

# **Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee (FAISC)**

## **MISSION STATEMENT:**

The Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen, created in 2014, for the purpose of identifying and reporting on all aquatic invasive species in Freedom's lakes and streams and recommends treatment for same.

## **PURPOSE:**

1. In conjunction with New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, recommend any needed treatments. Once approval is given, pursue all avenues for funding and pricing for treatments including grants.
2. Once pricing and treatment is approved, oversee all treatments and expenditures with state certified suppliers.
3. Maintain close communication with lake abutters within treatment areas.
3. Implement and oversee any educational and preventative programs (e.g. Lake Host Program).
4. Coordinate with other towns that are part of Lake Ossipee watershed.
5. Represent the town in the pursuit of funding and oversight of aquatic invasive species (e.g. Milfoil Funding Coalition).
7. Publicize efforts to Freedom residents, taxpayers and to the general public.
8. Undertake any and all other activities authorized by the Board of Selectmen

## **Committee Structure:**

1. Five-member committee appointed by the Board of Selectmen (initial appointments staggered).
2. Committee reports directly to the Board of Selectmen
3. Committee shall meet monthly on the second Thursday.