

**Minutes
Alton Milfoil Committee
September 2, 2010
Alton Town Hall, 4:00pm**

Members Present: Jon and Nancy Downing, Paul Richardson, and Francine Bonfanti- arrived at 4:08pm.

Staff Present: Kellie Troendle, Parks and Recreation Director

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:02pm by Chairman, J. Downing.

Approval of Minutes 6/17/10

N. Downing read the Minutes aloud to the Committee. There was no discussion. P. Richardson made a motion to approve the Minutes of June 17, 2010; motion was seconded by F. Bonfanti and passed.

Old Business

- A. **Status on 2010 Treatment-** K. Troendle reported that the milfoil treatment is scheduled for Tuesday, September 14. The applicator, Lycott Environmental, mailed the certified letters to the abutters by the deadline as directed in the Wetlands Permit. K. Troendle noted the Town of Alton was asked to pay an additional fee of \$2,800.00 for water testing to be conducted at the Town of Alton public wells and at noted treatment sites. The additional tests are needed to get the DES permit and are required because the wells are gravel packed and supply the public drinking water and the other tests were required because of the large treatment area. The Town agreed to pay the additional cost for the required water testing. The Alton Water Works is planning to conduct the tests under the direction and supervision of the applicator. K. Troendle will contact Lycott Environmental in regard to the approximate start time in order for the Committee to observe the chemical application. J. and N. Downing will be present during the treatment process in Alton Bay.
- B. **Lake Host Program-** P. Richardson reported that the program is going well and boaters have been cooperative. There were 180 inspections to date and one official save. Nine out of ten boaters are aware of milfoil and most Alton Bay boat ramp users are NH registrations returning to Lake Winnepesaukee. People walking by are also being educated about milfoil by the sample in the bucket and the Lake Host is available to answer questions people may have. The Committee referred to the email P. Richardson had sent in regard to the inaccurate data reflected by just one official save. It was noted that there have been many saves in Alton Bay at the Downings Landing and they are not accounted for in the data collection reports. P. Richardson reported that his email was responded to and noted. P. Richardson said that the monies from the grant will be utilized- 75 hours for a total of \$750.00. Mr. Richardson said the Lake Host program is worth doing in 2011 and noted that perhaps the distribution of pamphlets could be modified as boaters were not very interested in taking them for reference material. The Committee noted options for 2011 to include starting the program earlier so it would be four months and double the program total hours at the boat ramp. The Committee said the appropriation for funding may be able to be presented to the Town in the form of a

Warrant Article. Mr. Richardson reported that the volunteers matched the grant requirements and noted a special thank you and acknowledgement to Joe Catudal and Nancy Merrill. The Committee acknowledged and thanked Mr. Richardson for his outstanding work and organizational skills. The Committee discussed submitting a recap of the Lake Host Program and milfoil treatment efforts in a press release to the Baysider in order to provide information to the residents about the progress and accomplishments of the Committee.

- C. **Weed Watcher Program 2010-** The Committee said the western and eastern shores were inspected and there is no additional milfoil areas to report except a little bit in Minge Cove. J. Catudal will check the Merrymeeting River and report his findings to the Committee.

New Business

- A. **Milfoil Treatment Observation-** J. and N. Downing will be in Alton Bay during the chemical treatment application.
- B. **Post-Treatment Survey-** DES will follow up with a post-survey analysis of the treatment areas.
- C. **DES Matching Funds Grant-** The Committee discussed submitting an application for consideration of Grant Funds for 2011. Lycott Environmental has already submitted a quote for the chemical application; the Town will need to add the additional water testing costs to the grant application. The Committee discussed preparing a Warrant Article in regard to the 2011 Milfoil Treatment in an effort to raise the monies needed to fund Phase II of the project. The Committee also discussed including funding for new areas that may arise such as Minge Cove.
- D. **Next Meeting-** The next meeting will be October 21, 2010 at 4:00pm. The Committee noted to please call Nancy Merrill as she may not receive the email notices. J. Downing said he will email Amy at DES in regard to dates when the next grant round will be. The Committee discussed the option of looking into the grant and using the grant to purchase a harvester as that may be a good follow-up method for removing milfoil following the chemical treatment.

Adjournment

F. Bonfanti made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 4:45pm; motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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