

**Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
November 10, 2016**

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Dianne Park

Quorum: A quorum was met with 5 members present.

Meeting called to order at 7:05pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ned, seconded by Gerard, to approve the minutes from October 13, 2016 as amended. All were in favor.

Page 1, under "Milfoil Control Update" change the fifth sentence from: "Four and one half days are left and that will be completed in spring, 2017." to: "Two days are left and that will be completed in spring, 2017."

Page 1, under "Grant Process" change from: "The bids for next year are in the process of being evaluated. Maps and guidance are in the process of being scheduled. Ned will be cc'd on all correspondence from NHDES." to: "The bids for next year have been sent out and are in the process of being evaluated. Maps and guidance have been received and are in the process of being scheduled. Ned will be cc'd on all correspondence from NHDES."

Milfoil Control Update

Progress Report November 2016

- AB Aquatics was unable to get close to the dam, to pull milfoil, due to the low water level. This will be completed in the spring, 2017.
- AB Aquatics pulled in the Ossipee River and the cost will be split between Freedom and Effingham.

The question was asked if AB Aquatics got to pull the milfoil in Lagouri Cove. The progress reports do not state Lagouri Cove but have Lovering Cove. Jim will check to see if Lovering Cove is Lagouri Cove.

Lake Host Program Update

The Lake Host Program is finished for the year and there is nothing new to report. The board agreed to draft a letter from the Freedom Board of Selectmen thanking Nancy for a job well done.

Financial Report

The balance remaining in various accounts is:

Administrative Services-\$364.19

2016 Budget-negative \$2,705.90

Gift Account-\$8,844.63 (not including a donation of \$3,000 from Bruce Howlett)

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

Grant Account-\$6,347.10

The board made a list of possible corporate donors to the Milfoil Gift Account. Various board members will be in contact with each possible donor. A discussion followed on grant funding, how money is spent and state milfoil regulations.

2017 Grants

All paperwork has been filed for the 2017 Grant but no outcome has been announced.

Invoices

AB Aquatics

10/31/16

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Milfoil Removal

Freedom - \$5817.50

Effingham - \$1,342.50

Total - \$7,160.00

A motion was made by Gerard, seconded by Ned, to approve up to and including \$7,160 but only after clarification on the amount of \$1,342.50 for Effingham. All were in favor.

Solitude Lake Management

10/31/16

PI-A00095280

\$2,850.00

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PI-A00095284

\$700.00

A motion was made by Ned, seconded by Gerard, to approve invoice numbers PI-A00095280 (for \$2,850.00) and PI-A00095284 (for \$700.00) from Solitude Lake Management. All were in favor.

Other Business

2017 Budget

Jim will go before the Board of Selectmen on Monday, November 14, 2017 to discuss the 2017 budget. Discussion followed on what to use to qualify the budget amount.

- Jim will do a bar graph showing spending by year
- Trend chart showing per acre treated in relation to spending
- Jim presented a Summary Spending Chart as of November 10, 2016. The chart shows how much was spent vs. the \$9,500.00 2016 budget. He will go over this report again because he thinks he missed an invoice.
- The Master Plan Survey Results that stated clean water was the top concern of town residence
- The increase of state mandated manpower to qualify the 2017 budget.

The board will ask for \$15,000 for their 2017 budget.

A motion was made by Gerard, seconded by Ned, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

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