

**Minutes
Alton Milfoil Committee
May 28, 2015
Alton Town Hall, 4:30pm**

Members Present: Ted Carl, Paul Richardson, Jonathan and Nancy Downing and Bill Mannion.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

Public: Pam Martin, Bob Butler

Call to Order

Chairman, Ted Carl called the meeting to order at 4:37pm.

Approval of Minutes 10/14/2014

J. Downing made a motion to approve the Minutes of October 14, 2014 as presented; motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed.

Old Business

Account Balance- The Committee reviewed the balance in the account. It is \$17,954.67 after the reimbursement from DES and contractor expenses. The Town appropriated \$23,500 via a warrant article in 2015 and the beginning balance for the 2015 treatment budget is approximately \$40,000. P. Richardson noted that approximately \$114,000 has been spent on milfoil control (\$39,000 on herbicide and \$75,000 on DASH) since 2010 through Town Warrants, State Funding and private donations.

DES Grant- The Town received the 2015 DES Grant for \$8,171.00. \$4,702 for herbicide and \$3,469 for DASH, but can be used interchangeably. The 2015 grant amount is less than what was received in 2014. Next year the funds available for matching grants may increase because the state is expecting more revenue with the new \$2 boat registration fee designated to support milfoil control. It was noted the Town should plan on the 30% match for 2016 because more groups may be seeking funds for milfoil control.

New Business

Lake Host Grant Update- The Town received the Lake Host Grant for \$1,500. Larry Hallin had volunteered to lead the Lake Host Program and has not been in communication with the Committee and is currently not a sworn in member. The Committee discussed how the program would be handled at this time. B. Mannion offered to sign the time sheets and coordinate the paperwork involved and to get the information from NH Lakes Association. P. Richardson volunteered to contact the staff and set up the work schedule.

AB Aquatics- T. Carl reported that AB Aquatics will be increasing their daily rate due to a new OSHA regulation requiring an additional crew member on the boat. The increase is about 20%. The Committee recommended that the same treatment schedule be followed in 2015 as happened in 2014, which is mid to end of July and then at the end of the season. The Committee discussed needing to decide if there will be a reduction in days worked by AB Aquatics or if the Town will need to spend more money for the amount of service needed to open the channel. J. Downing made a motion to hire the contractor for DASH with the same schedule as last year, mid and end of season, motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed.

Aquatic Control/Herbicide Treatment- T. Carl reported that the DES permits have been submitted and the herbicide treatment date is scheduled for June 29. Amy Smagula will be surveying the lake this and next week and will plot the treatment areas on a map for the contractor to use. The contractor will confirm the treatment areas once he receives the map from DES.

Contacting Water Commissioner's- The Committee said when they receive the treatment area map from Amy they will contact the Water Department/ Commissioner's about the treatment options in regard to Parker Marine if needed.

Lake-Wide Milfoil Management Meeting- T. Carl reported that he attended a meeting with lake side towns to discuss milfoil and what each town is doing. The Committee discussed that they are satisfied with the path that Alton is taking in regard to milfoil control: working directly with contractors and supervising their work. Alton is continuing to spot, survey and treat the milfoil and Alton is being successful. The Committee was not in favor of joining in with the purchase of equipment with other towns. T. Carl will attend the follow up meeting so Alton is informed and participating in the group effort.

Other

Committee Terms- The Committee discussed suggesting that members are appointed in a staggered format with terms of 1, 2 and 3 years. K. Troendle will contact the Town Administrator to see if that is an option.

Lake Host and Zebra Mussels- The Committee discussed the Board of Selectmen's request to check for Zebra Mussels. The Committee said they will agree to train the Lake Host staff to look for other items during the boat inspection to include: Zebra Mussels and Bladderwort. The Committee noted that the majority of boat traffic is at Downing's Landing. Two staff members work 4 hour shifts for a total of 8 hours on both Saturday and Sunday.

Bid Specifications for 2016-2018- The Committee discussed preparing the bid specifications for upcoming milfoil treatments. P. Richardson offered to draft the RFP and will consult with Amy for any additions that need to be included in the bid. The Committee recommended that the bid include flexibility of the places to treat.

Process Document- T. Carl will update the Process Document to include adding the Bid for 3 years into the May/ June time frame.

Public Input

Bob Butler informed the Committee that he is sponsoring the NH Lakes Association on June 13 from 3-5pm, with Tom O'Brien giving a presentation as part of an outreach program. He invited Committee members and those at the meeting to attend.

Adjournment

N. Downing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:40pm; motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed. The next meeting will be July 16 at 4:00pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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