

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
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A meeting of the Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee will be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

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.

Please note that there is no physical location to observe and listen contemporaneously to the meeting. The FAISC is using the Zoom platform for this electronic meeting. To join the meeting via Zoom, please go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8498152356>

and enter the meeting id: 849 815 2356 (if prompted) at the appointed time. If you don't have internet access, please use this phone number: (929)205-6099. In addition, instructions for joining this meeting will be provided on the home page of the town of Freedom's website: www.townoffreedom.net.

Meeting Minutes

Call to Order and Quorum Check - The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by Ned Kucera. Present are: Ned Kucera, Bruce Howlett, Bill Elliott, Jim McElroy, Melissa Donaldson-Recording Secretary. A quorum is present. Gerard Costantino is absent.

Minutes of November 12, 2020 FAISC Meeting – corrections - we had another potential dive - add in 2020. Bob Patterson is going out of business (AB Aquatics) going out of business in 2021. Aqualogic is the only quote we received. An airboat was out - add "On Danforth". Accounts with town - State paid a copay of 40% of the costs in 2020. Add 2021 on the line about reviewing numbers. Lake hosting - Ossipee requested that we fill out forms as a nonprofit FOR a warrant article. New business - a couple "of" donations were received. Bruce made a motion to approve as amended, Bill seconded. APPROVED unanimously

Review and approve invoices for FAISC Accounts - no new invoices.

2021 Budget/Contracts -

2020 Milfoil update - Airboat in late October - was Solitude, doing their final inspection. Ned contacted Peter at Solitude. The new herbicide is usually good for more than one year. Amy's maps were not as accurate as Bruce's.

Meeting on Veteran's Day is fine.

Donations received last time - Ned wrote thank you notes. He read them to the Board.

Ned will work on the Annual Report. The Selectmen have our budget meeting scheduled for Monday, December 14. We have not received numbers from Amy. The meeting may be able to be tabled until the 21st of December.

Amy sent a letter that Ned read to the Board that included estimated numbers.

Contracts - Ned shared a map - the colored areas appear to be the same as last year. We need to cover 30 acres in those areas. The spots Bruce highlighted are within the colored areas of the map. The Solitude bid for 2021 is \$25,992.00. Peter indicated that he expected to only re-treat 10-15 acres. Last year the herbicide portion was \$28,158 (up to 40 acres). It is \$19,562 for 2021.

A motion to recommend the proposal from Solitude to be carried in the budget at \$25,992 was made by Bruce, seconded by Bill. APPROVED unanimously

Proposed potential for diving - covers up to 10 days of diving. Aqualogic bid is \$1250 per day, plus one time set up fee, est. total \$12,600.

AE Diving - did not submit a proposal, schedule is full.

New England Milfoil - Cliff Cabral - \$180 per hour, 8 hour day, 3 divers. Must be within 30 miles of Brownfield, which we are. This appears to be more expensive. There may not be availability for us. Ned will send him another email to Cliff, asking to be put on a list for availability.

The Board agrees that we should put in the amount of \$12,600. This can be tweaked before we sign a contract. If Cliff becomes available, we could consider cutting the diving days. A motion to accept the price of \$12,600 for DASH for 2021 was made by Jim, seconded by Bill. APPROVED unanimously

AB Aquatics has gone out of business.

Ned received the final report on the Lake Hosting. The numbers were similar to last year. Last year the warrant was \$3500. We had some money left over. Ned will do the calculations. He told Ossipee the requirement would be \$2500 next year. Perhaps extend the hours to an hour earlier next year, as there is a lot of early launching happening. \$2500 is the proposed amount for this warrant article. A motion to put in a proposal for \$2500 for lake host was made by Bruce, seconded by Jim. APPROVED unanimously.

Effingham - Ned has not contacted them this year. Bill feels that they should be kept in the loop. Ned will call them.

NEW BUSINESS -

OTHER BUSINESS -

PUBLIC COMMENT

* Miscellaneous Correspondences

* Business properly presented to the board

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 7:53 pm, Bruce seconded. The meeting was adjourned

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson

Recording Secretary