

## Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee

October 8, 2015

**Members Present:** Jim McElroy, Ned Kucera, Bill Elliott, Bruce Howlett

**Members Absent:** Gerard Costantino

**Others Present:** Dianne Park, Roberta McCarthy, Marcia Santner, Susan Marks

**Quorum:** A quorum was met with 4 members present

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

### **Minutes**

There was a motion by Ned, seconded by Bruce, to approve the minutes from September 10, 2015 as written. All were in favor.

### **Milfoil Control Update**

The application for the 2016 grant has been completed and it includes all infested areas in Freedom. Recently NHDES conducted a survey of Freedom waterways and it showed growth in areas already worked by New England Milfoil (NEM). Some areas remaining are Liguori Cove and the Marina. Work is being done with Effingham to get them to address a new find in Teepee Cove (shallow cover near the dam). DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) is being conducted in Teepee Cove. Bill Elliott complimented the operation, because he was present during harvesting, and said it was a good working operation.

### **Weed Watcher Program Review**

Training has been completed for this year and there is hope to conduct this again next year.

### **Lake Host Program Volunteer Review**

The board discussed whether the addition of Friday and Monday days was profitable and decided that yes, it was. The Lake Host Program ran from June 15, 2015 through Labor Day and it was decided to extend the start dates on next year's application. Nancy Johnson, the Lake Host, did a good job and the board would definitely hire her again next year. Jim will write a thank-you note to Nancy and the Marina thanking them for their help. A future meeting agenda will include where in Freedom the board wants a Lake Host. All locations must be on the application.

### **Financial Report**

New reports were passed out and reviewed. The town budget line item appropriated for this year has been spent and there is \$2,244.63 left in the gift account. The problem is maintaining present areas and then adding new areas. The board discussed raising the budget line item for this coming year. Jim is going to approach Danforth Bay Camping Resort as well as the marina for gift donations.

*Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes.*

### **Invoices**

Company: New England Milfoil

Invoice#: 347

Date: 09/18/15

Amount: \$1,155.00

Re: DASH work

There was a motion by Ned, seconded by Bruce, to approve invoice# 347 for \$1,155.00 for DASH work. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Bruce, to accept the financial report. All were in favor.

### **New Business**

The board discussed setting winter meeting dates and decided to use the schedule as follows:

November, 2015 ó Hold per schedule

December, 2015 ó cancel

January, 2016 ó Hold per schedule

February, 2016 ó cancel

March, 2016 ó Hold per schedule and discuss possibility of adding April, 2016

April, 2016 ó cancel

May, 2016 ó November, 2016 ó Hold per schedule

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Ned, to approve the meeting date changes. All were in favor.

### **Other Business**

Marcia Santner said she has not spoken to anyone at Kingswood High School about the Milfoil Program but will.

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Ned, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.