richardson

***Call to Order***

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

***Approval of Minutes 10/15/2015***

B. Mannion made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 15, 2015 as presented; motion was seconded by N. Downing and passed.

***Old Business***

**Budget Update:** T. Carl confirmed that the 2016 milfoil balance is \$18,274.31 plus the \$20,000.00 approved by the voters for the 2016 milfoil warrant article for a total of \$38,274.31.

***New Business***

**Letter to Selectmen:** T. Carl gave Committee members a copy of his letter to the Board of Selectmen with the 2015 Annual Report of the Milfoil Committee.

**2016 State Matching Grant Funds:** T. Carl stated that the maximum matching funds are \$16,874.00 from the state and that amount is only if the full amount is spent. The grant was awarded based on the low bid and not the contractor chosen by the Town. The grant can be used for 2-4D (40%) and DASH (30%). A. Smagula confirmed that unused funds from 2-4D can be used toward DASH. The Committee noted that the Town pays the invoices then submits the invoices to DES for grant reimbursement.

**2016 Herbicide Contractor:** Solitude Lake Management. Work expected to be completed in the first two weeks of July.

**2016 DASH Contactor:** AB Aquatics. The Town signed the contact for DASH. Staging for DASH removal can be done at J. and N. Downing's house.

**DES:** A. Smagula will do a survey within the next 2-3 weeks and she will give directions on where the herbicide will be used. A. Smagula will complete a map with Milfoil GPS coordinate locations and will give the map to the two contractors.

**Lake Host Grant:** The Town received \$1,500.00 from the Lake Host Grant, same as in 2015. Paid Lake Hosts will be at Downing's Landing on Saturdays and Sundays to look for invasive species and educate boaters about removing items from their watercraft. Volunteer hours are counted as matching in kind services. P. Martin discussed how boater education and awareness about milfoil has increased in the past 4-5 years and that boaters are cooperative with the Lake Hosts.

**2016 Survey of Alton Water Bodies:** It was noted that there is no Lake Host at Half Moon Lake and perhaps one can be added to that launch site. J. Downing looked at the Half Moon Lake property and noted several concerns with parking, site distance and the existing fence. J. Downing said the Parks and Recreation Commission is going to look at the site in the future and make recommendations for improvements.

The Milfoil Committee discussed that when they receive the information from A. Smagula about the 2-4D locations and cost, then they can determine how much money to allocate to the DASH work in the MMR. The Committee said they need weed watchers in the MMR for the water above the dam and in some other water body locations. N. Downing confirmed that weed watchers identified their findings with a push pin on a map and A. Smagula verifies the areas discovered with GPS coordinates for milfoil removal. The Committee discussed the importance of tracking the history of milfoil locations and noted that some areas are predictable. T. Carl recommended that the DES-Alton Milfoil Plan be copied for each Selectmen and a copy to the Library and Town Hall.

*Other*

**Next meeting date-** The next Milfoil Committee meeting will be June 23, 2016 at 4:00pm at Town Hall.

*Adjournment*

B. Mannion made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:05pm; motion was seconded by J. Downing and passed.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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