

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

1. Call to Order and Quorum Check – The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Ned Kucera. Present are: Ned Kucera, Bruce Howlett, Michel Cloutier, Don Harris & Gerard Costantino.
2. Minutes December 8, 2022 FAISC Meeting – Under milfoil – the motion to accept Solitude is based on approval at town meeting. Dash is also ”when approved by town” Bruce made a motion to approve as amended, Gerard seconded. APPROVED
3. Review and approve invoices for FAISC Accounts – no new invoices. Aqualogic bid for divers required downpayment for one day’s work. Solitude received a signed contract in January.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Harmful Algae Bloom project – Amy sent a letter looking for contacts/volunteers to help notify locals if there is a bloom, take pictures, samples etc. if needed. Bruce will work on firming up a contact from the Friends of Danforth.

We need to make a recommendation to the town to renew Michel’s term on the FAISC (3 more years). Gerard made a motion to recommend Michel for another term, Bruce seconded. APPROVED

Ned is also up for renewal this year. He has committed to signing up again. Gerard made a motion to recommend Ned for another term, Don seconded. APPROVED

1. Lake Host Update – Michel – request was well received by Ossipee budget committee. One of their members has a son who would like to be a lake host. He will only be 15 years old, so Michel has asked for the opinion of the Lake Host administrators.

The request for funding from Freedom was submitted. There is a warrant article that is submitted for \$2500.

Payroll award application is due this month, and was submitted today.

Match amount from NH Lakes is \$3090.

Last year's lake hosts have been contacted. One response has been received, and she is interested in being a lake host this year as well.

Pay rate is anticipated to be \$15 per hour.

Ossipee – March 15, 6:30 pm is Town Meeting
Freedom Town Meeting is March 14 at 9 am.

2. Milfoil Update- State of NH confirmed receipt of grant paperwork. The match will be 50%.
3. Budget review – Update was sent to the Town reflecting the 50% match. Funds were encumbered from unexpended balance, and will reflect on the warrant.
Aqualogic contract has been signed and down payment has been paid.
Solitude has received the signatures and abutter list update.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Miscellaneous Correspondences

Business properly presented to the board

Marina? What is happening there?

Don has sold his home, and this will be his last meeting.

A new member is needed.

Bruce made a motion to adjourn at 7:51 pm, Gerard seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary