

**Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee**  
**November 12, 2015**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dianne Park

**Quorum:** A quorum was met with 5 members present

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

**Minutes**

There was a motion by Ned, seconded by Gerard, to approve the minutes from October 8, 2015 as amended. All were in favor.

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**Milfoil Control Update**

The progress report for November was distributed to all members and points discussed were:

- The application for 2016 Grant from NHDES has been completed.
- Request for Quotes (RFQs) for Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) and herbicide suppliers has been sent out and 3 responses have been received. The map for the quote shows the worst case areas for treatment.
- All remaining areas of milfoil have been completed. The work was terminated due to low water level.
- The work has been completed on the Effingham side of Marist Cove.
- A total of 8.75 days of DASH/hand pulling have been done in 2015
- The funds from the town milfoil account and the gift account have been depleted. A request has been made to access the town milfoil trust fund for \$1,500.00. Final invoices still need to be submitted to the state to capture the full amount of the 25% grant money.
- Invoices have been received from Aquatic Control Technology (ACT) & New England Milfoil (NEM) totaling \$4,285.00. The invoice from ACT is higher than expected due to the increased water testing requirements from the state.
- Donations are needed to break even for 2015. Jim has approached the Marina and is going to approach Danforth Bay Camping Resort for possible donations. The board decided to send out mailings to ask for end of year donations. Ned has volunteered to donate the money for the mailing.

**Lake Host Program Update**

Thank-you letters will be going to Nancy Johnson and the Marina thanking them for their efforts this year. These letters will be from the Freedom Board of Selectmen (BOS). The board would like Nancy Johnson to come back next year. The final report was submitted and the total number of boats inspected this year was 963.

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

**Financial Report**

The current financial report was passed out and discussed between all members.

**2016 Budget**

Jim will be meeting with the BOS on November 16, 2015 to discuss the 2016 budget requirements. The board decided to ask for \$9,500.00 for next year's Milfoil Budget. They will present documentation for this amount by using maps, the new OSHA requirement of 3 person minimum and an accurate figure on what was spent this year.

**Invoices**

*Company:* Aquatic Control Technology

*Date:* November 4, 2015

*Invoice Number:* 151425

*Project Number:* 114-15

*Amount:* \$3,025.00

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Gerard, to approve invoice number 151425 from Aquatic Control Tech. for \$3,025.00. All were in favor.

*Company:* New England Milfoil

*Date:* November 1, 2015

*Invoice Number:* 357

*Amount:* \$1,260.00

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Gerard, to approve invoice number 357 from New England Milfoil for \$1,260.00. All were in favor.

**New Business**

Bill informed the board that he has seen both methods of milfoil harvesting and the Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting was the most efficient method.

**Other Business**

None

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Ned, to adjourn the meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.

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