

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
August 14, 2014

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

Members Absent: Gerard Constantino

Others Present: Susan Marks

Quorum: A quorum was met with 4 members present.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ned, seconded by Bruce, to approve the minutes from July 10, 2014 as written. All were in favor.

Milfoil Survey

The milfoil survey scheduled for July 15 or 16, 2014 was rained out and has been rescheduled for mid-week August 17-23, 2014. Jim will send out an email to poll all members.

Financial Accounts

Town Allocation Account ó starting balance of \$6,500 from town allocation. These funds have been used.

Administration Account-total \$750.00, spent \$339.81, balance left \$410.19

Milfoil Grant Account - \$2,608.80 has been submitted to the state and the town is waiting for payment.

Milfoil Gift Account ó starting balance \$10,368.80, spent \$313.20, balance left \$10,054.8

Jim acknowledged Bruce for being generous with donations to this account.

Milfoil Trust Fund ó Held by the Trustees of the Trust Fund. Prior approval needed by Selectmen. Total - \$7,533.65

Invoices

New England Milfoil

Date: 08/14/14

Invoice #: 276

Re: for dates 7/30/14 and 8/7/14 ó Bay Package ó 1 certified week control diver hand pulling, 1 tender shuttle boat, 2 days @ \$790/day Total: \$1,580.00

New England Milfoil

Date: 07/25/14

Invoice #: 274

Re: for dates July 22-23, 2014 ó Lake Package - 2 certified control divers, tender harvester operator, DASH boat, 2 days @ \$840/day Total: \$1,680.00

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Bruce, to approve invoice # 276 for \$1,580.00 and invoice # 274 for \$1,680.00 from New England Milfoil. All were in favor.

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

August 2014 FAISC Status Report

- Milfoil Control Efforts ó only the river clean-up is left
- Lake Host Program ó Lake Host hire returning to school. Additional dates need to be covered. Board volunteered to cover certain dates.
- Community Outreach ó Lake Front Mailing complete, no comments from recipients.

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Bruce, to accept the August FAISC Status Report. All were in favor.

New Milfoil Signs

The order has been placed for new Milfoil Signs. Amy will bring them to Freedom on her next visit. Jim will contact Amy for delivery date or make other arrangements.

New Business

Discussion on the solicitation of donations from area businesses to increase the hourly rate of the lake host hire for next year.

Ned spoke with the 5th Grade Teacher at Freedom Elementary and gave her information. She's hoping to do a spring, 2015 Milfoil Course for her class.

There was a discussion on Green Mountain Conservation Group (GMCG) and the possibility of partnering with them to get the word out about Milfoil. Jim will follow-up.

Ned gave special thanks to Linda Farinella and Anne Cunningham for their help with the recent mailing.

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

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