

Minutes
Alton Milfoil Committee
May 28, 2009
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm

Members Present: Jon and Nancy Downing, Joe Catudal, Peter Bolster, and Fran Bonfanti

Staff Present: Russ Bailey, Town Administrator and Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

Call To Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm.

New Business

Overview: R. Bailey provided an overview of the Milfoil Committee and stated the Committee is a sub-committee of the Board of Selectmen and the purpose of the Committee is to look at the issue of milfoil and see what needs to be done and to pass on the information to the Board of Selectmen. R. Bailey distributed a copy of the Town Committees/Boards/Commissions Meeting Guidelines to all members. R. Bailey reviewed that the Committee would appoint a chairman and run the Committee themselves under the Town Guidelines to include: posting the meetings, keeping minutes, and recording the information discussed.

Members: Paul Richardson was appointed a member but was not able to attend the meeting today and next week. The Selectmen may appoint other interested residents to join the Committee, depending on the workload- members could help with identifying the plants; pulling the weeds; and could also contact the school or Appalachian Mountain Teen Project group as a resource for inventory/mapping.

Milfoil Handouts: R. Bailey provided the members with handouts on Milfoil for reference to include website information, newsletter articles, and the Long-Term Management and Control Plan. K. Troendle provided a copy of the items from the Town's milfoil file including the grant application, treatment plans and correspondence with DES.

Committee's Purpose/Goal: R. Bailey discussed the Committee establishing Goals and Objectives and deciding what the Committee wants to achieve. The Committee views the lakes/ponds as assets to the Town and wants to minimize milfoil and other undesirable species that threaten the water quality. R. Bailey suggested the Committee make up a list of the problems and what can be done about it and to format it into a plan with priorities in the next few meetings. The Committee reviewed: inventory the problems, identify the issues and map the areas of concern. P. Bolster suggested purchasing the book, *Aquatic Plants and Algae of New Hampshire's Lakes and Ponds* to use as a reference and guide. P. Bolster reported 50% more grant money should be available for 2010 projects with the help of the boater registration fees.

Neighboring Towns: The Committee discussed Barnstead and New Durham forming Milfoil Committee's in their Towns. The Committee discussed using the neighboring Towns Committees as resources and partnering with them to address common problems including milfoil as a group because the Towns need to work together to solve the spread of milfoil. New Durham is sponsoring a

meeting on June 17 in regard to milfoil, the Committee may be interested in attending; R. Bailey will contact Art Hoover regarding attending the meeting.

Getting Information to the Public: The Committee discussed the importance of informing the public about milfoil to include: notices to the public; signage at boat launches- informational and identification; town web site information; prevention education at the public boat launch; Baysider articles; funding in the budget; and asking people to call if they have milfoil. J. Downing said he would be happy to look at the milfoil and identify it for people that call and report having it. J. Downing has a quadrant map that can be used to help plot the Town and identify the milfoil areas.

Meeting Date- The next meeting will be on Thursday, June 4, 2009 at 4:00pm at the Alton Town Hall. The Committee will plan to elect a chairman at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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