

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
May 8, 2014

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: RA Oram

Quorum: A quorum was met with 5 members present.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Gerard, to accept the minutes from April 10, 2014 as written. All were in favor.

Lake Host Program Update

Lake Host Training cannot be done onsite and will be held in Concord, NH, at NHDES Headquarters, on 5/17, 5/22, 6/12 or 6/21. All board members plan on attending.

A grant was received for the Lake Host Program for the marina location. The grant is based on the number of inspections done in 2013. NH Lakes will manage the grant money with the FAISC hiring the personnel and making sure all correct paperwork is filled out. Work hours will be Saturday & Sunday from mid-June through Labor Day with the addition of fishing tournaments. The board discussed how to handle fishing tournaments with the suggestion of handing out milfoil maps to all fishermen asking them to stay away from milfoil areas. Bruce volunteered to send maps to all fishing derby groups beforehand. Ned had suggestions for handouts. A suggestion was made to reach out to Camp Huckins to see if they had someone interesting in working this program. (The marina is within walking distance of the camp). Oram suggested contacting Green Mountain Conservation Group to put an article in their paper explaining FAISC and the position available.

Milfoil Status Report

Suppliers have been picked for the Herbicide Treatment as well as the Diver Assisted Suction Harvesting Treatment. Initial abutter notifications for the herbicide treatment have been sent out. Bill HB292 passed in the NH House as well as the NH Senate. The Senate has sent it to the Finance Committee with a revote by them to follow. All board members are asked to contact their Senator (Jeb Bradley) asking him to support this bill.

New Hampshire Lake Host Congress

The NH Lake Host Congress is scheduled for June 27, 2014 at Church Landing at Mills Falls in Meredith, NH. This is a broad effort exposure to lake protection with many lectures. Ned has already signed up to attend and Jim will be a guest speaker. The town has money for people who wish to attend.

Other Business

Jim handed out draft copies of what FAISC is about and what the problems are. A discussion centered on what audience should receive the information. The board decided to use the first half of the letter as well as the last paragraph and Jim will present the final copy to the Board of Selectmen for their approval. Questions for the selectmen are:

- Can the board use town letterhead on mailings?
- Does the board need permission to post milfoil information at the town offices as well as the town hall and transfer station?

Jim will also check with Linda to see if this is something that can be put on the town website as well as sent out on the town email list. Ned will check into the cost of mailings for future information.

Ned asked if the Freedom Elementary School had been contacted for milfoil information to students. Oram will get a contact person for Ned.

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Gerard, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.