

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
October 10, 2019
Freedom Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Gerard Constantino

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Paul Elie

Quorum: A quorum was met

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

Minutes

The minutes for September 12, 2019, meeting were reviewed.

Bill made a motion, seconded by Bruce, to accept the minutes for the September 12, 2019 meeting as written. All were in favor.

Invoice # 1423

Date 9/23/19

Amount- \$13,168.75

Re: Invasive weed removal w/Dash Day Rate August 26- September 18, 2019.

Ned handed out the dive report and reported that Bob Patterson would like to attend a meeting in November to discuss a strategy to keep up with the milfoil. Liguori Cove had more milfoil than anticipated, and the marinas were pretty bad. The report includes maps and how much milfoil was harvested. Discussion ensued around the details in the report and the conditions that support milfoil growth.

Bruce made a motion, seconded by Bill to pay the AB Aquatics Invoice as presented from the Milfoil account and the Gift account for the amount of \$13,168.75; Motion passed unanimously.

The milfoil bid will go out in November. Ned stated he had prepared Selectmen that they will be asking for an increase in the budget next year based on this year's report and the lake host program. Discussion ensued around other town's budgets for milfoil, and protecting the water quality is important to everyone.

Ned spoke with a gentleman last week who is concerned about the weed problem in Round Pond. He sent a sample of water from Round Pond to Amy; the weed is clogging the pond. Ned asked the committee how the problem should be addressed; he explained there are different chemicals that can be used but asked the committee how permits would be obtained or should a private company be hired, or is it something the FAISC should budget for. The following points were briefly discussed:

- It is not an invasive plant, and this committee purview is invasive species.
- Referring the gentleman to the Selectmen.
- The FAISC budget is already strapped.

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

It was decided that Ned will talk to the selectman about it, and if he sees Amy on Saturday, he will discuss it further with her.

Bill reported he did not approach Danforth to ask for a donation because somebody else has already approached them regarding the issues with the lake. Ned presented cards that instruct people how to donate to the Lake Host Program or the Milfoil Gift Account if they wish to assist the Town in its work with NH Lakes Lake Host Program or in its efforts to control invasive weeds.

Paul Elie was on hand to thank the committee for their presentation on September 21st at the Freedom Town Hall regarding the presentation on milfoil and cyanobacteria.

The Barry Bay Association meeting is Saturday the October 12th.

Bob Patterson from AB Aquatics will be at the November meeting.

Lake Host is done for the year, and Ned has turned in his end of season report.

The report was briefly discussed. The Next Lake Host season begins in February as far as getting paperwork filed.

Jim shared that he supports the Tri-Town Lake Host system. It allows for a lot of flexibility in covering the marinas. The increased traffic in boat traffic at the boat ramp on Rt. 25, while the bridge is under construction, was briefly discussed and need for more coverage there next year.

New Business

There being no other business to come before the board, **A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Jim to adjourn at 7:42 p.m.**

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