

**Minutes
Alton Milfoil Committee
May 20, 2010
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

Members Present: Jon and Nancy Downing, Joe Catudal

Public: Brad Smith

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Chairman, J. Downing.

Approval of Minutes 4/15/10

N. Downing made a motion to approve the Minutes of April 15, 2010 as written, motion was seconded by J. Catudal and passed.

Old Business

- A. Lake Host Point Person Training-** The Committee reviewed the purpose of the Lake Host Program and the record keeping requirements and attendant scheduling. The NH Lakes Association is the employer of the paid lake host staff and the Town of Alton helps administer the program/grant. The Committee discussed the focus on checking the boats for milfoil and the importance of checking the boats when they leave so they do not transport the milfoil from infested Lake Winnepesaukee to a non-infested NH lake. The host will educate boaters about milfoil and will do boat inspections and provide hand outs about milfoil. Two applications were received for the paid host and the Committee will conduct interviews and hire a lake host. The Committee discussed the lake host salary would be \$10 per hour and the volunteer's salary for the matching grant funds is set at \$20.25 per hour. The lake host will be at the Town of Alton boat ramp with hours to be determined. Jonathan and Nancy Downing will provide the educational training for the volunteers and the paid lake host will attend a formal training in Concord. Staff uniforms were picked up and include a hat, t-shirt and clip board. The Committee discussed getting a Lake Host sign to put on the host's vehicle for identification purposes.
- B. Status on 2010 Treatment-** The Committee discussed the treatment status with the company Lycott Environmental. K. Troendle will contact Lycott for a status report and estimated start date.
- C. Milfoil Fund Donations-** J. Downing noted that a donation of \$250.00 was presented to the Milfoil Committee from Paula Kelson to be used towards milfoil. The Committee discussed other donations that were received by the Town for milfoil treatment and that letters of acknowledgement/thank you notes should be sent from the Town, Milfoil Committee and Parks and Recreation Department in recognition of the donations. The following groups donated to the Town of Alton: Alton Bay Christian Conference Center, West Alton Marina, Downing's Landing, and Gillan Marine.
- D. DES- Milfoil Five Year Plan-** The Committee discussed the 5 Year Milfoil Treatment Plan drafted by DES and questioned whether a new plan would be drafted to include the new treatment sites or if the 2010 treatment is part of the original plan. K. Troendle will contact DES for clarification of the 5 Year Plan.

- E. Milfoil Awareness-** The Committee discussed doing a presentation on milfoil at the Alton Bay Community Center or for Public Access TV to promote public awareness of milfoil and to invite people to be on the committee. The Committee also discussed having a sample of milfoil in a bucket at the boat ramp so people would be able to see what milfoil looks like.
- F. Minge Cove-** The Committee noted that Minge Cove did not have milfoil in 2009 and the area should be checked for milfoil now to see if there are any changes.
- G. Funding for Milfoil Treatment-** The Committee discussed funding options for the milfoil treatment and discussed the line item budget for treatment and the warrant article funding to cover the cost of the 5 year plan.

Adjournment

J. Catudal made a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion was seconded by N. Downing and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm. The next meeting will be June 17, 2010 at 4:00pm at the Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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

APPROVED