

**Minutes
Alton Milfoil Committee
June 13, 2013
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

Members Present: Ted Carl, Paul Richardson, Joe Catudal, Bill Mannion, and Nancy Merrill

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

Public: Pam Martin and Larry Hallin

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes 5/14/2013

P. Richardson made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 14, 2013 as written; motion was seconded by B. Mannion and passed.

Old Business

Parker Marine Milfoil Treatment- P. Richardson reported that T. Carl, J. Downing and P. Richardson met with the Water Commissioners and toured the area of Parker Marine to observe the amount of milfoil at the location. They discussed that DES would give a permit and authorization for herbicide treatment to the area of Parker Marine and the adjacent property pending approval of the Water Commissioners. Representatives from the Milfoil Committee also met with the Board of Selectmen and explained the circumstances at Parker Marine and the definite need to address the milfoil in that area. The Board of Selectmen were in agreement to treat the Parker Marine area and asked the Water Commissioners to withdraw their objection to the herbicide treatment. The Water Commissioners met and drafted a document with their approval for treatment that was to be signed by all members of the Milfoil Committee. The Water Commissioners wanted it to be clear that the only area to be treated close to the MMR with 2-4D was the Parker Marine basin. All parties were in agreement and the permit to treat with 2-4D will be issued and it will include the Parker Marine area. The 2-4D Treatment is scheduled for Tuesday, June 25 and will include the Town Beach, Back Bay, Gillan Marine, Downings Landing and Parker Marine. P. Richardson volunteered to meet with the contractor and supervise the work performed. The Committee discussed the milfoil in the MMR Marsh and if the Mill Pond area is outside of the Town Well 1,200' radius. The Committee noted the proximity of the Town wells to the MMR and the challenges that poses for the 2-4 D Treatment.

MMR Channel- The signs notifying boaters to stay in the boat channel were posted in the MMR.

Lake Host- Larry Hallin, B. Mannion and P. Richardson are interested in volunteering to help with the Lake Host Program and boat inspections. 2 Lake Hosts will be hired to staff the boat ramps on the weekends. This Saturday, June 15 both boat launch facilities will be staffed; Town of Alton and Fish and Game. The Town received an additional \$500 in grant money to help cover the cost of staffing the Fish and Game Boat Launch. The total grant is \$1,500. Parks and Recreation staff painted the stencil at both boat ramps asking boaters to check for milfoil.

Associations on the Lake- K. Troendle reported she contacted Lake Winnepesaukee Watershed for a list of Associations on the Lake to contact about milfoil and is waiting the hear back with more

information. K. Troendle also contacted the NH Lakes Association for a list of Associations and they did not have a compiled list.

Weed Watcher Program- J. Catudal presented a handout with information and questions on the Weed Watchers program. It was noted to contact Amy Smagula about the program to see if she would be able to explain the details and benefits of the program.

Financial Summary- P. Richardson reported the following summary:

2010- Warrant- \$7,500; State of NH Grant Match- \$4,000;

2011- Warrant- \$7,500; State of NH Grant Match- \$3,900;

2012- Warrant- \$20,000; State of NH Grant Match- \$16,500;

2013- Warrant- \$27,500; State of NH Grant Match- \$13,244

Total cost for Town of Alton is \$62,500;

Total contribution from the State to the Town of Alton is \$37,644.

New Business

Other- The Committee discussed that the herbicide treatment is more effective and cost less. The Committee suggested asking A. Smagula about the next steps for grants. The Committee discussed DASH work to be completed in the Fall and what areas would be included. Perhaps Parker Marine cleanup and MMR channel. L. Hallin is interested in serving on the Committee and will complete an application form. The Committee recommends his appointment by the Board of Selectmen.

Adjournment

J. Catudal made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:56pm; motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed. The next meeting will be held July 25, 2013 at 4:00pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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