

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE  
SPECIES COMMITTEE  
P.O. Box 227  
Freedom, NH 03836

**Thursday, October 12, 2023**  
at 7:00 p.m.

## **Minutes**

1. Call to Order and Quorum Check – The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Ned Kucera. Present are: Ned Kucera, Bruce Howlett, Michel Cloutier. Gerard Costantino is absent. Martine Culbertson and Paul Elie are also present.
  
2. Minutes September 14, 2023 FAISC Meeting – New business – some funds will not be used from the Solitude budget. Bruce made a motion to approve as amended, Michel seconded. APPROVED
  
3. Review and approve invoices for FAISC Accounts

Solitude – 9/25/23 – water test residue samples. \$1500.00 –Bruce made a motion to approve, Michel seconded. .APPROVED

#### 4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lake Host Update – Michel has been in touch with headquarters to discuss our situation. We are encouraged to go through next year. Ossipee Town Manager – a message was left. Suggestion - We will not bill this year, and don't request more for next year. We will try to make a go of the program again next year if we can find somebody. Ned made a motion to not invoice Freedom or Ossipee for this year, Michel seconded. APPROVED

Ned made a motion to continue with the Lake Host Program next year using the leftover funds in the NH Lakes count and not invoicing for 2024. Bruce seconded. APPROVED

Bruce will check with Green Mountain to see if they are interested in taking over the Lake Host program. Also ask for members for this board.

- b. Milfoil Update – Solitude invoice was paid. Follow up testing was done, a brief report was received.
- c. New Board Members – Ned spoke to a Selectman about this.
- d. 2024 Budget – for next year for milfoil – minimum 25 acres. See what Amy's recommendation is.

5. OTHER BUSINESS

- 6. PUBLIC COMMENT-discussion was held regarding the purpose of the FAISC, and the miscellaneous testing that is done.

Paul asked about the herbicide and if there are matching funds. Yes, the State has been reimbursing 50%. He also asked how many lake hosts we had this year and how much they are paid.

\* Miscellaneous Correspondences

\* Business properly presented to the board

**Invitation:** If anyone is interested in joining this board, please let a current member know of your interest and please do stop in at the next meeting to learn about what we do!

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

Respectfully submitted,  
Melissa Donaldson  
Recording Secretary