

**Minutes
Alton Milfoil Committee
July 8, 2014
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

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

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

Call to Order

Chairman, Ted Carl called the meeting to order at 4:05pm.

Approval of Minutes 5/21/2014

J. Downing made a motion to approve the revised Minutes of May 21, 2014; motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed.

Old Business

2-4DTreatment- The 2-4D treatment is scheduled for Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at approximately 1:30pm in Alton (depending on when ACT is finished with their first treatment at another location). The Town has been proactive in letting people know about the public beach and dock closure for the 24 hour time frame. A press release was sent to the Baysider. Additionally, signs have been posted and notices posted on Face Book and the Town Web Site. The Lifeguards will enforce the no swimming regulation while they are on duty and access points to the lake will be taped off until the swim areas are open. J. and N. Downing personally notified Roberts Cove, West Alton Marina and Parker Marine about the treatment and attempted to notify ABCCC but no one was in the office. The Committee noted that the property owners were notified by certified letter at a cost of \$5.13 per letter, the in person contact was an extra courtesy. The areas to be treated include: (1) Parker Marine, (2) Area by Downing's Landing/Gillan Marine; (3) Rand Cove/Back Bay; (4) Town Beach; (5) Area outside Rand Cove; (6) West Alton Marina, (7) Inner cove on east side of Barn Door Island, (8) Roberts Cove Marina inner basin. The Committee discussed the flow of the river and current and the information was reported to Amy.

Lake Host- P. Richardson reported that two sites are Lake Host staffed and over 150 boats have been inspected. At Downing's Landing the trailers are also inspected because they may have arrived before the staff person and there has been one save off of a parked trailer. The staff reported boater knowledge about milfoil has increased significantly over the last three years and boaters are happy to check their boats and remove any debris, so the program is very effective.

DASH work in Fall- Amy from DES will re-survey the sites following the chemical treatment and will make recommendations for hand pulling to clean up the sites or re-herbicide in the spring if that is a more effective option. The Committee discussed using DASH to continue the work in the river and keeping an open channel for water craft to navigate the river. The Committee discussed buoys and signs. P. Richardson confirmed that Alton is on the DASH contractors list for the fall and P. Richardson said he will contact the contractor to reserve the fall time for Alton for approximately the same number of days as 2013.

Bids- The Committee discussed the need to prepare a new three year bid package following the 2014 treatment and having the bid ready to go out in order to meet the scheduled deadlines.

Milfoil Committee Timelines- The Committee discussed contacting Amy to get a list of deadlines so the Committee can plan their tasks and have them completed on time. T. Carl will contact Amy.

Water Department/Commission- The Committee discussed the letter that was asked to be signed by the Water Commissioner's in regard to the Milfoil Treatment. The Committee noted they do not have the authority to sign the Letter of Agreement and/or enforce the stipulations in the letter, the Committee is a working Committee appointed by the Selectmen to advise on Milfoil issues. The Town hires a contractor who works under State regulations with DES to perform the chemical application. The Committee was concerned they were being asked to commit to items they have no authority to do so. T. Carl will send a letter to the Water Commissioners stating the Committee's perception of the agreement letter.

Milfoil Treatment Plan- B. Mannion recommended that the Milfoil Treatment Plan be posted on the Town Web Site.

Adjournment

B. Mannion made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:05pm; motion was seconded by L. Hallin and passed. The next meeting will be August 26, 2014 at 4:00pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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