

**Minutes
Alton Milfoil Committee
August 26, 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

Public: Pam Martin

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes 7/8/2014

J. Downing made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 8, 2014 as presented; motion was seconded by B. Mannion and passed.

Old Business

Results of Herbicide Treatment- P. Richardson reported the 2-4D treatment was successful. The herbicide was applied and the waters were resurveyed by Amy and were noted to be clean. (1) Roberts Cove- clean; (2) Barn Door Island- 97% gone, Amy did not get to resurvey; (3) West Alton- surveyed and clean; (4) Rand Cove- resurveyed, some random plants, easily DASHED; (5) Entrance to Rand Cove- random plants; (6) Irwin Marine, Downing's Landing and Town Beach- clean, a couple of plants; (7) Parker Marine- 95% gone, a couple of plants. The Committee discussed that the DASH unit would be able to get most of the remaining plants in the above areas in 2014 and the plants in Parker Marine would be recommended for treatment in 2015 with 2-4D.

DASH work in Merrymeeting River – DASH work was completed in the MMR for three weeks, the last two weeks of July and the first week of August, which was the peak growing season. The Committee noted there was a lot of re-growth in June in the open channel, and effort was needed to keep it open. After the DASH work, the channel is now open all of the way. There are seven days remaining in the DASH contract, work will resume on September 15. It was noted the DASH contractor is reasonable and providing a good value for the services received. 3,200 gallons of milfoil have been removed from the MMR. The Committee discussed the milfoil above the dam area and the need to survey the area to see what is there. The Committee will invite Amy Smagula to attend the next Milfoil Committee Meeting, to help answer questions about treating the area above the dam with 2-4D and what funds would be available from the State. J. Downing made a motion to clean up Lake Winnepesaukee per Amy's survey, and leave Parker Marine for treatment by 2-4D in 2015, and to DASH the River in 2014. Motion was seconded by B. Mannion and passed.

Lake Host- L. Hallin will be responsible for the Lake Host program going forward. P. Richardson reported a successful season for the Lake Host program, and said hosts were at Downing's Landing on weekends in four hour shifts, and saw 60-70 boats per day. There was one save this year. The Town Boat Ramp is not used much, only for seasonal in/out of boats. People find the Downing's facility more convenient for parking and ease of launching. It was noted that people are becoming

more educated about milfoil and are checking their boats themselves, wanting to pass the Lake Host inspections. The Fish and Game presence at the boat ramp is helpful for all.

Finances- The Milfoil account started with a balance of \$39,000, which included the Town Warrant Article funding of \$27,500. \$30,000 was spent in 2014, plus the reimbursement of \$12,000.00 (from DES), for a total of \$51,000. Subtract the \$30,000 spent, equals a balance of \$21,000. The Committee will discuss the Warrant Article for 2015 at the next meeting; and noted that due to the success in treating milfoil, less Town funds would be requested in 2015.

Timeline Chart- The Committee reviewed the time line chart, as prepared by T. Carl. The Committee will ask Amy Smagula for other important dates to include on the chart. The chart will be helpful for the Committee to refer to in order to complete important tasks on time.

Baysider Article - B. Mannion volunteered to write an article on the status and success of the milfoil treatment for the Baysider newspaper.

Recruitment of new members- The Committee discussed the need for new, active members.

Half Moon Lake- B. Mannion reported that weed watchers noticed milfoil at Half Moon Lake, and state divers responded to the call by removing the milfoil in a timely manner.

Adjournment

B. Mannion made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20pm; motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed. The next meeting will be October 14, 2014 at 4:00pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

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