

**Minutes  
Alton Milfoil Committee  
October 11, 2012  
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

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

Selectmen's Representative: Loring Carr

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director; Bill Curtin, Water Superintendent

***Call to Order***

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by Chairman, Ted Carl.

***Approval of Minutes 8/23/12***

P. Richardson made a motion to accept the Minutes of August 23, 2012 as amended; motion was seconded by J. Downing and passed.

***Old Business***

- A. **2012 DASH WORK Report-** The DASH areas in the Lake that were identified by DES, post chemical survey, have been completed. DASH work has started in the River with marking a defined channel in the River to the dam. AB Aquatics will return this month to do the area around Parker Marine.
- B. **Mats from DES-** DES lent 2 mats for use in the River to experiment with the milfoil growth. The mats will be put in place as a trial in the spring to see how they work. Floating buoys to mark the channel and a staggered fence to catch milfoil pieces will also be put into place in the spring.
- C. **Ramp Lettering-** The Parks and Recreation Department used the Milfoil stencil from the Town of Wolfeboro and painted the stencil at the Town Boat Ramp. The Committee discussed using the stencil next season at other Alton boat ramp locations. L. Carr suggested contacting Fish & Game for signs to post in regard to Milfoil.
- D. **Lake Host Program-** The Town of Alton participated in the Lake Host program for the past three years, receiving \$750 per year to staff the public Boat Ramp. NH Lakes sponsors the program and the paid staff work directly for NH Lakes. The staff performed boat inspections and handed out educational materials. 239 boats were inspected with 4 saves, 3 saves were milfoil and all 3 boats had been in the river. Staff was at the Boat Ramp inspecting boats every weekend and the weather was good this year; 17.5 additional hours were funded by the Town of Alton for a total of 92.5 hours. The volunteer match was \$872.00. The Committee acknowledged P. Richardson's effort and thanked him for a job well done. It was suggested that another volunteer committee member supervise the Lake Host Program in 2013 in order

to distribute some of the committee workload. The Lake Host program was successful and the Committee plans to run the Lake Host Program in 2013.

- E. **Budget Update-** The Committee reported funds totaling \$37,000-\$38,000 as a budget for 2012 from the Town of Alton and DES Grant Funds.

### *New Business*

- A. **Board of Selectmen-** The Committee will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen on October 17, 2012 at 5:30pm at Town Hall to brief the Selectmen on the status of Milfoil in Alton. B. Curtin said the Water Department would like proof that 2-4D will not adversely affect the Town water/wells. The Committee discussed a letter from the Drinking Water and Groundwater Bureau sent to the Water Commissioners dated September 21, 2012 that addressed milfoil and the groups working together to help solve the Milfoil issue in Alton and the Merrymeeting River. The Milfoil issue was brought to the Bureau's attention during the permit application process for the 2-4D application which was subsequently denied.

The Committee discussed that 2-4D was used in the recent past on two occasions from Parker Marine to Griffins Bridge and 2-4D was not detected in the wells. The Committee noted reports on the chemical use are available. The Committee discussed that 2-4D treatment followed up with DASH is the best solution and most cost effective way to control the milfoil growth. The Committee noted they had met with representatives from the DES Groundwater Division before and a plan to stagger the use of wells was discussed as a possible option during the milfoil treatment process to address the challenge of the gravel packed Town wells. The Committee discussed the concern of the wells and other options available which may prevent the well from drawing water in.

The Committee noted the 2-4D herbicide has been around since the 1940's and is similar to "Weed be Gone" which many people apply at their home. The Committee noted the wells would be tested before they would be put back online.

- B. **Bid Process for 2013-** The Committee discussed preparing the Bid Documents for DASH and 2-4D for 2013 and suggested a multi-year contract.
- C. **Matching Funds Request-** K. Troendle reported that the 2-4D Invoice was submitted to DES for reimbursement and the DASH request will be submitted once the final invoice is received.
- D. **2013 Budget-** J. Downing made a motion to request \$20,000.00 for a Milfoil Warrant Article, motion was seconded by B. Mannion and passed.
- E. **Milfoil Barge-** J. Catudal recommended checking into the Suncook Lake Association Milfoil Barge and see how they handle milfoil control with divers/volunteers. J. Catudal was asked to check it out by the spring and let the Committee know.
- F. **Milfoil Committee-** The Committee suggested contacting local Associations and inviting Association members to attend the Milfoil Committee meetings or send a representative from

their group to join the Milfoil Committee. Suggested Associations to contact: Minge Cove, Half Moon Lake, Black Point, Rattlesnake, Barn Door.

*Adjournment*

N. Downing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:15pm; motion was seconded by J. Downing and passed. The next meeting will be held in November and will be run by J. Downing with a year end wrap up. The spring meeting will be held April 25, 2013 at 4:00pm at Town Hall.

*Respectfully submitted,*

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

APPROVED