

**Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
November 14, 2019
Freedom Town Hall**

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

Members Absent: Gerard Constantino

Others Present: Stacy Bolduc Recording Secretary, Roberta McCarthy

Quorum: A quorum was met

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

Minutes

The minutes for October 10, 2019, meeting was reviewed.

Bruce made a motion, seconded by Bill to accept the minutes for October 10, 2019, with the following amendments:

In members present change *Chair Jim McElroy to Vice-Chair Jim McElroy and Ned Kucera to Chairman Ned Kucera.*

On the first page, last paragraph, the second sentence modify the sentence from *He sent a sample of water from Round Pond to Amy to He sent a photo sample of weeds to Amy.*

Motion passed 3-0-0.

Review Invoices

There were no invoices.

Ned will confirm with the town office if they have the latest AB Aquatics invoice and that it has been paid and confirm a copy has been sent to Amy Smagula.

Bob Patterson, AB Aquatics

Bob was unable to make tonight's meeting due to the weather. However, Ned had a copy of his dive report, and he shared his findings with committee members.

Ned reported he attended the annual meeting hosted by Berry Bay Association one topic was on milfoil and invasive weeds. Amy Smagula from NH DES was there to answer questions and discuss the areas of concern.

Bob Patterson explained to Ned, regarding the Town of Ossipee, he did hit some of the areas of concern but not as much as he wanted because he ran out of time, and the water levels were prematurely drawn down. Discussion ensued around the details of the report from AB Aquatics.

Bob will be on the agenda next month.

Review 2020 Meeting Dates

There will be no meetings in January and February.

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

2020 Budget

Ned explained he met the new Town Administrator last week, and she told him she would be calling department heads in to discuss their budget. He went on to explain the FAISC budget for next year will be based on Amy's survey from last fall. AB Aquatics has dived a lot of what is on the survey. Ned has submitted the bids for both ten days of diving and treating 49 acres for milfoil and invasive weeds. Both bids are based on Amy's recommendations. The herbicide treatment is also based on Amy's recommendations. Amy will let Ned know how much grant money Freedom will receive. The herbicide map was reviewed and discussed. Discussion ensued around the bid process and submitting a budget to the town and the chemicals that are used in treating milfoil.

The Liguori Cove dive report was reviewed and discussed next. The divers were there a day and a half and harvested 11 bags/220 gallons. Roberta McCarthy was happy to hear they were there because she explained it is important to work in Liguori Cove because of its location. It is located directly across from an outlet that goes down to the dam then directly into the river.

New Business

People can make donations to the Lake Host program through NH Lakes or through the Town. They need to make sure any donations made note "for town of Freedom- lake host" Donations can also be made directly to the Town for the removal of milfoil and invasive weed, and it is tax deductible. Make sure donations note "for Freedom milfoil control". Ned will confirm if donations made through the town are tax-deductible.

Ned suggested talking to associations on Ossipee Lake to see if they would allow a lake host to work at their boat ramps (the lake host would rotate the ramps). Ned would like names if any committee members talk to anyone that he can follow-up with starting in February, and he will check with NH Lakes to see if this is possible.

The accounting spreadsheet is still a work in progress and was briefly discussed how the sheet is broken down by areas around the lake that have been treated with chemicals and invoices. Ned asked that the spreadsheet be updated and completed by the end of the year.

Ned will be attending the Ossipee Conservation Commission meeting in January to see what their budget looks like and if they have names for the lake host program.

There being no other business to come before the board, **A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Jim to adjourn at 7:52 p.m.**

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

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