

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

**P.O. Box 227
Freedom, NH 03836**

April 8, 2021 - 7 pm

Draft Minutes

1. Call to Order and Quorum Check – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Ned Kucera. Present are: Bruce Howlett, Ned Kucera, Bill Elliot. Gerard Costantino. Also present are Susan Marks, Roberta McCarthy. A quorum is present.

2. Minutes of March 11, 2021 FAISC Meeting – Bill made a motion to approve, Bruce seconded. APPROVED unanimously

3. Review and approve invoices for FAISC Accounts – nothing has changed since the last meeting. We approved contracts at the last meeting, including task 1 for Solitude. \$1250 for one day of diving was also preapproved.

4. NEW BUSINESS

a) Water Herbicide Update – Task 1 was approved. Ned has signed. They are waiting for the survey.

b) Water DASH Update – contract is approved and signed by Town, with a deposit for one day's dive. They are also waiting for the survey. The herbicide has not been determined yet.

c) Lake Host Update – NH Lakes is in the process – April 30 is the date for the grant approvals. Ned will make a call re: hiring. Pay rate is being increased to \$14 per hour for the senior lake host, \$13 for the others. Discussion was held about the State and whether they will be limiting the amount of boats and/or charging to launch at the Route 25 ramp. The marina may be limited and not available to the public. Lakefront Landing is on board. Approval for hosting at Pine River/Route 25 was received from NH Fish and Game. Ned will contact Ossipee Lake Marina to confirm. Lake hosting will be starting on Memorial Day.

d) New Board Member Candidates – Jim would like to step down from the Board. A letter has not been received yet. Suggestions for potential new members would be helpful. The Lake Host Coordinator position will be opening in the next year or so. Bill has spoken to Jim as well. There is a form

to fill out if you are interested in joining, which is then taken to the Selectmen. Thank you to Jim for his time on the Board.

e) Summer In-Person Meetings vs. Zoom – June is being considered for an in-person meeting. May 13 and June 10th are the dates of upcoming meetings.

5. OTHER BUSINESS – Bill – who is responsible for checking the water at Loon Lake, Round Pond? Someone has a concern that Round Pond has an infestation of milfoil. Ned has done the milfoil in the past. Loon Lake is coordinating with Green Mountain and the town and will be doing extensive water testing this year. This will begin in mid-May. Boat surveys will be held every other week until October. Broad range testing will be done at both Round Pond and Loon Lake. A boat is needed for Round Pond. Canoes are not preferred. Rowboats and inflatables are preferred.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – Susan Marks spoke about the work that has previously been done with Ossipee. Jim Fitzpatrick has moved away. Kyle Copeland has taken over as the Broad Leavitt Bay Association president. Ned has been in contact with the administrator. They are looking for someone local to go out in the boat and meet with Solitude. The Ossipee Conservation Commission has supported the Lake Hosting program through their budget previously. Ned is the coordinator of the Tri-Town Lake Host group.

Miscellaneous Correspondences – none

Business properly presented to the board – none

Bill made a motion to adjourn at 7:33 pm, Bruce seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson

Recording Secretary