

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee

November 9, 2017

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Roberta McCarthy

Quorum: A quorum was met

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

Ned made a motion, seconded by Bruce to accept the October 12, 2017 as amended.

Amendment: Change the meeting date from October 17,2017 to October 12,2017. **All were in favor.**

Review and Approve Invoices for FAISC Accounts

Invoices:

Solitude Lake Management #P1A00140238 dated 10/26/17 \$2,600.00 for post treatment survey.

Discussion ensued around the lack of detail on the invoice since Solitude merged with another company. It was decided Jim would request more detail for the above invoice and future invoices.

A motion was made by Ned, seconded by Gerard to pay invoice P1A00140238 dated 10/26/2017 fir \$2600.00. All were in favor.

Review Financial Reports for FAISC Accounts

Milfoil Gifts-\$4,009.13

Milfoil Grant- (\$7,098.07)

Aquatic Invasive Species \$332.82

Milfoil Removal (\$1,105.65) money to be taken from Milfoil Gifts account to settle negative amount. State reimbursement is not in yet.

Trust Fund Balance- \$6,112.49

Divers did not finish pulling milfoil in the river. They will do it next spring.

Ned suggested taking money from the Trust Fund, so the Gift account is not depleted.

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Ned made a motion, seconded by Gerard to investigate and spend the Trust Fund dollars to pay the excess for the removal fees for this year. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Ned, seconded by Bill to accept the financial report. All were in favor.

Lake Host Training Update

Jim updated the Committee that he proposed to NH Lakes Association joining the three towns together (Freedom, Effingham and Ossipee) to find a Lake Host. Discussion ensued around what a three-town lake host program would look like. The three towns would get one grant and share resources for coverage of all the ramps. The ramps are Ossipee Lake Marina, Rt. 25 Boat Ramp and Lords Landing if possible. Possible challenges with the State was discussed.

Ned made a motion, seconded by Bruce to investigate the Tri- Town Lake Host System and come forward with a proposal of a future vote. All were in favor.

Bill raised the question advertising for a Lake Host at Green Mountain and the High School. Jim confirmed they will be pursuing that when it's time to advertise. Places discussed for posting:

- UNH
- White Mountain Community College
- Granite State College
- St. Josephs College
- Anyone with environmental interest.

Ned suggested drafting a letter for the schools, Jim agreed and will draft a letter.

New Business

Bruce posed the question of dealing with the closing of the bridge over Danforth on Ossipee Lake Road when the State builds the cofferdam. Jim reported he just attended a Selectmen's meeting where he was asked what the committee can do to come up with a different plan when that happens. Jim went on to report Scott Brooks was on hand at the meeting and stated that it's controlled by the State and the committee has no control when the State will do it. It will most likely be done at very low water mark (Aug. or Sept.)

Bruce suggested an education will need to happen to inform people because no boats will be able to go through and Danforth is a problem area. Discussion ensued around the challenges with the bridge being closed and traffic flow with the boats.

The 2018 budget was briefly discussed. Jim has to go before the Selectmen to discuss it. Bill questioned asking for an increase. The fact that the committee has to get into the Trust Fund Account shows the Committee may need to ask for an increase due to the amount of milfoil increases every year. Jim will try to plot out the spending over time to show how it has gone up due to having to treat additional areas.

Public Comment

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Roberta asked if Jim has seen a final report from Amy. He said he has not seen it yet. Jim confirmed the divers pulled Liguori Cove, but it is a fairly shallow area and they may need to go back next year.

A motion was made by Ned, seconded by Ned to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 p.m. All were in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stacy Bolduc
Recording Secretary

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