

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
July 9, 2015

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

Members Absent: Gerard Costantino

Others Present: Paul Elie, Kurt Damery

Quorum: A quorum was met with 4 members present.

Minutes recorded by Linda Farinella

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

There was a motion by Kucera, seconded by Elliott, to approve the minutes from June 11, 2015 as amended. All were in favor.

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Milfoil Control Update

Chairman McElroy stated that herbicide treatments, through a clay pellet method, were made on June 18 in the areas of Middle Danforth, the channel at Lower to Middle Danforth and Huckins Pond. The herbicide is a systemic treatment that the milfoil take in through the roots and die.

Cliff Cabral, of New England Milfoil, has spent four days hand pulling in areas not thick enough for herbicide treatments. Huckins Pond is being done presently with the Ossipee River to be scheduled. Kucera asked if another treatment has been scheduled. Chairman McElroy stated possibly in September or October, before it gets too cold.

More scouting will be done. Oram has made and donated floating signs to be used as markers once milfoil is found.

Weed Watcher Program Update

The program has been expanded to Friday through Monday at the Ossipee Lake Marina Boat Ramp. Nancy Johnson has been found to be very thorough and shows good people skills. Chairman McElroy stated that Fridays and Mondays are still busy enough to warrant coverage.

Training at the Danforth Bay Camping Resort for the Weed Watcher Program was attended by approximately twelve people. Chairman McElroy suggested formalizing the areas for each member to watch. Howlett volunteered to monitor the boat launch at the mouth of the stream continuing through the channel. Chairman McElroy will do lower Danforth and Huckins Pond, when there. Kucera will do Loon Lake, Round Pond; and Ossipee River when he is able.

Lake Host Program Volunteer Schedule

Chairman McElroy and Kucera have been going over on Saturdays and Sundays, respectively, to help Nancy Johnson set up in the mornings and pack up in the afternoons. Howlett will help when in town.

Financial Report for FAISC Accounts

McElroy presented handouts to the committee outlining the three financial FAISC accounts, activity, and current balances: Milfoil Removal, Milfoil Grants, and Milfoil Gifts. Motion by Elliott to accept the report, seconded by Kucera. The motion passed unanimously.

McElroy presented for payment:

Aquatic Control Technology
Invoice #150890
Dated 06/30/2015
Re: 2015 Aquatic Management Program
\$8,358.50

Motion by Elliott, seconded by Howlett to pay the invoice. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Kucera donated new business size cards with a milfoil picture on one side and important contact information on the reverse. These will be distributed around town. The committee thanked Kucera for his donation.

Kucera will post the laminated milfoil information signs done by the FES fifth grade students. Suggestions for locations were the beach at Loon Lake, transfer station, the marina and OHW table.

Other Business

Elliott thanked Elie for taking the minutes at the June meeting.

Public Comments

Kurt Damery of North Broad Bay Road stated that he has found milfoil in Berry Bay near the outlet to the river. This may be in Ossipee. McElroy will inform them.

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Ned, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.