

**Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
September 8, 2016**

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dianne Par, Chuck Depew, Heloise Depew

Quorum: A quorum was met with 5 members present.

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Gerard, to approve the minutes from August 11, 2016, as amended. All were in favor.

Page 1, Under "New Business" change the last sentence from: "Amy Smagula, Limnologist/Exotic Species Program Coordinator for NHDES, has been contacted about this site and will be making a visit." To: "Amy Smagula, Limnologist/Exotic Species Program Coordinator for NHDES, has been contacted about this site and had made a visit."

Milfoil Control Update

Progress Report – 2016

There have been a lot of small patches of milfoil found this year but no major patches as in the past. According to NHDES milfoil growth seems lower this year around the state. There has been growth in Upper Danforth Pond and a limited herbicide treatment will be conducted on September 15, 2016. Divers are scheduled to come back in October for Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting (DASH) work. Ned asked if when a treatment is being scheduled within Freedom, Ossipee or Effingham could the company notify each town. Jim will call the milfoil company asking them to notify each town when a treatment is scheduled.

Discussion on places of milfoil infestation:

- Lakefront Landing
- Indian Mound Marina
- Across from condos in Effingham
- Upper Danforth
- Marist Cove

Bruce had the latest map dated 8/15/16 and the infestation in middle Danforth (before the Marina) was not on the map. He will mark up the map and forward to Jim who will make sure it gets included in the count.

Lake Host

This year's Lake Host was at Ossipee Marina on Friday, Saturday Sunday and Monday. Nancy did a wonderful job and is interested in coming back next year. Jim will draft a letter for the Board of Selectmen to sign thanking her for a job well done. This year, Freedom is credited with 1 save, of milfoil entering the water, and no milfoil was detected coming out of the water.

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

Financial Report

A motion was made by Gerard, seconded by Bill, approving invoice# 17-133 for \$300.00 for membership dues to the New Hampshire Lake Host Program. All were in favor.

Jim passed out a spreadsheet showing projected money spent for the rest of the year.

Money spent to date:	\$8,037.10
Grant funds to date divers:	-\$5,357.90
Grant funds to date herbicide:	-\$0.00
Projected spent on divers:	\$4,475.00
Projected spent on herbicide:	\$11,836.00 (upper Danforth)
Projected grant funds divers:	-\$1,790.00
Projected grant funds herbicide: -	\$4,734.40
Total spent:	\$12,465.80
Budget Amount:	\$9,500.00
Gift funds available:	\$8,844.63
Projected gift funds spent:	\$2,965.80

It was noted that grant funds can be shifted from diver to herbicide accounts. A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Ned, to accept the spreadsheet projection proposal. All were in favor.

Jim will going before the Board of Selectmen for a progress report. He will send out the date and any member is welcome to attend.

Bruce had a question about ongoing fundraising. Do they continue with an annual campaign? Ned said that postage last year cost \$1,200.00.

A big thank-you goes out to Gerard Costantino for his donation.

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Gerard, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.