

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

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Due to the COVID-19/Coronavirus crisis and in accordance with Governor Sununu's Emergency Order #12 pursuant to Executive Order 2020-04 and following the declaration of an emergency by the Chair of the FAISC, this Board is authorized to meet electronically.

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SEPTEMBER 10, 2020

1. Call to Order and Quorum Check – The meeting was called to order at 7:04 pm by Ned Kucera. Present are: Bruce Howlett, Ned Kucera, Jim McElroy and Gerard Costantino. Melissa Donaldson-Recording Secretary is also present. A quorum is present. Bill Elliott is absent.
2. Minutes of August 13, 2020 FAISC meeting: Bruce made a motion to approve, Gerard seconded. APPROVED
3. Review and approve invoices for FAISC Accounts
 - Bank account information was received. Everything is positive. Milfoil removal account on sheet 1 shows zero. Milfoil removal on the second sheet seems to have all of the money. The first sheet may be the reserve account from the prior year. \$46,508 – unclear about this number being as large as it is. We think it should have been \$27,800 plus \$6000. It may include the state

amount, which would explain it. Herbicide treatment and divers came in under budget.

4. 2020 Lake Host update – has finished for the year. We are under budget in this category. There was a delay in hiring, so that explains some of it. Vacation days and college startup also affected this. The budget process will start soon. Matt still has a blue sign. Everything went well this year, with only small issues. Final numbers have not been compiled as yet.

5. 2020 Milfoil update - Amy's report came back good. The treatment appears to have done a great job. Bob Patterson is planning an October dive. It will be GPS plotted for town identification.

Bruce saw a couple of spots in Danforth. There is a spot in front of Marsha Murphy's, some on the east side of Middle Danforth, in the channel, highest amount at the mouth of Upper Danforth, and some going toward the Bluffs. He does not feel it is worth pulling this year. Budgeting for next year – typically this is dependent on Amy's map. We hoped to reduce this year. Ned will discuss with Amy. Grant application deadline is September 15. The second part is typically done after the survey is done. The State may have limited resources, and may reduce the percentage this year. Bruce spoke about rebuilding the reserve. Ned will speak with the Town and with Amy to determine what we should do. Perhaps 25 acres? We do not remember Spindle Point having milfoil in the past. This seems to be a new location, perhaps it is more on the Ossipee side? Ned also thinks there may be some growing by Ossipee Lake Marina.

6. NEW BUSINESS –Bruce was approached by many about the bacteria problem. Is there a way to educate people? How do we pass this on to the Town, or raise to the Conservation Commission? Green Mountain Conservation is involved in this. Discussion ensued on this topic. Pass this on to Conservation to promote education. Perhaps through the Town Health Officer?

7. OTHER BUSINESS – Jim asked if we know how many lake hosts are coming back. Ned has not asked them yet.

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

* Miscellaneous Correspondences

* Business properly presented to the board

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

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson

Recording Secretary

Ned intends to meet with the Selectmen to give them an update