

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
January 14, 2016

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

Members Absent: Ned Kucera

Others Present: Dianne Park

Quorum: A quorum was met with 4 members present.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Gerard, to approve the minutes from November 12, 2015 as written. All were in favor.

Milfoil Control Update

The grants for 2016 are in place. The NHDES match is expected to be around 40% this year up from 25% from 2015. Additional state boat registration fees for 2015 are reflected in this increase.

Lake Host Program

The paperwork is not out for 2016 Lake Host Program. The board is expected to expand their monitoring hours this year to the same as last year. Thank-you letters to Nancy Johnson and the Marina have not gone out yet but this is on Jim's agenda.

Finance Report

Bill Elliott gave Jim a big thank-you for all his committee efforts. The end of the year appeal for 2015 was very successful and the Milfoil Gift Account has been replenished. Thank-you also went out to Ned for donating the postage for the appeal letters.

Funding for 2016

The town is asking the Milfoil Committee to reconsider their 2016 budget amount of \$9,500.00. Bill Elliott feels the Board of Selectmen will hold to the original \$9,500.00 figure. After discussion by the board a motion was made by Gerard, seconded by Bruce, to ask the town for \$9,500.00 for 2016 budget with a backup request to be \$9,000.00. The board feels all increases can be justified.

New Business

Jim passed out a draft of the town report from the Milfoil Committee. Changes made were:

- Page 1, second paragraph, inside the parenthesis stating (e.g. in the southern part of New Hampshire) add: -Zebra Mussels

- Page 1, Under -Once again in 2015 we took a dual path approach to milfoil control: make -Herbicide treatment first and -Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting second.

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

- Page 2, First paragraph, in reference to the \$7,000.00, add ~~for~~ 2016 expensesø
- Page 2, move the second paragraph to the first page under ~~Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting~~ø

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Gerard, to accept the draft town report as amended.
All were in favor.

A donation letter from Camp Huckins was read. Thank-you letters will go out to all people who donated to the Gift Account.

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Gerard, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.