

**Minutes
Alton Milfoil Committee
September 17, 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: Pam Martin

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes 7/16/2015

N. Downing made a motion to approve the Minutes of July 16, 2015 as presented; motion was seconded by B. Mannion and passed.

Old Business

2015 Budget Update- The Committee reviewed the Milfoil Treatment Fund and noted the sheet balance is \$34,027.22 before the DASH invoice. AB Aquatics Invoice for DASH work is \$21,823.57, which brings the current balance to \$12,203.65. DES is expected to reimburse the Town of Alton \$8,171.00 for the grant which would bring the total, end of year balance to \$20,374.65.

New Business

Warrant Request- The Committee discussed the amount of work that is expected to be performed in 2016. It was noted that for the most part the lake is clean of milfoil; the area around Parker Marine, the Yacht Club and Irwin Marine will need to be treated with herbicide (approximately 4.5 acres +/-), for an estimate of \$5,000.00. It was discussed that when Levey Park well goes online that the Town will need to pay the costs for the water tests. The Committee discussed the work to be completed in the MMR and recommended that 20 days be budgeted plus the barrier for an estimate of \$21,800.00. The Committee discussed recommending the 2016 budget be \$27,000.00 for both herbicide and DASH. The Committee spoke about the balance of funds left in the account and recommending a Warrant Article of \$20,000.00. J. Downing made a motion to recommend to the Board of the Selectmen that the 2016 Warrant Article be \$20,000.00, motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed.

AB Aquatics Final DASH Report- The Committee reviewed the report prepared by AB Aquatics and said it was well done and thorough. The Committee noted the inclusion of maps for reference and appreciated the wrap up paragraph.

Draft of Baysider Article- Bill Mannion drafted an article for the Baysider on the progress of the Milfoil cleanup by the Committee and contractors. The Committee reviewed the draft and confirmed data and maps to insert.

Lake Host 2015 Wrap up and Future- P. Martin reported that the Lake Host Program continues to be successful and most boaters are familiar with the Lake Host Program, including milfoil and other invasive species. P. Martin also noted the cooperation with the Fish and Game Department staff and how helpful the officers are to the boaters and Lake Host staff.

Milfoil Bids for 2016, 2017 and 2018- It was reported to the Committee that Aqualogic surveyed the future DASH work to be completed after the 2015 DASH work was finished by AB Aquatics. The two DASH bids submitted were not opened because a Selectman was not present. T. Carl will contact Aquatic Control Technology to ask if they received the Herbicide Bid Announcement. Once the bids are opened, Paul Richardson will take the lead and compare/evaluate the two bids and report his findings to the Committee.

Milfoil Treatment remaining a Committee Function- The Committee discussed the feasibility of turning over the Milfoil Treatment to the Town without the Committee's involvement. K. Troendle stated the Committee is very knowledgeable, efficient and organized and she expressed concerned that without the Committee's involvement the Milfoil Treatment may not be as forward moving. Also, the Committee has proven to the Town, through their efforts and actions, that they are getting the work completed through their relationships with DES and the contractors. The Committee is valuable and productive and a positive asset to the Town. T. Carl was looking for feedback. The Committee expressed the need for additional volunteers to serve on the Committee as other members retire.

Adjournment

B. Mannion made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:05pm; motion was seconded by P. Richardson and passed.

Respectfully submitted,

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