

**Minutes
Alton Milfoil Committee
June 17, 2010
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

Members Present: Jon and Nancy Downing, Joe Catudal, and Paul Richardson

Public: Brad Smith

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by Chairman, J. Downing.

Approval of Minutes 5/20/10

P. Richardson made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 20, 2010; motion was seconded by N. Downing and passed.

Old Business

- A. Status on 2010 Treatment-** K. Troendle reported that the permit from DES was not issued in time for the expected June 2010 treatment and that an amendment to the application was filed by Lycott on behalf of the Town of Alton and the new expected treatment date is September 2010. Lycott noted that it may take up to 90 days to get the state permit and was hopeful that it would be received to do the fall treatment. The Committee expressed disappointment that there was a delay in getting the paperwork completed and filed with DES and are interested in getting the first treatment completed in 2010 while the milfoil is still active and the treatment will be successful.
- B. 5 Year Plan-** J. Downing reported that he spoke with A. Smagula, from DES, about a follow-up 5 Year Plan for the milfoil treatment. A. Smagula stated that because of the delay in treatment to the fall of 2010 the area will be surveyed in late October and she will make recommendations based on the post treatment survey. The Committee noted that DES writes the 5 Year Plan and it is a Master Plan for Milfoil Treatment. The plan includes the use/time frame of herbicide, surveys, hand pulling and more. The Committee noted that A. Smagula should be asked about the second treatment date. P. Richardson noted that Minge Cove was treated in 2009 and the water test is much clearer currently then in 2009 and it appears to be getting better as the season progresses so that is good news for the lake.
- C. Lake Host Program-** P. Richardson reported that J. Catudal, N. Merrill and he inspected ten boats on the first day of the Lake Host Program. The volunteers worked well together and discovered that five or six people knew about milfoil and the others were informed about the milfoil issues in the lake. P. Richardson said a focus of the program is to collect and compile data to demonstrate the effectiveness of the program. The Committee noted that the Boater's Safety Course now covers milfoil in their curriculum. The Committee discussed Lake Host staff issues and scheduling and noted that the first day for the paid Lake Host will be Wednesday, June 23 which will be a dry run and the staff member will be accompanied by a volunteer.

New Business

- A. **Weed Watcher Program 2010-** J. Downing reported that there is milfoil from the Fire Station (above the dam) to the dam and milfoil was not there in 2009. He recommended sending up an investigating crew to verify the amount/location of milfoil. B. Smith offered to monitor Back Bay; P. Richardson stated he would monitor his area and N. and J. Downing would monitor Alton Bay up to Echo Point and also Black Point.

Other

- A. **Milfoil Donations-** K. Troendle presented a draft thank you letter from the Town of Alton to the businesses and individuals that donated toward the milfoil treatment. The letter will be signed by the Board of Selectmen.
- B. **Membership-** An application form to serve on the Milfoil Committee was received and the Committee recommended that R. Bettencourt be appointed by the Town to serve on the Committee.
- C. **Next Meeting-** The Committee discussed calling a meeting if it was needed otherwise the next meeting will be September 2, 2010.

Adjournment

P. Richardson made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45pm; motion was seconded by J. Catudal and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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