

Freedom Aquatic Invasive Species Committee September 10, 2015

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

Members Absent: Bill Elliott

Others Present: Dianne Park, Steve Thurston, Paul Elie, Roberta McCarthy, Marcia Santner

Quorum: A quorum was met with 4 members present.

Minutes recorded by Dianne Park

Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes

A motion was made by Ned, seconded by Gerard, to approve the minutes from August 13, 2015 as amended. All were in favor.

Page 1, under "Week Watcher Program Update", change the title to: "Weed Watcher Program Update"

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Milfoil Control Update

The grant for 2016 has been completed. NHDES has been out to survey the town water bodies and found growth in Liguori Cove and the Marina. Roberta McCarthy told the board that Liguori Cove has substantially grown. Jim has been working with Effingham to help them address milfoil in the shallow cove near the dam as well as help in preparing data for them to present to Effingham Board of Selectmen asking for funds. The \$8,000.00 from the town milfoil account has been used and funding needs to now come from the gift account.

Lake Host Program Update

The Lake Host Program for 2015 was completed on Labor Day Weekend. A motion was made by Gerard, seconded by Ned, to draft a letter from the Freedom Board of Selectmen to Lake Host Nancy Johnson thanking her for a job well done. All were in favor. Nancy is enthusiastic about coming back next year. There was a motion by Gerard, seconded by Ned, to draft a letter from the Freedom Board of Selectmen to the Marina thanking them for their support. All were in favor.

The board went over the 2015 Lake Host Program Payroll Grant Status as of September 1, 2015.

Jim participated in a Thank-a-thon to acknowledge the efforts to all lake hosts. This was very well received. Jim gave a big thank-you to Ned and Bill for volunteering.

Some suggestions for next year were:

- increase the number of inspection locations (Loon Lake, Danforth Bay etc.)
- increase the number of volunteers
- publicize work and get more involvement for local people

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

Marcia Santner asked if bumper stickers could be provided to the public thereby giving publicity to the milfoil cause. The board thought this was a good idea.

Bruce asked if a link could be set up on local Lake Associations Website, linking them to the state milfoil website. He will do follow-up on this issue.

A motion was made by Gerard, seconded by Ned, to accept the Financial Report. All were in favor.

Financial Report for FAISC Accounts

The balance in the Gift Account is \$6,898.50. A motion was made by Ned, seconded by Gerard, to transfer the sum of \$2,573.87 from the Milfoil Gift Account (02-4611-290) to the Milfoil Removal Account (01-4595-300). All were in favor. Jim will work with Karen to accrue any unused personnel money into next year.

Public Comment

Marcia Santner asked about training in schools and Jim explained the program at Freedom Elementary School. Marcia volunteered to get involved in school teaching activities. She will be in touch with Kingswood High.

Bruce explained the sign at Upper Danforth Beach has been torn down and taken away. Ned and Jim will replace the sign.

Steve Thurston, Rotary Club Member, asked for milfoil information to possibly get them more involved in volunteering. Jim volunteered to speak at a Rotary Meeting.

Roberta McCarthy, Berry Bay Assoc., asked if any volunteers were needed to pick up floaters further stating she could get some if needed.

Invoices

Company-New England Milfoil
Date-August 28, 2015
Invoice#-343
Amount-\$3780.00

There was a motion by Gerard, seconded by Ned, to pay invoice# 343 from New England Milfoil for \$3,780.00. All were in favor.

A motion was made by Ned, seconded by Gerard, to adjourn the meeting.
Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.