

**Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee**  
**March 12, 2015**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Dianne Park

**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 approve the minutes from January 8, 2015 as written. All were in favor.

**NHDES Grants**

The 2015 Grant paperwork has been completed and signed by Freedom Board of Selectmen. Money from increased boat registration fees in 2015 will be spent in 2016 but more applications means less money per application.

The 2015 budget has been increased to \$8,000. This money will not be in the budget as a line item but listed as a warrant article to be voted on separately. Jim will be attending Town Meeting to speak in favor of this article.

**Weed Watcher Program**

Amy Smagula, Limnologist/Exotic Species Program Coordinator, for NHDES has volunteered to do training for this program. Hopefully a date in late May can be coordinated. Training will be held at The Bluffs.

**Lake Host Program**

The board discussed getting donation sponsors for the program to increase the hourly wage. Jim will put together various scenarios for adding hours for Fridays and Mondays this summer.

**Other Business**

**Discussion Items**

- Training Schedule
- Hourly Rate for Lake Host Program
- Ad for Lake Host Program
- List of financial sponsors for gift account
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- Tri-fold brochure to advertise sponsors ó Possibility of adding sponsors to the milfoil annual town mailing (-This progress report is sponsored by í ..ø)
- Meeting scheduled for April 9, 2015

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

## **Financial Report**

### **Invoice**

From: Aquatic Control Technology

Date: February 27, 2015

Invoice#: 150176

Project#: 114-15

Amount: \$1,645.00

Re: Permitting paperwork with NH DPC for the 2015 Aquatic Management Program

A motion was made by Gerard, seconded by Ned, to approve invoice# 150176 for \$1,645.00 from Aquatic Control Technology for permitting paperwork with NH DPC for the 2015 Aquatic Management Program. All were in favor.

### **Milfoil Gift Account**

Trend shows the need to be more aggressive in sponsors for this account.

### **New Business**

Ned asked for suggestions on speakers or displays for a program at the Freedom Elementary School. Suggestions were to have a milfoil truck come for display. Also, suggested having the truck in the Old Home Week Parade.

Jim will be speaking at the April meeting of the Freedom Community Club on April 8, 2015.

Motion by Bill, seconded by Gerard, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.

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