

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE
SPECIES COMMITTEE

P.O. Box 227

Freedom, NH 03836

Thursday, November 11, 2021

at 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order and Quorum Check – The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Ned Kucera. Present are: Ned Kucera, Bruce Howlett, Michel Cloutier. Paul Elie is also present. Gerard Costantino is absent.
 2. Minutes of September 9, 2021 FAISC Meeting/ October meeting was canceled. - Under Aqualogic, Ned seconded, not Bruce. In paragraph 2, correct spelling of Gerard. After cyanobacteria statement, add that this is not a known problem. Ned made a motion to approve as amended, Michel seconded. APPROVED
 3. Review and approve invoices for FAISC Accounts. - Two Solitude invoices were received, and have already been paid. \$500 for Task 4 – a motion to approve was made by Bruce, seconded by Michel. APPROVED
- \$600 for Task 5 – in the past this was all on one invoice – this is for the report. Bruce made a motion to accept, Michel seconded. APPROVED

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Lake Host Update – final reports were received. 1034 inspections were done at Route 25/Pine River. 414 were done at Lakefront Landing. The history for the entire state was reviewed, showing very large increases since inception in 2002. Ned has started the funding request process for next year. He has submitted the necessary information to Ossipee, in the amount of \$2500. Bruce is concerned with the name used for the application, which is Tri-Town Lake Host Support, for liability/insurance purposes. Tri-Town is composed of Freedom, Ossipee, and Effingham. Freedom has a meeting coming up on the 13th of December, Ned will attend and request the \$2500 from Freedom as well. Attending the Town Meetings in Ossipee and Freedom will be the next steps in the process. We have approximately \$4500 left in the account. Michel

will transition into taking over the Lake Host responsibilities. This will begin in February.

- b) Milfoil update and report – Bruce is concerned about the chemical treatments and what it possibly could be doing in regards to the cyanobacteria in Danforth Ponds. Ossipee did not do treatment, they just had divers. They used a different company than Freedom did. Freedom did 10 days of diving, and 12.9 acres of herbicide treatment. The herbicide worked well, and the acreage we had to treat this year was far less than the prior year. Ned completed the application for Grant for the State. They are hopeful for a 40% match from the State. Bruce spoke about the turbidity found in the Danforth Outfall where testing is done every two weeks. Ned budgeted for approximately 20 acres of herbicide treatment for 2022. Lower and Middle Danforth have two unique characteristics. The State has assumed that testing at the Bridge has been sufficient for the last 18 years, but they are different. Bruce spoke about juggling amounts of diving vs. herbicide depending on conditions. Ned has sent out requests for bids to Solitude and two dive companies. Ned will have to accept a bid on November 30. Aqualogic and AE Divers were the companies the bid request was sent to. Ned made a motion to continue with receiving proposals for milfoil removal for 2022 (bids for herbicide and divers) and submit lowest bids to the State. Bruce seconded. APPROVED Bruce made a motion to receive and evaluate the proposals, adjust for the State contribution on reimbursement, and submit the resulting amount to the Town for the 2022 budget. Ned seconded. APPROVED
- c) Public Officials Meeting – Ned did this meeting with the Selectmen
- d) 2021 Budget Review – reviewed and discussed above.
- e) 2022 Budget Estimations - This will include 20 acres of potential herbicide treatment and 10 days of diving.
- f) Winter Board Schedule- no meetings will be scheduled for January and February. Bruce made a motion that the Board schedule for 2022 will be from March through December, with no meetings in January and February. Michel seconded. APPROVED

g) New Member – needed to replace Bill Elliott. Bruce mentioned asking Roberta McCarthy.

5. OTHER BUSINESS – Bruce has changed his view a bit regarding the cyanobacteria.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT -

* Miscellaneous Correspondences

* Business properly presented to the board

Bruce will update the spreadsheets for the Ossipee Alliance. Ned spoke about the sign that is placed at the dump. He needs to get new inserts for the letters if we want to continue to have the sign. A motion to continue with the sign at the dump, and to purchase two new inserts for the sign was made by Michel, seconded by Bruce. APPROVED

Bruce is concerned that the cyanobacteria at Danforth may be something that everyone should be thinking about. Leavitt Bay may be the next problem.

Paul spoke about the Conservation Commission and their plans to move forward to testing on Loon Lake and Round Pond. This did happen. We expect a report in November/December.

Ned made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm, Bruce seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Melissa Donaldson

Recording Secretary