

## **Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee**

### **March 9, 2017**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dianne Park, Roberta McCarthy

**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 Bill to approve the minutes from February 9, 2017 as amended. All were in favor.

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### **Financial Reports**

There is no 2017 budget yet because it needs to be approved at the March 18, 2017 Town Meeting. Jim passed out data for Milfoil Grant Account (\$6,595.23) and Milfoil Grant Account (-\$2,779.10). The negative amount in the Grant Account means we are waiting on the state for these funds. A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Gerard, to accept the Financial Report. All were in favor.

### **2017 Progress Report**

Freedom's application for the Lake Host Program has been submitted.

A motion was made by Jim, seconded by Bill, to increase the salary for the Lake Host from \$10/hr. to \$12/hr. All were in favor.

Weed Watcher Training is being sponsored by the Ossipee Lake Alliance and will be held on June 10, 2017 at Camp Calumet from 9:00am-11:00am. The board discussed various ways of getting this information to the public.

The winning bids for Divers this year is AB Aquatics and the winning bid for herbicide treatments is SOLitude Lake Management. The budget line item of \$15,000 has been accepted by the Freedom Board of Selectmen.

### **Other Business**

A thank-you letter did go out to Amy Smagula's first and second level managers. Amy has been in touch with Jim with a big thank-you for the letter.

Confirmation has been received that Lagouri Cove has been completed.

Roberta informed the board that the Ossipee Lake Alliance is doing a study on the total cost the state has paid for Milfoil Management. The first study was for the 2009-2010 seasons.

A motion was made by Ned, seconded by Bill, to adjourn the Meeting.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.

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