

**Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
September 12, 2019
Freedom Town Hall**

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

Members Absent:

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary

Quorum: A quorum was met

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

Minutes

The minutes for August 8, 2019, meeting were reviewed.

Bill made a motion, seconded by Gerard to accept the minutes for August 8, 2019, with the following amendment: Under invoices the second paragraph from the bottom, the first sentence correct the spelling of “Crystal” to “Krystal.” **All were in favor.**

Ned updated committee members that the North American Lake Management Society conference will take place November 11, 2019, at the Double Tree by Hilton in Burlington, VT.

Invoices

2019 Lake Host Program invoice dated August 1, 2019, for \$1,750.00 has been paid by a generous donation.

The account balances were reviewed and discussed next.

Milfoil Removal account balance \$9091.25

Aquatic Invasive Species balance \$353.03

Total \$9,444.28

Milfoil Gift acct. balance \$2,794.98

Milfoil Grant acct. .75

Total \$2,795.73

There will be another bill from AB Aquatics for ten days of diving plus two days of diving on the river. Discussion ensued around the price of managing the milfoil is expensive, and the budget will need to be increased for next year. Bruce Howlett donated \$2,500.00 towards two days of diving. Bill will take the check to the town hall and made the following motion:

Bill made a motion, seconded by Gerard to accept the generous donation of \$2,500.00 to go towards two days of diving. All were in favor.

Ned spoke with Bob Patterson from AB Aquatics, and he has volunteered to come to a future meeting to discuss strategy for future diving and herbicide treatments to ensure Freedom is making steady progress

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fighting milfoil. Ned supports having him come to next month's meeting. Discussion ensued around future dives and milfoil being in the cove by Camp Huckins. Ned read an email from Bob Patterson regarding his findings from the dives that have been done and his offer to attend a future meeting.

Asking for an increase in next year's budget was briefly discussed. The bridge repair on Danforth will take place next year. Bruce suggested to help make people aware of milfoil and how it has progressed in the lake to put pictures up at various spots around town, i.e., foyer at Town Hall and the dump; so when the budget comes up at town meeting people are aware of the milfoil issue and the need for the increase in the budget. Ned supports the idea.

Ned reported Green Mountain Conservation Group is holding a meeting on September 21st at 10:00 a.m. at the Freedom Town Hall regarding Milfoil and Cyanobacteria. Ossipee Lake Alliance is holding their annual meeting on September 28th. Ned was not sure where the meeting would be held. Jim said in the past; the meetings have been held at Susan Marks house. He also suggested handing out cards next year asking for donations. The cards would instruct boaters how they can donate or who to talk to, and they could choose to donate towards Lake Host or Town Remediation. Discussion ensued around seeking donations and reaching out to Danforth Bay Campground for a donation.

Ned reported that he met with Jim Fitzpatrick regarding Ossipee's system. They do not do remediation; they just do the Lake Host, and they also met with Ellen White the Town Administrator to make sure they were all on the same page for filling out the state paperwork for the Lake Host Program for next year.

Lake Host Update

Ned met with the Ossipee Conservation Commission last night, and they were not aware of the process for the Lake Host position. The total for the lake host salaries was \$10,000.00, of that there was a grant for \$2,500.00 leaving \$3,750.00 each (Freedom and Ossipee) to come up with. Freedom has a small balance left in the account that will carry over for next year.

Over 2000 people took the NH Lake Survey this year via an app. The data collected will be helpful to see where the lake host coverage should be next year and what hours are busiest. Ned will send the survey out to committee members. The Ossipee Lake Marina was not on the NH Lakes Survey app, so the information went to the Rt. 25 app. This has been corrected for next year.

Winter Meeting Schedule

Ned suggested meeting October, November, and December to finish up this year's business; there would be no meetings in January and February unless something came up. Meetings would resume in March.

Gerard made a motion, seconded by Bruce to change the meeting dates to the following:

Meet October, November, and December. No meetings January and February unless something comes up. All were in favor.

New Business

Ned recapped the meetings that will take place for NH Lake Alliance and Green Mountain. There being no other business to come before the board, **A motion was made by Gerard, seconded by Bruce to adjourn at 8:00 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Stacy Bolduc, Recording Secretary