

**Minutes  
Alton Milfoil Committee  
August 2, 2012  
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

Members Present: Ted Carl, Jonathan and Nancy Downing, Paul Richardson, Joe Catudal, Bill Mannion, Paul Kroon, and Brian Fortier.

Guests: Taylor Hickox

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

***Call to Order***

The meeting was called to order at 4:00pm by Chairman Ted Carl.

***Approval of Minutes 5/17/12***

J. Downing made a motion to accept the Minutes of May 17, 2012 as presented; motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed.

***Old Business***

**A. P. Richardson Summary-** The 2-4D treatment was completed on July 10, 2012 and was successful. There was a pre-coordination meeting where the Contractor was informed of past concerns including: (1) chemical spray onto boats; (2) equipment malfunction and drifting and areas missed; (3) marina- milfoil under the boats needing to be addressed. P. Richardson observed the contractor and the work that was performed and noted that the contractor did a great job and was extremely thorough and did not get the 2-4D material on the boats. T. Carl observed the application at Minge Cove and West Alton Marina and said the Contractor did a great job. The application process was described in detail. It was noted that the 2-4D chemical is water soluble and once it's mixed into water it is activated and neutralized from harmful effects to living things. The chemical is designed to target milfoil specifically. The area was re-surveyed recently and the milfoil is dying everywhere it was treated. The Committee requested financial information on what was spent on the chemical treatment and what funds are available for the DASH work. K. Troendle will contact the Finance Office and get the information.

**B. Woodman's Cove Snafu-** The Committee discussed the miscommunication between the Town and the Contractor in regard to the Woodman's Cove area not being treated for milfoil. K. Troendle responded that the Woodman's Cove group was concerned with the treatment and she forwarded their email comments to the Contractor. K. Troendle reported that she informed the Town Administrator of the concern and the Contractor and asked the Contractor to contact the Town Administrator in regard to any changes in the contract or if they had questions about the treatment. The Town was not notified that the Woodman's Cove section was removed from the original treatment plan until after the abutters were notified and the treatment was scheduled to take place. When the Contractor was contacted and notified that the Town did not authorize the change of taking out Woodman's Cove, the Contractor said it was too late because the notifications were not sent out and it would cost the Town more money to mobilize their crew for a second treatment. The Committee noted that taking the Woodman's Cove area out of the treatment program was a mistake.

The Committee discussed the 24 hour cautionary band on swimming and the restriction on water for drinking and irrigation. It was noted that Amy Smagula would be able to answer the specific questions on the risks associated with the private wells at a future meeting. It was noted the chemical treatment cost would be less than expected because the Woodman's Cove area was not completed. It was reported that there is less milfoil in Woodman's Cove than last year and the Committee will deal with the milfoil in Woodman's Cove next year. The Committee recalled that Bob Patterson had recommended treating Woodman's Cove with the 2-4D and not hand pulling because of the milfoil being mixed up with the native plants and vegetation.

**B. Lake Host Program-** P. Richardson gave an overview of the Lake Host Program. The Lake Host staff person is doing an outstanding job and is competent and reliable. The staff person is working the scheduled hours, with great summer weather and as a result more time is needed to cover the boat ramp through Labor Day. The Committee discussed extending the period of time an additional 30 hours at \$10 an hour for \$300.00. J. Downing made a motion to recommend approving \$300.00 from the Milfoil Fund for the Lake Host Program to supplement for the extra hours. Motion was seconded by P. Kroon and passed.

**C. Communication with Russ Bailey-** T. Carl stated a written report was submitted to the Town Administrator and the Board of Selectmen about the Milfoil Committee's progress.

#### *New Business*

**A. DASH Treatment-** The Committee discussed that the next phase of the Milfoil Treatment plan is the DASH Treatment and noted that a specific plan of action is not in place at this time. A sub committee (J. Downing, P. Richardson, T. Carl and K. Troendle) will be formed to inventory and prioritize the needs of the milfoil areas to be treated by the DASH method. The Committee noted that Bob Patterson will need to be contacted and scheduled to perform the work this September/October. P. Richardson will contact Bob Patterson. The Committee noted that DES will be paying for a portion of the DASH and 2-4D Treatments.

**B. Merrymeeting River-** The Committee discussed the Merrymeeting River and concerns with not being able to chemically treat the area as the Town had done in the past because of the Town wells. The Committee noted areas of concern including: Rte. 11 Bridge to Griffins' Bridge; Parker Marine; Levey Park section; Rivers Bend building and Jones Field areas. The Committee discussed making a channel down the River and marking it so water crafts would stay in the channel. The Committee also discussed the installation of mats and if that is something the DASH contractor can install and what materials would DES be able to supply for milfoil control in the River.

**C. Article for Baysider-** P. Richardson volunteered to write an article for the Baysider Newspaper with an update on the status of Milfoil in Alton Bay.

**D. Ramp Lettering-** P. Richardson presented a photo of a reminder to check boats for milfoil that was taken at the Wolfeboro Boat Ramp. The Committee agreed it was a good idea to have in Alton. P. Richardson made a motion to recommend the reminder lettering at the boat ramp; motion was seconded by N. Downing and passed. The Committee discussed how the stenciling was to be

paid/completed. It was noted the Parks and Recreation Department staff or volunteers could do the stenciling. It was suggested to contact Wolfeboro to see if they have the lettering already made.

*Adjournment*

J. Downing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm; motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed. The next meeting will be August 23, 2012 at 4:00pm with an invitation to Amy Smagula to attend.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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

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