

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
May 12, 2016

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dianne Park, Roberta McCarthy, Steve Thurston, Chuck Depew

Quorum: A quorum was met with 5 members present.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ned, seconded by Gerard, to approve the minutes from March 10, 2016 as written. All were in favor.

Milfoil Control Update

Freedom has received a grant for this year's milfoil treatments. The grant is for up to \$9,970 for herbicide treatments and up to \$5,370 for DASH (Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting) treatments. The company doing the work for this year is AB Aquatics. Jim has been in contact with them about this year's treatments. Amy will be doing a new milfoil survey in Freedom within the next two weeks to determine areas for this year.

Lake Host Grant

We have been awarded \$1,550 from the NH Lakes for the Lake Host Grant. Areas for this year are Ossipee Lake Marina and Loon Lake. Nancy Johnson will be our paid lake host this year. Additional volunteers are needed.

The gift account has been replenished to \$8,619.63. The fund raiser that went on the end of last year was very successful.

Financial Reports

There is an outstanding invoice for herbicide treatments. The invoice was not present at tonight's meeting so a motion was made by Gerard, seconded by Bill, to approve the invoice from SOLitude Lake Management, 590 Lake St., Shrewsbury, MA 01545. All were in favor.

Jim passed out updated Milfoil Accounts and discussed all figures.

New Business

Open Item-What's happening in the town of Ossipee concerning milfoil control? The milfoil control person left at the end of last year but another has been appointed. They're going to try and get grant money for this year. A new boat launch is going in on route 25 and Freedom would like to see a milfoil person stationed there.

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

Westward Shores Campground is expanding. The question arose about the possibility of expanding their boat ramp. This is a private campground but Jim will reach out to them asking them to install milfoil signs.

House Bill HP1589 has passed the House and Senate and is awaiting the governor's signature. This bill states all boaters must clean and drain their boat when removing it from the water.

Other Business

The Danforth Bridge construction project has been pushed out until 2019. Lake Road will be closed sometime this year for the replacement of a culvert.

Public Comment

Chuck Depew said the Marine Patrol did the best job last year in patrolling the lake.

Rebecca McCarthy asked if people are notified for herbicide treatments. Jim stated yes, but he did not know the distance for notifications.

Chuck asked if there were any areas totally out of control or were all areas being maintained. Jim said all areas were being maintained and some were coming back.

Bruce asked about fishing tournament coverage for this year. Jim said there is a preliminary list available on the Fish and Game website.

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