

**Freedom Aquatic Invasive
Species Committee
Thursday May 14, 2020
Minutes**

Call to Order and Quorum Check – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. A quorum is present.

Present are:

Ned Kucera, Chair - present

Jim McElroy, Vice Chair

Bruce Howlett

Gerard Costantino

William Elliott, Jr

Melissa Donaldson, Recording Secretary

Paul Elie

Minutes of December 12, 2019 FAISC Meeting – Bruce made a motion to approve, Bill seconded.

Approved unanimously

Minutes of March 12, 2020 FAISC Meeting –Bill made a motion to approve, Bruce seconded. Approved unanimously

Review and approve invoices for FAISC Accounts – Solitude invoice - \$1500 – Bruce made a motion to approve the invoice dated 4/22/20, Bill seconded. Approved unanimously

2020 Lake Host contract and update - Ned received notification that a grant was received. Agreements were also received. \$3250 grant monies, \$3500 from Ossipee and \$3500 from Freedom will cover the costs for the three lake hosts. Bruce mentioned that he has received a call that they were moving toward hosts being essential services, and what are we going to do about all the PPE, etc. Ned verified that NH Lakes is the corporate entity that is taking care of all of this. Masks and disinfectant are available for the hosts. Ned will take the Local Coordinator Training course on the 21st. Will there be an economic impact for these supplies? Ned believes that the payment rate is \$12.00 an hour, and the costs are covered with the exception of the shirts. He does not feel that the costs will go over due to sick days, etc. and the money that is left over from last year. Freedom (Ellen) says the program is still a go. Ossipee – the administrator has said that they have not heard anything, and that it should still be a go. Their Conservation Commission is the group that controls this. Ned is waiting to hear from them.

A motion to continue with Lake Host program was made by Bruce, seconded by Gerard. Approved unanimously.

Julie would like to continue, but can only work Fridays and Mondays. Ned is open for additional suggestions. Gerard's son has filled out information online. Ned will place ads. Send suggestions to him. Jim received a monetary appeal from NH Lakes. They are having financial difficulty.

2020 Milfoil update – The Aquatic Plant Control grant was received. The first invoice was received today. We would like to start at Danforth as soon as possible. Mid to late June is a good time to do it. The campground gets worried about the timeframe because of swimming, etc. Ned will speak to Amy and Solitude about what is most advantageous for the best results. Previously the campground has been concerned about the week of June 20. NH residents and seasonal rentals are allowed to come now, so the campground may be hesitant in the event that some of their campers may be arriving earlier. Ned will contact Solitude. He will also coordinate with the campground. Two weeks have been budgeted for pulling. He would like to get a week's worth around Huckins/marina, and save the additional week for the Danforth area.

NEW BUSINESS: Paving is not going forward on Swett's Hill. Bridge construction – has not been started yet. Jim believes there was a problem with the permits and that the project has been delayed. Bill did not hear anything about this at the Selectmen's meeting. Paul has heard nothing. Ned will check in with the Town about this. Regarding the milfoil, we should consider some type of an education program with the campground so the milfoil will not get chopped up and spread around. There is a problem area near the old town ramp, and also to the west of their dock. If there is going to be a bridge program, we should do additional education.

Bruce asked if there were any other invoices. There were not.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

PUBLIC COMMENT: Paul Elie asked about slippage in the timeframe for the milfoil remediation. Green Mountain has put a hold on the VLAP testing. Ned will confirm with the State and Amy, and will talk to the divers about any possible delays.

Regarding the Lake Host program, what were the figures? The Tri-Town (Ossipee and Freedom) account has just over \$3000 left over from last year. The grant was \$3250. Freedom and Ossipee each contributed \$3500 toward the payroll for the lake hosts. Last year each town gave \$3750.

Ned spoke about a picture of an unknown weed or something that was found in Mountview. It appears to just be some type of algae. It appears to be a fertilizer type issue, not an invasive.

Miscellaneous Correspondences: none

Business properly presented to the board: none

A motion to adjourn was made by Gerard at 7:49 pm, Bruce seconded. The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary