

FREEDOM AQUATIC INVASIVE
SPECIES COMMITTEE
P.O. Box 227
Freedom, NH 03836
Thursday, December 14, 2023
at 7:00 p.m.

Minutes

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. Gerard Costantino is absent.

Megan Broderick and Paul Elie are present.

2. Minutes November 9, 2023 FAISC Meeting – Bruce made a motion to approve, Michel seconded. APPROVED

3. Review and approve invoices for FAISC Accounts. – no new invoices

4. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Lake Host Update – Michel gave an update on the program, including results from this year's inspections. \$300 membership was due in October, it has been taken care of for the coming year.
- b. Milfoil Update – Moultonboro treated up to 75 acres for milfoil. A new invasive species was identified, spiny naiad, in Lake Winnepesaukee. They also have spiny water flea. Swollen bladderwort is present in Pine River. Bruce spoke to Roberta, and she will send the map for this year, possibly the past 2-3 years. Cliff contacted Ned, there was milfoil in the river below the dam. There were areas of growth (2) on the Freedom side of the Effingham Falls bridge. If the Dash Divers do not do the river, we can get a price from New England Milfoil – Cliff Cabral.

Bid requests were sent to Solitude and another company for herbicide. There were three potential bidders for the DASH diving.

Solitude – multi task setup. Permitting through reporting. Herbicide - Total bid for 25 acres, \$27,730.00

Aqua Logic – 3 person crew, diving \$1650 per day. \$100 set up fee. \$16,600 for 10 days of diving.

Ned will drop off the bids he receives to the Town for an estimated budget.

- c. New Board Members – Ned is resigning in March/April. Bruce's term is up in 2024.
 - d. 2024 Budget – budget meeting moved to December 18.
5. OTHER BUSINESS – No meeting in January or February. Next meeting is on March 14.

Discussion was held regarding the bladderwort in Round Pond.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT – Paul was at the Marina today. They hope to finalize their off-site storage.

* Miscellaneous Correspondences

* Business properly presented to the board

Bruce made a motion to adjourn at 7:46 pm, Michel seconded. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Melissa Donaldson
Recording Secretary

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!