

Town of Freedom

Aquatic Invasive Species Committee

March 12, 2020

Present: Ned Kucera, Chair, Jim McElroy, Vice Chair, Bruce Howlett, Gerard Costantino, William Elliott, Jr and Melissa Donaldson, Recording Secretary

Absent: none

A quorum was met.

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Ned Kucera, Chair.

Minutes of December 12 meeting are not available. Approval tabled to next meeting.

Review and approve invoices for FAISC accounts - None. Potential invoice from Solitude is forthcoming.

2020 Board Member Terms - Jim and Ned's terms are expiring at the end of March. Jim and Ned both agree to re-up for three more years. Gerard made motion to approve, Bruce seconded.
APPROVED

2020 Budget - Article 27 - \$46,508 for milfoil treatment, of which \$27,905 will come from taxation. Two weeks of diving and the complete treatment was approved. The State will reimburse 40% this year. Ossipee Town Meeting was held last night. Their Article 15 was to raise \$20,000 to add to invasive species control fund. This was recommended. Article 28 in Freedom was \$3500 for NH Lake Host program, and that was approved as well. Bill was pleased with the presentation that was done by Ned.

DASH Contract 2020 - The low bidder, AquaLogic, was approved at the last meeting. AB Aquatics received a recommendation. That was in the budget that was voted on. A motion to approve the use of AB Aquatics rather than the low bidder was made by Ned, seconded by Gerard. APPROVED

Solitude Contract 2020 - abutters list is being compiled.

Lake Host Update - the process is just getting started. Julie has volunteered to come back on this year. We offer \$12 per hour. We got \$3700 last year, and there was already \$1000 in there. We have paid next year's \$300 dues. We used 599.5 hours for employees, and 51 volunteer hours. We reduced to \$3500 this year.

Area Cost Accounting Spreadsheet - Freedom is done, Bruce will try to meet with Matt tomorrow.

New Business - Milfoil plans for Ossipee Lake and Danforth Bay were emailed to the Board. The Danforth Bridge is being done in June.

Other Business - none

Public comment - none

- * Misc correspondence

- * Business properly presented to the Board

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 pm, Gerard seconded. APPROVED

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson

Recording Secretary