

**Minutes  
Alton Milfoil Committee  
October 10, 2013  
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

Members Present: Ted Carl, Nancy Merrill, Jonathan and Nancy Downing, Joe Catudal, Bill Mannion, Larry Hallin, and Brian Fortier

Public- Bob Daniels, Selectmen

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

***Call to Order***

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

***Approval of Minutes 8/29/2013***

N. Downing made a motion to accept the Minutes of August 29, 2013 as written; motion was seconded by B. Mannion and passed.

***Old Business***

Baysider Article- The Committee complimented B. Mannion on authoring an excellent article that was published in the Baysider Newspaper.

DASH- The Committee reported the DASH contractor will begin around October 15, 2013 (weather permitting, if weather is bad contractor will do lake and back to River when weather is settled) and that Alton is the last customer for the year so we should expect to have DASH done for 20-21 days. It was noted that Paul Richardson will oversee the DASH contractor, with J. and N. Downing as backup overseers. B. Patterson will look at the area above the Dam and will pull milfoil there if manageable; if milfoil is severe he will make a recommendation for 2014.

Lake Host- It was reported that 550 boats were inspected at the two public ramps in Alton Bay. The Town received a grant for \$1,500.00 which enabled staff to work 8-10 hours per week throughout the season. There were approximately 20 saves. The Committee noted that the 2014 Grant request needs to be submitted to NH Lakes before the February 2014 deadline. L. Hallin will be the 2014 point of contact person and supervisor of the 2014 Lake Host Program.

***New Business***

Roberts Cove- The Committee noted that Roberts Cove should be included in the 2014 2-4D treatment plan, the owners had no objection to the treatment. The Committee said that DASH could be completed in 2013 outside the Cove as recommended.

2014 Chemical Treatment Recommendations- The Committee stated the following areas should be scheduled for the 2014 2-4D Treatment: Roberts Cove, Barn Door Island, and Parker Marine, in addition to the recommendations of DES.

Sunset Lake- The Committee discussed the email about milfoil in Sunset Lake. T. Carl and P. Richardson surveyed the site and found that the plants were native and not identified as invasive

milfoil. J. and N. Downing noted they surveyed the lake also and found native but not invasive milfoil.

**Barn Door Island-** The Committee stated milfoil was found at Barn Door Island.

**Parker Marine-** The Committee discussed the large amount of milfoil located at Parker Marine and agreed it is a priority to get the area treated in 2014 because the area is where much of the milfoil comes into Alton Bay and Lake Winnepesaukee. Parker Marine was treated in 2013 with 2-4D but due to the weather, heavy winds and fast currents, the Committee thought the milfoil treatment was not as successful as expected. The Committee acknowledged the area is challenging to treat because of the location to the Town wells. The Committee was hopeful that everyone will be on board to get the Parker Marine area treated in 2014 because it is the big feeder of milfoil into the lake. The Committee recapped that the Parker Marine area was treated three times in the past without harm in conjunction with switching Town wells on and off line. The Committee discussed that areas in the Alton lakes that need to be treated are now part of the Town wide Milfoil control effort and individuals looking to treat at their own locations are being referred to join the Town's effort.

**2014 Warrant-** J. Downing made a motion to recommend \$27,500.00 for the 2014 Warrant Article for the treatment of milfoil; motion was seconded by L. Hallin and passed. The Committee discussed the breakdown of the funds: treat whatever is necessary with herbicide and use the remainder of the money to fund the DASH work. The Committee noted that the Town has a 3 year contract with the contractors. The Committee said the State of NH, DES organization, provides assistance in determining the areas that will receive treatment and is very helpful in providing GPS maps, surveys, and attending meetings to answer questions.

**Annual Report-** T. Carl will submit the end of the year Milfoil Committee Report for the 2013 Annual Report to the Town Secretary by the end of December.

**2014 DES Grant-** The Committee recommended that the Town apply for the DES matching funds Invasive Aquatic Species Milfoil Grant for 2014. K. Troendle will contact A. Smagula at DES to express interest in applying for the grant and get the paperwork necessary so the Town can complete the grant application by the deadline. The Committee stated the Town already has the bid for 2014 as part of the 3 year bid contract done in 2012. The Committee recommended that they get a time line of the action items needed to complete for the DES and Lake Host Grant processes.

**Other-**B. Daniels was present and the Committee updated him about past treatments at Parker Marine and the MMR. B. Daniels will be added to the Milfoil Committee email distribution list.

### **Adjournment**

J. Downing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:55pm; motion was seconded by B. Mannion and passed. The next meeting date will be announced in the spring of 2014.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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