

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee

August 8, 2019

Freedom Town Hall

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Roberta McCarthy

Quorum: A quorum was met

Meeting called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Minutes

The minutes for the July 11, 2019, meeting was reviewed.

Bill made a motion, seconded by Gerard to accept the minutes for the July 11, 2019 meeting as written. All were in favor.

Chair Position

The next order of business was to elect a chair due to Jim stepping down for health reasons.

Bill suggested a chairperson and a co-chair share the responsibilities.

Bill made a motion to elect Ned as chairperson and Jim as co-chair. Discussion: Ned stated he was willing to serve as chair but didn't think a co-chair would work. He explained it would be more helpful if committee members would help out with tasks as they come up. Bruce stated he would be able to help out with aquatics and diving responsibilities.

Bill withdrew his first motion and instead made a new motion.

Bill made a motion, seconded by Gerard to appoint Ned as chairman; Motion passed unanimously.

Gerard made a motion to appoint Jim as vice-chair, seconded by Bill; Motion passed unanimously.

Invoices

There was a reimbursement from the state for AB Aquatics invoice #1390 for \$1,532.00

North Broad Bay Association donated \$75.00.

Ned made a motion, seconded by Bruce to accept the funds from the North Broad Bay Association. Motion passed unanimously.

The money will go into the gift account.

Ned reported that he went to Concord and met with Crystal to get a better understanding of the numbers for the annual request for a grant. He further explained there were three hundred dollars left in the account, not enough money to cover the payroll for the lake host for the rest of the summer.

Jim explained the reason for the shortage is because we pay the lake host more than the minimum, the difference has to be made up. Discussion ensued around expenses, and the budget, and what is owed to NH

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Lakes. The final amount due to NH Lakes for the tri-town lake host is \$3,750.00. A generous donation was made by Gerard Constantino for \$2,000 which covered the first and second paycheck. Bruce Howlett donated the remaining \$1,750.00 to cover the remainder of the bill which will cover payroll for the rest of the year leaving a balance of a \$1,000 to start next year. Bruce will send the check directly to the NH Lakes for the Lake Host program.

Discussion ensued around the CD 3 machine and Effingham possibly participating in the Lake host program next year.

Gerard made a motion, seconded by Jim to table the NH Lakes bill for \$1,750.00 till next month. Motion passed unanimously.

Lake Host Position Update

Currently, there are three lake hosts. Ned reported that Joe would be going back to Alaska soon. Discussion ensued around coverage and the CD 3 machine at the Rt 25 boat ramp. The season ends at the end of Labor Day. All the boat information has been entered into a phone app. The information collected will help determine the budget next year and help with the grant process and scheduling coverage.

Amy's survey was reviewed and discussed next, and the dive that took place in Danforth. Bruce expressed concern for new growth by the beaver dam. Amy has done the maps to determine where herbicide treatments should take place and pull the weeds she has forwarded them to the divers and herbicide companies so they can bid. Ned stated there are ten more days of diving budgeted for and there are a lot more places in Danforth that need attention. Liguori cove also needs a day of diving.

Bruce is willing to donate a couple day's of diving if needed to cover the middle to the upper channel. AB aquatics will be diving the week of August 19th, Ossipee will be the week of September 23rd.

Public

Cyanobacteria has been found in Province Lake; Jim reported a cyanobacteria bloom was found in Danforth Bay twice, but it is now done.

Roberta reported work has begun on the dam.

Jim created a spreadsheet that tracked diving cost and where the dive took place, Bruce will help Jim with finding the spreadsheet and keep it updated.

There being no other business to come before the board, **A motion was made by Gerard, seconded by Bruce to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.**

**Respectfully submitted,
Stacy Bolduc, Recording Secretary**

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