

**Minutes
Alton Milfoil Committee
August 23, 2012
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

Members Present: Ted Carl, Jonathan and Nancy Downing, Paul Richardson, Joe Catudal, Bill Mannion, and Brian Fortier.

Guests: Amy Smagula, DES

Public: Paul Kroon

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:05pm by Chairman Ted Carl.

Approval of Minutes 8/2/12

J. Downing made a motion to accept the Minutes of August 2, 2012 as presented; motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed.

DES Report/Summary- A. Smagula reported that she surveyed the areas that were treated with 2-4D and said the South looks good; there was sparse milfoil along the shoreline and around the Bandstand on the rocks; 5 plants in Back Cove; and 3 plants in Minge Cove. A. Smagula said the areas will be located on a map with the GPS coordinates. It was noted that there was milfoil at the Mount Washington docks and Town swim areas, Alton Bay Community Center and next to the Town Boat Ramp. Some of the areas are new and were not there this spring. DASH or chemical treatment will be needed at these areas. A. Smagula said she will provide maps to the Committee in September. It was noted there is a 85%-90% reduction of milfoil within the treatment zones. The milfoil plant has to be actively growing to treat with chemicals.

Baysider Article- The Committee complimented Paul Richardson on the wonderful article he wrote for the newspapers summarizing the Milfoil Committee's work and progress. It was noted the article would be appropriate to submit as the Milfoil Committee's Report for the 2012 Town Report.

Selectmen's Representative- The Committee was informed that Loring Carr is the Selectmen's Representative to the Milfoil Committee. K. Troendle will include Mr. Carr in the Committee's correspondence.

Old Business

- A. Plan/Schedule for DASH Treatment-** The Committee confirmed with A. Smagula that the unused funds that were appropriated by DES for the chemical treatment could be applied to the cost of the DASH treatment. The Committee discussed the funds available for the DASH work and noted approximately \$15,800.00 of Town funding is available and \$12,500.00 remains of the DES Grant for a total of \$28,300. The Committee discussed a plan for DASH:
- (a) The River- focus will be on the River and creating a channel to help encourage boaters to

stay within the defined areas of the water body; (b) Lake Winnepesaukee areas as noted by DES survey with specific GPS coordinates. Approximately 7 days in the Lake with 2 days in Woodman's Cove; 3 days in Alton Bay; 1 day in West Alton Marina; 1 splash in at Minge Cove; Little Bit in Smalls Cove and the rest of the DASH time in the River. The Committee discussed providing specific directions to Bob for the DASH work to be completed. The DASH work will include: (1) Parker Marine to Griffins Bridge; (2) Channel in River to Dam; (3) Above Dam/Fire Station. J. Downing said Downings Landing could be used for the DASH staging. P. Richardson will inform the Committee when Bubble Bob is DASHing. The Committee will monitor the DASH work on a daily basis.

- B. Woodman's Cove**- A. Smagula answered questions from the Committee in regard to the 2-4D chemical treatment. The data that has been collected about 2-4D is indeterminate and there is no data to show that the chemical will alter cells. 2-4D has been used in the aquatic environment since the 1940's. 2-4D does not get into well water. There is a swimming restriction of 24 hours as a precaution for the day of treatment to keep boats and people out of the way so the applicators can do their job. 2-4D targets milfoil. A. Smagula said she will send literature/links to the Committee for review which provides additional information on 2-4D. A. Smagula answered the irrigation questions and said the 2-4D will kill flowers/tomatoes (dicot); grass is ok (monocot) to irrigate from the lake after the 2-4D treatment. Residents can use their well and domestic use is ok (shower/cooking).

Other Business

- A. Ramp Lettering**- A. Smagula will inquire with Wolfeboro about stencils for Alton to use at the Boat Ramp.
- B. "Sticker Bill"**- The Committee discussed the issue of having canoes and kayaks pay for a user permit; the money collected could help fund the cost of milfoil treatment and education. A. Smagula said the state attempted to present a Sticker Bill and it was defeated. A. Smagula said she will bring it up again.
- C. Lake Host**- P. Richardson reported 195 boats have been inspected in Alton Bay.
- D. Mats**- The State has a limited number of mats. Contractors can provide and install the mats for approximately \$2.00 per square foot. The material is like a window screen on a roll that is 7'x100'. Mats would have to be anchored with rebar or bricks/stones to keep them down. Mats will kill everything and a permit is needed. A. Smagula will check on the restrictions.

Adjournment

J. Downing made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00pm; motion was seconded by N. Downing and passed. The next meeting will be October 11, 2012 at 4:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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