

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
October 8, 2014

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

Members Absent: Bruce Howlett

Others Present: None

Quorum: A quorum was met with 4 members present.

Minutes recorded by Jim McElroy

Purpose of Meeting

The purpose of this gathering was to do a survey of Trout Pond to look for aquatic invasive species. We began by meeting at the Jackman Ridge Road gate at 10:00 am and then took two vehicles up to Trout Pond.

Minutes

Four members in two canoes made observations around the periphery of the pond as aquatic invasive species are most often found near the shoreline (shallow water allows more light for growth of aquatic plants). Due to the rain on Oct. 7th, the water clarity was somewhat reduced.

We did observe large amounts of Bladderwort ó a native species often found in ponds and lakes of this area. While this plant does resemble variable milfoil, it is of no concern to the environment of Trout Pond.

After the survey, we replaced the outdated milfoil warning sign with the latest version provided by NHDES ó using the same general location as the previous sign. We also put up a sign at the town launch site off of West Danforth Road.

No other decisions or votes were taken during this field trip.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

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