

**Minutes
Alton Milfoil Committee
July 16, 2015
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

Members Present: Ted Carl, Paul Richardson, Jonathan and Nancy Downing and Bill Mannion.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

Public: Taylor Hickcox

Call to Order

Chairman, Ted Carl called the meeting to order at 4:00pm.

Approval of Minutes 5/28/2015

J. Downing made a motion to approve the Minutes of May 28, 2015 as presented; motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed.

Old Business

Parker Marine Survey- Parker Marine (PM) was surveyed following the herbicide treatment. Parker Marine is now 95%+ free of milfoil. Spot plants exist in various locations. The last two years of herbicide treatment have been extremely effective. The Committee will discuss if follow up should be DASH or another herbicide treatment in 2016.

Rand Cove Survey- Rand Cove was surveyed following the herbicide treatment and is now milfoil free. Again, as in Parker Marine, the treatment was very effective.

Merrymeeting River (MMR) Survey- The Merrymeeting River was recently surveyed by Committee members. The 20' to 40' wide channel created by the DASH contractor in 2013 & 2014, remains milfoil free with one exception, beside Letter S Road, where a patch of milfoil protrudes into the channel. This channel runs from Parker Marine to the Jones Field pedestrian bridge. Given this positive DASH result, this year's DASH efforts can focus on cleaning up the minor milfoil spots in the lake, widening the existing channel and creating a clear channel into Levey Park.

Lake Host Grant Update- B. Mannion reported that not including last weekend, there were 94 boats inspected and 25 hours of staff hours used. The Lake Host reports are about the same as they were last year at this time. The Lake Hosts are also looking for Zebra Mussels during their boat inspections.

DASH work for 2015- The contractor, Bob Patterson, would like to meet with the committee within the next few weeks to review the work sites. T. Carl said there was no map from Amy due to computer issues and she advised to take the markings from the spring survey and do those areas (Minge Cove, Woodmen's Cove, Back Bay and by the Town Beach) with DASH and spend the rest of the time in the River. The rate for DASH has increased, slightly due to OSHA requirements. The Committee will provide the contractor with guidelines in reference to the amount of time to do

DASH at determined sites and he can return and do additional work as time and the budget permits. It was suggested to DASH above the dam as well because milfoil is prevalent there and along the shoreline. J. Downing offered to survey by hydro bike. P. Richardson offered to take the contractor along the River and identify areas that need to be on the task list for milfoil removal. P. Richardson will find out how much estimated time it will take the contractor to complete the DASH work based on the site visits. The DASH contractor is ready to start work in Alton later this month.

Invitation to Bid- The Committee reviewed the DRAFT Invitation to Bids for Herbicide Treatment and DASH and recommended that they be sent to the Board of Selectmen for approval. P. Richardson noted that DASH is a cost per day and the Committee provides the direction of removal and Herbicide is a cost per acre and DES provides the direction of removal with maps and GPS coordinates. J. Downing made a motion that the Milfoil Committee recommend the Draft Bids as presented, to the Board of Selectmen for approval, with a Bid due date of September 15, 2015. Bids will be advertised in the newspapers and sent to licensed contractors. Selectmen can open bids and have them available for the Committee to review at their next meeting on September 17. The Committee will make a recommendation for contractors to hire to the Selectmen following careful review of the bids.

New Business

Lake Winnepesaukee Association Meeting- T. Carl reported that the next meeting is Thursday, August 6 at the Meredith Community Center from 5:30pm-7:30pm and \$5 donations are being accepted. The meeting will include an update by communities of what they have done and will also include presentations on the impact of milfoil on the economy and threats of invasive species. The Committee stated it is important to attend the meeting to show that Alton is being proactive and share the accomplishments of the Town's/Committee's efforts with local communities.

Other

Invasive Species- B. Mannion reported that the Chinese Mysterious Snails have been found in Half Moon Lake.

Adjournment

J. Downing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45pm; motion was seconded by B. Mannion and passed. The next meeting will be September 17 at 4:00pm at Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellie Troendle, Certified Park and Recreation Professional- Parks and Recreation Director