

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee
June 12, 2014

Members Present: Jim McElroy, Bruce Howlett, Bill Elliott, Ned Kucera, Gerard Costantino

Members Absent: none

Others Present: Chuck Depew

Quorum: A quorum was met with 5 members present.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Bill, seconded by Gerard, to accept the minutes from May 8, 2014 as written. All were in favor.

Lake Host Program

Seven volunteers were trained as Lake Host volunteers. No takers as yet for the lake host job opening. A suggestion was made to up the hourly rate from \$8 to \$10. After discussion the board decided to up the hourly rate. Job postings will be put in:

- Danforth Bay Camping Area
- The Bluffs
- Roberta McCarthy, president Berry Bay Assoc., offered help. Jim will reach out to her.
- An email will be sent to Scrub Oak Scramblers
- Danforth Bay website and newsletter
- Chuck will contact Jody Skelton, Camp Huckins

A suggestion was made, for next year, to solicit town businesses for donations to put with the grant money thereby upping the hourly rate. Ned and Jim volunteered to work this Saturday.

Milfoil Control Efforts

Herbicide treatment was completed on June 4, 2014. A smaller area was treated than was originally planned. A follow-up will be done to see how the treatment worked. New England Milfoil (NEM) had 2 days open this week and did some DASH work in Freedom. Additional DASH efforts will be done between June 30, 2014 & July 4, 2014. Jim explained how the herbicide and DASH treatments were done.

Informative Mailing (Ned)

Ned has been working with Linda on different ways to send out mailings. Waterfront properties can be broken out and sent separately. The post office can also do direct mailings to all town residence and PO Boxes. 1,000 brochures (double sided, 8x10, heavy laminated paper) cost approximately \$320. A smaller mailing of 4x10, double sided; heavy laminated paper would cost \$320 for 2,000 brochures. Ned put together an example mailing. A discussion followed on what the target audience should be. The board decided to have 2,000 4x10 brochures made using Ned's example. Lake front houses will be the target audience. The state milfoil website will be put on the brochure for additional information. Ned will check with Linda on how to handle the

reporting of milfoil sightings. There was a motion by Jim, seconded by Bill, to have Jim and Ned finalize the brochure, get town selectmen approval and send to printer. All were in favor.

Fair Funding for Invasives Control

HB292 passed the NH house and senate and is waiting for the governor's signature. This bill would add \$2.00 to every boat registration with the money to be used for milfoil control.

New Business

Jim did a milfoil presentation for the selectmen and grades 4, 5 and 6 when the BoS had their meeting at the school. Mr. Giles, 6th grade teacher, liked the presentation and offered his and his wife's services if needed. Ned asked about the possibility of a future science project. He would be willing to approach Mr. Giles with the suggestion and ask that he poll the other teachers for their feedback. There was a motion by Gerard, seconded by Bill, to have Ned work with the school on a future science project. All were in favor.

There was a motion by Bill, seconded by Ned, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

Check future meeting minutes for any amendments or changes to these minutes